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From the Helm



Tradewinds is a sailing club that sails, sails, and sails. There's been a lot of sailing in the last year!! Did you know that most of you members get out and sail about 20 to 30 days a year and that there is one member who tops everyone with 96 days of sailing. You know who you are. (Snicker, Snicker!) So what's keeping the rest of your from sailing more? OH, could it be that job, family or other life obligations that are getting in the way?

Why not make a 2006 Summer Solstice Resolution that you play hooky from work at least one weekday a month and come out for some well-needed R&R. We all know that we perform better when we balance work with a little fun (aka sailing). That's what Tradewinds Sailing School and Club is all about. It's where you can enjoy a sail on the beautiful San Francisco Bay while you laugh and have fun with your friends and family.

Lynn and I are planning some hooky days from work this summer and are going sailing more often.



“Don't tell Brandy or Matt”

Smooth Sailing

Skipper Butch

Club Events

Annual Raft-up July 16th!

We have decided to have the Annual Raft-up at Paradise Cove on July 16th. Reserve your favorite boat and meet us there at noon. If you need a ride to the Raft-up, please call the office and we will set you up with someone else who is going. Bring some eats and drinks and join us for the fun!

Poker Run and Open-House Bar-B-Q - August 20th!

This year's last poker run is August 20th. Reserve your favorite boat and check in at the office before you go sailing for your first card, buoy locations and last minute rule changes! We will fire up the grill out back around 4:00 pm, when everyone gets back.

Ladies and Men's Sails

Only 3 more Lady's and Men's Sail Days left in the season. Please come out and bring some friends! These events are free to all and guests are welcome. Let us help you get your friends hooked on sailing—they'll never forgive you! The only cost you are responsible for is buying your own lunch at whatever SF Bay destination the wind and sea will carry us to.



Friday Night Sails

The one and only Friday night sail will be July 8th. Bring your closest friend and a warm cuddly blanket for your laps. Enjoy a sail with Butch and Lynn to a dinner destination on the bay. The cost is \$100 and includes dinner. You will also be responsible for your own alcohol bill.

Trips out the Gate

We have scheduled a few trips this year on the Catamaran. We will be going to the Farallone's, Half Moon Bay, and Monterey. These trips will give you a taste of offshore sailing. You can reserve a cabin for up to 2 people. Here are the dates and prices. Call for other details if you are interested!



Farallone's - July 9th - \$195 per person - **Full**
Monterey - Aug 11th-13th - \$895 per cabin - **2 cabins left**
Half Moon Bay - Sept 9th - 10th - \$595 per cabin
Farallone's - Oct 8th - \$195 per person



Skipper's Corner - Tip of the Month

These steps are important for a number of reasons especially when taking 1st time crew such as your family and friends out sailing.

Step 1: Take sailing classes to become competent and learn new skills.

Step 2: Go sailing to become confident and master the skills.

Step 3: Repeat steps 1 and 2 with each of your classes.

Skipper's Tip - Adjust your sailing to the least experienced crewmember. (No rail in the water when grandma is aboard.) If the crew doesn't enjoy the sailing experience they won't be back to sail with you. This might even include your spouse.

Tradewinds Sailing School and Club Supports your becoming a good sailor. We have weekend and weekday classes taught by great instructors, review classes, specialty classes and free boat checkouts. We want you to be competent, confident and have fun sailing in the SF Bay. Did you know that the SF Bay is known as one of the most challenging sailing areas in the world? If you can master sailing here you can sail almost anywhere.

Classes & Specialty Classes

Review Classes

This years review classes are scheduled and up on the web calendar. If you'd like to get into a Basic Keel Boat Review, Basic Coastal Cruising Review or Bareboat Charter Review class, check the dates on the calendar and let us know.



Checkouts

Our checkouts are still pre-scheduled, including Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Check the web page calendar and call us to get signed up for checkouts. Please remember, we have made checkouts free for you, they are not free for us! Be courteous and treat them like you would a paid class. If you must cancel, please give us as much notice as possible. Remember you have to call the office and sign up for the checkout, so we make sure you get the certification and to make sure we have room.

Basic Catamaran Class

We have scheduled a Basic Catamaran Class on October 21st. The cost for this class is \$195. We had great feedback on this one last year. Come on out and develop some Catamaran skills, experience and confidence before you go charter a big Cat!



Specialty Classes

Here are the dates for some specialty classes that still have room available. Check the web calendar for updates. Call the office and sign up if you are interested in taking any of these!

Advanced Anchoring Class—July 23rd or September 17th

Seminars - once in a life-time opportunity!

Quantum and Tradewinds are flying Jack Klang in from Michigan for one weekend to make him available to our members. He has taught thousands of sailors tricks of the trade at his seminars around the country. The cost will be only \$30 per day! They will run from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on the following dates:

- September 23rd seminars are Docking and Maneuvering of Sailboats & Line Handling and Basic Knots
- September 24th seminars are Cruising Skippers Seminar & Sail Trim for Cruisers

Don't miss this great opportunity!

Housekeeping

Call for Tradewinds Trip Group Pictures:

Please help us! We are putting together a photo album showing all of the past Tradewinds Sailing flotillas. There have been quite a few trips to Greece, Tahiti, Baha, Grenadines, St. Martin, Catalina, Santa Barbara, Puerto Vallarta, Hawaii and Alaska. We are looking for group pictures from all of the trips. Please indicate the trip location and year and the names of the people in the pictures that you send to us if you can recall them.



Reservations Waitlist!

We have added a waitlist on our new system. If you want a boat for a certain day and everything is booked call the office and get added to the waitlist. We can add you to a waitlist for a particular boat for that day or for any boat in a particular fleet level. Remember, the more boats you are checked out on, the better your odds of getting a last minute reservation or waitlist on a busy weekend.

Boat problems:

If there is a problem with the boat please fill it in on the bottom of the checkout sheet so we can fix it right away. If the problem is serious enough that the boat can't go out the next day please call the emergency phone and let us know so we can handle it before the next person gets to the boat.

Thanks!

Checkout System:

You are able to checkout on the boats up to level of class you have finished. When you finish BCC you are able to checkout on all of the boats in Fleet 29. When you finish BBC you can checkout on all the boats in Fleet 33. We ask that you be checked out on most of the 33' fleet and have sailed them a few times before you sign up for checkouts in fleet 38. After you have checked out on the boats in the 38' fleet and sailed them we will sign you up for checkouts in Fleet 50'. Enjoy!

Checkout Sheets:

Please fill them out completely and turn them in when finished sailing. In order to keep our accounting straight it is very important that we know whether a boat went out or not. If for some reason you aren't going to take a boat that you have reserved, make sure you call and let us know, even if it's last minute and no matter what type of membership you hold. If you don't fill out a sheet and turn it in, there will be a \$50 fee. Thanks!

Skippers Note:

Remember that you are responsible for the actions of people you take sailing with you. Quite often we find that when a boat is not put away properly, the head is clogged, the fenders are not tied correctly, sheets are not secured, halyards are not secured away from the mast, it is not our club member that actually left it that way, but the crew or family that our club member did not train properly. Be sure to take the time to give them the training they need so that you don't get billed for their actions!

Suggestions? Comments?

We strive to provide the best sailing atmosphere possible to our members and students. If you have any suggestions as to how we could serve you better, please let us know. We welcome comments, both positive and negative about the way we operate our business. Catch us on the docks or feel free to email us your comments.

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Housekeeping

Boat Improvements:

- Teaking is currently in progress.
- Sea Breeze has a new headsail.
- Risky has a new cabin carpet.
- Asilo's dodger, sail cover, and binnacle cover are being replaced.
- Spindrift has a new mainsail to compliment that headsail we put on in the fall.
- Galen was buffed, waxed and detailed.
- The motors on the 25' fleet boats have been serviced and are running great.
- Kallisto is currently getting a new diesel engine!
- Rocky has all new sails

Fleet 25' boats engines:

Please remember to put the motor in position before you attach the fuel line, and remove the fuel line before you tilt or raise the motor. This will prevent the clips from wearing out or getting broken and help keep the fuel lines from cracking.

Head Problems

If you use the head pump it out, Period! When member A only uses it "a little bit" and member B uses it only "a little bit" - by the time it gets to member E or F we have a very smelly boat. Skippers please pay close attention to your crew and train them in the proper use of a marine head. We have had many clogged heads and broken pump seals lately due to people putting things in the head they shouldn't and from not having the valves aligned properly.

Memberships

Our membership has been rising and is just about maxed out. Once we reach maximum, we will be putting people on a waiting list. Be sure to get your contract in to us before it lapses. We want to keep the membership to boat ratio low enough that you never have a problem getting a boat to sail. As we get new boats in the fleet, we will increase the number of open membership spots.

New Contracts

When you get your new contract this year, if you haven't already, you may notice that it is a year contract which auto-renews monthly after the year is up. Changing fleet levels (up or down) will result in a new 12 month contract—and you can no longer change fleet levels in the middle of a contract unless you take a class that allows a fleet upgrade. If you take BCC we will allow you to upgrade to fleet 29 without extending the contract, Bareboat to fleet 33, etc.

Specials

Hats, Shirts, Visors, Gloves!

Stop by the office and pick up your Tradewinds logo gear. You've been asking us for hats and visors with the Tradewinds Logo—now they are here! Polo shirts are \$20, Hats and Visors are \$20. All prices are tax included. Also, if you need some sailing gloves, they are \$20!

Lifejackets

We have auto-inflating suspender style lifejackets in the office for \$180 including tax! Just stop by to purchase one. They are much more comfortable than the ones on the boats and we recommend them for anyone who sails often. Hurry up and Save on these. They will be going to \$200 due the price increase from the vendor.

