



Fleet 5



Long Island Sound—2008

Welcome, and thank you for your interest in **Fleet 5**. Our **Catalina 36 International Association** is made up of a group of Catalina 36 owners, organized into fleets by geographic area. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves to you. We are **Fleet 5 - Long Island Sound**. Our main interests are sailing events including weekend rendezvous', summer cruises, off-season meetings in members' homes, restaurants and yacht clubs, get-togethers at the Annapolis Sailboat Show, and general camaraderie with a common interest in our yachts. Many friendships, made through our fleet, bring us together for side trips such as chartering in the Caribbean and the Greek Isles, skiing and even more personal family events.

Our members' yachts are spread from Barnagat Bay to the Hudson River, across Long Island Sound and to Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Therefore we try to plan activities covering both eastern and



Fleet 5 at *Ida Lewis Yacht Club*

western ends of our area and inbetween.

In 2007 we met at Strictly Sail Philadelphia where **Fleet 5** hosted an All-Catalina banquet at Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant on Saturday night after the boat show. We rendezvoused at the Guilford Yacht Club on Memorial Day Weekend. On our annual two-week summer cruise, we met at Watch Hill, RI then sailed across Block Island Sound to Point Judith, and across Rhode Island Sound to Cuttyhunk Island, MA before reaching our destination of Edgartown on Martha's Vineyard. A few of us sailed on to Nantucket Island before we regrouped back on Cuttyhunk. Then we had a great sail to Ida Lewis Yacht Club in Newport before finishing our cruise in Stonington, CT. We also sailed to the Catalina Yachts East Coast Rendezvous in Mystic CT in August. Some of us spent the Labor Day Weekend in Port Jefferson Harbor while others sailed up the Connecticut River to Deep River Marina where we attended the Goodspeed Opera House performance of **High Button Shoes**. And we met at the Newport Boat Show to see all the new Catalina designs, the latest goodies on the market and dined together at night.

In other years we have cruised to Narraganset Bay, Chatham and Provincetown (Cape Cod), Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket Island, New York City



Fleet 5 sailing in *Block Island Sound*



Fleet 5 on Cuttyhunk Island

for OpSail and all places in between. Some of our members take extended cruises north to Maine or up the Hudson River to the Great Lakes and south to the Chesapeake Bay or the ICW to Florida and the Bahamas. We have sponsored the 1994 and 1998 Catalina 36 National Regattas.

This season our plans begin with a Memorial Day Weekend rendezvous at the Guilford Yacht Club. We also have a weekend rendezvous set for mid August at West Neck Harbor, Shelter Island, NY. Our annual two-week Summer Cruise will take us to New York City for the Fourth of July fireworks and up the Hudson River to Haverstraw where we will take a bus tour of West Point Academy. And on Labor Day Weekend we plan to be in Port Jefferson (west) and Deep River, CT (east). And we will gather at the Annapolis Sailboat Show in October.

We especially like to share what we have done to customize our yachts with some handy maintenance tips. We often climb aboard each other's yachts and discuss our latest modifications and upgrades. One of the benefits of sailing together is safety in numbers as we are always willing to help each other out wherever, whenever (i.e. towing a disabled boat to the next port or even helping someone with a medical emergency).

Fleet 5 is a very diverse group of people. We are young parents with small children as well as grandparents and retirees who are now free again! Some of us have sailed since childhood while some of us just started learning a few years ago and are looking for the comfort of a group to help us get our sailing feet wet. Some of us are avid racers while others prefer the coastal cruising lifestyle. Some of us are very handy while others are all thumbs. But we blend well together and all enjoy sharing our love for our yachts and the sea.

Our \$30 annual membership dues is for membership in **Fleet 5**, participating in all our

activities, sharing in the "Forum" on our Fleet 5 website and receiving all our newsletters. Membership in International Catalina One Design Associations (i.e. C36IA) is handled separately with those associations, which includes a subscription to *Catalina/Mainsheet*, the quarterly publication of all the Catalina Owners' National Associations. Through our association we have established a good relationship with Catalina 36 owners across the country and with the builder of our Catalina Yachts, Frank Butler, his V.P. and Chief Designer, Gerry Douglas, his V.P. of sales, Sharon Day and the rest of his staff.

For information, newsletters, calendars, pictures
and more...

See the Fleet 5 Website!

www.catalina36.org/Fleet5/

By the way, we are not exclusively Catalina 36 owners. Some of us have other Catalina models and some of us own sailboats from other manufacturers. And some of our members own trawlers! All are welcomed!

For more information about **Fleet 5** please call our Membership Chair, Doug Smith, at 631-208-1977; or write to him at 516 Fox Hill Drive, Baiting Hollow, NY 11933-9510; or e-mail him at ccreagh@optonline.net.

Happy Sailing!

We Hope to Have You Aboard!



Fleet 5 sailing in Nantucket Sound