

# Y2K Sailing Events

Dear Fellow T-Birds,

Eric Denniston '80, has volunteered to help organize some sailing outings in San Diego Bay for local T-Birds, visiting T-Birds and their friends. A number of local T-Birds expressed an interest in this so here is what he is proposing.

A group will rent/charter a sailboat with a group of up to 12 (twelve) people. We can fill in with friends or out of town, visiting T-Birds, etc. Eric will volunteer to skipper the boat and he has access to discounted rental fees at Harbor Island Yacht Club.

The following dates are set tentatively for sailing on San Diego Bay and out in the ocean depending on the crew's desires and weather.

1. April 29 <sup>th</sup>	4. June 24 <sup>th</sup>	7. August 19 <sup>th</sup>
2. May 13 <sup>th</sup>	5. July 15 <sup>th</sup>	8. September 16 <sup>th</sup>
3. June 10 <sup>th</sup>	6. July 29 <sup>th</sup>	9. September 30 <sup>th</sup>

These are tentative dates and depend on getting enough people to sign up and be confirmed on time. It may not always be just T-Birds if we have to fill the boat with some of other sailing friends.

## Here's the plan.

We can charter a Catalina 42 (42-foot sloop) at a max daily rate of \$420.00 (Fri –Sun) and \$320.00 (Mon-Thurs). The boat holds up to 12 people, so if we fill it on a weekend day it comes to about \$35.00 per person, and \$27.00 per person on a weekday. So, we can say the range is \$25 to \$50 per person depending on how many people and what day of the week for the charter. We also have a choice of boat sizes from 27' to 42'. Jeri and I will always chip in our share of the charter.

Everyone chips in for food and beverages either pot luck style or we assign the catering to someone. For a day charter it's impractical to cook on board, so sandwiches, veggies, munchies, dip, cold cuts, etc. are best. For beverages, typical T-Bird libations of course, except the skipper and one crew will abstain from alcohol, his rule, until we dock at the end of the sail.

For a Saturday or Sunday charter we need a minimum of 8 confirmed and paid by the Wednesday prior. If the weather prediction is still OK, we go, if not we call everyone to confirm desires. Once it's a go, we go, rain, shine, wind, no wind. If it's a dead wind day, we may get a refund or a rain-check on the charter. Be aware that if you confirmed and paid it will be difficult to arrange a refund since the club generally requires that the charters be honored, so we will too.

The boats have CD players and heads (WC's for you non-boaters), running water and places to stow junk and lie down.

### **A suggested schedule is:**

8:45am – arrive at Harbor Island Yacht Club and start loading the boat, orientation

9:30am – depart for leisurely motoring to Point Loma, then set sail for wherever

3:00pm – return to the bay for calmer sailing and calmer grazing for food

5:00pm – return to the dock, put things away on the boat and enjoy cocktails and more snacks on the boat or take a dip in the pool and/or jacuzzi until everyone's tired or we get kicked out.

If we have people that really want to go and need to arrive late, we might be able to arrange to return to pick them up.

### **Rules on the boat:**

- ◆ Have fun but act like adults
- ◆ Kids are OK too, they can act like kids
- ◆ Participate in crewing if you want, relax and enjoy the sights if you don't
- ◆ Instruction is free (maybe for a beer or glass of wine after we return to the dock)
- ◆ If you don't swim, I might require you wear one of the goofy life jackets. If you do swim and don't want to experience the thrill of trying to swim in cold water fully dressed, then wear a life jacket.
- ◆ If you have a weak stomach prepare with the following: (not necessary in S.D. Bay)
  - ◆ **DO NOT** have a greasy breakfast!
  - ◆ Bonine (non-drowsy formula) at least one hour before we depart, and/or
  - ◆ Wear the wrist bands, available at almost all drug stores for about \$4.00, and/or
  - ◆ Try ginger pills, a T-Bird sailing buddy of mine swears by them, available at health-food stores, like Henry's, etc.
  - ◆ **REMEMBER** – heave only downwind and over the side, please not in the head
- ◆ The skipper will need at least one able-bodied crew member who kinda knows how to sail, has a strong back ~~and a weak mind~~, oops, not really. Jeri will generally be available but it helps to have another able hand.
- ◆ If any one member of the crew gets real sick we turn back into the bay if we're out at sea.
- ◆ There's lots to see so requests for special, reachable destinations are accepted.
- ◆ If something breaks, tell the skipper.
- ◆ Smoking is fine as long it's a legal substance and you are topside. The boats typically have neat smoking seats aft so smokers are usually downwind of anyone who might object.
- ◆ **DON'T POLLUTE!!** All the trash stays on board until we dock.
- ◆ Be nice to the skipper, your life's in his or her hands!

**Clothing, etc:** Hats with straps, jackets, sunglasses sweaters, sweatshirts, parkas, maybe a change of short pants and long pants in case the weather changes, binoculars if you have them, cameras, sunscreen, sailing gloves if you have them and will be crewing. Never underestimate how cold it can be on a sailboat! CD's if there is special music you'd like to share.

### ***This next stuff is kind of important!***

**Where:** Harbor Island Yacht Club, map is attached, when you get there if there is no one you recognize is not near the gate for dock "G", then call Eric's cell phone 619/606-2823 so we can open the gate for you. If you're confirmed and are going to be real late, please call and let us know.

**Parking:** This is actually important. Carpool if you can. Arrive early and it shouldn't be a problem... between 8:30 and 8:50am.

# Map to Harbor Island Yacht Club

