

Welcome Aboard to
Jib Sheet

**C36IA Enters Uncharted Waters
and we need your help!!!!!!**

**First Open
General Membership Meeting:
Sat Oct 11th
Marriot Waterfront
Annapolis Md.
8AM – 10AM**

Editors Notes:

It's lonely out here!!!!!! Welcome to the third issue of Jibsheet. As we roll this issue out many of us are getting ready for cold weather and thinking about putting our boats to sleep for the winter. If you are like me, you're also thinking of projects that need to be done. With this said, **I NEED YOUR HELP!!** So far the contents of this EMag have come from your Executive Board, and it's not that we don't want to write all the articles, but we need to hear from you! Having traveled around our lake and met many C36 owners and toured their boats, I know we have a ton of creative people out there that have enhanced the performance or comfort of their boats. Why not share that info with the group? Here is your forum. Write it in a word format and attach some photos separately and send it to me at classer1@rochester.rr.com and I'll do the rest. Come on! Help make this the best source of C36 information available, it only takes a couple of minutes to do.

Lastly, I want to again stress the importance of attending the General Meeting of the C36IA. If you're planning on attending the Annapolis Show make it a day and come to the meeting. Moving forward we have to address a number of important issues and I know I can speak for your board when I say, **YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT** and we want to hear it. Hopefully, I will be able to meet many of the people I have gotten to know over the net face to face. See ya on the 11th!!!!!!

Chic Lasser Vice Commodore/Editor

Commodore's Report

C36 Mk II Tech Corner



By Tom Senator MKII Tech Editor

Membership Update

Sean McGuckin

C36IA Membership Officer

Ahoy all. There are still many of you who have not taken full advantage of our website www.c36ia.com. There are many good reasons for you to establish a website user account but

I'll point out why you having a website user account would selfishly be helpful to me. When you establish a user account on the website we link your membership records with your website user account and every time you log on (in addition to access to all member only pages) you'll get see exactly when your membership expires and you'll have the ability to change your contact information so that when you move it is not a waste of time and money for the association to solve the *Mainsheet* mailing problems that occur each quarter. On average I have to fix about 10 address problems with each *Mainsheet* mailing that would not occur if you kept us informed of these changes.

In addition YOU MUST HAVE a website user account before you can pay dues using the online features of the website. This is a necessary added security measure we have in place for on-line transactions.

If you do not have a website user account it is easy to establish one. Simply go to the website www.c36ia.com and in the lower left corner below the log in section you'll see a link for "create new account". Click on that tab and follow the prompts. As long as you use the email address to which we sent this *Jib Sheet* the user and membership accounts will easily link. Please feel free to contact me if you have any difficulties at smcguckin27@comcast.net

International Association Seeks New Board Member

After 10 - 12 years of being an officer with the Catalina 36 International Association, Brian Giersch is stepping down.

He had started as Mainsheet Editor (too many years ago to recall when), then served a double capacity as both Vice Commodore and Mainsheet Editor. Commodore (for two terms) and Past Commodore both came and went, and, for the last several years, Brian has been handling Ship's Store and Fleet Relations.

Regional C36 Fleets Fitting a Need

His responsibility with Ship's Store requires that he keep a supply of hats, burgees and Tech Notes CDs on hand at home. Then, accessing a data base (a piece of cake), he mails out CDs to those who renewed membership for three years and fill orders for hats and burgees.

Being Fleet Relations officer permits him to use the membership data base and do occasional sorts to assist someone who would like to start a new regional fleet. On occasion, when we find an area that has a cluster of C36s and no regional fleet, he sends out a 'marketing' letter to encourage fleet formation. That process has been surprisingly successful!

We are hoping, that with active C36 sailors all across the country (and around the world), we might find someone who would be willing to fill his position as he steps down.

One of the remarkable aspects of this Association has been its success in routinely bringing in new leadership AND finding that the new volunteers keep stimulating the Association officers with new ideas and new energy. We are hoping that the process will continue and that a devoted C36 sailor, who recognizes the value of a vital, energized Association, will volunteer for the position of Ship's Store/Fleet Relations.

If you have an interest and would like to explore the details further, please either respond via Brian's email (bdgiersch@suddenlink.net) or give him a call in the evening (252-633-4554).

If you want to go right to the top, contact Tom Sokoloski, our present Commodore via TJSOKO@aol.com.

Years ago someone promoted the concept of regional fleets for C36s that were just being introduced to the market. Very likely fleet numbers were assigned to various locals...but then provided no follow up. As a result, for years fleets with no membership or activity were listed in *Mainsheet* magazine.

Enthusiastic C36 sailors, looking for a local support system, began approaching the C36I.A. for assistance and, one by one, new or revitalized regional fleets began to appear across the country.

Why are regional fleets significant? When large numbers of C36s appeared in southern California, Long Island Sound and the Chesapeake Bay, it was only reasonable that their owners would 'associate', resulting in Fleet 1, Fleet 3 and Fleet 5. But it was the areas with fewer Catalina 36s that saw the benefits of coalescing and started forming groups more recently. Among the benefits they have cited:

- the ability to test your sailing skills by sailing with other identical boats;
- the creation of a local support system...folks who may experience similar problems, have similar questions AND have solutions to share;
- the ability to share modification/improvement ideas AND then have hands on experiences visiting other boats, seeing how to duplicate them;
- the development of a new social network, via raft ups, cruises, etc., with folks who share a common interest.

Should you know of other C36s in your area, but NOT be aware of an organized regional fleet, contact Brian Giersch, the C36 I.A. Fleet

Relations officer. He can draw on Association resources and communicate with all of the C36s owners that we are aware of in your area.

Fleets that may benefit from Association support or regions in which we would like to develop local fleets are:

Coastal New Jersey
South Carolina
Eastern Florida
Great Lakes (excepting Lake Erie)

Active fleets interested in expanding their membership can receive logistical support via Association mailings to folks who are C36 owners and reside in or near your sailing grounds.

If any one feels that the Association can be of assistance, by either helping to build a new fleet, expanding an existing one, or simply putting you in touch with existing fleets, don't hesitate to visit our website (catalina36.org) and contact Brian Giersch, our Fleet Relations officer via bdgiersch@suddenlink.net.

Rudder Sensor Mounting for Raymarine Autopilots.

Looking for a way to mount the rudder position sensor for your new autopilot? Yves Florack shows a creative way to do so.

By Yves Florack
Alice, #805
Toronto, Canada

This article has been relocated to the C36IA website's Technical – Upgrades section.

Adding Storage That WORKS for you!!

---ENCLOSE IT WITH CABINETRY---

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Anyone with a project or story they would like to share please email me [a glasser1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:glasser1@rochester.rr.com) and I will share it with the group.

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