



# Catalina 22 Fleet 4



## 4UM

### December

### 2024

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Happy sailors at the 2024 Fleet 4 Annual Banquet

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### ❄ December 2024 ❄

Enjoy the Holidays

#### ❄ January 2025 ❄

Resolve to Sail More in 2025

Fleet 4 membership renewal is due.

#### ❄ February 2025 ❄

Saturday-Monday, 2/15/25-2/17/25

(President's Day weekend)

**Cruise:** Monterey Whale Watch

Saturday, 2/22/25, 10:00am - 4:00pm

**Race:** Spring Series #1, Folsom Lake

#### ❄ March 2025 ❄

Saturday-Sunday, 3/22/25-3/23/25

**Cruise:** First of Spring Cruise, Folsom Lake

The Fleet 4um is published bi-monthly in even-numbered months. The deadline for submission is the 25th of the odd-numbered month prior to publication for the next month's edition.

**Please send your submissions for the February edition by January 25th to:  
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## ➤ CAPTAIN'S CORNER ◀

Kevin Clancy, Captain

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Another year is almost behind us already. Every year seems to go by a little faster than the last. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! I am really looking forward to 2025. I am starting the New Year with a new hip, and I can't be any more thankful. The recovery is going great, and I should be at full strength soon. I am looking to getting out on more trips this year.

The annual awards banquet took place on November 2, and it was a lot of fun, as usual. We were back at Aviators again. Madeline and her team did an outstanding job! In addition to the election at the banquet, awards are given out in various categories. The awards recipients for 2024 are:

- Cruising – Gary and Karen Preston
- Cruising Racer – Gary and Karen Preston

Congratulations to the Preston's! I also want to give the Preston's a shout-out for making themselves so available to help others improve their sailing skills. Thank you!

I know many of you have a lot of boat chores to try to get completed over the winter, just as I do. However, during the evenings I love to lose myself in a good book. I especially like the historical-fiction genre. Below are the titles and short descriptions of some of the books that I have enjoyed this year.

- *The Wide Wide Sea*, by Hampton Sides – this book is another take on the Captain James Cook's adventures and discoveries. This book focuses on his final voyage. The book is very well researched but is delivered in readable and evocative prose. Sides attempts to place Captain Cook into a more nuanced context, somewhere in between flawless adventurer on the one hand, and deliverer of all evils on the other.
- *Fire Weather*, by John Vaillant – this is a true-story about the detailed investigation into all that transpired during the record-breaking Fort

McMurry Fire, in northern Alberta, Canada. This was the most expensive natural disaster in Canadian history. This book is several stories rolled into several books in one: Canadian history, the science of fire, world climate science, the history of the politics of oil, gas and coal companies, and the unprecedented devastation that modern fires wreak.

- *Deep as the Sky, Red as the Sea*, by Rita Chang-Eppig – this is a different type of pirate tale set in the South China Sea. In this tale, there is a young, fierce lady pirate at the helm. She is every bit as ruthless, murderous, and courageous as any male pirate. This is a book of salt and grit, blood and sweat.
- *Isaac's Storm*, by Erik Larson – this is one of my favorite authors and this story does not disappoint. It is riveting, powerful, and incredibly suspenseful. This book is based on the monster hurricane that completely destroyed the town of Galveston, Texas on September 8, 1900. Over six thousand people died in what some call the greatest natural disaster in American history. Larson uses Isaac Clines' own telegrams, letters, and reports, and the testimony of survivors to chronicle one man's heroic struggle and fatal miscalculation of a storm of unimaginable magnitude. This is a story of what can happen when human arrogance meets the great uncontrollable force of nature.
- *The Wager*, by David Grann – this is another of my favorite historical fiction authors. In 1740, a British vessel, the *Wager*, left England on a secret mission during the imperial war with Spain. The ship wrecked on a desolate island off the coast of Patagonia. The marooned men built a flimsy craft and sailed it for more than 100 days and 3,000 miles to arrive in Brazil as heroes. However, six months later, another craft landed with three castaways who told a very different story of what happened. With lots of twists and turns the reader is held spellbound in this page-turning story of shipwreck, survival, and savagery.

If you have any books or authors that you enjoy, please contact me and I will publish another reading list in the next newsletter.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!  
Captain Kev

➤ **SOCIAL SOUNDINGS** ◀

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Hi all you Santa Sailors,

Happy Holiday greetings to you and yours! Here's to a cheerful present, a well-remembered past, and a prosperous year ahead.

It was such a pleasure to see you all at the Fleet 4 Banquet. We couldn't have done it without your involvement, and we're truly grateful for your support. I wanted to show my gratitude for all of the donations to our raffle. Your energetic vibe and enthusiasm added an extra spark to festivities.



Keep a watch on our newsletter for other up-and-coming events in 2025. See you then!

Are you all ready for the silliest of holiday jokes?

Q. What do guests do at the ocean Christmas party?

A. Sing Christmas corals.

Q. How did Scrooge win the football game?

A. The ghost of Christmas passed.

And the best one of all because I can relate.

Q. What do you call a broke Santa Claus?

A. Saint Nickel-less.

Madeline Rayfuse

## ➤ **CRUSING CHATTER** ◀

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The end of the year is upon us. Our annual Awards Banquet and Thanksgiving are both behind us, and it's just 30 days to the end of the year. Folsom Lake pond elevation is 392.5 feet, which is 20 feet below the minimum for the Marina to operate, but this is not unusual for Winter. The promise that last winter's generous snowfall might give us a full season in the Marina, with final haulout possibly being December 1st (this weekend), fell apart due to the heat wave last July, but all we can do is hope for another wet winter and a good season next year.

The Halloween cruise had to be cancelled, of course - the marina docks were already high and dry by that weekend. But we have a whole year ahead of us to enjoy the water, so pray for snow, snow, and more snow in the Sierra this winter.

Here is the proposed Cruising schedule for 2025:

- February 15-17 (President's Day weekend) - Monterey Whale Watch
- March 22-23 - First of Spring Cruise, Folsom Lake
- May 24-26 - Memorial Weekend Cruise, Folsom Lake
- June 21 - Bigs & Littles Sail Day and Picnic, Folsom Lake
- June 21-22 - Spring into Summer Cruise, Folsom Lake
- July 4-6 - Fireworks in the Delta, Brannan Island to Mandeville
- August 9-10 - Hot August Nights/Shooting Star Cruise, Union Valley Reservoir
- August 30-September 1 - Labor Day Weekend Delta Dawdle Cruise, Brannan Island to Antioch
- October 31-November 2 - Halloween Weekend Spooky Cruise, Folsom Lake (if Marina still in operation)

Thank you to all who participated in the 2024 Awards Banquet, and the Bigs and Littles Sail Day last June.



**BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS ANNUAL SAIL DAY & PICNIC AT FOLSOM LAKE STATE PARK with CATALINA 22 FLEET 4, FOLSOM LAKE YACHT CLUB, CATALINA 22 FLEET 54, AND GOLD COUNTRY YACHT CLUB**

Fair winds and safe harbor to you all!  
Laura-Ann Charlot

## Sailing Santa Cruz to Vallejo

Kelly Wilson, Fleet 4 Member

*Unusual Suspect*, Catalina 22

I belong to a Face Book Group – Sailing San Francisco Bay and a member posted a message looking for a crew to help him sail his 27 ft. 1971 Coronado from Santa Cruz to Vallejo. I volunteered and invited another sailing friend to join. I wanted to share the wonderful adventure that the three of us had sailing 103 nautical miles from Santa Cruz to Vallejo.



Sailing out of Santa Cruz Inner Harbor with mast down.

It was truly the adventure of a lifetime. The seas were a combination of still (like glass from Santa Cruz to Half Moon Bay) and turbulent (from Golden Gate to Emeryville). And because we were on a timeline, we had the 8hp Nissan outboard for the entire trip.



Three Amigos. Kelly Wilson in the middle.

At an average speed of 6 knots, it took us 3 days to complete the trip, so we broke the trip down into three legs:

- (1) Left Santa Cruz 10:00 am on 10/18/24, arriving at Half Moon Bay at 9:00 pm (41.7 nautical miles)
- (2) Left Half Moon Bay at 8:00 am 10/19/24, arriving at Emeryville at 5:00 pm (36.5 nautical miles)
- (3) Left Emeryville at 8:00 am 10/20/24, arriving at Vallejo at 11:30 am (25 nautical miles)



Coming close to Golden Gate Bridge.



Sailing Under GG Bridge

## ➤ **RACING ROUNDUP** ◀

Mike Rayfuse, Racing Chair  
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Thanks for the feedback on the RANT about the Americas Cup 37 in the last Fleet Fourum. Turns out that the Event played out pretty much as described in my issues, except they got rid of the “Drag Race Start”. The KIWIS were racing the BRITS in the finals for a “First to Seven” win scenario. And the winner was - the KIWIS, 7-2. The BRITS managed two wins, one by good racing and one where the KIWIS fell off the foils before the start. They couldn’t get it out of “First Gear”.

Observations: The Semi’s for the challenger between the BRITS and the Italians were more interesting. Another observation is that the KIWIS seem to be better at finding the pressure, as the boats were closely matched. When in the lead they rarely covered.

Fall has arrived; some maintenance time is nigh. Wrap your halyards around the mast if it is still raised, drain your carburetor bowl and run the motor till it stops, and cover the boat well, eliminating as many gaps as possible to keep the critters out. Putting the trailer on blocks can help too.

Good to see everyone at the Banquet - Had a good time - The raffle was fun as always. Enjoy the Holidays everyone!

See you on the start line next year.

“The pointy end is the front”  
Michael Rayfuse

## ➤ **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS** ◀

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Please send in your club renewal form and make sure you make any changes such as phone numbers, email, or address changes. [Membership Form is at the end of this newsletter.]

Also, as of January 1st 2025 all boaters with a motor on their boat are required to have a boater ID card for boats operated in California waterways. The classes and test are online and there is a \$10 fee for the lifetime card. Some online classes there is a fee and some are free. So, look for the free ones.

# CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

## Catalina 25 Midnite Blew

Arnold Boeck, midnite\_blew@wizwire.com  
(530) 575-6468

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CDI roller furling 150 genoa  
4-stroke Honda 10HP motor  
Trail-Rite trailer, surge brakes, roller bunks, electric winch  
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Depth sounder Water temperature  
Wind direction and speed  
"All the comforts of home."

## 1.5 horsepower outboard

Ron Hatton, rhatton@mindspring.com

Very light. Perfect for a small sailboat to motor out to the start line and back home, especially if the wind goes light. Or a dinghy to motor ashore and back. Anyone is welcome to have it. Probably needs some TLC to get it back in running shape.



## For Sale 1984 Catalina 22 Hull #12675

Cort Cooper, cortiscooper@outlook.com  
\$5500 obo

In very good condition. Swing Keel. Pop Top. Bottom professionally painted in 2023. Electronics replaced and lights upgraded to LEDs. Trailer rewired and repainted. Electric brakes recently installed. Three sails in good to very good condition. Boom Vang. Knot meter, Depth meter, Stereo. Galley. Portable Head.

On a trailer or in fresh water for almost all her life. Located in Richmond, CA

**Optional add-ons:** Rudder Craft kick-up rudder, nearly new: \$500  
Tohatsu 6 hp outboard, nearly new: \$1500  
Rolling genoa and rigging, nearly new: \$1000





# Fleet 4 Membership & Renewal Form for Year 20\_\_

**Renewing Members:** fill in your Name and only the information that has changed since last year, and sign.

Name (1<sup>st</sup> member) \_\_\_\_\_ Registration # (CF) \_\_\_\_\_

Name (2<sup>nd</sup> member) \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children (under 16 who sail with you) \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Type (make & model) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Sail Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Marina \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Berth \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ C22 National member? Yes No (circle)

Work Phone (1<sup>st</sup> member) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Equipped with: (for cruising safety)

VHF Radio Yes No (circle)

Work Phone (2<sup>nd</sup> member) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ GPS Yes No (circle)

Radar Yes No (circle)

Cell Phone (1<sup>st</sup> member) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

The Fleet 4um newsletter is distributed bi-monthly by email to all members and posted on the Fleet 4 website. Would you also like a mailed copy?

Cell Phone (2<sup>nd</sup> member) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] YES, I prefer a mailed copy.

Email (1<sup>st</sup> member) \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] NO, email and online posting is fine.

Email (2<sup>nd</sup> member) \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby release all Fleet 4 members, cruise leaders, and board members from any liability for injury, death, or damage to property arising from participation in any Fleet activities and/or cruises. I also acknowledge that the decision to participate, race, continue to race, or cruise in the events is the sole responsibility of the individual skipper and his or her crew.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Fleet 4 dues: \$36**

**Due January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year**

(New members prorate less than 1 year at \$3.00 per month.)

Make checks payable to: **Catalina 22 Fleet 4**

Then mail with Membership Form to:

Fleet 4 Treasurer  
c/o Susan Patchett  
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Folsom, CA 95630

For membership questions, contact Bill Martin:  
(916) 804-5240 or email: bimartin@hotmail.com

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[ ] Roster needs updating

[ ] New member packet sent

[ ] Needs membership badge

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