



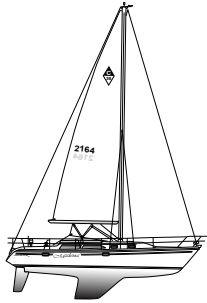
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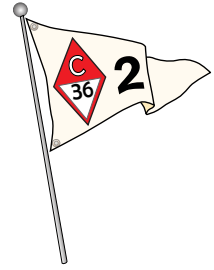


*Catalina Island, Big Geiger Cove looking east toward Two Harbors
June 30, 2004*

photo Jones



Welcome New Members



Our great Fleet #2 is made up of great people. It is with pride that we welcome these new members into our very special group. Each and every one has been certified as having "Catalina SPIRIT!"



*Jerry & Betsy Leff
"Shearwater" #1123*



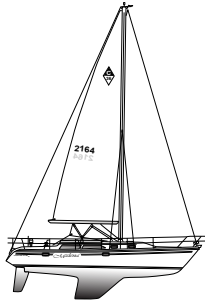
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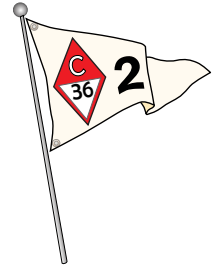
*John Neff & Ellie Smith
"Meand'er" #1024*



Donna Lucas, "Ping" #695



Captain's Report



Fleet 2 of Long Beach is approaching an even better boating season than last year, our first year as the reborn Fleet #2. We've already have 2 meetings and they were both a great success.

In January, a handful of us met to discuss the future of our Fleet. It was decided that we would meet quarterly to coincide with the due date of the Mainsheet Article. A meeting was scheduled for March 8, 2008.

At the March 8th meeting we had a total of 25 attendees representing 11 boats. We enjoyed a FABULOUS breakfast at the Seal Beach Yacht Club. Please see group photo in this edition on page 6.

In this meeting we agreed on a few fleet adventures. The first will be at Catalina Island on June 7th and 8th for the Two Harbors Wine Fest! YIPEE! Next we are organizing a week long trip to the backside of Santa Cruz Island for some time in the end of July. (See pg. 7, "Fleet Events" with Santa Cruz Island photos). It was unanimously agreed that "Cruiser's Weekend" in October at Two Harbors, Catalina, hosted by "Latitudes and Attitudes" magazine and "The Log" newspaper, will be our annual event. It's too good to miss!

We also agreed on two more meetings this year at the Seal Beach Yacht Club. One meeting will be in September for another wonderful breakfast. And the last one in November for ELECTIONS!

If you or someone you know is interested in joining our Fleet, please contact myself, or Brian Rusaw at brianrusaw@cox.net.

See you on the water.

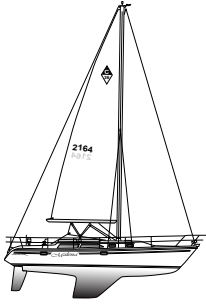
*Cynamon Dawson
Fleet 2 Captain, Soggy Dollar #368
Alamitos Bay, CA
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*Cynamon Dawson - Fleet #2 Captain, aboard flagship "Soggy Dollar" at Two Harbors, Oct. 13, 2007
Just rolled out of her v-berth! Drinking "Catalina SPIRIT"*



*"Soggy Dollar's" Flag at Two Harbors on October 13, 2007, "Cruiser's Weekend/ Latitudes & Attitudes"
photo: SJones*



Officer Reports



Membership - Secretary



Brian Rusaw,
Membership - Secretary

Wow, what a busy winter it's been. In 7 short weeks Heather and I logged over 350 nautical miles through the waters off Southern California and Martha's Vineyard. Ironically, most of these miles were during the evening hours. During our outings, which usually lasted about 3 hours, we learned about latitude, longitude, magnetic and compass variation. We became familiar with reading, plotting and piloting with paper charts, As the weeks passed, we also gained an understanding of aids to navigation-such as lights, buoys, horns and channel markers.

We were under the command of a US Coast Guard-licensed instructor. A salty dog with a good sense of humor and vast experience on the open water. The crew varied from as many as 22 in the beginning to 14 on the "final" night. The vessel (located in Newport Harbor) was quaint, comfortable, and always had fresh coffee. Our 7 weeks of learning was less than \$200. To book a similar adventure in "Coastal Navigation", contact the Orange Coast College of Sailing and Seamanship. The 7-week course classes are conducted a couple times during the year.

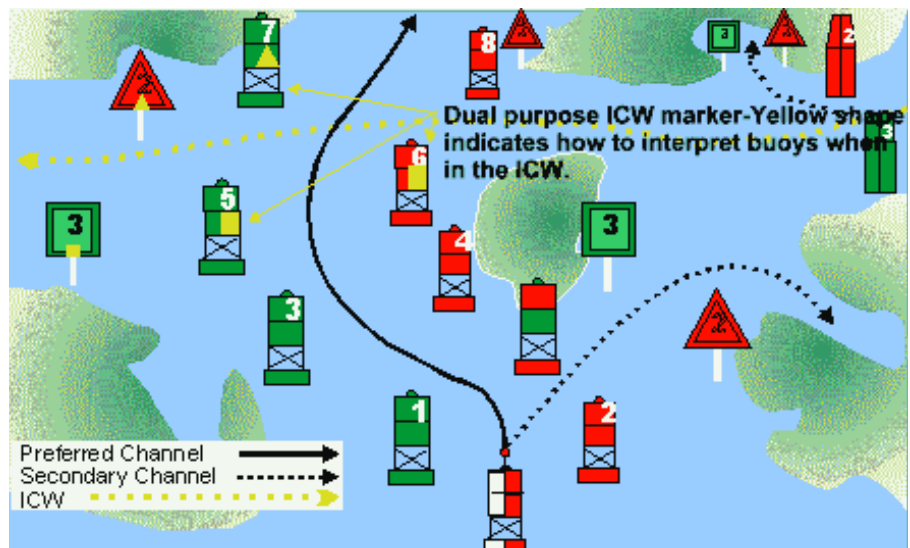
Did you know that when returning to a channel in our ocean waters:

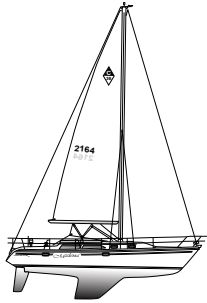
Red markers are on the right, green is on the left.

Right-side markers are always numbered with even numbers, left side are odd.

Right-side markers are always tapered (triangle) or conical-topped, left are flat.

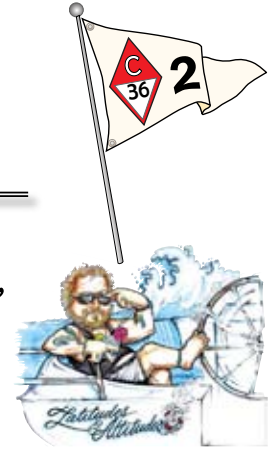
Brian Rusaw,
Membership/Secretary,
Fleet 2





Fleet #2 Photos

*"Cruiser's Weekend" sponsored by
"Latitudes & Attitudes" & "The Log"
@ Two Harbors, Catalina Island
October 13-14, 2007*



Our Vice Captain & Fleet Organizer, Mark Bierei receiving the "Fastest Dinghy Award" from "Latitudes & Attitudes" infamous Bob Bitchin



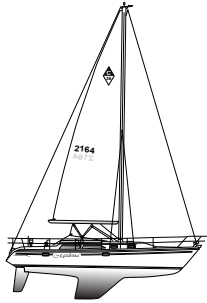
Fleet #2 "Catalina Spirit" Newsletter Editor Steve Jones aboard #2164, Malena



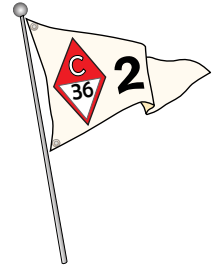
Fleet #2's Soggy Dollar (lt) moored at Two Harbors



*Fleet #2's attendees doing what we do best, have FUN!
We have "Catalina SPIRIT!"*



March 8th, 2008 Fleet #2 Meeting



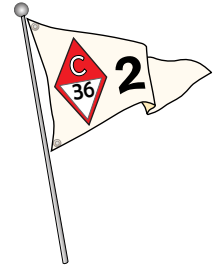
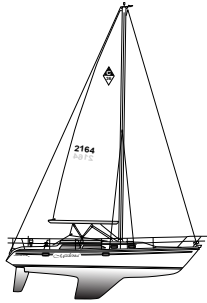
C-36 IA Fleet #2 - Long Beach, CA - March 8th, 2008 Meeting

Twenty-five attendees, representing 11 boats! Four new members joined our ever-growing Fleet #2
All members have certified, genuine, 100% guaranteed "Catalina SPIRIT"



Fleet 2 Kids
even have
the "SPIRIT"





Fleet #2 Notices

2008 Upcoming Club "SPIRIT" Events Mark your calendars

- June 6-7, 2008:** Fleet #2 Club Cruise to **Catalina Island's Two Harbors for the "7th Annual Summer Fine Fest"** Celebrate in the delight of fine wine tasting while enjoying hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment on the beach front. This popular event sells out so get your tickets in advance! Call Visitor Services - 310-510-4205 to purchase your tickets via credit card. \$30 per ticket. If you have a mooring, make a friend, side-tie!
- July 19-27, 2008:** Fleet #2's **First Long Cruise to Santa Cruz Island's** backside (South side). Anchor for days at this island's most pristine coves: Coches Prietos, and a bit farther down the island about 5 miles to Willows Anchorage. Kayak, explore, and just sit in the sun on beaches that make you feel you are the first to discover them. You will need adequate ground tackle for bow and stern anchors. Food and fun events to be planned. See page 12 for more info.
- October 10-11th, 2008:** Fleet #2's Second Annual Cruise to Two Harbors for **"Cruiser's Weekend"** sponsored by "Latitudes & Attitudes" and "The Log" newspaper. A fun filled weekend of cruising seminars, exhibits and music. Support our Fleet #2 Vice Captain Mark Bierei again this year in defending his title of the "fastest human-powered dinghy" racer! GO MARK!now this guy has the "SPIRIT!"

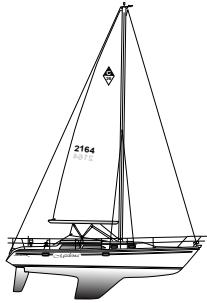


Willows Anchorage

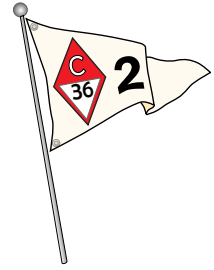


Coches Prietos Cove





Fleet #2 - New Member's Bio



Welcome Jerry & Betsy Leth
"Shearwater" #1123



We started our sailing career in San Francisco Bay with "Puff", a brand new Cal 20 which I purchased in 1963. I had done some crewing on a friend's 28 footer, and decided I had to get a boat of my own. We pretty much raced in all types of events, from fleet races, team races with the Kaneohe Yacht Club in Hawaii, and handicap racing in the Midget Ocean Racing Association races outside the bay. Betsy is very proud of being the recipient of the "Cast Iron Stomach" trophy as one of the few who did not feed the fishes in a very windy race around the Farallon Islands one year.

In 1964, I joined The San Francisco Yacht Club in Belvedere, becoming active, starting with the race committee, and serving as commodore from 1973 to 1975.

Betsy and I married in 1966, and we have no children.

"Puff" was ours until 1997, when we purchased "Shearwater", a 1991 Catalina 36, enjoying the spacious accommodations (no more just crawling around on my knees!) while cruising San Francisco Bay. In 2000, we

moved from Tiburon (in Marin County) to Orange County as a result of a career change.

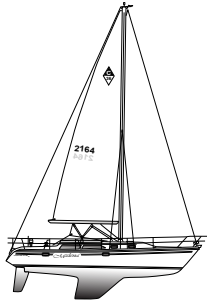
We joined Long Beach Yacht Club and have become active there, where I currently serve as chairman of the Race Management Committee.

Our friends in the San Francisco Bay Area told us we'd hate the sailing in Southern California. We're still trying to figure out what we're not supposed to enjoy about sailing in 10-12 knots of 80 degree air, as opposed to 20-25 knots of 55 degree air.

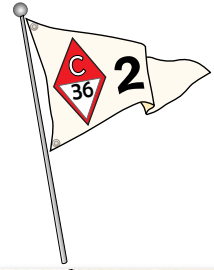
The Isthmus at Catalina is one of our favorite cruising destinations, which we are looking to exploring further, including the Channel Islands and points south. We really love it here and are looking forward to participating in the C36IA Fleet #2 events.

Thank you,

Jerry and Betsy Leth
"Shearwater" #1123



Fleet #2 - New Member's Bio



Welcome Donna Lucas "Ping" #695

My name is Donna Lucas, and my C-36 is named Ping. Ping is a duck in a children's story that I was fond of as a child; I have Ping decals on both sides of my C-36's bow. I began sailing in San Francisco about 15 years ago with my friends. Although fun, sailing there was a little colder than I would like—much warmer here in the So CA.

When I returned to Southern California, I started racing on a Catalina 36, and cruised on a Pearson 323. I graduated to a Beneteau 42 CC and was planning to spend time cruising. Unfortunately, I lost my husband and with him the dream... for now.

I sold the Beneteau, and bought Ping last August. We enjoy the water more than anything. My two sons are grown and live locally. They are not big on sailing but will put up with me when I drag them out there. My big sailing partner is Phoebe, my Welsh Corgi. She is great sport and looks lovely in her PFD.

I have retired from sales in the credit card industry, and thanks to that, I can enjoy Ping even more. I currently reside in Belmont Shore, so I am happy to be back in Southern California where I can spend a week or two at the Island and

sail the coast-line all year around.

I volunteer at the Long Beach Memorial Hospital Todd Cancer Center and love seeing my patients every week. It's so wonderful to see the upbeat patients with their wonderful outlook on life, albeit suffering with cancer.

I have no complaints! I will be participating in the Panthers at Sea for the kids on the water with Ping and also using her to help in fund-raising events for the hospital's new wing.

Life is Grand!
Donna Lucas
"Ping" #695
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Welcome Andy & Betty Ellis "Annie" #974

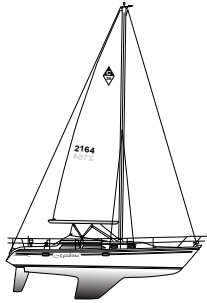
Andy and Betty Ellis have been sailing for thirty five years. Their first boat was a Catalina 25, followed by a Catalina 27 and for the last nine years a Catalina 36'.

Married for forty-five years, and residents of Fullerton since 1972, the Ellis' have two daughters...Julie Westmoreland of Orlando Florida, and Dr. Linda Ellis of Burbank.

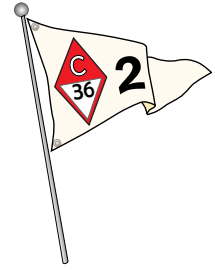
Grandchildren...two boys and two girls.

Andy & Betty
"Annie" #974





Fleet #2 - New Member's Bio



Welcome John Neff & Ellie Smith
Meand'er #1024

We began sailing together in the late 90's aboard our previous boat, a Cal 29. Our sailing adventures have, for the most part been day-sailing in the Long Beach/Newport area, and trips to The Island in the old Cal. It was a great boat and we had lots of fun, but the lure of "comfort" and "bigger" grabbed us so we began looking.

The Catalina 36 stood out so far above all the other boats of similar size and design that we had no trouble in choosing. Owing to the huge popularity of the boat, it was easy to locate many of them in California. Our only difficulty was in choosing just the right one. Most seemed to have been lovingly cared for but they were priced accordingly.

We were able to find one with an absentee owner willing to negotiate so soon we became the proud owner's of "Meand'er" in October of 2005. She still feels huge to us after years on the 29-footer. We love it. She's still too new for us to even consider another boat (but we do occasionally rubber-neck a Catalina 42).

The C36 opened some new possibilities for us. For once we could really entertain aboard the boat. With all the room and amenities we've been able to have several friends aboard at one time for relaxed sailing and partying.

Anchoring and barbecuing, even in Long Beach Harbor, has been great fun. For the Fourth of July fireworks or just hanging out on the hook at an Oil Island as an "escape-on-the-boat" getaway for a few hours or over-night is now a whole new experience. Trips to the island in the 36 have been



effortless and we go whenever schedules allow. And we've found the boat sails great!

We were happily surprised at just how fast she is and easy to sail. When it gets breezy in the afternoons around here, and others are reducing sail, the Catalina 36 is able to stand up to the breeze and sail as close to the wind as anyone. She's a great boat.

We started racing her last year and found that she is able to win races. The nasty 6-second a mile knock we get here in area "C" (PHRF) may be justified because in a breeze she out performs a lot of the others. In light air she suffers a bit but all those problems go away with a sail-maker on board, so I know "it's not the boat!"

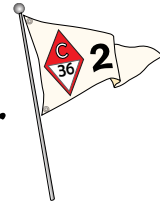
We are incredibly happy with the Catalina 36 and equally so with Fleet 2! We look forward to Fleet 2 events, as we do to a race. We feel privileged to belong to warm and wonderful group of sailing friends.

Thank you,
John and Elly
Meand'er #1024

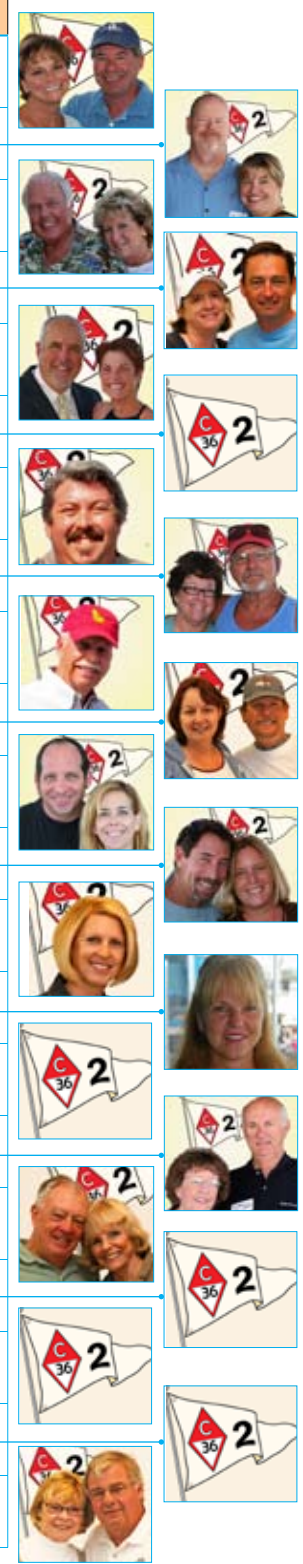


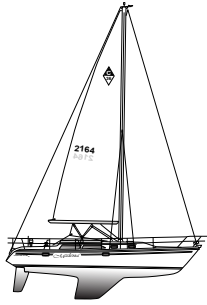
Fleet #2 "Catalina SPIRIT" Roster

as of March 2008

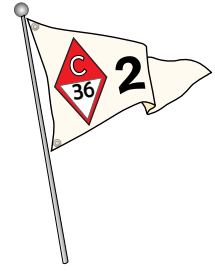


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Bierei	Mark	Louise	Wing N' Prayer	456	Shoreline M33
Dawson	Jeff	Cynamon	Soggy Dollar	368	Alamitos 32-1435
Derry	George	Josie	Wildwind	813	Alamitos 39-xxxx
Rusaw	Brian	Heather	Breezin'		Alamitos 15-411
Jones	Steve	Wendy	Malena	2164	Alamitos 14-332
Kington	Darren		Wing N' Prayer	456	Shoreline M33
Kokkinos	Paul		Wing N' Prayer	456	Shoreline M33
Kozuch	Ken	Ceila	Jazzy		Alamitos 12-225
Stuart	Michael		Scalawag		Alamitos 14-301
Neff	John	Elly	Meand'er	1024	Alamitos
Shulman	Richard	Marla	Wind Seaker		Alamitos 32-1447
Felter	Steve	Maria	Piel Canela		Alamitos
Lucas	Donna		Ping	695	Shoreline EE-70
Kraemer	Debbie		Monkey Shines,	2198	Shoreline CC-15
Sayer	Luke	Margie	Sea Q	171	Shoreline EE-08
Rowe	Arnold	Phyllis	S/V PANDA	222	
Leth	Jerry	Betsy	Shearwater	1123	Alamitos 32-
McIntire	Roy		Margaret B	1989	
Mehlman	Lon		Utopia		
Griffing	Kenneth	Judy	Angle Wings	1706	Alamitos 15-394
Ellis	Andy	Betty	Annie	974	Alamitos 14-305





(your) "Catalina Spirit" Editors



Steve & Wendy Jones
"Catalina Spirit" Editors
#2164 Malena

Greetings from your "Catalina Spirit" editors. Now beginning our second year since resurrection, this super Fleet #2 is off and running. We hope you find your 3rd newsletter edition fun and interesting. We think you will.

Imagine where we have come in one short year! This edition lists four new members, and the cool new roster on the preceding page has been updated with more faces! We have plans for the summer - see page #8 for our "Fleet #2 Notices", listing three fun events this sailing season. "SPIRIT!"

Our first ever **Fleet #2 Long Cruise to the backside of Santa Cruz Island** is my very favorite boating destination! Wendy and I are excited to be going again this year. Last summer, we spent 9 days with the "Channel Cruising Club" visiting 3 coves on the front side of Santa Cruz Island - the best week we ever enjoyed on our 5 yr.-old C36, Malena.

Being the opposite of our nearby Catalina Island, Santa Cruz's backside is calm relative to the normally windy front side (the north side facing Santa Barbara). We will be motoring upwind very early in the morning on Saturday, at say 4 am, for the approximate 10-hour trip from LA/Long Beach Harbor. Why leave so early? Who wants to motor into the wind in the afternoon? Early mornings are often calm, and by noon or so, we should be in the wind shadow of the smallest of the Channel Islands, Anacapa. After crossing the short distance between Anacapa and Santa Cruz Island, typically, we would stay in the wind shadow for the entire week.

Cruisers will need adequate ground tackle, bow and stern anchors. I carry specifically for this island's anchoring, 100' of 5/16" chain and 400' 5/8" rode for the bow (excessive?, maybe), and 50' chain and 300' rode for the stern anchor. I will carry an additional 5 gallons of 1) diesel fuel, 2) gasoline (for my Honda 2000 generator), and 3) drinking water. (Last summer, we had water to spare!).

I suggest that we plan on anchoring in two or three coves

for the week, the very best being Coches Prietos. I could stay here the entire month and be happy. Other nearby anchorages include Willows (about 5 miles west), and possibly Smuggler's Cove at the east end. We will pass right by this cove after transiting the Anacapa Passage between Anacapa Island and Santa Cruz Island.



Read up on this exciting island. I recommend getting a copy of "Cruising Guide to California's Channel Islands" by Brian Fagan (paperback), out of print, however 13 used are listed on Amazon.com for +/- under \$10, including shipping. Also, to get a taste of the coves, check out <http://www.sailchannelislands.com/CIcruisingguide/SC.php> for an interactive map of the island's coves, with descriptions, approaches, hazards, etc.

One bit of advice: you should feel comfortable anchoring, retrieving anchors, and sleeping at anchor. From my experience, every time we anchor, it's a different learning experience; no two anchorings are alike.

Steve & Wendy Jones

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(FYI: this newsletter takes about 12 hours of work to put together.)



Fry's Hbr. on Santa Cruz Island; boats anchored bow-in to shore, in anticipation of brisk nightly, down-slope winds.