



News Nautique[®]

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From the Helm

by Don Durant

Right now, I feel like I'm back in school again and doing my homework. It's Opening Day on the Bay, the winds are light, and it's at least 80° outside my office. Sitting at a computer is just about the last place I want to be, but I've got the duty in the office today, so I might as well be thinking about boating if I can't be doing it. Perhaps this weekend's weather is a good omen. I remember Opening Day being this nice once before, but it's been a lot of years. Let's hope this is a good sign of what's in store for us this season.

I may as well get to the difficult new first. Our beloved vice president and general manager of Club Nautique, Rick Nicastro will be leaving us in late May and taking up full time residence in Costa Rica, where he and his wife, Sandi, have purchased a vacation property management business. Rick has been commuting for the last year plus and is looking forward to accumulating fewer frequent flyer miles.

Rick had originally planned his departure for the end of this year, but has done such an excellent job of handing off his responsibilities to David Forbes, who will be taking over from Rick, that in his words, "worked himself out of a job."

Given Rick's long, loyal and excellent service, we obviously must provide a proper send off. We're hosting a **Retirement Party for Rick** on Friday, May 21st at Spotlight on the Square, 2203 Mariner Square Loop, Alameda (immediately to the right as you exit the tube). If you can join us in saying good bye to Rick, please RSVP to the club at (510) 865-4700.

On the plus side of this change,

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by John Dahle



Members Only Book Your Boat Online NOW!

Club Nautique members may now reserve charter boats on our web site. If you have already signed up for our members-only area, you're ready to go sailing. The same login ID and password will get you into our reservation system. You will be using the same da-

tabase as we use in-house to make your reservations. You can go to the web site and use it now; it is self-explanatory, sail on. Or, if you want to know what to expect, read on.

Go to our web site, login into the reservation system and here's what will happen. You will see your "Member Activity" screen. You will see a list of

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Seminars & Cruises

Heavy Weather Sailing Seminar

Mark May 8th on your calendar with a note to attend our one day seminar in Alameda on heavy weather sailing. During this all day seminar we talk a little about how to avoid heavy weather, more on how to recognize it is coming your way, and a lot on what to do to minimize its negative effects on the boat and the crew. There is a classroom presentation in the morning, with a hands-on demonstration in the afternoon including among other things, setting a sea-anchor. Maximum of six students, so reserve early to guarantee your seat.

CPM instructor, Kay-John Kavanaugh, who despite his misleading Irish name, is a sailor from Germany with a broad range of experience sailing the North, Baltic, and Mediterranean Seas, as well as Florida, the Bahamas, and West Coast of the US. He is a German Sailing Association certified sailing instructor and German Government licensed boat captain. Some of the heavy weather boat preparation and boat handling tactics covered in this clinic come from his first hand experience while sailing the Baltic and North Seas in heavy weather conditions.

Details: 0900-1700, May 8th, Alameda, members \$160, nonmember \$200. Standard cancellation policy.

Crew Overboard Clinic

Our in-the-water Overboard Recovery Seminar is an excellent format to both brush up on your sailing skills and have the chance to recover actual people in a controlled environment. The day begins at 1000 in the Alameda clubhouse with a discussion on the pros and cons of various methods of return and actual pickup. We rig the boats at 1100, and leave the dock at 1130. Each boat will have an instructor and a wet-suited diver/swimmer aboard. After practicing different types of returns and recoveries, we will come back in at 1700 and

have a round table discussion of the day.

Details: May 15, 1000-1800, Alameda, members \$243, nonmember \$345. Standard cancellation policy.

Small Boat Seamanship Seminar

This two day seminar is designed take you to a new level of sailing proficiency. It's an exciting and challenging course that begins with advanced sail trim and then incorporates advanced sailing techniques. The seminar is held on our new Colgate 26s. On Saturday we use this dynamic boat to allow us to demonstrate backstay, boom vang, cunningham, outhaul, and traveler controls and how each relates to sail trim in heavy and light air conditions. Sunday is spent working on different maneuvers under sail such as picking up a mooring, anchoring, leaving under sail, getting out of irons, sailing backwards, and steering with sails. You will also practice single-handing around buoys as well as single-handed overboard recoveries. We guarantee that you'll enjoy this course and be a better sailor at the end of the weekend. Call us at 800-343-7245 to enroll for the class.

Details: 0900-1700, June 12-13, August 7. Sausalito, members \$275, non members \$345 (Ultimate members: no charge). Standard cancellation policy.

Hump Day Sails for 2004

Well yes, and here we go again. Hard as it is to believe, spring is here and with it the return of Hump Day Sails. For our new members and those of you who just haven't been paying attention, Hump Day Sails are a terrific way to get your sailing fix and avoid cooking dinner - at the same time. It's an invigorating two hour sail followed by dinner and dessert, all for the low price of \$20 per person. It's held every week from April through October at one of our Northern California locations. The first Hump Day Sail was in Alameda on April 28th. For the com-

plete schedule, check out the Events Calendar on page 11. With that, let's review the costs, times, and the inevitable rules and regulations associated with events of this magnitude.

Reservations may be made up to two weeks in advance and they are required. Within that framework, the sooner you make them the better. We ask that members limit the number of guests they bring to each Hump Day to two guests per membership. This is merely a function of how popular this event has become. We want to ensure members have access to this event. Price for Hump Day sails is \$20 for members and their guests.

It is not unusual for Hump Day sails to sell out. This means, if you wait until Monday evening or Tuesday, you will most likely wind up on standby. Which brings me to cancellations; if you or your guests can't make it, please call us as soon as possible to allow us to fill your spot. It's really a shame to see reservations go unused when we have a standby list full of people who would like to attend.

Because of boat availability, and clubhouse space, participation is limited to 60 people in Alameda, 50 in Sausalito, and 30 in Coyote Point. By exceeding that number we risk overcrowding both the boats and clubhouse, running short of food, and generally making the evening a little less pleasant for everyone involved.

Our goal is to get everyone sailing by 1800 and back to the docks by 2000. Now we appreciate the rest of the world has not (as yet) synchronized their watches to ours, and that Bay Area traffic can at times be congested, so flexibility has always been the watchword. But if you show up at 1820, there is a good chance everyone will already be on the water. Conversely, it's easy to see how someone could get sidetracked and get back to the docks a little late, but 2045, 2100, 2130... well that's getting pretty late, and you run risk of the

barbecue being shut down.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or ideas on how we can improve on what we are doing send them our way. We're the first to admit that our perspective becomes a little myopic every now and then. We'll see you there.

Radar Clinic

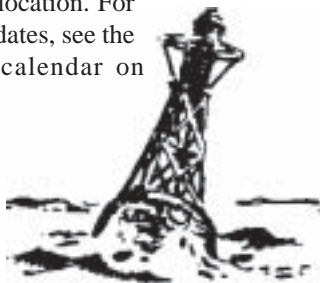
Ask any experienced navigator which instrument they value most, GPS or radar, and almost universally the answer will be radar. It is the most powerful electronic navigation tool on most boats and few of us really know how to use it. Here's your chance to learn.

This one day clinic is designed to introduce you to the proper use of radar. We will start in the classroom reviewing the various functions of the radar and how to apply them. Then we'll go out on a 39' trawler and apply those theories through practical experience. You will discover how to navigate with radar using one, two and three bearing fixes. You will learn how to discern buoys from vessels and track vessels to determine if you are on a collision course.

Details: 0900, June 19th, Sausalito, members \$175, nonmembers 220. Standard cancellation policy.

Charter Orientation

This 2 1/2 hour workshop is designed to help you charter here on San Francisco Bay. We dissect the spreadsheet that is our charter rate sheet and make sure that you know all of the rules that will help you have a more enjoyable charter. We pull out several charts of the Bay area and cover places to go, things to do, and things not to do. This workshop is free to members and graduating students and is offered each month in each location. For current dates, see the events calendar on page 11.



The Starting Line

Spinnaker Clinic

Come learn the art and science of flying a spinnaker. The Friday evening lecture consists of discussions on up wind performance, an overview of spinnakers and the details of how to rig, hoist, trim, gybe, and drop the spinnaker. Potential problems that may occur will also be discussed. We round out the evening by learning how to pack the spinnaker.

Saturday it's down to the boat to rig and fly the spinnaker at the dock to ensure that everyone understands the concepts before heading out. After leaving the docks, the real fun starts, making as many spinnaker runs as the day will allow, rotating each student through every position.

By Sunday afternoon you will have gained a thorough understanding of all facets of small boat spinnaker flying, and the skills to put it into practice. At the end of the weekend you and your instructor will evaluate your progress and determine whether you are ready to take out a boat with spinnaker, and under what conditions.

Details: May 14-16, July 9-11, 1900 Friday evening then 0900-1700 on Saturday and Sunday, Alameda, members \$394, nonmembers \$525, boat Santana 525. Standard cancellation policy.

Jeanneau 35 Race Program

Club Nautique is excited to announce a new racing class aboard the all-new Jeanneau Sun Fast 35, *Mon Desire*.

The course will be taught and skippered by the boat's owner, Jerry Nassoiiy, who has a proven track record for winning! Anyone who has sailed with Jerry in the past will attest that his every move aboard a sailing yacht is to make it move at optimum efficiency whether it's blowing a gale or he's making his own wind using whatever boat speed he has.

That said, from the course you can expect to become an excellent sailor.

You'll learn how to fly a triradial spinnaker, properly trim sails, and make head sail changes on the fly, without losing speed or going "bareheaded." You'll also learn what it takes to master the starting line, take advantage of currents, read lifts and headers, and other racing techniques.

The course will run over the course of three months and will include five practice sessions, two YRA t w o - d a y races, plus some informal "Beer Can" races in the Alameda Estuary which will be done a voluntary basis.

If you're interested in learning the "art of sail," then here is your chance. The prerequisites are BC certification and a strong desire to compete.

Practice dates are May 20th, June 10th, and June 19th. Race dates are May 1st and 2nd, Vallejo Race and June 25th and 26th, South Tower Race. The price for the three-month series is \$1,350 for members and \$1,685 for nonmembers and includes the boat and the skipper. The full amount for the series must be paid by the time the program begins. For more information contact: John Dahle at 415-531-0657 or jdahle@clubnautique.net



Front Row Seats

On May 22nd KFOG will host their annual KaBoom! It's a spectacular fireworks display set to music simulcast on 104.5 FM KFOG.

Onshore festivities begin at 1600 south of the bridge. The fireworks begin after dark... say 2100 hours or so. Last year we sold out weeks before this event, so finding a boat at the last minute may prove difficult. Mark your calendar for May 22nd and give us a call to reserve your boat. It's always a great party on the water.

WOW! Women On Water

by Margaret Spencer



“My life has wonderfully not been the same since becoming a sailor. WOW is a big part of that. It has enabled me to increase my skill and with it my confidence, by getting to work with other strong, competent, helpful, truly beautiful women. The program, I believe is crafted in a manner that enables each of us to blossom. I have made friends through WOW which I later I got the pleasure to crew for outside of WOW and hang out with off the water.”

Julie Lucchesi

A beautiful day, strong challenging winds, and good fun. “Why can’t we do this all the time?” The idea started as a conversation on board a boat sailing in the San Francisco Bay with a group of women who by chance had ended up sailing together in an event with Club Nautique. “Can we sail again together? What about a Women’s sailing event? Can we practice our skills? Can I skipper one of the boats?” And WOW was born!

WOW sailors had a lot of fun and adventure during this, our first year together. Now WOW has become a program of its own, with monthly sailing days and special events.

When I first sat down to write this article, I called a number of our regular sailors and asked for their comments. What a wonderful surprise I got! Instead of speaking for them, I hear their voices loud and clear speaking for us all.

“My experiences with WOW have

expanded my sailing network, improved my skill level and elevated my confidence! The value proposition for me as a busy professional and mother is having a sailing network that affords me opportunities to enjoy my sport and make connections with other women seeking similar experiences.

“WOW seems to attract women looking to sharpen their sailing skills who also want to have a good time. We support the individual success milestones of each woman, yet focus our group efforts on new challenges to upgrade our skills. We practice new skills together, refining these skills within the balanced time of having fun. Having Margaret Spencer lead our program and be on board gives us a safe environment to test out new skills.



“While I enjoy a variety of sailing club events, I particularly like WOW because we learn critical skills each month, then we kick back and have some fun! It’s the ‘just right’ balance. And, I find, the better your skills, the more relaxed sailing becomes.

“My life is super-busy and I need to make smart choices for my time. With WOW, I have a solid network of great women who love sailing, embrace the challenges of learning new skills, and know how to laugh and have fun. There are great sailing adventures ahead and I am counting on WOW and this special network of women sailors to be sharing those adventures with me.”

Darlene Townsend

“When I was invited to my first Women on the Water (WOW) outing, I didn’t know what to expect. I’ve ‘hung out’ with the girls many times in the past — shopping, lunching, chatting... all the clichés. This time was markedly different!

“A very diverse group of women met one Sunday ready to sail. Our experience levels were varied, but the enthusiasm and commitment were impressive. Women of all ages and backgrounds came together to enjoy sailing and teamwork.

“We met in Alameda, early in the morning, to discuss our plans for the day. Following introductions, we planned our route and time line. Settling in on two boats, we pushed off, heading for the lee side of Treasure Island. When we arrived, we tethered our boats and shared lunch and stories of families, work, and sailing.

“As we returned to port, we exchanged personal information to enable us the opportunity to sail together again in the future.

“The WOW experience is unique. It enabled me to learn new things about sailing, while some lessons were reinforced. I also learned the camaraderie between women sailors, whether new or experienced, is strong and enduring. Next time it’s a girls’ day out, I know it won’t involve a credit card or tea. It will be an adventure with a group of strong women who, like me, love sailing.”

Bitsey Stark

“Club Nautique’s Women on the Water series has been a great opportunity for us women members to just get out and enjoy ourselves sailing while learning new skills in a relaxed environment, and making some fast friends in the process for future sailing buddies. I have gone out a number of times, with

my boat *Feije* (pronounced “Fay’-yeh”) for the sake of promoting the program and hopefully helping it to succeed. WOW is a great venue for us to be out on the bay with a good mix of skill levels from those who haven’t yet taken lessons all the way to those who’ve taken their CPM certification.

“WOW has helped boost my confidence level, knowing that I now can skipper my own boat with crew who are eager to learn and also provide their knowledge as a resource for those of us who are still new or unsure of our newly acquired sailing skills. I couldn’t have asked for a more supportive experience than I’ve had with Margaret Spencer and the Club’s sponsorship of WOW. I have learned something new every time I have participated. An added plus has been that the WOW days are seen as a special event by the participants who will often bring extra goodies and gourmet snacks for all to share. I’ve never gone home feeling hungry!”

Adrienne Jaski

“The acronym, WOW, says it all. This is an event that brings together women from all walks of life to participate in the thrilling and up to recently, a predominantly male sport of sailing. It is a time to share information and experiences from a woman’s point of view. This may not seem like a big deal, but when the experts say that men are from Mars and women are from Venus, they weren’t kidding.

“So many women come to WOW

believing that they cannot sail without their husbands or significant other, because they are not as strong physically.



One of the main differences in our approach to sailing is learning how to perform sailing maneuvers in a smarter, less physical manner.

“While enjoying the sunshine and the wind filling our sails, we talk and share ways of making the sailing experience GREAT! It is a time of laughter and fun - a time to let your hair down and revel in the fact that we are women who love to sail!!!

“May we pass this knowledge and enjoyment on to all of the women we know by inviting them to join us on the next WOW outing!”

Debbie Light

“Learning to sail and improving skills can be relaxing and instructive when sailing with women and I’m glad I have that opportunity with WOW at Club Nautique!”

Sue Gallagher

“Over the past few years I have sailed mostly with men, as the demographics favor that gender in this sport. I’ve also had a chance to sail with just women too, in Club Nautique’s sponsored “women only” charter group.

“As Club Nautique’s ‘Women

on the Water,’ we have enjoyed practicing our certification sailing skills and sharing boating experiences during our charter flotilla outings. Of course we always have great shared lunches while we’re rafted up or tied to neighboring slips!

“I’ve had such relaxed fun and have never laughed so much as when I’ve sailed (and ‘noshed!’) with Club Nautique’s group of women sailors. Hope you can join us for our next charter date on.”

Gail Giacomini

We sailed for fun and we sailed with goals and everyone participated in the sailing. Some of our sailors are CPM certified, others are novices and this year a number of women came along just to “try” sailing and have now become certified skippers! We sailed from Sausalito, Alameda and Coyote Point. We sailed on many different boats — as diverse as the new Jeanneau 37 or the Hunter 356 and in all types of wind and weather. We’ve practiced crew overboard, sail trim, helmsmanship, anchoring, navigation, motoring, and lifesling recovery. We have rafted up for lunch at Treasure Island, played on Angel Island, and “hove-to” for lunch in the middle of the bay. We even rescued a stranded jet skier! Can you imagine this lucky guy being circled by a sailboat full of women yelling, “Get a sail!”

WOW events are fun and adventurous, and you can practice your skills and learn from other sailors. Now it is time for me to thank YOU. To thank all the women who have sailed with us this year, all those who have been skippers, all who have brought their boats, their friends, their camaraderie, and most especially those women who have stretched themselves beyond what they thought possible to do. You Go Girl!

Margaret



News From The Bases

Ballena Banter

by Erik Digman

As big as the San Francisco Bay is, it always amazes me how shallow the water really is. I've been managing the fleet here at Alameda for over two years now, sailing almost exclusively out of Ballena Bay, and the biggest problem I've seen is people getting stuck in the mud at low tide. It happens to novice members all the way up to our top instructors, though (knock on wood) it hasn't happened to me yet. So let me take some time to impart my wisdom to help you avoid what can be, at the very least, an embarrassing occurrence.

If you've taken classes out of Alameda in the past, you were probably shown the yellow can just off the island and told to keep it to starboard in order to avoid the sand bar that runs parallel to the island. That marker is now absent, as Ballena Yacht Club was told to remove it by the Coast Guard. Apparently it wasn't yellow enough. To the best of my knowledge they have no intentions of replacing it. So in lieu of the marker I use the flagpole as a reference point. Coming out of the marina at low tide stay close to the breakwater until you round the green light at the southern end of the marina. Then follow the shore, keeping about 20 to 30 yards from the rocks until you get to the flag pole, turn to port bearing about 210° to 225° magnetic and keep on that course for about 500 yards or until you have some significant depth under the keel.

Coming back to Alameda from the central bay, keep at least 500 yards off of the Alameda Naval Base breakwater once you've passed the southern entrance. You may want to make a beeline straight for the green light at the harbor entrance, but it is much safer to aim more towards San Leandro then turn into the island once you are perpendicular with the shoreline. Aim for

the flagpole or use Mario's Lighthouse Restaurant if it's dark. Then follow the island around into the marina sticking fairly close to the island. When you round the green light keep to the port side of the channel (watching for out-bound traffic of course) and don't make your turns too wide. The shallowest areas are furthest from the breakwater, the opposite of what you might expect. Remember Club Nautique calibrates the depth gauges to the bottom of the keel. If the instrument reads "1," you have one foot under the keel. If you can, the best way is to check the tides and plan not to leave or come back when there is a zero or minus tide. If you should be unfortunate enough to stick it in the mud, the first thing to do is try backing straight up; if you're aground hard, drop the anchor, break out a book and wait for the water to come back.

Coyote Pointers

by Bill Knight

Sailing — "The art of getting wet and becoming ill while slowly going nowhere at great expense."

I have seen the above phrase on plaques at different times. Every time I see it I have to laugh. Why, because I know this can sometimes be true, but most of the time it is only a very small portion of the sailing experience. Even on my worst trips, at the end I still had an incredible sense of accomplishment by being able to say, "I made it and now I can talk about the trip at the bar and it will make a great sea story."

Sailing has many great things and can also throw at you some really unfortunate things. The really good sailors are able to deal with the unfortunate things in a reasonable manner and still find some enjoyment in the experience. Really good sailors are also able to anticipate a lot of potentially uncomfortable or dangerous situations and either prevent them from occurring at all

or diminish their effect. The more advance planning you are able to do for your day of sailing, the more you will be able to enjoy it.

Our goal at Club Nautique is to provide for you as pleasant a sailing experience as possible. To that end we strive to make the boats trouble free, but no matter how good our maintenance is, things can still go wrong. If something goes wrong during your sail and you have a question, don't hesitate to contact the nearest base by radio or phone and we will do our best to answer your question and provide some assistance or recommendation.

The Club Nautique staff is also here to answer any questions about our charter boats, the bay, weather, marinas, where to go, the best way to get there and the best way to do it so you and your guests are as comfortable as possible. Many of the staff at Club Nautique have many hundreds or thousands of nautical miles under their belts on the bay and out on the ocean. All the staff have email addresses that are the first letter of their first name and their full last name, followed by clubnautique.net. For example, mine is bknight@clubnautique.net. This is one of the ways you are able to get in touch with us to ask questions or to make a suggestion or recommendation on a certain boat or notify us of a problem you experienced on a boat while chartering in, but forgot to put on your post cruise.

It's important to remember that this is your club and we want to make sure you get as much out of your membership as possible, so please use us as much as possible. I love it when members ask me for ways to make their chartering experience easier and more enjoyable, and trust me, I see of lot of people chartering who are making their lives a great deal more difficult than it

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Club Nautique

Memorial Day Madness Cruise to Monterey Bay May 27-31, 2004

Join us for our annual Memorial Day Madness Cruise to Monterey, for four days of fun, sun and lots of sailing! Skipper your own boat (if qualified), or sign on aboard a professionally skippered Club CharterShare (no certifications required).

Allowing some room for artistic expression, the itinerary will go something like this:

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| Thursday, May 27 | 1700 - Board boats and settle in.
1900 - Depart for a night sail to Monterey. |
| Friday, May 28 | 0800 - Estimated time of arrival in Monterey. Spend the day on the beach, visit the Aquarium, play a round of golf at Pebble Beach, or go power shopping. Dinner plans up to each individual boat and crew. |
| Saturday, May 29 | 0900 - Depart for Santa Cruz. Afternoon sun, cocktails aboard & boat hopping
1600-1800. Dinner plans up to each boat. Boardwalk after dinner. |
| Sunday, May 30 | 0800 - Sail to half Moon Bay where we will berth for the night. Dinner ashore at the Shore Bird restaurant. Dancing for those in the mood. |
| Monday, May 31 | 0700 - Set sail for home port to arrive refreshed and ready for work(right!). |
| Options & Costs: | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Charter a boat & join in the fun (must have an ACC or CPM certification). Cost is your charter costs and berthing fees along the way.2. CharterShare aboard a Club organized boat with a Club captain. Cost is \$225 per person plus your share of the charter fee and expenses. Should be approximately another \$250, or a total of about \$485 per person members and their guests, \$565 for nonmembers. Please note that the estimated cost does not reflect the cost of food and provisioning. |

Fleet Notebook

by Don Durant

Hunter 41

We're delighted to have a new breed of Hunters joining the Club Nautique fleet from the newly invigorated Hunter design team, led by Glenn Henderson. Every one of the new models has proven to have outstanding performance to weather. Their hollowed out forward sections slice through our San Francisco Bay chop with ease and the transom tuck suppresses the stern wave, tricking the water into allowing performance befitting a longer water line. Coupled with the close-winded and easy to manage B&R rig, these new Hunters are virtually unbeatable upwind.

In addition to the aforementioned, this new Hunter 41 has some other tricks up her sleeves. Most buyers are now opting for in-mast furling, so the furling mast is 2'8" taller to compensate for sail area lost due to the hollow leach of the roller furling mainsail. We think this is a far superior alternative to a longer boom or in-boom reefing.

Touring the decks we find Hunter has opened up the cockpit by eliminating the bulky console and replacing it with a centerline table mounted on a sturdy stainless steel



frame. It also make a great foot brace when sailing. The port side cockpit locker is nothing short of huge with nearly standing headroom. It's so deep, Hunter thoughtfully included steps.

Another nice improvement is the hinged aluminum and glass companionway doors, which replace the clumsy nuisance of traditional crib boards.

Below decks, it's truly amazing how spacious this 41 footer seems. The galley is

a sweeping, Corian® covered, L, with a recessed, double, stainless steel sink. Both the refrigerator and freezer are front loading, so there's no need to move everything while you're making dinner to get a beer for a thirsty crew member. The trash receptacle has a spring loaded stainless steel flap and there's even a ventilated and self-draining dish locker where just washed dishes can be put away to dry!

The saloon has a forward facing chart table, large U-shaped convertible dinette and there's a couch with built in storage drawers to starboard.

The forward stateroom has a port side Pullman berth, hanging locker and vanity with basin to starboard, and ensuite head and shower compartment forward.

Aft of the chart table is the second head with a separate shower stall and entrances from the saloon and aft stateroom. The aft stateroom has an athwartships queen berth, seat, hanging locker and plenty of secure stowage space for personal gear.

All of the cabinetry is varnished teak and the cabin sole is a teak and holly plastic laminate.

The new Hunter 41 will be based in Alameda and we suspect she'll be quite popular with two couples looking for privacy.



LOA	40' 4"	Specifications		Sail Area	843 ft ²
LOD	38' 8"			Power • Yanmar Diesel	56 hp.
LWL	35' 6"	Headroom	6' 7"	Staterooms	2
Beam	13' 3"	Displacement	19,400 lbs.	Sleeps	7
Draft	6' 6"	Fuel Capacity	36 gal.	Design	Glenn Henderson/Hunter
Ballast (lead)	6,506 lbs.	Water Capacity	100 gal.	Certification	A (Ocean)

Fleet Notebook

by Don Durant

Jeanneau 43 — *Radiance*

The Coyote Point base is soon to be blessed with a new ocean equipped, Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 43. Owners John and Anna Sandstrom have replaced their Jeanneau 40DS, *Bon Adventure*, with this new 3-stateroom cruiser/racer and are looking forward to the summer sailing season.

Radiance is a classic design from the design office of Daniel Andrieu. She's easy on the eyes with a low profile and wide, clean decks. The cockpit is quite spacious and has one of my favorite features, twin wheels. This allows for ease of access to the cockpit when boarding from the transom and provides much improved ergonomics for the helmsman. My personal preference when sailing so weather is to sit on the low side so as to see the luff of the jib through the slot. Twin wheels allows one to get comfortable without the necessity of growing 50" arms in order to reach the steering wheel.

There are Raymarine instruments at both helm positions for knots, depth, log, wind speed and wind direction. The autopilot and engine controls are properly located at the star-



board helm, so when maneuvering under auxiliary power, one can see approaching vessels in the danger zone, forward to starboard.

The radar/GPS plotter screen is conveniently located on the centerline under the aft end of the cockpit table. This provides good visibility from both steering stations, and the additional benefits of shade and protection from the table. There is an additional repeater at the chart table below, which can display all of the electronics system functions.

The 43 is equipped with in-mast furling for the mainsail as well as the expected Profurl unit for the headsails, so she's easy to manage with a small crew. John added a spinnaker, spinnaker gear and winches, so he may have some racing in mind, which based on our experience

sailing this boat, she should take to quite well.

The other features we've come to expect in a modern design are all there, including a transom swim platform, swim ladder, and well thought out anchor windlass, bow roller, and chain locker forward.

Dropping below decks, we're treated to Jeanneau's usual interior excellence, with varnished Burmese teak cabinetry and a varnished teak and holly cabin sole. The Sandstroms have added a 20" flat screen TV and Bose® 321 system for your entertainment. And, for your comfort, the 43 is being fitted with central air conditioning/heat ducted to the saloon and master stateroom (dockside use only).

The 3-cabin, 2 head layout should prove popular, offering privacy for three couples, with a master stateroom forward which pampers you with an ensuite head and a large desk/dressing table. The dinette is large enough to feed the whole crew at one sitting and there is a large settee and forward facing chart table to port. The galley is aft to starboard and L-shaped and should satisfy the most demanding chef.

This is definitely a boat you'll want to book early!



LOA	43' 4"	Specifications		Sail Area	992 ft ²
LOD	42' 1"			Power • Yanmar Diesel	56 hp.
LWL	37' 5"	Headroom	6' 4"	Staterooms	3
Beam	13' 8"	Displacement	20,503 lbs.	Sleeps	7
Draft	6' 6"	Fuel Capacity	56 gal.	Design	Daniel Andrieu/Jeanneau
Ballast	6,515 lbs.	Water Capacity	106 gal.	Certification	A (Ocean)

Base News

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has to be. The prime sailing season is here and the bay and Club Nautique boats are ready and waiting for you to get out there and have some fun. We have lots of new boats in the fleet and more on the way. These boats are new, great looking and they sail really well too. So Burt, Jeanne, Bennett and myself are looking forward to seeing everyone for Hump days, which start up soon, and we hope to see a lot of people this summer out enjoying the wonderful bay and Club Nautique charter fleet.

Sausalito Slop

by Chris Warden

“Commence yachting!” cried the commodore, and another season on the bay was begun. Yes, we are finally done with winter and dark gray skies. I’ll take the light gray of summer any day... that and dependable winds. I am really looking forward to this, my fifth season here at Club Nautique, Sausalito. To be honest last summer was rather below par, but I’ve had a nice long off season to prepare myself and the fleet for 2004 and I feel like it’s going to be a great season.

Speaking of the fleet, we have some new additions that I am very excited about. Two new Hunter 36s replace the departed Jeanneau 36 and Hunter 376. The 36 is a totally new design from the mast step down. Both of ours have roller furling mainsails as well as jibs. I find the roller furling main very helpful when it’s blowing a solid 25 knots and you want to keep everyone dry and comfortable. What I do is I reef the thing in to about the size of a handkerchief and sail mostly on jib! You will also notice Hunter has done away with that bulky combination ice chest/steering pedestal in favor of a functional pod style steering pedestal. Don’t worry, there are still plenty of drink holders in the cockpit! The same goes for our new Hunter 33, *C Sharp Minor*, which as of this writing, is the newest yacht in the Sausalito fleet.

May 12 is the date for the first Sausalito Hump Day sail and barbecue of 2004 and I will be booking the new boats for the event. As usual we will be firing up the barby from 1900 to 2100 with all your favorite food as long as that’s burgers ‘n dogs!

See you in Sausalito, Chris

Bonus Program

Are looking for ways to reduce the cost of chartering? Then we have a super way to save money and increase the circle of friends you go sailing with. Club Nautique is establishing a Boating Bucks Referral Program that rewards members with money vouchers to be used for partial charter payment. You get \$25 worth of boating bucks for class referrals and \$65 boating bucks for new member referrals. Getting a good friend to become a member can pay your dues for one month! So spread the word and get some new sailors to come aboard. Make sure your friends mention your name when they sign up so we can send the boating bucks your way.

Southern California

You may have noticed the mast-head change and the absence of stories from southern California in this and the last issue of *News Nautique*. The owners of the southern California company which was licensed to operate under the Club Nautique name have informed us they ceased doing business as of December 31, 2003. The successor company, Sea Time, has informed us it cannot continue the financial relationship, nor is it willing to assume the obligations of the prior licensee at this time. Due to this change, members will no longer be able to take classes at bases outside of their home area, i.e. northern or southern California. Sea Time and Club Nautique will continue to offer member charter rates to the other club’s members. We will keep you informed of any changes as they arise.

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we’re fortunate to have David in the wings ready to step into the role of vice president and general manager. As you may know, David has been with Club Nautique for many years, first coming aboard as our School Director.

David is a graduate of Dartmouth (the British Naval Academy), a RYA Yachtmaster Offshore, a senior Instructor Trainer for US SAILING, and all around well qualified and capable guy to assume the role. Please join me in congratulating David on his new position and feel free to send your ideas for making Club Nautique better his way.

Speaking of making the club better, be sure to check out the new, on-line reservation system (and let us know if you find any inevitable bugs). We’ve spent months and tens of thousands of dollars on this system upgrade, which will allow members (only) to book charters on-line 24/7. We’re excited to be able to offer this enhancement to your membership and hope you find it convenient and useful!

Lastly, I want to alert you to an opportunity. We have an unusual number of boats retiring from the fleet which opens up positions for new charter boats to join the fleet. At any given time, we normally have only one or two openings for new charter boats, but right now, we have over a dozen, including sail and power, large and small, and all three San Francisco Bay bases. Because of the large number, our yacht sales division, Cruising Specialists will be sending out a special mailing later this spring. I mention this here to give you advance notice of this opportunity to own a new boat and use charter income and tax savings to help pay for it. With last year’s tax law changes, the write offs are even better than the early ‘80s when we had the Investment Tax Credit.

If you would like additional information about how all this works, give me a call at 1-888-789-2248 x36 or email me at: ddurant@clubnautique.net.

See you on the water!

Club Nautique Events Calendar

May

1 Jeanneau 35 Race - A
 1 Motoring Clinic - S
 5 Hump Day - C
 7 Friday Night Race - S
 8 Heavy Weather Sailing - A
 12 Hump Day - S
 14-16 Spinnaker Clinic - A
 14 Friday Night Race - S
 15 Overboard Recovery Seminar - A
 19 Hump Day - A
 20 Jeanneau 35 Race - A
 21 Friday Night Race - S
 22 KFOG Kaboom!
 26 Hump Day - C
 31-31 Monterey Bay Cruise
 28 Friday Night Race - S
 TBA Summer Sunset Series - Tues Races - S
 TBA Grenadines Caribbean Flotilla

June

2 Hump Day - S
 4 Friday Night Race - S
 9 Hump Day - A
 10 Jeanneau 35 Race - A
 11 Friday Night Race - S
 11-13 Bodega Bay Cruise
 12-13 Seamanship Seminar - S
 16 Hump Day - C
 18 Friday Night Race - S
 19 Jeanneau 35 Race - A
 19 Radar Clinic - S
 21 Summer Sailstice
 23 Hump Day - S
 25 Friday Night Race - S
 25 Jeanneau 35 Race - A
 26 Explore The Bay - S

30 Hump Day - A
 TBA Summer Sunset Series - Tues Races - S

July

2 Friday Night Race - S
 4 Fireworks Sail - S
 7 Hump Day - C
 9 Friday Night Race - S
 11-11 Spinnaker Clinic - A
 14 Hump Day - S
 16 Friday Night Race - S
 21 Hump Day - A
 23 Friday Night Race - S
 28 Hump Day - C
 30 Friday Night Race - S
 31 Blue Moon Sail
 TBA Canadian San Juans Flotilla
 TBA Summer Sunset Series - Tues Races - S

August

4 Hump Day - S
 6-8 Half Moon Bay Cruise
 6 Friday Night Race - S
 7 Overboard Recovery Seminar - A
 11 Hump Day - A
 13 Friday Night Race - S
 15-21 Offshore Passagemaking Class - A
 18 Hump Day - C
 20 Friday Night Race - S
 25 Hump Day - S
 27 Friday Night Race - S
 TBA Eastern Seaboard Flotilla
 TBA Summer Sunset Series - Tues Races - S

September

1 Hump Day - A
 3 Friday Night Race - S
 4-5 Jazz Cup
 8 Hump Day - C
 9-12 St. Francis Big Boat Series
 11-19 NCMA Fall Boat Show
 15 Hump Day - S
 22 Hump Day - A
 29 Hump Day - C
 TBA Summer Sunset Series - Tues Races - S

October

6 Hump Day - S
 8-10 Fleet Week
 13 Hump Day - A
 20 Hump Day - C
 27 Last Hump Day - S
 30 Great Pumpkin Chase
 31 Pumpkin Bob - A
 TBA Catalina Jazz Festival

November

4-14 Seychelles Islands Flotilla
 15 Winter Rates Begin
 17 Club closed Wednesdays thru winter
 25 Thanksgiving - Closed

December

30-30 Closed for Christmas Holiday
 TBA BBC Caribbean Class

A = Alameda

C = Coyote Point

S = Sausalito

(CS) = CharterShare available
 Subject to change. Call Club for details.

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CharterShare News

by Margaret Spencer

The fun is back! Spring has arrived and summer sailing is coming on fast. Like the fresh winds on San Francisco Bay, we have a whole new series of fun and exciting sailing festivities planned. Sign on to sail with our CharterShare events, have fun sailing, meet new sailing buddies and add to your crew list or hook up with old friends. We've planned an exciting year. Can't wait to get on the water? Check out some of what we have on the fun calendar so far:



May is underway with a boom — **KABOOM!** Annual Fireworks Sky Concert May 22nd. Sail the afternoon and evening on the Club skippered boat for a front row seat on the water, or charter a boat and join the spectator fun.

Celebrate the longest day of the year on the June 20 **SUMMER SAILSTICE**, a great pagan excuse to go sailing and party. Join the CharterShare boat for sailing fun or charter a boat, then meet us for an afternoon **island barbecue**, music and fun! Sign up for prizes on the website www.summersailstice.com and call Club Nautique to sign up for this event.

July is a hot month (well, in some places) and the July 4th **FIREWORKS**

are very hot! Sail the bay for the day and watch this fabulous display from the central bay, the south bay or the Oakland estuary. Pick your boat and your spot, or sail on the club skippered CharterShare boat for the ultimate view. "**BLUE MOON**, you saw me standing alone," but you won't be alone on Blue Moon night, July 31 when you sail with Club Nautique for the afternoon, stop for dinner, and continue on your moonlight sail. What could be more romantic than a full moon night on the water on the new Hunter 36, *Blue Moon*, sailing from Sausalito? Or charter a boat and meet us for dinner on the water.

Get outside the **GOLDEN GATE!** Rumored to be the edge of earth ("thar be monsters!") passing under the Golden Gate Bridge can be a doorway to a larger world of sailing. No experience or certification is necessary to sail on the Club skippered CharterShare boat on our coastal adventures. Sign on for day

trips to the **FARALLON ISLANDS** during the summer and fall, or sail with us for a multi-day coastal trip to **BODEGA BAY** and back, June 10-13th. Board the boat on Thursday evening, sail to Drakes Bay on Friday and overnight aboard. Sail on to Bodega Bay on Saturday, where



Pssst! We hear Robin & Kit are expecting (a new Hunter 33).

we will explore the quaint town and have dinner ashore. Sunday it's a rousing sail back to San Francisco. Later in the summer on August 6-8th we sail down the coast to **HALF MOON BAY**. We board the boat on Friday evening, sail to Pillar Point Harbor and have dinner ashore. We will spend the night on the boat, then it's breakfast and off we go

sailing back to the bay. Sign on for the Club boat, or if you are CPM Certified you can charter a boat of your own and join us in our adventures.

RACERS!

Check out the Starting Line article for racing fun. No experience is needed to join us every Friday night and two Tuesday nights a



month in the Corinthian and Sausalito Yacht Club **SUMMER SUNSET SERIES**. Sailing out of Sausalito, sign on for as many races as you wish on the Club skippered boat with a coach on board for every race, April to September. Get your name in early for the **INTERCLUB** Series, one Saturday per month starting in May, racing on

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Charter Chatter

by Heidi Hinshaw

Hello Everyone,

If the weather of the past few weeks is any indication of the months to follow, we are indeed in for a treat. In fact, sailing on the bay may be so pleasant, you may not be tempted to venture to the sun-soaked isles of the Caribbean or the evergreen San Juans, but if you do, I'm the gal to call. Last month I took over Rebecca's position at the Vacation Charter Desk. She filled so many niches here at the Club, that a month and a half later, I'm still discovering new tasks that she accomplished habitually with ease. She left a vast hole and everyone misses her greatly. I appreciate greatly your help and patience as I transition into her former role.

I come to Club Nautique via a circuitous path. My early summers were spent on powerboats with family and friends in the San Juan and Gulf Islands of the Pacific Northwest. We'd take off

in July/August and spend the month either mooring in harbors, checking out farmers' markets, offbeat bookstores and local artist's galleries, or anchoring out in coves explorable by dinghy. It would be hard to find a more idyllic setting for adolescent summers and I drool every time I see pictures from the area!

High school happened and we sold our boat. I got into skiing and raced during winter months on the high school team. Then college came and I devoted my curricular and extracurricular time to theatre. Four years passed with very little time allotted for anything outdoorsy. Balking in the face of the unknown world post academia, I struggled to find a place and position to create home. A friend said, "Let's go to San Francisco," and that sounded fine. When I saw the booking position at a sailing company, I saw several aspects

of my personality and training align: my love of the water, travel, adventure and leisure sports and several years working in an office.

It's beautiful here on Ballena Bay; the view can't be beat. Bilge is keeping me company (the rest of the staff aren't bad either) and everyone has been exceptionally kind in welcoming me.

Check out the beautiful www.Sunsail.com, www.Moorings.com and www.ChartersNorthwest.com for vacation ideas. For firsthand information, stop in to the clubhouse to talk with our well-traveled staff and members. In addition to these accounts, I have a whole filing cabinet full of accumulated information on members' charters to help you fine tune your choices.

I look forward to facilitating adventures for you very soon.

Flotilla Fun

by Margaret Spencer

Overseas Sailing Adventure – Life is short! Last chance to join Club Nautique sailing the Islands of the Grenadines this May. Spots may still be available, but call quick to visit beautiful beaches and cays, coral reefs and island towns and sample French and Creole Cuisine. Relax, snorkel, swim, sail and hang out in the Caribbean.

The adventure of a lifetime! Half way round the world, in the Indian Ocean, lie the idyllic Seychelle Islands. Pristine white beaches and dazzling coral reefs, which according to National

Geographic, are home to one of the most diverse and greatest concentrations of sea life in the world. Sail, snorkel, scuba dive and kayak a true untouched paradise. Hike exotic, uninhabited rain forest; lie under the palms be-



side the lagoons. Come with us to the far end of the earth, find peace and paradise and adventure living aboard our cruising catamarans for 10 days. We depart November 4 from Mahe island, and space is limited. Get ready to go!

Cooler weather to your taste? This



summer we visit the Canadian Gulf Islands in the Pacific Northwest. Pack your jacket and get ready to sail, kayak and explore islands, forests and Indian villages for seven days this July.

Sail the Atlantic side this summer. Explore bays, islands and towns, as we gunk hole on the eastern seaboard of the U.S. for seven days in late summer.

Where do you want to go? If you have a new destination in mind, let's talk! For dates and details on all trips, contact Margaret at m Spencer@clubnautique.net or 1-800-343-7245 x24.



Online Store Now Open

Club Nautique's online store is open for business. Check us out at <http://clubnautique.net/cgi-bin/ccp5/cp-app.cgi>. Or just go to the Northern California home page and click on the link. You can purchase lessons, books, and gift certificates with (hats, seabags, and other gear soon to follow). If there is a specific item you think we should stock drop us a line at jdahle@clubnautique.net.

Web Site Update

The procedure for logging into the **Members-Only Area** on the club web site has been simplified. Now you may register using the new web sign-up at http://clubnautique.net/northern_cal/home/members_only.html. The form allows you to choose your own username and password and it only needs to be filled out once.

When you submit the form, you will receive an email confirming the name and password you submitted. The email also states your membership must be verified and to allow up to 24 hours for approval. Generally the verification period will be much shorter.

You will receive an email when your membership has been verified. Then you only need to log in using the name and password you have chosen.



Also, we simplified the procedure for using the forums. Guests can now view and reply to postings. You do not need to register as a Forum Member, although this has many benefits when communicating with other members.

If you have any questions please email: mis@clubnautique.net.

Reserve On Line

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all the charter reservations you have scheduled, including those you have already made through one of the club locations. You can change the "from" and "to" dates and see all your activity between those dates, including all of your past charters. From this screen you may also delete any future reservation.

From the "Member Activity" screen you can click a link to the "Change my Profile" screen. For security reasons you will be asked to enter your password again. Here, you can change your email and mailing addresses, as well as your telephone numbers. You can see your sail and power certifications, but cannot change them. Also, from the "Member Activity" screen, you can click the "Change my Password" link to change your password.

Across the top of the page you'll see the "Member Activity" tab, which was already described, and the next tab, "Charter Reservations." Here is where the fun begins and where you make your charter reservation. After clicking on the tab just follow the instructions for making your reservation. Begin by choosing your charter location, the beginning and end dates/times, the type of boat (sail/power), and size range. If you don't like your reservation parameters, you can click the "Reset" button and start over. If you are satisfied with your choices, click the "Search Available Boats" button and you will be taken to a new page where you can view all of the available boats according to your certification level. You will be shown the location, boat type, name, make, model, LOA, and the cost of the charter, as well as whether or the boat is an offshore boat.

Just below the list of boats, which you can scroll through, are three tabs (Specs, Equipment and Charter Rates), which provide detailed information on the boat you have selected. Once you have selected a boat just click the "Reserve" button and you will see a sum-

mary of the dates and cost of your reservation. Or, if you click "Return to previous screen," you can change the location, dates and time of the charter. After reviewing the information, click "Submit" to make the reservation and you will be taken back to the "Member Activity" screen, where you will see the reservation you just made. A confirmation email will be sent to you and to the base of your charter location.

If you have any questions or encounter any problems, there is a link at the top of every page for you to contact us. We hope our new system will be of benefit to you, as you can now make a charter reservation 24/7. If you have any questions, please contact John Dahle at jdahle@clubnautique.net.

Tides & Currents

After no changes for many years, we now have more news to report under this heading. **Mike Warren**, for four years the Club Nautique School Director, has decided to retire to the Pacific Northwest. We are sad to see him leave, both from a personal perspective and also from a professional perspective. You will be glad to know that we weren't willing to totally cut the ties — he'll be coming back to teach Offshore Passage Making classes and any other classes that we can lure him back down the coast for.

We are extremely fortunate in being able to replace Mike with a face that will be very familiar to many of you, **Steve Easterbrook**. Coincidentally, Steve recently returned from fifteen months in the San Juan Islands, although he actually first started teaching for us over nine years ago. Apart from having taught virtually every type of class we've ever offered, Steve brings the experience of having spent time as a boat builder, charter boat owner/skipper, commercial tour boat and tug boat operator and long time cruiser. We know that the school will be in good hands. You can contact him at seasterbrook@clubnautique.net or call him at the Alameda office.

CharterShare

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D'uphoria out of Alameda with a coach on board. And don't forget space is limited for the **ANGEL ISLAND CUP** this summer and for the **JAZZ CUP** race to Benicia and back on September 4 and 5, and this one is really exciting!

WOW—WOMEN ON WATER!

Join your sailing sisters, bring your friends and come have fun on the bay and beyond. Summer '04 our regular sailing events bring women of all abilities and experience together for fun, skill development and practice on the water. No experience is necessary, and day sails and special events are held year round. Sail on the Club skippered boat, or if you have your certifications and are ready to practice your skippering skills, charter a boat and join us!

Don't be left standing on the dock. Sign up early for events and fun, space may be limited and events may cancel if they are not filled by our deadlines. Let's go sailing! Check out the Events Calendar at www.clubnautique.net for more information, dates and new events and to get the latest updates add your email to the Broadcast email list on our site.

Other events coming up this year include the **Catalina Jazz Festival** in October, the **Big Boat Series** in September, **Fleet Week**, and our **Overseas Adventures** described in *Flotilla Fun*.

All Club Nautique events are individually priced, cancellations for single day events accepted 7 days in advance without penalty, multi-day events and events out of the San Francisco area may require more notice for cancellation without penalty. If we can fill your spot in time, no cancellation fee will be levied.

Do you have a new sailing event, trip, fun day or destination in mind? If you have a **GREAT NEW IDEA**, don't be shy. Contact Margaret at mspencer@clubnautique.net or call 1-800-343-7245 x 24. See you on the water!

Farewell Party For Rick Nicastro

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for
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and help us say,
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tastic coral reefs, home to giant tortoises and exotic fish.

Adventure unspoiled lives in this archipelago, a true paradise for sailors and divers. Pack up your gear and sail, dive and kayak with us through these beautiful islands as we live aboard our catamarans (38 and 40 foot cruising cats) for 10 days

Book now, as we depart November 4, 2004 and space is limited. For details and pricing, contact Margaret at m Spencer@clubnautique.net or 1-800-343-7245 x 24.