



WINDWORDS

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From the Helm



Some Tradewinds Members know that this is my favorite time of the year to go sailing. Why, you may ask? Well, the winds seem just perfect in the afternoon—10 to 15 knots on this side of Angel Island and 15 to 20 knots on the Golden Gate side. Lynn and I are planning to visit some restaurants like Sam's, maybe stay at South Beach and other areas for the day and maybe even some overnights on the new boat. . I know some days last Indian Summer we had the entire bay to ourselves and it was wonderful! So Lynn and I are planning to take some more R&R (hookey days from work) to enjoy the great weather. We use these days to re-charge our batteries, so if your battery is low and needs some re-charging, come on out, go sailing and get a full charge!

See you on the bay,
Lynn and Butch



Skipper Butch

Club Events

Mexico & Central America Cruising Presentation - Saturday, October 21st

A slightly different approach to cruising - with an emphasis on secluded anchorages and inland travel. It will be held in the Schooner building in Brickyard Cove. It will start at 6:30pm on Saturday. If you like to come please call the office and sign up today.

Mike Heath- surfer, sailor and former Tradewinds instructor. **Kay Heath** - watercolor painter, sailor and educator. **Finisterre** - 1977 Nautique Saintonge built in France - IOR racer, cruiser

Fall Bar-b-que October 1st

This year the fall BBQ will be held at Brickyard Cove near G-dock. This will be a Potluck, so bring your favorite dish and drinks. It will start at 3pm and go until we are cold or tired. Lets finish the season out right, come sailing, have some food, and tell each other about the great adventures we had this year.

Tradewinds Christmas Party

Our Christmas party this year will be held at the Schooner building in Brickyard Cove. December 9th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Come out and see us for refreshments and snacks before you go into hibernation for the winter. We'd like to hear the remainder of your sea-stories from 2006!

Classes & Specialty Classes

Add a Few Boat Certifications to Your Tradewinds Resume

We have scheduled many new checkouts to accommodate as many people's schedules as possible. We want everyone checked out on every boat—take a look at the calendar and see if you can't get a new boat certification or two on your Tradewinds Resume!

Seminars - once in a life-time opportunity!

We'd like to thank Quantum and Jack Klang for some great seminars last weekend. We have had wonderful feedback from the members who attended. We'll look ahead to next year and see if we can get something similar scheduled again!

Farallone's Trip

Join us on a 42' catamaran "Cat Balou" for a day trip to the Farallone's. We have **one spot** left for Sunday, October 8th. The cost is \$195.

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. They also make excellent Christmas gifts for a special skipper or crew! We expect the price to increase once our current stock is sold out. - **Only 10 left**

Housekeeping

New Boats!

We have added two new boats to our fleet. Welcome aboard our new 2007 Beneteau 323, **Santorini**. Also recently added to our Folsom fleet is a 2004 Catalina 250, **Nao Faz Mal II** (it means, "No Problem!"). Some members are already checked out on them, and as you can imagine we are doing as many checkouts as we can to accommodate the remaining skippers. New boats take awhile to get everyone certified on.

New Life For and Old Favorite!

Chocolate Float, our Newport 28 has seen it's share of sailors. Since this boat was new (almost 30 years ago), it has taught thousands of people to sail and been enjoyed by many Tradewinds Members. The engine has finally had enough, but the boat has been such a favorite for so long we've decide to keep it. We will be installing a new engine and fixing other items so that we can all continue to enjoy **Chocolate Float** for many years to come.

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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Skipper's Tips

I like to begin my first sailing lesson by explaining that there are three basic rules that MUST be followed to be a successful sailor or crew member. They are simple rules and easy to remember.

Rule 1: When handling halyards, make sure that:

- both ends of the halyard are in your hands
- one end is securely attached and the other is in your hand
- both ends are securely attached to something

Why you ask? So one end of the halyard doesn't fly to the top of the mast causing the skipper to ask you to do the same and bring it back down.

Rule 2: When working with winch handles, make sure that:

- the handle is in your hand
- the handle is in the winch and in your hand
- the handle is stowed in it's proper safe location

Why you ask? A winch handle left unattended in a winch or on deck can suddenly be lurched overboard by a sudden wave or a slip of the foot. Speaking of lurching overboard, it is usually the skipper's command to the one committing the violation as he explains that those cost \$50.00 as you hit the water.

Rule 3: When sailing on a beautiful day, make sure that:

- you don't try to sail where the birds are standing
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Why, you ask? Guess!