



Fleet 5



Long Island Sound—2010

Welcome, and thank you for your interest in **Fleet 5**. The **Catalina 36 International Association** is made up of a group of Catalina 36 owners, organized into fleets by geographic area. 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 western ends of our area and inbetween.

We hold 3 business/social meetings in the fall, winter and spring to plan the next year's on-the-water events and keep in touch with our great sailing friends.

In 2009 we rendezvoused at the Guilford Yacht Club on Memorial Day Weekend. On our annual two-week summer cruise, we met in Stonington, CT, then



Fleet 5 "Grandkids Weekend"

sailed to the Dutch Harbor, RI, had a wonderful time in New Bedford, MA, Quissett Harbor Cape Cod and sailed through Woods Hole to Chatham on the southeast corner of Cape Cod. We returned home via Oak Bluffs of Martha's Vineyard, Cuttyhunk Harbor on the edge of Buzzard's Bay and Block Island. We rendezvoused in Block Island on the Full Sturgeon Moon in August and had a kids and grandkids party in West Neck Harbor of Shelter Island, Long Island. 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 superb performance of **Camelot**. And we met at the Annapolis 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 for Op Sail 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.



Fleet 5 sailing in Gardiner's Bay



Fleet 5 Summer Cruise to Chatham, Cape Cod

This season our plans begin with a Memorial Day Weekend rendezvous at the Guilford Yacht Club. Our Cruise Committee is planning our 2010 summer cruise. And in August we will again host "Grandkids Weekend". And on Labor Day Weekend we plan to be in Port Jefferson (west) and Deep River, CT (east) attending the Goodspeed Opera House. 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).

We are also paying particular attention to sharing our joy and good fortune with the physically disabled through the Sail Connecticut Access program. And we are developing a series of hands-on learning events about safety and sailing.

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*,

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<http://c36fleet5.org/>

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!

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 more information about **Fleet 5** please contact our Membership Chair, Keila Quintaes, at keiladq@optonline.net.

*Happy Sailing!
We Hope to Have You Aboard!*



Fleet 5 cocktail party in Hamburg Cove