



DESER SAILORS



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REGATTA DE REGUEUR!!!



Elisabeth Ferris photo 2013

This month's Birthday Regatta and Lukemia Cup was *THE* place to be for Catalina 22s! We had ten boats out on the water to race on Saturday and five Sunday. The winds were strong both mornings, but were especially awesome early Sunday! Our hull was pounding up and down with spray over the whole boat and into the cockpit as we tacked north to the start in 20 to 24 mph winds. This photo doesn't show any of that, as things were just a bit too intense for us to sip a latte and take vacation pictures... but it does capture a downwind run later in the day and represents a common view for me-- all the C22s safely in front, where I can keep an eye on them! I'm sure I saw the keel a couple times on Steve and Christina's boat early in the day. You couldn't find a more friendly and helpful group of sailors. So get out and have fun with us on your Catalina 22!



STEVE'S TECH TIPS



Our goal with Catalina 22 tuning articles is to give you a rig setup that is fast in all conditions and easy to adjust. Some relatively minor modifications are necessary to the C22 deck layout in order to get the most from your boat and sails.

Genoa Tracks

We have found it a huge advantage to install inboard genoa lead tracks. These should be 3-4' long centered on the aft edge of the cabin. The track should be 1-2" out from the intersection of the deck and the side of the cabin. Before drilling make sure you have access underneath the deck for bolting down the tracks. Be careful of wiring for the deck lights.

Shroud Rollers

A good idea to improve tacking is to install shroud rollers on the upper and forward shrouds. This can be done easily by installing a 1" diameter schedule 200 PVC pipe over the shrouds. 36" roller tube on the forward lowers and a 12-24" roller tube on the uppers.

Adjustable Backstay

In order to properly control the shape of the genoa and mainsail it is a big help to have a easily adjustable and fairly powerful backstay. Give me a call or email, or refer to back issues of the "Mainsheet" for ideas how to set one up.

Barney Post

Absolutely one of my top five mods to the C22 is throwing away the stock mainsheet

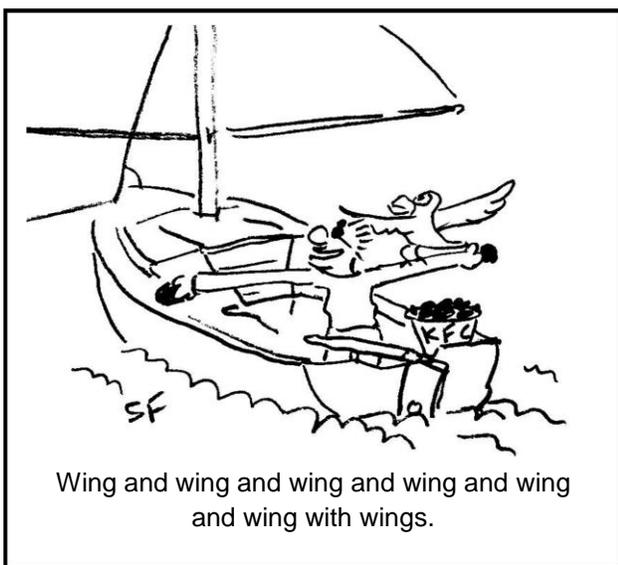
system and installing a Barney Post. I first saw this on Ray Gazzera's boat and thought I have got to get me one. No more looking or reaching back to untangle the main sheet. The Barney post puts everything right in front of you. Catalina Direct sells a kit that is made for the C22, but we used the shorter and less expensive C18 post that works great. It is also a little shorter making it easier to step over when tacking.



For you do-it-yourselfers I have a template for welding one up as well.

As always, my boat is kept up at Lake Pleasant and I'm always willing to show anyone how we rigged things. Christina and I are also willing to jump on anyone's boat to give our 2 cents on some go-fast tricks and ideas!

Steve Campo



SAILOR'S NIGHT SKY...



Step out into the cockpit on a clear night this month and look to the southeast just above and to the right of Jupiter and you will find an open cluster of stars somewhat triangular in shape named the Pleiades, or more commonly, the "Seven Sisters." No binoculars or telescope are needed. You will see six or so bright stars and a blue glow of dust and gas. This group of young stars always precedes the huge winter constellation, Orion, and follows a similar path through the sky as the Moon and planets. If your Catalina could travel at the speed of light, you could reach the Pleiades in just 380 years!



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