



# Fleet 1 Outreach Program News

## **H20 Racing Fundamentals Seminar**

I think most would agree that the seminar conducted by Andrew Kerr at NHYC on April 5-6 was a great success, and accomplished the primary goal of attracting new sailors into Fleet 1 competition. Andrew did an excellent job of focusing on fundamentals, and the “mentor” program proved extremely valuable. The entire event was video taped, including the lectures, on-the-water exercises, and the local knowledge overview by Jon Pinckney. Special thanks to John Whitney for providing the video equipment and to Bill McNamara for editing and transferring to DVD format. The three disk set is now available at a cost of \$15.00. To receive a copy, please contact Peter Haynes.

## **The Mentor Program**

While all the details of establishing an ongoing mentor program are yet to be worked out, there is clearly interest from both our less experienced and more experienced sailors in working together to improve the quality and enjoyment of the racing experience for everyone involved. Mentoring is all about helping one another, either on or off the water, and we have been trying to come up with a way to kick start such a program.

So, let's have a barbeque!

A good first step will be to establish a way for sailors who would like the help of a mentor to meet those more experienced sailors who are interested and willing to be mentors. To that end, Kathy Sangster has volunteered to host a barbeque at her home on Lido Island for anyone interested in furthering the cause of establishing an ongoing and viable mentoring program. If you are interested in having mentoring assistance, or are willing to be a mentor, please RSVP to Kathy.

**Fleet 1 Outreach Barbeque**  
**Friday, May 30 6:00 PM**  
**At the home of Kathy Sangster**  
**403 Via Lido Soud**  
**Newport Beach, Ca 92663**  
**949-723-0350**  
[kathykenya@yahoo.com](mailto:kathykenya@yahoo.com)

It should be a fun event promoting camaraderie, information exchange, and discussion of interesting subjects such as:

## **Should there be a “C Fleet”?**

With the increased size of the B fleet this year, and the increasing interest by more sailors who would like to get involved, the question arises as to whether it is time to establish a C Fleet. Such a fleet would provide a venue for sailors new to racing, or for

those who prefer a less competitive and more forgiving environment, to get valuable on-the-course experience. While adding a C fleet to already scheduled events is probably not logistically possible, it might make sense to get started in some fashion. One proposal would be to add a C fleet start on Friday nights at LIYC, with perhaps some on-the-water coaching along the lines of what Andrew did at the seminar. There is also a great barbeque following the Friday night races – a great opportunity for further exchange of knowledge and information. The Friday night races start June 6.

## **Continuing Education Seminars**

Understanding the Racing Rules of Sailing

Sunday, June 1, 2008

Lido Island Yacht Club

8:45 – 5:00

Cost \$80.00

Some folks have asked, “Hey, what’s up with the \$80.00 cost - the racing Fundamentals Seminar was only \$40.00 and lasted 2 days?” The Fundamentals seminar was sponsored by Fleet 1. The registration fee covered the cost of lunches at NHYC, but Fleet 1 paid all expenses associated with Andrew Kerr’s instruction and travel expenses, as well as those associated with printing and mailing. Sponsoring the event was thought to be a good way to kickoff the Outreach Program, and was indeed a great success. But, we are looking to cover the expenses of the continuing education seminars by pricing accordingly. A lot of collateral will be provided at the Rules Seminar, as well as lunch and happy hour beverages and snacks.

Tentative dates for additional seminars are:

July 6	Boat Handling and Sail Trim
Aug 30	To be determined
Sept 4	To be determined
Oct 11	To be determined

## **Mailers**

Preparing mailers about ongoing events is time consuming and costly. It would be more efficient to provide communications in the future via the <http://www.harbor20.org> website. It would, however, be possible to provide mailers by special request, as not everyone uses the internet on a daily basis.

If you have questions or suggestions regarding the Outreach Program, or would like to receive mailers about future events, please contact:

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