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The Newsletter of the Florida Offshore Multihull Association

Boat Show Special Edition

by Colin Povey

Well, the annual Strictly Sail St. Petersburg boat show is soon upon us. This year, because of timing, we have an unsurpassed opportunity to get some new members for FOMA from the show.

The show runs from Thursday, November 3rd through Sunday, November 6th. Because November starts on a Tuesday, we are able to have a FOMA meeting on our usual date, the third Tuesday of the month, or Tuesday, November 15th. The third Tuesday usually falls during Thanksgiving week, preventing a normal meeting.



So, this year, we can meet people at the Sail Boat show and invite them to a FOMA meeting only a week after the show. We typically can only invite them to a meeting in January, by which point the 'excitement' from the show has worn off.

This is a great opportunity to meet people at the show and get them to come to a meeting while they still have the 'high' from the show.

We have also come up with a new idea on how to attract people to FOMA. Instead of offering a newsletter subscription, or just free multihull information, we have come up with the idea of coming to a FOMA get-together and having a free sail on a multihull! Obviously, this will require work on our part, so this is going to be the basis of our October meeting, figuring out all the details of how to make this work.

So, at the October meeting, we will need people to have their thinking hats on, to figure out how to:

- >Get people to sign-up for a sail.
- >Get them to a meeting
- >How to pull-off providing a positive sailing experience for our guests.

See you at the meeting!

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Our Next Meeting

Our October meeting will take place at Applebees located at 5110 East Bay Drive, just West of US 19 in Largo. This is in the Tri-City shopping center.

As usual, happy hour starts about 6:00 PM or so, with the meeting starting at 7:00 PM.

Unlike most of our meetings, we will not have an educational speaker this month. The Boat Show is coming up in just a few weeks, and we need to figure out how to interest more people in join our little band of sailors.

Be sure to read the article on the first page for information on our rough plans for the sailboat show, our November meeting, and how you can help our club.



Apparently, there are also plans in the works for a Halloween party. Be sure to come to the meeting to find out more!

From the Editor

Charlie Joswig is, as we speak, motoring (and occasionally sailing) his new Gemini from Maryland to Florida.

Sailing with Charlie are Uncle Sid and Captain Ron. Charlie says Ron is a pretty good cook!

I just spoke to Charlie. They are five miles off the coast of Hilton Head, South Carolina. The 'plan' is to arrive home around October 25th or 26th.

Charlie reported they even got to sail for two hours one day! Almost unheard-of on a delivery from up North!

See the next page for a report from Ron, and the back page for a picture.

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The Delivery of Cat-O-Hullic

by Captain Ron Butler

As I write this Charlie and I just finished our hash and eggs while we wait for the Jordan Ave lift bridge on the ICW at Chesapeake, Va. Just south of Norfolk (10/07/05). Only opens after 8:30 AM.

Our little adventure started when I met Charlie at the Days Inn in Annapolis Sunday afternoon and we took his rental car on a quickie tour of Annapolis, found a 12 pack of Bud Light and went to visit his new boat. We found the boat at the Performance Cruising yard on Back Creek right next to Bert Jabin's yard. It was in the water ready to go. Even had the name on it (Cat-O-Hullic). We entertained several tire kickers that came down the dock. They need a salesman on Sundays.

Next morning, Monday, we checked out of the Days Inn and met Will (Tony Smith's son-in-law. Tony owns the company) who gave us the new boat owner briefing and a set of Gemini coffee mugs. The sea trial went as expected except we found maybe a cup of water in the bilge. On Tuesday, We went shopping for boat junk and provisions (Break Out Another Thousand) while Will tried to find the source of our leak. Finally, Will got Tony involved. Pesky little leak turned out to be water trapped in the motor mounts from engine testing when the boat was on dry land. They dried out the water and it's been dry since, so I guess that was it.

After spending several thousand of Charlie's money, we returned the rental car and we spent the rest of Tuesday stowing all the stuff we bought, getting fuel, ice, water, and generally preparing to cast off. The only things we forgot (so far) is binoculars, a fly swatter, and a cruising guide for points south.

We left Annapolis Wednesday (10/04/05) and

discovered that we had inadvertently turned off the fridge. While everything was still cold, our ice cream sandwiches were now cream sandwiches. Charlie has a 1500 watt inverter and he thinks it's really cool that he can run a real coffee maker off the battery system.

Cat-O-Hullic made our first anchorage at Smith Point near Reedville, Md. We anchored (finally) about 6 PM in the Little Wicomico River. It took three attempts with the new 35 lb Delta before we gave up and tried the 22 lb Danforth. It bit and held on the first try. A good reason for carrying different anchor types. I'll bet that we would have had a hard time with any plow type in that bottom. Fortunately, the wind stayed constant at about 10 knots from the Southeast all night. We set an anchor alarm but had my usual problem with the dang thing going off for a minor swing. Finally set it at 100ft and it never went off again. I fixed a batch of Jambalaya for dinner, Refrozen ice cream sandwiches really suck.

Next morning we set out about daylight motor sailing at about 7-8 knots while I gave myself a haircut. The hell with the pony tail, the hair was bugging me.

We passed the Navy yards at Norfolk by about 5:00 PM (10/06/05) and then anchored across from the battleship Wisconsin. A quick stop at Tidewater Marina to spend another hundred and take on fuel. We used 14 gallons of diesel and the clock has us at 22 hours so (14/22=.64 gallons/hour), not bad. Of course, we've been running break-in procedures on Charlie's new Westerbeke diesel (varying the speed frequently). We also got a cruising guide, kitchen knife and an ice cream sandwich (we're really cruisers now).

Now we're doing the bridge battles headed south

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Cat-O-Hullie at Dock

