

CATNIP CUP 2003

June 14 and 15, 2003

Richard Spindler of Latitude 38 started the Catnip Cup three or more years ago as a no-host informal cruise for Bay Area Multihulls. The Catnip Cup is a no-host overnighiter to Vallejo for multihulls of all kinds. It will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2003 and is designed as an informal cruise from San Francisco Bay to the Vallejo City Marina. There will be a potluck dinner on the guest docks and a return sail back on Sunday, June 15, 2003. The objective is to have some fun sailing with similar boats, meet others with multihulls, talk about boats, see a bunch of multihulls up close, but most important – have a good time. Anyone with a multihull is invited to come along. If you are interested in multihulls, you're welcome. There will be a list of participants that we will distribute so you can figure out who/what that other boat is, the one that passed you or the one you passed, or the one that is "looking good" or ? We will also have nametags in Vallejo so you can equate names with boats and meet people easier. Richard tells me that Profligate, Latitude's Surfing 63 catamaran will be there and we expect about a dozen, judging from last year.

Be sure to officially sign up for the Catnip Cup if you plan to attend. Send an email with the sign up information (see Sign Up Section) to me, Glenn Fagerlin, at gf@sracorp.com and I will "register" you and put you on the list of participants. This will give us an idea of how many boats we can expect and help with planning. I will send a final list to those that signed up a few days before the Catnip Cup. Keep in mind that the Catnip weekend also includes the Delta Ditch race and falls on Father's Day weekend. Scheduling was difficult this year but make it a Father's Day sailing weekend and bring everyone along. The Bay Area Multihull Association (BAMA) will be represented since the Catnip Cup is part of the cruise calendar for BAMA. BAMA is hard at work putting together a classy **Catnip Cup 2003 T-shirt** that will be available on docks in Vallejo for about \$10, for those interested.

Want to visit past Catnips to see what its like? Pictures and reports from last year's Catnip Cup can be found on:

The BAMA Website at <http://bamabox.stanford.edu/Catnip.htm>.

'Lectronic Latitude has coverage of the last 2 years –

<http://www.latitude38.com/LectronicLat/2001/June2001/June11/June11.html#anchor1085433> and
<http://www.latitude38.com/LectronicLat/2002/June2002/June10/June10.html#anchor1085433>

'Lectronic Latitude Announcements for past Catnip Cups –

<http://www.latitude38.com/LectronicLat/2001/June2001/June4/June4.html#anchor9971484>
<http://www.latitude38.com/LectronicLat/2002/June2002/June5/June5.html#anchor88554>

With the Catnip Cup, you sail any course you want. You can also motor as much or as little as you want. We will use **VHF channel 71 to communicate** with each other, handle any questions or make last minute changes if necessary.

The Start: There is no “official start” but we do have a general start time – it’s high noon on June 14, 2003. The fleet will gather in the vicinity of the Golden Gate Bridge and Yellow Bluff (on the Marin side) at about 11:30 AM. Of course there are a number of other informal starts with boats joining the fleet around Angel Island or wherever is convenient to your home berth. Just join the procession anywhere along the way.

The Course: The course is simple – head to Vallejo any way you choose. It is around 20 miles, over all. In the past, most boats have headed over to the City Front and then to Vallejo. No one seems to want to go dead downwind through Raccoon Straights. Everyone should pass by, or get passed by, everyone else. Great photo opportunities are expected. Check out last year’s photos on the links above. Generally, photos are swapped so you can get a “Looking Good” picture of your boat under sail from another “Catnipper” by email or otherwise.

Current, Winds and Tides: There should be a flood all the way to Vallejo. Below are the currents for the central bay and Vallejo.

Alcatraz Island S, San Francisco Bay, California Current, 14 June 2003 - 15 June 2003

2003-06-14 11:15 PDT 2.37 knots Max Flood
2003-06-14 14:32 PDT -0.01 knots Slack, Ebb Begins
2003-06-14 16:39 PDT -1.51 knots Max Ebb
2003-06-14 19:39 PDT 0.00 knots Slack, Flood Begins
2003-06-14 20:32 PDT Sunset
2003-06-14 22:46 PDT 1.58 knots Max Flood

2003-06-15 01:20 PDT -0.00 knots Slack, Ebb Begins
2003-06-15 04:45 PDT -3.63 knots Max Ebb
2003-06-15 05:47 PDT Sunrise
2003-06-15 08:43 PDT 0.00 knots Slack, Flood Begins
2003-06-15 12:05 PDT 2.33 knots Max Flood
2003-06-15 15:23 PDT -0.01 knots Slack, Ebb Begins
2003-06-15 17:28 PDT -1.43 knots Max Ebb
2003-06-15 20:28 PDT 0.00 knots Slack, Flood Begins
2003-06-15 20:33 PDT Sunset
2003-06-15 23:34 PDT 1.49 knots Max Flood

Mare Island Strait, So Vallejo, California Current, 14 June 2003 - 15 June 2003

2003-06-14 01:13 PDT -0.00 knots Slack, Ebb Begins
2003-06-14 04:15 PDT -2.77 knots Max Ebb
2003-06-14 04:15 PDT Full Moon
2003-06-14 05:45 PDT Sunrise
2003-06-14 09:04 PDT 0.01 knots Slack, Flood Begins
2003-06-14 12:40 PDT 1.37 knots Max Flood
2003-06-14 15:44 PDT -0.00 knots Slack, Ebb Begins
2003-06-14 16:56 PDT -0.73 knots Max Ebb
2003-06-14 19:27 PDT 0.00 knots Slack, Flood Begins
2003-06-14 20:33 PDT Sunset
2003-06-14 22:59 PDT 1.82 knots Max Flood

2003-06-15 01:57 PDT -0.01 knots Slack, Ebb Begins
2003-06-15 05:05 PDT -2.77 knots Max Ebb
2003-06-15 05:45 PDT Sunrise
2003-06-15 09:54 PDT 0.00 knots Slack, Flood Begins
2003-06-15 13:38 PDT 1.40 knots Max Flood
2003-06-15 16:49 PDT -0.00 knots Slack, Ebb Begins
2003-06-15 17:57 PDT -0.68 knots Max Ebb
2003-06-15 20:22 PDT 0.00 knots Slack, Flood Begins

2003-06-15 20:33 PDT Sunset
2003-06-15 23:50 PDT 1.70 knots Max Flood
2003-06-16 02:45 PDT -0.00 knots Slack, Ebb Begins

Destination: The final destination is the Vallejo City Marina. Go through San Pablo Bay into the Carquinez Straights and turn left into the Mare Island Straights, which is where the Napa River joins the Carquinez Straights. Proceed up the Mare Island Straights to the Vallejo City Marina. The entrance to the guest docks is the North entrance, and the second entrance, as you proceed North in the Mare Island Straights channel. It is North of the Vallejo Yacht Club and almost to the Mare Island Bridge. Just look for a bunch of mulihulls on your right.

Vallejo City Marina: The city marina is the one farthest down the Napa River and closest to the Mare Island Bridge. Use the last entrance, not the first one you come to. The Catnip Cup has reserved the guest dock for the evening of Saturday 6/14/2003 so you do not need to register. The cost of an overnight berth is \$15 up to 49 feet, \$20 for the big guys, at the harbormaster's office. If you want to check with the marina call 707-648-4370 and ask for Barb or Jim Hausner, the Harbormaster. The guest dock is quite long and suitable for side ties. Rafting worked last year and two boats can generally fit on each side. Folks are encouraged to allow raft ups. Like last year, we expect a lot of people available to help guide you in and you get positioned correctly. The harbormaster did a great job and helped get everyone tied up at the guest dock. The marina advises that they can fit everyone in. If you are not into rafting, there is one end tie at the end of the guest dock. The river outside the marina is good for anchoring out. If you want to anchor out and need a "ride" to shore, I am sure it can be arranged. Just ask. Hail (shout, scream, wave your arms) someone or use channel 71.

The guest dock area and entrances have been dredged last August so there should be plenty of water. It should not be a problem on arrival or departure according to the marina. Below are tides at Vallejo if you are interested. A plot is available at <http://tbone.biol.sc.edu/tide/tideshow.cgi> if you want to check.

Vallejo, Mare Island Strait, Carquinez Strait, California, 14 June 2003 - 15 June 2003

2003-06-14 00:58 PDT 7.05 feet High Tide
2003-06-14 04:15 PDT Full Moon
2003-06-14 05:45 PDT Sunrise
2003-06-14 08:19 PDT -1.58 feet Low Tide
2003-06-14 15:15 PDT 4.85 feet High Tide
2003-06-14 19:57 PDT 2.28 feet Low Tide
2003-06-14 20:33 PDT Sunset
2003-06-15 01:44 PDT 7.01 feet High Tide
2003-06-15 05:45 PDT Sunrise
2003-06-15 09:07 PDT -1.63 feet Low Tide
2003-06-15 16:08 PDT 4.94 feet High Tide
2003-06-15 20:33 PDT Sunset
2003-06-15 20:51 PDT 2.42 feet Low Tide
2003-06-16 02:31 PDT 6.81 feet High Tide

Party Time: The boats should arrive around 3:00 PM and everyone will have a chance to walk the docks, get acquainted and check out others boats. There will be a kind of potluck cocktail party on the docks with snacks. Judging from past Catnips everyone wanders the docks with drinks and munchies shared at a

central location. Most folks bring some munchies and share. Everyone brings his or her own liquid refreshments. For dinner most people adjourn to their boats and use the BBQ or galley stove. Some folks bring a BBQ and set it up on the dock. There are no BBQ facilities at the marina but plenty of grass and space near the guest dock. If you need galley facilities the larger boats will probably share their galleys – see Glenn on Perception, Kronos 45 Catamaran. If you are interested in restaurants there are two at the marina – the new Water Barge close to the guest dock and the Sardine Can (a short walk) according to the harbormaster’s office. We are planning a potluck desert and drinks event on one of the larger Cats so plan on bringing a desert to share after dinner.

Returning: The start home the next day is unscheduled. Leave when you want or hang out. The course is simple and the sail should be good. Last year we had a wind shift that allowed a reach all the way back. I will try to arrange a repeat this year.

Sign Up. If you got this far you know all about the Catnip Cup. To sign up fill out the information below and email it to me, Glenn Fagerlin, using gf@sracorp.com. I have filled in my information below as an example. You can fill in your own information and simply copy it to an email (cut & paste). Please put “Catnip” in the subject of your email so you do not turn into Spam. If you do not have email, fax your information to me at 800 707-3141 Attn: Glenn Fagerlin. No email and no fax? – Call me at 800 707-3140 ext. 100.

Sign me up for the Catnip Cup on June 14th and 15th.

<u>Boat Name:</u>	PERCEPTION
<u>Type, length and color:</u>	Kronos 45 Catamaran – white w. blue stripes.
<u>Skipper and Crew:</u>	Glenn Fagerlin + to be determined.
<u>Email and/or phone or Fax:</u>	gf@sracorp.com , 800 707-3140 x100 Fax: 800 707-3141
<u>Other Information:</u>	Crew, items of interest, etc.