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Catalina 36 Sailors,

Owning a Catalina 36 is not just about sailing the world's most popular, most beautiful 36' sailboat ever built – it's also about C36 owners sharing time and knowledge with other C36 owners.

Your C36 International Association, over the past three years, has been giving increased energy to the support of local C36 sailors interested in creating or revitalizing regional one-design fleets. In response to those interests we have successfully organized new fleets on the California coast (Fleet 10/Gold Coast) and Lake Ontario (Fleet 7/Lake Ontario), and recreated Fleet 6/San Diego and Fleet 2/Long Beach. Across the nation we now have thirteen active fleets, with two more in the planning stage.

As the membership of the International Association has grown in recent years, we have found that some of our local fleets have declined in membership. It is at the local level that owners of identical boats can find hands-on support for projects, problems, installations, and modifications. It is between local boat owners that information is passed and amassed regarding the various systems found in your boats and their maintenance. It is also between owners of similar boats that lasting friendships can be formed and memorable sailing events can be planned.

It is the hope of your International Association's officers, that, as you are contacted by representatives of the local regional Catalina 36 fleet, you will consider supporting that fleet by joining for the first time and becoming an active member, or by renewing your membership if you had allowed your membership to expire. This interaction of C36 owners on the local level becomes all the more valuable with the recognition that this classic cruising sailboat is no longer in production by Catalina Yachts.

If for some reason you are not familiar with local fleet activities, correspondence is included in this mailing from representatives of your regional C36 fleet.

Other C36 sailors/owners are out there waiting for you. Contact your local fleet representatives today about joining or renewing your membership.

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