

WINDWORDS

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From the Helm

I would like to tell you a little about what has happened over the last couple of months; Lynn and I took a scouting trip to the British Virgin Islands to see if our members would enjoy this kind of sailing adventure. We were overwhelmed by the beauty and emerald blue water in this tropical paradise. It was a short sail to many anchorages and the snorkeling was wonderful. We enjoyed our first dinner of ribs at the famous Pussers Restaurant with Kelly and Mike and washed them down with painkillers (a local drink). Every night was a great meal ending with dinner at the floating restaurant called Willie T's on the final night. Of course I still prefer peanut butter sandwiches for lunch when I'm sailing. So, if you want a great vacation destination, I personally recommend the British Virgin Islands (BVI). It was great to have the moorings representative here for the seminar last month to answer your questions and describe the ins and outs of chartering.

The new Celestial Navigation Class in February was a great hit with the skipper and members. Craig Walker did a find job instructing this class. The next class is already full so we might need to talk him into another one.

Now about the upcoming events in March and April. We look forward to seeing you at our annual spring kick-off-the-sailing-season barbeque on Saturday, March 24th. The boat show is being held April 18th thru 22nd at Jack London Square, Oakland. Come by the office in April and pick up your discount coupons for the boat show. Stop by our booth, we're the one with the bright and colorful sail over our heads. I like going to see the new boats on the water and buying at least one new gadget each year. Don't miss the educational and informative seminars at the boat show.

I am planning to use the excuse that taxes are very stressful this year to go sailing. What excuse are you going to use? Ladies, get your skipper to sail you over to South Beach harbor in San Francisco and go out on the town. Remember neither of you need to drive home; you'll be sleeping over on the boat. We added half-day reservations for members to use. Associate members asked for half-day rates for a lower cost so we did it!! The new schedule is from 9:00am to 3:00pm or 3:00pm to 9:00pm. So let's all go sailing on the San Francisco Bay.



Sailing Season Kickoff Barbeque

Meet us behind the Tradewinds office on Saturday, March 24, 2007 at 10:30 to get the sailing season rolling with a barbeque. We will have the hamburgers and hot dogs ready while you surprise us with your favorite dish. After our stomachs are full and the sailing stories have been shared let's go sailing.

Think sunshine and wind, & meet us at the Bar-B!

**Associates can sail
1/2 day for less \$.**
Fleet 25 — \$80
Fleet 29 — \$140
Fleet 33 — \$190
Fleet 38 — \$250
Fleet 50 — \$400

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Experience sailing outside the Golden Gate Bridge first hand.*
- *We've been making improvements to our sailing fleet.*
- *Are you ready to plan a family sailing adventure to La Paz, Mexico?*
- *There are new ASA and specialty classes added to the school schedule.*
- *What if you find your self Suddenly Alone on the boat?*
- *Going aground doesn't have to be for everyone.*

Club Events

Farallone's Trip Join us on "Cat Balou", a 42' catamaran for a day trip to the Farallone Islands. The islands are about 20 miles west of the Golden Gate. On this trip you will experience first hand what sailing is like on the California Coast. We recommend that everyone experience this trip at least once. The cost for the trip is \$195. We will be running these trips on the following dates.

June 16th - 1 spot available

August 5th - 1 spot available

September 9th or October 14th - plenty of room!



*Lynn Florey feeding a puffer fish as a pelican sat on the dingy nearby hoping to be next in line..
La Paz 2006*

La Paz, Mexico

Come explore the Sea of Cortez with us from July 11 through July 18, 2007. Enjoy long sunny days, warm clear turquoise waters and legendary sea life while aboard a luxury bareboat sailing yacht.

The fantastic price of \$1,485 per person includes airfare, yacht, hotel and even food. There are a total of 6 boats being chartered for this trip, so don't delay, sign up today.

For more information about the La Paz Trip go to the Sailing Adventures page on our website.

Boat Improvements

We would like to share some improvements that we have made to some of the boats in the Tradewinds fleet.

FYI

In 2006, over 136 boat bucks or \$136,000 were spent on boat improvements in the Tradewinds fleet.

- Bullwinkle, Rocky, Natasha and Lionheart have new holding tanks. They go straight from head to holding tank. There is no Y-valve. Use the pump out fitting on deck to empty them at the pump-out station.
- Clio, Risky and Sea Breeze have new bottom paint, stuffing boxes re-stuffed, engines freshly aligned and props balanced and re-pitched.
- All boat winches have had their regular preventive maintenance done.
- Amazing Grace and Sea Breeze have had fiberglass work done inside and out. Amazing Grace also has a new Dodger!

Please call the office if you have any questions about these boat improvements or you would like instructions on the use of any new equipment.

Suddenly Alone Seminar

Suppose through injury, illness or accident you or your husband find yourself suddenly alone. What would you do? How would you handle it?

Passage Yachts is pleased to announce its presentation of the Suddenly Alone Seminar with John Rousmaniere, Author of the Annapolis Book of Seamanship, as the instructor.

The class is being taught on Sunday, March 18, 2007 from 9:00 to 5:00 at Brickyard Cove Marina.

Registration fee is \$125 per person which includes the Suddenly Alone Course book. Lunch is \$10 per person. If you mention Tradewinds Sailing School & Club you get a discount of \$25 off the registration fee.

To register or for more information go to www.northu.com or call 800-347-2457.



ASA Certified Sailing Classes

Basic Coastal Cruising

(\$525) - Classes begin on the following days:
March 24th
April 11, 21, 23 or 28th

Bareboat Chartering

(\$525) - The following 2-day classes are available:
Apr 26-27
Apr 28-29
May 5-6
May 17-18
June 9-10
June 23-24
June 28-29

Advanced Coastal Cruising

(\$1,195) The following 3-day classes are available: May 18-20
May 18-20
July 20-22
Aug 17-19
Sept 14-16
Note: This class is required before you can take Offshore Passage Making.

Offshore Passage Making (\$1695)

The following 4-day classes are available:
June 7-10

Coastal Navigation (\$295) -

There is 1 spot available in the following 2-day class Mar 31-Apr 1.
Note: This class is required before you can take Advanced Coastal Cruising.

The irony of skippering:
When the skipper knows that he knows, the crew also knows that he knows.

This is also true when the skipper doesn't know...



Tradewinds School Specialty Classes

Advanced Motoring & Docking Class (\$150)

July 8

Advanced Anchoring Class (\$150)

June 24
July 22

Small Diesel Class (\$50)

May 12

Did you know that Specialty Classes are developed by Tradewinds Sailing School because you wanted to advance your sailing skills?

Catamaran Basics Class (\$195)

Mar 11
June 3

Review Classes: Basic Keelboat, Basic Coastal or Bareboat (\$125/class)

May 12th
June 16th

Would you like to sail all the time?

How many boats are you checked out on? Did you know that the more boats you are checked out on the more you can go sailing? The Spring checkout schedule is on the web calendar.

During a boat checkout we review the systems and then you demonstrate your docking and motoring skills. After the instructor signs you off, the boat is added to your boat use list.

Suggestions? Comments?

We strive to provide the best sailing atmosphere possible to our members and students. If you have any suggestions or comments, either positive or negative about how we could serve you better please don't hesitate to contact us. Catch us on the docks or feel free to email us:

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Specials

Basic Keelboat Class for \$425 **\$ 100 Savings! Winter Special**

The BKB Class must be started by March 31st, 2007 to take advantage of the \$100 savings. Gift certificates make a great present for your friends or family to get them hooked on the sport that you enjoy so much. Gift certificates are available in the office.



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“You don't have to be a millionaire to go sailing.”



The Right of Passage

Damn, I am aground! This was what was going through my mind as my keel was being swallowed up by the San Francisco Bay mud. I knew someday this might happen to me, *but why today?!!* I looked at my wife, on her 1st sailing trip, and wondered if she could read my mind. She didn't have to because it was written all over my face. I'm sure that I was turning as red as those red day markers that I had just sailed by. I sat down and started to laugh realizing that I now had joined other sailors in this right of passage. I had been told that if you sail long enough you're going to go aground. My wife looked over at me with a puzzled expression. I got out the anchor and dropped it in the 2 feet of water and waited for the tide to come.



So what could I have done to prevent this from happening?

- 1) Paid attention to where I was and made sure that I was in deep water in the channel.
- 2) Checked my charts for shallow water areas whenever I was in unfamiliar areas .
- 3) Checked my Tides & Currents Book for high and low tides and times.
- 4) Remembered the Red Right Return rule and make sure to stay away from the edge of the channel.
- 5) Known the depth of the keel on my boat.

Skippers Tips

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Easy Steps
to a Successful Sewage
pump out.

1. Remove the cap from the waste fitting on the boat's deck.
2. Make sure the hose valve is closed before you start the pump.
3. Turn the pump on.
4. Insert the hose in the holding tank opening. Make sure you have a good seal.
5. Open the valve to start the suction.
6. When the sewage can no longer be seen through the hose site glass, close the valve and remove the hose from the holding tank opening.
7. If desired, rinse the holding tank by filling it with fresh water and repeating steps 4 - 6.
8. After you are done pumping it out, make sure the pump out station is off.
9. Hang up the hose.
10. Replace the cap on the deck's waste fitting.



Please help keep the head area on the boat neat and clean for your fellow boaters.



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