



# TELLTALES

Sailing Adventure Club Newsletter February 2003

## **S.A.C. HIGHLIGHT**

**Please read and note the following:**

### **EVENTS for February:**

- Chinese New Year – Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> – Sampan Restaurant
- General Meeting - Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> – Pete's 19<sup>th</sup> Tee
- Valentines Day - Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – Lantana's Grill
- Board Meeting - Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> - Black Angus
- Planning Meeting - Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Gainey Ranch
- Greenbelt Fun - Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Eldorado Park

### **EVENTS FOR MARCH:**

- General Meeting - March 4<sup>th</sup> – Pete's 19<sup>th</sup> Tee
- Board Meeting - March 18<sup>th</sup> – Black Angus

### **Future Planned Events:**

**San Diego Sails:** April 25, 26, 27  
July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend

**WEBSITE:** Get club information on our web site,  
<http://www.sailingadventureclub.org>

### **Commodore's Corner:**

**Ralph Vatalaro**

Greetings! I would like to thank last year's board members and other volunteers for a very successful year. We had many terrific events included in a very full calendar. Welcome to the new board members. Your generosity in offering your time is greatly appreciated. As Commodore, I hope to live up to my new position as CEO of Fun and Adventure! The Sailing Adventure Club exists for the enjoyment of the members and depends upon those who volunteer their efforts. I challenge all members to get involved in the planning and running of events in the coming year. All members are welcome at the board meetings that we hold on the third Tuesday of every month. Please contact any board member or me if you are interested in being involved in any activity.

I have the following three goals for our club this year:

1. Organize a calendar of events that will be fun for as many members as possible
2. Incorporate the learning of sailing skills in our events
3. Build a strong active membership

I will be calling on our new board members and others for your input in working toward these goals.

Our first priority will be to put together our calendar for the next six to nine months. Ruth LaBlonde has generously offered to host a planning party on February 22. I urge all members to attend. This is your opportunity to include events that interest you on our calendar. Prior to the meeting we will be circulating an interest survey. Please take some time and let us know what activities you want.

I would like some input on how to best enable members to improve their sailing skills. This last year we did not have a formal program due to inconsistent turnout in the previous year. Education of our members

is one of the purposes of our organization as stated in the bylaws. It's way too exciting when the skipper orders, "Release the main sheet." and nobody moves. We also have need for qualified skippers and first mates for our blue water trips. Does anyone have any suggestions?

In order to be able to offer the fun and adventure, we need an active membership. I believe that with a larger membership, we will have better participation in our events. I would like to see our membership grow by about twenty-five percent in the next twelve months. This is a goal that everyone can work on by promoting the club to their friends and associates at work. We will be looking for ways to advertise and attract new members.

I'm looking forward to a fun and exciting year!

### **Sailing Definitions:**

- Boom
1. The horizontal spar that is attached to the mast to support the bottom part of the mainsail
  2. The sound this spar makes when you forget to duck when tacking or jibing

Ralph  
CEO of Fun and Adventure

### **Freshwater Cruising: Leigh Prettyman**

Freshwater Cruising (Right, like a daysail on Lake Pleasant constitutes a cruise.)

Ahoy! (That's sailor talk, you know. I just want to establish credibility right away.)

I'll probably use a lot of other nautical terms this year, too. Like sunken, wrecked, lost, expensive, or overboard. Oh wait, those are from my relationships. Sorry. Anyway, if this doesn't work out you can blame Pauline, it was her idea that I do this. On the other hand, if I do a good job, I'll take the credit. It's a guy thing.

It's pretty simple; if you want to sail, let me know; either by signing up at a meeting, or notify me at home. Please don't trust me to remember if you tell me at the lake or a party. Captains, please let me know how many you can take, your boat's name, if you have a radio, cell ph. #, and where the crew needs to meet you (parking lot or slip #). I'll try to coordinate transportation so we don't have 12 people taking 12 cars. So leave me your location if you want to carpool.

If you have a preference, like you think you want to be on your own boat with your spouse, please let me know. (Be advised guys, that asking to crew with the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders won't float. I've been trying for years, and all I have to show for it is restraining orders.)

We're all adults here (except, occasionally, for Pauline and two others who have paid me to keep their names quiet); so if you make a reservation, don't make me send Vito over to give you a lesson in manners—show up or cancel! Call as late in the week as you want (not later than 10 pm. please), if there's room, you're in. I'll save the spots for members until 8 pm Wed.; after that, priority rules.

Lake Pleasant February 8

Leigh Prettyman 'Necessity'  
[coolsailor@bigfoot.com](mailto:coolsailor@bigfoot.com)

## Social Director

Leslie Fine

February is a real "party animal" month!  
Two special days to celebrate:

Have a lucky New Year...Chinese that is.

February 1st marks the beginning of the Year of the Sheep. Tranquil time during which all of us can expect good things for ourselves, our mates, children, extended families and of course, SAC. Let's meet for dinner, February 1st, 6:30 pm at the Chinese Cultural Center, SAMPAN Restaurant, 668 N. 44th Street, Suite 115, Phoenix, Just South of the Loop 202. They said they were having a "special" for the day... Lantana Grille, Squaw Peak Pointe, 7667 N. 16th Street, Phoenix is an ideal place to watch out for Cupid's arrows..Let's celebrate Valentine's Day at their Happy Hour--6 pm til ???. Wear red, even if it's

a red bow in your hair or a red tie for the guys..

Once again, Ruth LaBlonde has graciously offered to have the Planning Party at her place...The Estate Club at Gainey Ranch.. It will be Saturday, February 22nd, starting at 5:30pm...BYOB and please bring a dish to share. This is the time to add all the places and things you have wanted to do, to our Social Calendar After all that celebrating, Al Potter will get us moving, February 23rd, 1:00 pm at Eldorado Park for a Greenbelt Fun Time to include bike riding, roller blading etc..Hear more about it at the February meeting...

I am looking forward to serving you as your Social Director for 2003...Please feel free to contact me...

Leslie Fine

## Greetings from the new Bluewater Cruising Director.

We're filing an extension: The TRADITIONAL SAN DIEGO IRS/TAX DAY WEEKEND SAIL will be late this year owing to Palm and Easter Sundays. The AFTER-TAX WEEKEND SAIL will begin on Friday, April 25 and run through Sunday the 27th.

We have 3 boats reserved: a 34' Hunter; a 36' Catalina; and a 38' Hunter. Each boat sleeps 6.

With a capacity of 18, the cost per person is estimated at \$145; a deposit of \$100 secures your space on a boat. Your check, made out to "Sailing Adventure Club, " may be paid to me at the February 4 general meeting.

Can't make the meeting? Give me a call or send your check to me.

For those who like to plan ahead, we also have 3 boats reserved in San Diego for the long 4th of July weekend: a 34' Hunter; a new-to-the-fleet remodeled 34' O'Day; and a 42' Catalina with two heads [always better than one, as the saying goes].

We don't have numbers yet for the cost of the Independence Day trip, but for those who are interested, we could designate one day and one boat for skipper training, hire an instructor for \$25 - 30 per person, and day-sail the non-trainees on another boat that day.

This would be a good opportunity for First Mates to upgrade their skills, and designated Skippers to hone theirs, so let me know if you're interested, and we'll see about securing someone well in advance.

Remember please that club membership must be current to participate in any of the trips. A \$15-per-trip temporary membership is always available in lieu of the \$35 annual fee.

That's about it for my first submission except to add a request - I'd be most grateful for a volunteer to assist me. I'll do some begging at the next meeting.

Calm Seas!

Cindy Leigh

## February 2003

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						1 Sampan Restaurant 6:30 p.m.
2	3	4 General Meeting 7 p.m. Pete's 19 <sup>th</sup> Tee	5	6	7	8 Lake Pleasant Day Sail
9	10	11	12	13	14 Lantana's Grill Squaw Peak Point – 6 p.m.	15
16	17	18 Board Meeting 6:15 p.m. Black Angus	19	20	21	22 Planning Meeting 5:30 p.m.
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# SAILING ADVENTURE CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## FEBRUARY 2003

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**Chinese New Year's Dinner – 6:30 p.m.**  
Sampan Restaurant – 688 N. 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 115, Phoenix

**Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

**General Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**  
Pete's 19<sup>th</sup> Tee, Rolling Hills Golf Course, Tempe. Dinner at 6:30 P.M.

**Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Lake Pleasant Day Sail**  
Find out the details at the February General Meeting

**Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.**  
Black Angus Restaurant at Camelback Road and 20<sup>th</sup> Street  
All members are welcome to attend.

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**Planning Meeting – 5:30 p.m.**  
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### 2003 Officers and Chairpersons

Commodore	Ralph Vatalaro
Vice Commodore	Kristi Koziol
Secretary	Melita Hillman
Treasurer	Ruth LaBlonde
Blue Water Cruising	Cindy Leigh
Fresh Water Cruising	Leigh Prettyman
Social Director	Leslie Fine
Publicity Director	Sandi Komara
Newsletter Editor	Al Potter
Rear Commodore	Jim Romer

TELLTALES is published monthly. **The Newsletter Editor MUST receive articles and reports by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month.**

Articles may be sent to:

Mail: Sailing Adventure Club, Attn. Newsletter Editor  
P.O. Box 36208 Phoenix, AZ. 85067

E-Mail: [mhillman@aol.com](mailto:mhillman@aol.com)

Or delivered to any board member.

### See the Sailing Adventure Club Website for:

- Electronic Copy of Newsletters.
- Calendar of Events.
- Great pictures of trips and club activities.

### Use Sailing Adventure Website to:

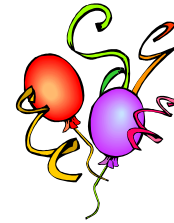
- Find out about club activities.
- Request a newsletter.
- Check often for event updates.
- [www.sailingadventureclub.org](http://www.sailingadventureclub.org)

### December 2003

Treasurer's Report	Kristi Koziol
Beginning Balance	\$ 5,610.65
Inflow:	
Sail Deposit \$	160.00
Memberships \$	105.00
Total	\$ 265.00
Total	
Outflow:	
Holiday Party (\$ 100.00)	
Captain's Thank you (40.00)	
Misc. (\$ 5.03)	
Total	(\$ 145.03)
Ending Balance	\$ 5,730.62

### Birthdays:

Leigh Prettyman	Feb. 12
Rae Ann Rummery	Feb. 13
Anne Romer	Feb. 27
Anita Grumer	Feb. 27



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Alicia LaSalle

Janet and Jerry Eygendaal

We wish you many happy days on the water!

### REMEMBER:

**MEMBERSHIP  
APPLICATION/RENEWAL/WAIVER  
ATTACHED – PLEASE COMPLETE  
AND MAIL BACK TO THE CLUB FOR  
ITS FILES ASAP. THANKS!!!!**

**Sailing Adventure Club  
Membership Information Request**

- I'm interested in Sailing Adventure Club activities; please send me information about joining today.
- I'm not interested in joining now; however, send me the next newsletter issue.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: **Sailing Adventure Club  
P.O. Box 36208  
Phoenix, AZ 85067**

***Pete's 19th Tee***  
**Serving Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner**

*Home of the Sailing Adventure Club*

1045 N. Mill Avenue  
Tempe, Arizona 85281  
480-966-6726

At Rolling Hills Golf Course

**Sailing Adventure Club  
P.O. Box 36208  
Phoenix, AZ. 85067**



**Happy Valentine's Day**

**Next General Meeting  
Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003  
At Pete's 19<sup>th</sup> Tee  
1405 N. Mill Ave. Tempe**