

Catalina 22 Fleet 4

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Monterey Harbor and Marina

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Congratulations to Ron and Susie Hatton, Fleet 4 members for 40 years, since February 1985!

♦ February 2025 ♦

Saturday-Monday, 2/15-2/17 (President's Day weekend)

Cruise: Monterey Bay Whale Watch

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

Race: Spring Series #1, Folsom Lake

Date/Time/Place - To Be Determined **Member Meeting or Member Event** Saturday, 3/15, 10:00am - 4:00pm

Race: Spring Series #2, Folsom Lake

Saturday-Sunday, 3/22-3/23

Cruise: First of Spring, Folsom Lake

Saturday, 3/29, 10:00am - 4:00pm Race: Spring Series #3, Folsom Lake

Saturday, 4/5, 10:00am - 4:00pm

Race: Spring Series #4, Folsom Lake Saturday, 4/12, 10:00am - 5:00pm?

Race: Trans Folsom

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Please send your submissions for the April edition by March 25th to: **Gary Preston, Fleet 4um Editor** Catalina22Fleet4@gmail.com

> CAPTAIN'S CORNER <

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Fleet 4 Folks!

As I write to you today, there is finally some rain falling from the sky. It's been a dry and sunny January. Hopefully we start to get the precipitation we need to have a long boating season.

I am getting close to full recovery from my recent hip replacement surgery. I still need to catch up on my boat to-do list, but I am excited about the upcoming season. A couple upcoming events I hope to participate in are:

• President's Day Cruise in Monterey Bay (February 15-17, 2025):

Monterey Bay is a special place. I have always enjoyed the area and the sailing. There are a lot of fun things to do in addition to sailing. There are hiking/biking trails, coastal parks, art galleries, and great eating. I am keeping my fingers crossed for good weather. More to come on the cruise soon.

• Member Meeting or Member Event: (Targeting March)

The place/date/time to be determined.

• Spring Cruise on Folsom Lake (March 22-23, 2025):

A lot of the Fleet is reluctant to cruise on the Bays of California, so this cruise is really the start of the cruising season for most of our members. This is also a great chance to learn what it's like to lead a cruise. If you have any interest, please reach out to Laura-Ann for more information.

• Exuma, Bahamas (March 30 – April 9, 2025):

Joanne and I are invited on a catamaran trip in the Bahamas with a couple of former Fleet 4 members. John and Susan Roberto are selling all their earthly belongings and moving to the East Coast to live on a sailboat. This charter is the first leg of their journey. They plan to spend 20 days or more on the charter and invited us for the first 10 days of the trip. We are excited! I'll have lots to share with you in an upcoming newsletter.

Please let me know if you have any thoughts or ideas for the upcoming year. I would love to hear from you!

All the best, Captain Kev

► PAST CAPTAIN'S LOG <

Monte Whitefield, Past Captain thewhitefieldfamily@gmail.com

Greetings everyone and Happy New Year,

I hope the holidays were filled with joy, laughter, and good times, with family and friends. As we start a new sailing season, this is a great time to look over our boats, motors, and trailers. I recently helped a friend find a boat that was an amazing deal for him. Before we drove it home, we put grease in the wheel bearing and filled the tires to the proper tire pressure before leaving. The tires looked good with no cracks in the sidewalls. But, we decided to get new tires put on because of concern of the boat sitting idle for a few years. When we left, everything looked good. We drove about 120 miles with a couple of stops to check everything along the Everything looked good at each stop. way. However, when we got to the tire store in Rocklin, the tread on both tires were almost completely separating off the tire itself. One could only think how bad this could have turned out if we would have had a blowout on the freeway. God was watching over us on this day, lol! Please take the time to look over everything before heading out on the water this year. You'll be glad you did!



On another note, I tried to put together a swap meet last October. There seemed to be interest from our members and the people from the FLYC club. However, myself and another member were the only ones to show up that day. I think the mistake I made was putting it on at the end of sailing season instead of the beginning of it. I may try again this spring if there are people that would like to have a swap meet this year. It would be a great way to get the stuff we want or need for our boats without spending an arm and a leg!

God Bless, Monte

> CRUSING CHATTER <

Laura-Ann Charlot, Cruising Chair *Quiet Time*, Catalina 25 #5857 lgcharlot@gmail.com

As I write this, it's been raining lightly in Sacramento since yesterday morning, and the National Weather Service says there are two "Atmospheric River" storms coming through over the next few days. Folsom Lake's pond elevation is 396.84 feet: 15 feet below full pool. This is a better outlook than we had a year ago today, when Folsom Lake was 44 feet below full pool. The Central Sierra snowpack water content, a very important number for Folsom Lake slip and dry storage renters, stands at 59% of normal for this date.

We have a cruise coming up in a couple of weeks, our annual Monterey Whale Watching event over President's Day weekend. Kevin Clancy has volunteered to be Cruise Leader. This will be the first Cruise for 2025, unless it gets rained out.

At the last Board meeting, there was some discussion of a combined sailing/shore camping event at a new venue. I have been doing some research, and it turns out that most lakes in California prohibit overnight boat camping: the three that I originally had in mind are H.V. Eastman Lake, Hensley Lake, and Lake Almanor. These all have really nice Army Corps of Engineers or Forest Service campgrounds and boat launch facilities, but overnight boat camping is prohibited. However, I have found a lake that does allow boat camping:

Jackson Meadows Reservoir, owned and operated by the Nevada Irrigation District. It's located in the Tahoe National Forest at elevation 6,000 feet. There is a boat-in campground at Jackson Point, about 1/2 mile southwest of the launch ramp at Pass Creek; I have a reservation for the week of August 1-10 at Pass Creek Campground. In early August, the lake is usually still very full, and there is almost always an afternoon breeze from the west that blows across the lake. It's high enough in elevation and far enough away from towns, that there is very little light pollution and the Milky Way is clearly visible on moonless nights. Daytime highs are in the low 80's, overnight lows in the mid-50's, and the lake is crystal clear, although a bit chilly for swimming, at 68~72°F. I offer this as an alternative to Union Valley Reservoir if anyone would like to try a different place this year.

The complete cruising schedule for the year looks like this:

February 15-17 President's Day Weekend. Monterey Bay Whale Watching, Monterey Municipal Marina and launch ramp. Cruise Leader- Kevin Clancy.

• March 22-23, First of Spring Cruise.

Folsom Lake, Brown's Ravine Marina. Cruise Leader- Laura-Ann Charlot on *Quiet Time*.

NOTE: The date for this cruise depends on the opening date for the Marina. Slip and dry storage payments are always due April 1st, and the Marina is usually open for slip renters to put in by the third weekend in March, if pond elevation is above 412 feet. But in years of severe drought, this might not happen until later in April, or at all (a "zero year" for slip renters). If low water level delays the opening of the marina, the cruise will be pushed back 1 week to March 29-30.

• May 24-26, Memorial Weekend Cruise.

Location TBD (Folsom Lake, unless someone wants to lead an away cruise). Cruise Leader TBD.

• June 21, Bigs and Littles Sail Day. Folsom Lake, Brown's Ravine Marina.

Leader- Karen Preston (Event Coordinator), and Madeline Rayfuse (Picnic Organizer)

• June 21-22, Lazy Days of Summer Cruise.

Folsom Lake. After the Bigs and Littles Picnic wraps up, go sailing for the afternoon, watch the sunset from your cockpit, and spend Saturday night on your boat, either in the Marina or anchored out.

Cruise Leader TBD

July or August, date TBD, San Juans/Gulf Islands Cruise.

The cruise will launch out of Bellingham, WA, and last about 2 weeks for those people trailering their own boats up there, or 1 week for people chartering a bare boat.

Cruise Leader TBD.

• August 9-10, Hot August Nights/Shooting Star Cruise.

Union Valley Reservoir (alternate location Loon Lake if Union Valley boat ramp is closed for some reason). [Editor's Note: other possible alternate location is Jackson Meadows Reservoir; see description above.]

• August 30-September 1, Labor Day Weekend Delta Dawdle Cruise.

Launch at Antioch Municipal Marina and cruise the expansive sloughs and backwaters around Sherman Island and Suisun Bay. Cruise Leader TBD.

• October 31-November 2, Halloween Cruise.

Folsom Lake. This event will be scheduled only if Folsom Lake Marina is still in operation, and that depends, as always, on how much more snow we get in the mountains before winter ends.

Cruise Leader TBD

Monterey Bay Whale Watching Cruise February 15-17 President's Day Weekend

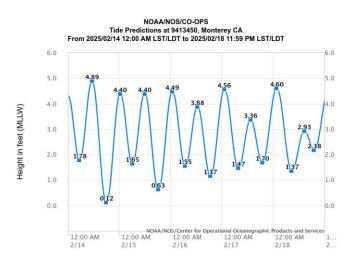
Kevin Clancy, Cruise Leader Running With Scissors, Catalina 22 #14145 kclan12@gmail.com

Historically, this has been one of my favorite cruises of the year. It is the perfect time of year to visit Monterey. The weather typically is very nice, the winds are usually decent but not too much for inexperienced sailors to handle, and it's a lot less crowded compared to summertime. Also, in previous years we have seen whales, dolphins, otters, and sea lions, which is really cool!

Monterey Municipal Marina is conveniently located in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, the largest Marine Sanctuary in the world. It has all you could want or expect: friendly harbormasters, clean restrooms, and nice showers. The Marina is within walking distance of Fisherman's Wharf, Cannery Row, and downtown. If you don't feel like walking, a free trolley runs every 10-15 minutes between downtown and the Monterey Bay Aquarium. So, in addition to the great sailing, there are lots of fun things to do and see in and around the city of Monterey. There are also many great places to eat and drink.

I spoke with the Harbor Master (250 Figueroa Street, Monterey, CA, 831/646-3950 (Day) and 831/594-7760 (Evenings)):

- They don't accept reservations, but said we should have no trouble getting a slip.
- There are no launch fees.
- The slip for a Catalina 22 is about \$25/night. Parking is additional.
- Register with the marina office when you arrive.
 You will need your boat registration number and MC/VISA card.
- There are a limited number of pull-thru parking spots available. They are only available to trailers from 2am 9am; after 9am anyone can use these parking spots. They cautioned me that parking might be limited due to the holiday weekend.



Here is the link:

Tide Predictions - NOAA Tides & Currents

https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/noaatidepredictions.html?id=9413450&units=standard&bdate=20250214&edate=20250218 &timezone=LST/LDT&clock=12hour&datum=MLLW&interval=hilo&action=dailychart

Please call or text me at 916/956-6246 if you are interested.

Thanks! Captain Kev

Mike Rayfuse, Racing Chair *Sirius*, Catalina 22 #3088 mrehfus@surewest.net

As I'm writing this it is raining. A welcome rain, as we are far behind on the water that is being stored in the Sierras. The First of February and we are on pace with late November rain totals.

Anyway, time to think of warmer days, either by taking your sailing/racing to the Bay Area, as its warmer than here, or dreaming of the Spring Races to come. So far, Folsom Lake Yacht Club has scheduled races through September, with several races appropriate for C22's.

For practice, there is the Spring Series starting on the 22nd of February (3 weeks - yikes), followed by races on March 15th, March 29th, and April 5th. These will be followed by the **Trans Folsom** slated for April 12th - a long-distance event - wind depending, and the **Camellia Cup Regatta** which has returned to the 2-day format beginning on Saturday April 26th.

Not local, but the first Saturday of June, the 6th, there is the **Go for the Gold Regatta** up above Nevada City. At this writing, this a 1-day event. Check the FLYC.org web page under racing for corrections or additions to the scheduled races appropriate for C 22's. During the Summer, there will be Beer Can racing and Friday night sails as well.

A reminder of the need to get your California Boaters Card if you sail with a motor. It is an online course that takes several hours with no fees. Go to www.boat-ed.com to complete the course.

Another FUN event even if you do not race is the **Bigs & Littles** - tentatively scheduled for the Summer Sailstice/Solstice on the 21st of June. Cosponsored by FLYC - this is Fleet Four's annual sail and picnic for the disadvantaged kids (Littles) and their sponsors (Bigs). We take the kids sailing combined with WATER WARS and a swim call before returning to the beach for a Picnic. It is a valuable experience for all and the first time on a sailboat for many.

I further note to the racers - there are new **PRINCIPLES** for the 2025-2028 period.

A-Quick-Overview-of-the-Significant-Rule-and-Game-Changes-January-1-2025-by-Dave-Perry.pdf https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/A-Quick-Overview-of-the-Significant-Rule-and-Game-Changes-January-1-2025-by-Dave-Perry.pdf

Apparently, rules are not **RULES** anymore! They are **principles**.

Thats' all folks,
Michael Rayfuse Racing Chair-person.
Mr., Sir, hey-you, Alpha Hotel
"The pointy end is the front" -- unless you are on a scow.

58th Annual Camellia Cup: Folsom Lake April 26th & 27th, 2025

Rob Cram, Commodore Folsom Lake Yacht Club (FLYC) commodoreflyc@gmail.com

Save the date for the 58th Annual Camellia Cup! We'd love to see you out at the beautiful location of Folsom Lake- located a short distance from anywhere! It's a great way to kick off the Spring Sailing Season. Please RSVP early by email to commodoreflyc@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

All Fleets Are Welcome:

Keel boats, Dinghies, Multihulls

Overall winner gets name engraved on Perpetual Trophy.

Class trophies as well.

Information: www.flyc.org

More information to follow...

▶ SOCIAL SOUNDINGS ◀

Madeline Rayfuse, Social Chair *Sirius*, Catalina 22 #3088 mrayfuse@surewest.net

Hi Sailors,

The calendar for this year hasn't been set yet, but we are working on it.

- We had planned a Bowling Party for February 8, but had to cancel it due to a scheduling mixup. We are working on another date sometime in March. We will let you know as soon as we find out.
- Our annual Fleet Picnic will be scheduled sometime in June, and a possible date for "Bigs and Littles" will also be sometime in June.
- Our Ice Cream Social is also on the table with a date TBD.
- The Fleet Banquet is tentatively set for November 1, 2025.

Now for something a little different. These are some nautical terms still used today; however, they have slightly different meanings now days.

Filibuster- Buccaneers were sometimes known in England as filibusters, from the Dutch word *vrybuiter* (freebooter) translated into French as *flibustier*. It is now used as a political term meaning to delay or obstruct the passage of legislation (as opposed to sailing vessels) by non-stop speech making.

Edging forward- This phrase describes inch-by-inch progress and was first used in the 17th century, typically in nautical contexts and referring to slow advance by means of repeated small tacking movements.

Aloof- Now means to stand apart or be indifferent, but it came from the Old Dutch word *loef* which meant "windward" and was used to describe a ship within a fleet which sailed higher to the wind and was thus drawn apart from the rest of the fleet.

See you all soon, Madeline Rayfuse

▶ MEMBERSHIP MATTERS ◀

Bill Martin, Membership Chair Saline Solution, Hunter 260 bimartin@hotmail.com

It is after the first of the year, so please send your membership form in so we can make sure your information is correct and up to date. [Membership Form is at the end of this newsletter.]

Also, have you gotten your boaters card yet? All boat captains must have a boater card if their vessel has a motor on it.

> SECRETARY'S REPORT <

Roy Moore, Secretary *Wave Dancer*, Catalina 25 roymoore925@gmail.com

Safe-note from the Secretary

As the winter yields to sailing season, we should ensure that the USCG is content with our safety gear. We are likely well involved in PFDs, but what about the fire extinguisher and distress flares that we never use? (The USCG patrols Lake Tahoe, the Delta, the Bay Area, etc., but not Folsom and other reservoirs.)

My flares are current until August 2025 (Roy, beware). But I have extras, some expired in 2017. I took on self-training by trying to light a 7-year-expired flare. It lit just fine and lasted longer than I expected (good!). Surprise! It also dribbled hot residue (slag?) on the ground, which could damage gelcoat. Now I know why pictures of flare use have the flare over the water. My next distress signal will be electronic, \$100 at West Marine.

I found my fire extinguisher didn't list "USCG approved" on it, so I bought one that did. Now my boat has two. At work, we practiced using a fire extinguisher on real fires (rags soaked in isopropanol). I found that the instruction "stand back 8 ft" is not only to protect the user, but blasting the fire from too close can scatter burning material all over. At 8 ft., the powder makes a cloud over the fire and settles on it.

Here's to happy and safe boating, 2025 and beyond!

Minutes of Fleet 4 Board of Directors Meeting January 7, 2025

Kevin Clancy, in Secretary's absence Running With Scissors, Catalina 22 #14145 kclan12@gmail.com

Present:

Laura-Ann Charlot Susan & Steven Patchett Bill Martin & Nickie Teimori Mike & Madeline Rayfuse Kevin Clancy & Joanne Goodsell

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm.

Financial:

The 2024 final income and expense report was presented. The only item out of the ordinary was noted. The inclusion of the 2023 and 2024 awards banquets were both included in the 2024 financials. Normally this event is accounted for in only one year. However, the 2023 and 2024 banquets were held in the same year in 2024. This is just a timing difference. In 2025, the banquet will be held again, most likely in November.

Susan Patchett and Gary Preston will be meeting to go over some of the year-end details, such as filing our tax return and other transitional tasks.

Susan is working on the 2025 budget, and it will be presented at a future board meeting.

A motion to accept the financial report was made and passed without objection.

Other Items Discussed:

There was a discussion of generating more membership participation in 2025. Some of the ideas that were presented to the BOD included:

• Bowling Night – there has been a lot of requests to do something in the winter to get people together, excited, and vested in the 2025 events calendar. The BOD will caucus the membership to see if there is an interest in getting together for a night of bowling, drinks, and pizza. Signup sheets for cruises and social events will be available to generate excitement. The goal is to get members to sign up for all events that they might be interested in. Research has shown that by signing up to do something very often results

in better attendance. We hope to generate interest in all our calendar events, plus find people interested in leading/helping. The cost of the night is \$299. This includes bowling shoes and lanes for 12 people, pitchers of soda, pizza, and a private room. The membership will be asked to pay \$10/person to attend. The Fleet will absorb the remainder of the costs. An email blast will go out to the members to see if there is interest. A minimum of 10 people is required to go forward. A motion to proceed was made and passed without objection.

- One of the Folsom Lake cruises will include an Open Boat and Progressive Happy Hour/Pupus Tour. Some members have expressed an interest in seeing how others have set up their boats. This is a fun way to accomplish it. The Bigs/Lils event and cruise would be a good opportunity for this event. The Folsom Lake Yacht Club members will also be invited to participate. More details to follow.
- We discussed how to attract more attention to the Fleet. We plan to invite a reporter from the Sacramento Bee to attend and participate in the Bigs/Lils event. Hopefully this will result in an article published in the newspaper that will discuss our Fleet and Folsom Lake Yacht Club, the Bigs and Littles Organization, and our partnership over the years. We hope this article will drive some interest in both sailing clubs and the Bigs/Lils organization. Laura-Ann has offered to host the reporter on *Quiet Time* if accepted. Kevin to follow up with Karen Preston and FLYC to get their thoughts.
- There was some discussion on having back-up cruises for the planned Delta cruises. This will provide membership with additional choices if they do not want to sail in the Delta. Some ideas included Woodward Reservoir, New Melones, Hensley Reservoir, and Lake Oroville. The Lake Oroville discussion included the rental of a floating dock/boat that would serve as the "home base" for the cruise. Members will be able to tie up, stretch out, and enjoy each other's company. There is also a restroom on the dock. People can also sleep on it which will allow members to invite friends to attend without the awkwardness of everyone trying sleep and share a small cabin and cockpit. The cost would be divided up among those who attend. More research is required, and an interest solicitation

- will be made to the membership. Joanne Goodsell to investigate if boating camping is allowed on US Army Corp reservoirs.
- There was a discussion about better organization of the cruises. We need to get back to cruising procedures outlined in the Bylaws, particularly the Cruise Leader's Responsibility. The BOD will make a concerted effort to have a Cruise Leader for every cruise, and to organize and promote each cruise.
- The membership roster will undergo some changes in 2025, including changing the format.
 Too many errors have been made in producing the roster, and a move to simplify the roster is being discussed.
- Kevin will work with Folsom Lake Yacht Club to improve our website. Our current website is unattractive and dated, plus it is not being maintained properly. Kevin will seek the assistance of a Fleet 4 member to help with the launch and maintenance of the new website.

> TREASURER'S REPORT <

Susan Patchett, Treasurer Librium, Catalina 22 susanpatchett2@gmail.com

Here are the Catalina 22 Fleet 4 financials for 2024.

REVENUE	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Dues	\$ 756	\$ 648
Burgee Sales/Misc Revenue	\$ 25	\$ 0
Banquet	\$1,186	\$2,951
Total Revenue	\$1,967	\$3,599
EXPENSES		
Membership/Communication	\$ 233	\$ 20
Picnic/Meeting Food	\$ 331	\$ 283
Banquet	\$1,165	\$2,464
Trophies/Misc. Expenses	\$ 120	\$ 0
Total Expenses	\$1,849	\$2,787

Note: The 2024 year had two Banquets.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

If any Fleet 4 member has an item or service you would like to offer to other members, please write an ad, and submit it to:

Gary Preston, Fleet 4UM Editor Catalina22Fleet4@gmail.com

The ad is free for Fleet 4 members.



Folsom, CA 95630

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 st member)	Registration # (CF)	
Name (2 nd 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 st member) ()	VHF Radio Yes No (circle) GPS Yes No (circle)	
Work Phone (2 nd member) ()		
Cell Phone (1 st member) ()		
Cell Phone (2 nd member) ()	The Fleet 4um newsletter is distributed bi-monthly by email to all members and posted on the Fleet 4	
Email (1 st member)	[] NO, email and online posting is fine.	
Email (2 nd member)		
damage to property arising from participation in any F	d board members from any liability for injury, death, or leet activities and/or cruises. I also acknowledge that the in the events is the sole responsibility of the individual	
Floot 4 drogs \$26	For membership questions, contact Bill Martin:	
Fleet 4 dues: \$36	(916) 804-5240 or email: bimartin@hotmail.com	
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(New members prorate less than 1 year at \$5.00 per month.)	[] Roster needs updating	
Make checks payable to: Catalina 22 Fleet 4 Then mail with Membership Form to:	[] New member packet sent [] Needs membership badge	
Fleet 4 Treasurer c/o Susan Patchett 145 Egloff Circle	Paid: Date// Bank/Check #//	