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The **MainBrace** cover featuring Lenka and Adam Wright and their children Amy, AJ and Ellen, is an excellent reminder that the Catalina 22 National Sailing Association was founded as a family-oriented sailing organization.

Recipients of the New Racer award, Lenka and Adam raced their Catalina 22 Sport "Tiny Dancer" (#15776) in the Silver Fleet at this year's National Championship Regatta in Pensacola. Their home sailing club is the Navy Yacht Club of Pensacola.

Boat photograph by Ted McGee.

Family photograph by Megan Young.



Events Calendar

Apostle Islands Cruise

August 23 to 29
Bayfield, Wisconsin

Throwdown in Motown Region 4 Championship

August 29 & 30
North Star Sail Club
Lake St. Clair, Michigan

Hood Regatta

September 19 & 20
Houston Yacht Club
Houston, Texas

Po Oi Kowaliga Regatta

October 3 & 4
Dixie Sailing Club
Lake Martin, Alabama

Grand Annual Regatta

October 3 & 4
Cave Run Sailing Association
Morehead, Kentucky

Oi Man of the Sea Regatta

October 10 & 11
Fort Worth Boat Club
Fort Worth, Texas

Terlingua in Exile Regatta

October 24 & 25
Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club
Dallas, Texas

Wurstfest Regatta II

November 13, 14 & 15
Lake Canyon Yacht Club
Canyon Lake, Texas

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Catalina 22 National Championship Regatta

June 6 to 10
Lake Martin, Alabama

Send event updates to Editor Rich Fox at c22mainbrace@yahoo.com



C22NSA Special Award Winners



Frank W. Butler Impact Award

Cruising / Sailing Family of the Year

Sandy Kennedy Award

Best Photograph

Best MainBrace Article

Regional Commodore of the Year

Betty Gay Clements Women's Trophy

Dick King Sport Trophy

Long Distance Award

Sportsman Award

Youth Sailing Award

Big Boy Heavyweight Trophy

Thank You Award

Newest Racers

Dora McGee

Gordon & Mary Kayser

Ben Miller

Glen Gustafson

Julie McBride

Rich Gailey

Jennifer Bennett

Jerome Petritsch

Don Woodhouse

Keith Bennett

Colin Raynal

Bob Cook

Hal Smith

Adam and Lenka Wright, Julie McBride, Ron Rabine, Liana Raggio & Evan Noon, Lowell Crook, and Glen Woodhouse.



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- Go to Resources
- Select Web Links
- Select Useful Links
- Scroll down to “2026 National Regatta Photographs”





Ben Miller
Sandy Kennedy Spirit Award



Rich Gailey
Regional Commodore
of the Year



Jennifer Bennett
Betty Gay Clements Women's
Memorial Trophy



Don Woodhouse
Long Distance Award



Bob Cook
Big Boy Heavy Weight Trophy



Jerome Petritsch
Dick King Sport Trophy



Colin Raynal
Youth Sailing Award



Keith Bennett
Sportsman Award



Newest Racer Award Recipients - Adam and Lenka Wright, Julie McBride, Ron Rabine, Liana Raggio & Evan Noon, Lowell Crook, and Glen Woodhouse.



Hal Smith
Thank you award.





Frank W. Butler IMPACT Award Dora McGee

By Rich Fox, Editor

Photograph by Ted McGee

Behind every great sailing organization is an even greater woman!

Although there many great women in the Catalina 22 National Sailing Association, there is one lady who truly stands out and has made a tremendous impact to the Catalina 22 National Sailing Association – Ms. Dora McGee.

The challenge we experienced with Dora is how do you recognize her? After all, Dora has been the recipient of many prestigious awards including the US Sailing John H. Gardiner Jr. Trophy for One Design Service and Leadership, the US Sailing Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Medal, co-recipient of the South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association H. Willard Davis Service Award, and the Leadership award and Lifetime award from the Catalina 22 National Sailing Association. So, we decided it was most appropriate to create a new, unique award – and we named it the Frank W. Butler Impact Award.

We all know that Frank Butler made an enormous impact and contribution to the sailing industry, enabling tens of thousands of people to be introduced to the fun of sailing. And we also know that Frank Butler was always very supportive and responsive to his customers regardless if you owned a 12-foot Catalina, Catalina 470, or a Catalina 22.

Today, we have the honor to recognize and present Dora McGee with the inaugural Frank W. Butler Impact Award. As the Association's Secretary and Treasurer since 2005, the Impact award honors Dora's 20-plus years of exceptional volunteerism, dedication, leadership and selfless service that has significantly elevated and strengthened the Catalina 22 National Sailing Association.

For two decades, Dora McGee has served as the matriarch of the Catalina 22 National Sailing Association. Not only did Dora managed the business affairs of the Catalina 22 National Sailing Association, but she also managed new memberships and renewals.

For those of you who are here today to enjoy a great week of Catalina 22 racing, you have Dora McGee to thank. Dora, along with her husband Ted and our PRO Hal Smith have been responsible for improving the quality of the Catalina 22 National Championship Regatta. Dora helped to drive a near flawless set of race documents (Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions), and worked with the Association's Vice Commodore and Commodore to ensure a high quality and memorable experience for all of you who traveled to participate in this week's premier event.

Dora always takes the time to help out Catalina 22 sailors and members of the Catalina 22 National Sailing Association. For example, while sailing the Northern Gulf Coast Cruise with husband Ted on their Catalina 22 MK-II, Dora sent a text to our Editor Rich Fox to get the phone number for our Chief Measurer David Hayslip in response to a timely inquiry by a Catalina 22 sailor attending this year's Nationals.

If you look around at the many other sailing organizations and Catalina Yachts sailing associations, many of them have become inactive and fallen by the wayside during the past two decades. Fortunately, in part to Dora's admirable work ethics, exceptional contributions, and continued commitment to the Catalina 22 National Sailing Association, this organization remains strong and vibrant to this day.

Dora and her husband Ted have been sailing their Catalina 22 MK-II "Rhapsody in seA" since purchasing it in 1995. Both have contributed so much to the Catalina 22 National Sailing Association. When Dora and Ted are not sailing on their Catalina 22 MK-II, they are often volunteering their time to help with race management for major regatta events throughout the Southeast.

We are very fortunate to have Dora McGee as our friend and a long-time leader of the Catalina 22 National Sailing Association.

After two decades of dedicated service, Dora's dual role as Secretary and Treasurer is being split and she will continue on as the Association's Secretary for at least another two-year term.

Thank you Dora for everything you have done for the Catalina 22 National Sailing Association!



2026 National Champions - Justin Chambers, Doug Thome, Darren Chambers with PYC Commodore Steve Cozart.



2nd Place - Mitch Bullock, Duane Hebdige, Dustin Hoffman Chen with PYC Commodore Steve Cozart.



3rd Place

Ryan Jordan, Lauren
Scott, Andrew Clarke
with PYC Commodore
Steve Cozart.

4th Place

John Handler, Aiden Handler,
Stuart Muir with PYC
Commodore Steve Cozart.



5th Place

Todd Garner,
Jennifer Bennett,
Keith Bennett





1st Place

Allen Kennedy, Mark Cline
with PYC Commodore
Steve Cozart.

2nd Place

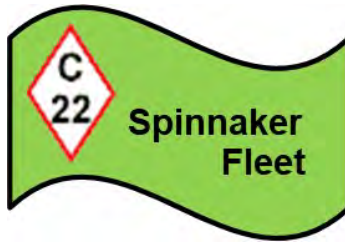
Jerome Petritsch with PYC
Commodore Steve Cozart.



3rd Place

Bob Cook, Lowell Cook with PYC
Commodore Steve Cozart.





1st Place

Duane Hebdige,
Mitch Bullock, Dustin
Hoffman Chen

2nd Place

Justin Chambers



3rd Place

Bo Scott





National Champions photo op - Justin Chambers, Doug Thome, Keith Bennett, Hal Smith, Bo Scott, David Hayslip



Silver Fleet Champions photo op - Allen Kennedy, Bill Apker, Bo Scott, Rich Gailey, Mark Heinold, Duncan McBride, Jennifer Bennett.

BANG!!

By Ron Rabine ("BING" #847)

BANG unfortunately that was not the start signal of my first Catalina National race as skipper.

Rather it was the rear window of my tow vehicle exploding at 5pm the night before our expected 5am departure from Michigan to Pensacola. I am embarrassed to say after 40 years of trailering for work and pleasure my hook up looked at twice for the big day was bad. It was only three miles from the club to home to pack, but the hitch jumped the ball, and the bow winch smacked the window. Never thought it would happen to me, so lesson learned.

9:00 AM instead found wife and crew Tary and I at an auto scrap yard opening pulling a tail gate off a junk car after hours calling auto glass companies and yards. 11:30 AM and we are off well almost as after my normal ten-mile load check a missing bearing buddy is found (it was there last evening). Auto store stop and six hammer taps later resets start till noon.

Three hours later it started to rain and rain and rain harder slowing speeds to the point Tary says, "somebody does not want us to go". Now I have drove to Florida many times but never under two days of endless rain, it was like Forest Gump in the rain season of Vietnam. Thankfully it ended five hours from arrival the next day. So, we are pretty sleepy and not going to make our planned motel. So, we stop for dinner and reservation changes then as we hit the road BANG we GET HIT. A distracted driver rides her F150 hood a couple inches under the stern of our thankfully high trailer bunk boat. Just a small chip at the stern missing the gudgeons by 4 inches. She was last heard saying how hard it was going be to explain to the husband that she hit a boat on land in central Kentucky.

AHHH . . . Friday a relaxed set up at Pensacola Yacht Club, what a venue it is starting with a large lot to stage and park, an efficient circle to and from the ramp to que launching boats ending with a hose on the way out for salt removal (something new to us sweet water sailors) to finish the loop. Saturday we meet Andy S a local sailor we hooked up with on the Fleet 148 Facebook page. He was a joy to sail with especially on the windy four race day. Tary and I sail with





two at club events, but the muscle of a 25-year younger crew sure helps on long events like this. He is local and I recommend any who need crew in the area find him. Thanks for all your help Andy. Two days of practice even in breeze and we felt good. Sunday Mass to talk to the big guy about that trip and an evening in the hot tub and we are ready.

BANG BANG that is the sound of signals ashore for no racing and postponement. The Race Committee did as good a job as any with the tough choices to keep us safe from lightning. One of them days gave us time to go to the Naval Air Museum a bucket list item

mine and the friend I named my boat after. We wanted to do this together but now he is gone. (Love you Bing)

In the end we finished in the middle slipping from a promising top third first day. The compressed schedule had me get bold then swallowed up in the last two starts of lighter air. Lesson learned. We learned our speed is good and our appetites are wet so next year is booked. To all the new friends who helped us and each other in this traveling circus of Catalina 22 sailors THANK YOU.

Yes, the trip home was uneventful with smiles and a tan. Congratulations to the winners, even the ones who got a flag 'cause we who played all won.



WOW . . . What an Experience!!

By Julie McBride, First Lady of the Catalina 22 National Sailing Association

I had the best time ever at Pensacola Yacht Club at this year's nationals. Having never been to nationals before I had nothing to compare this to, but I must say the Catalina 22 National Sailing Association sure does know how to put on a good time. I would like to give a special thanks to Hal and Sally Smith and Ted and Dora McGee for all of the love, work, sweat and tears they put into making sure everyone has a good time. Hal does a phenomenal job of making sure that everyone is safe on the water.

I would have to say that from the VRBO that we stayed in (thanks Mitch Moses for being our "travel guy"), to the impromptu dinners that we had and on three different occasions with sailors from all regions in attendance and the 18 times that Duncan had happy birthday sang to him (thanks Ben Miller) were memories that will last a lifetime. I think I might now know why Duncan has never taken me before!!



The sailing was awesome (except for the day that I chickened out due to wind/waves), weather was definitely not in our favor, but everyone made the most of it and sailed their hearts out. Many boats endured a little, shall we say, damage or broken parts, but as I have always been told rubbing is racing. One thing I will say about the generosity and sportsmanship of the sailors in attendance is that everyone offered extra parts and help on repairs to keep as many sailors on the water as possible. I saw more masts dropped with Windex repairs from the tree that was hit by many (Including "Bushwacker"), I think that

Pensacola Yacht Club really should put a plague on the tree next to parking as a "water hazard" in our honor.

I am truly blessed to be a part of a family that loves this Association and sailing in general that I can now say I am a part of as well. I am so looking forward to the Region 8 Fall Circuit so that I can continue to sail and learn from Katie on "Bushwacker" so that next year when we go to Alabama, we can improve our sailing skills to become much better and fight our way up there with the BIG DOGS.

Boats, Beaches, Bushwackers, Birthdays, Bonfires and Big Waves!!

By Katie McBride

Region 8 Commodore

These are the things I remember most about the 2026 Catalina 22 Nationals.

While the racing is the main aspect of Nationals, this year I felt like the camaraderie was the greatest. On three separate occasions we had impromptu dinners with over 20 people in attendance from multiple regions. Though he was embarrassed, we even managed to sing with the help of many others a happy birthday to our Commodore Duncan over 18 times in a five-day span (you rock Ben Miller). We were able to check out Grand Lagoon Yacht Club and enjoy the hospitality of another club and have a great shrimp boil one evening. When the weather was bad and we couldn't be on the water you knew that the McBride crew would be somewhere with a Bushwacker in hand and a chair ready for you! I was told by several as the week went on that we were the party crew and if they needed something fun to do, they would just come with us. We had a few bonfires at the beach with friends, we shared drinks and racing tips and even enjoyed some awesome fireworks on the Commodore's birthday (they might have just been for the Blue Wahoo's game, but don't tell him that!)

As far as the racing side is concerned, the weather did not play into our favor this year, but everyone made the most of it. We had varying conditions across the board. We had low winds, high winds, thunderstorms and even some sunny days. It was a tough year on our race committee, but our fearless PRO Hal Smith and his awesome race committee persevered and gave us some awesome racing. This year was very special for me because I made the leap up to Gold Fleet and out of Silver Fleet.



It was also special because for the first time ever I had my mom, Julie McBride, on the boat with me. Except for two circuit stops in the spring she has had no racing experience and never crewed at Nationals, so we had a learning experience from the start. I never would have guessed we would have had as much fun in those crazy conditions as we did. Shout out to my other crew, Jim Covey, for sticking with us and keeping us on track. We



We might not have performed as highly as we could have, but we had the most fun (or at least the most Bushwackers! The boat really lived up to its name this trip). This year gave us the confidence boost we needed to show we really do belong in the Gold Fleet. Now we just need to work on sailing the boat and getting faster!

I had conversations with lots of people throughout the week, but I really want to give a shout out to Bo Scott for his words of encouragement on us joining in with the Big Dogs this year. That meant the world to me and helped prove to me that I am in this for the right reasons! Also want to give a shout out to Ted McGee for always reminding me and I quote “JUST SAIL FASTER AND YOU WILL DO BETTER” as if I had forgotten the reason, I was in the back of the pack. I am working on it, Ted! Region 8 has several circuit stops left this year and I can’t wait to get back on the water and use what I have learned from everyone this year.

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Duncan McBride, Commodore

Hello everyone,

It is hard to believe it is already halfway through July and another nationals is in the books. Anybody that didn't attend Nationals last month in Pensacola missed a lot of action. We had a busy week. The crazy weather and winds made racing challenging. But our infamous PRO Hal Smith with all his knowledge was able to give us some of the most competitive racing I have seen in several years. I believe there were thirty-two boats registered this year. That is awesome that the number has been building over the last few years. Let's make next year's nationals an even greater event. It is never too early to start your preparations for next year's nationals. The board has already started their part. Jennifer Bennett, our new Vice Commodore, has been busy with meetings and preparations for the big event.

There are some great cruising events still to come this year. Try to attend some of them. And there are a lot of great fall regattas coming up in different regions. I know Region 8 has four big fall regattas this year. So, there is still lots of traveling to do. We have not heard much out of several of the Association's regions in a while. If you have any events planned in your regions, please reach out and let Rich Fox (c22mainbrace@yahoo.com) our webmaster know. It would be great to know what is going on in different regions. You never know maybe some other people would travel to one of your events. We all need to do everything we can to build participation in the cruises and racing regattas. The Association can help promote events but only if you let us know about them and forward the information. It would be great to hear from all the regions. I would like a representative from each region to reach out to me and let me know some updated information about your region. How active, what kind of events, how many boats are they cruising or racing etc. Contact me and let me know what you have going on so we can work together to keep the sport of sailing alive.

We want to welcome the Association's new board members. Chuck Atkinson (Treasurer), Jennifer Bennett (Vice Commodore) and Mark Heinhold (Rear Commodore). The work that the board members do behind the scenes is remarkable. I want to personally thank all the board members for their continued support in the Catalina 22 National Sailing Association.

Let's all keep trying to attract new members to the Association so that we can keep it strong. We need to get some new fleets started this year and get some of the old fleets reactivated. Please don't forget to renew your membership. I am always available if you have questions or concerns so don't be afraid to reach out. Have a great summer and I hope to talk to you soon.

Duncan



Jennifer Bennett, Vice Commodore

Happy Summer Everyone!!! Just a quick update on the Nationals 2027. The dates are June 6 to 11, 2027 at Lake Martin, Alabama. The location will be Wind Creek State Park Located at 4325 AL-128, Alexander City, Alabama 35010. I have all the cabins reserved for our event.

Many individuals have contacted me to reserve one of the cabins and once I complete the list I will update. There are many campsites as well as RV sites (I am now more aware not to use the term "RV Hookups"). If you are interested in those you can make your reservations very easily online at alapark.com or contact the park directly at 256-329-0845. There are many hotels in Alexander City, Alabama which is less than ten miles to Wind Creek State Park. Also, there are many rentals through VRBO, Airbnb and other third-party rental sites. When you start looking let me know if you have any questions to make sure you are near the location of the Nationals. I will have a more detailed list soon.

If you have any input or suggestions please let me know. And I know!! COFFEE!!!!

Stay tuned!!

Sail On—

Jennifer

*Please join me at the 2027 Catalina 22
National Championship Regatta next
June on Lake Martin, Alabama.*





Mark Heinold, Rear Commodore

First I want to thank everyone for the great turnout at Pensacola for our National regatta. Severe weather and high winds made for many challenges. Congratulations to Justin Cambers and crew on returning to National Championship form.

As many of you know I had to simultaneously deal with my wife's multi month ICU lung illness during the critical planning and execution weeks of the Nationals this year. I wish it could have been under better circumstances. Many of the secondary aspects of the Nationals, such as tactics talks seminars, rules seminars, and ramp flow and dock management and many details were sacrificed as a result. I know it is a large commitment of time and finances to plan, prepare, travel for such an event, so in part you deserved better. I'm grateful to you all for making the Nationals a success despite my personal circumstances. Thank you to the association for the thoughtful flowers and everyone's prayers and support. My loss has changed my life forever, but I'm so grateful to have my C22 family support.

Next I want to just emphasize the importance of caution when towing with the mast up. Always double check for trees and obstacles. It seems like common sense, but we all lose awareness or get in a hurry, especially at an unfamiliar venue. We have now lost four Catalina masts and many more close calls in about one year's time at various regattas. Additionally, we've seen several ramp vs rudder pavement contact incidents. As we learned at Pensacola, not all ramps are created equal. Removing the rudder for launch and recovery is the safest course of action. Ironically rudder and mast replacements are becoming more difficult. Please let's all take a few extra moments of awareness to avoid these unfortunate incidents.

Lastly, I would like to give a shout out to Hunter Riddle and Schurr sails of Pensacola for donating the hull numbers and a giveaway Genoa for the class. Hunter was good friends with Joe Waters and is working with Linda Waters to continue the Catalina 22 Waters sail product design to be available in the near future.

In the meantime, he has added a class link to the Schurr version of Catalina 22 race sails that performed well and look awesome as seen on the next page.

Finally, I'm looking forward to seeing my Catalina 22 old friends and perhaps some new ones as we roll into 2027 regatta season. See you on the regatta circuit and at Lake Martin Alabama next June. Sail fast, and as always be safe on the water and look out for trees on land.

Mark



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David Hayslip, Chief Measurer

Congratulations to the Justin Chambers and Mitch Bullock teams for stellar national championship regatta performances! Mark Heinhold and his regatta team did an outstanding job with registration and measuring.

The issue of backstay flickers brought up at the Pensacola national championship regatta was raised at the competitors briefing. The few boats using them were allowed for the event and the Rules Committee would subsequently look into future considerations. The resulting ruling to exclude the backstay flicker as a modification of standing rigging is available on the website and membership feedback is open until September 15.

One of the competitors brought to my attention that boats had added crew during the week. The NOR for the national championship regatta allowed for a crew substitution process, but changing the number of crew was not specifically addressed although the registration also included listing crew. The Racing Rules of Sailing defer to class rules or the NOR for the issue of changing the number of crew. This is not a class rule for the Catalina 22s, but I have seen maintaining the number of crew in NORs in past regattas. Many regattas include specific safety items in terms of navigation or commercial traffic, so over time items come and go. Finally, changes to the NOR may occur between posting and closing of registration, so if there is a question or a doubt on a specific item or issue, we can address those there.

A big welcome to Jennifer Bennett as Vice Commodore! We are looking forward to next year's nationals. Jennifer and Keith have very extensive national regatta experience to draw on, so make your plans early!

Good Sailing,

David

NOTICE

Proposed Ruling #50: Backstay Flickers Not Permitted

Members of the Catalina 22 National Sailing Association are invited to share their feedback on the following proposed Class Rules ruling no later than September 15.

Your feedback may be sent by email to Chief Measurer David Hayslip at dhayslip197@gmail.com.

Under Section O, Method 2 of the Class Rules, the following is a proposal to establish Ruling #50 of the Catalina 22 Class Rules.

Proposed Ruling 50: Backstay Flickers are not permitted.

Justification/Rationale:

-- Backstay flickers are almost exclusively used on fractional rig boats especially those with swept back spreaders where backstays are more likely to sag into the path of the mainsail; the Catalina 22 masthead rig with wire backstay limits the benefit of using a backstay flicker

-- Simplifies optimization and measurement of competition yachts

-- Aligns with keeping Class Rules closer to one-design (P. Interpretation)

Proposed Effective Date: The targeted date for implementation of this proposed rules addition is ahead of the 2027 National Championship Regatta.



Dora McGee, Secretary

It has been very 'Hot' here in Georgia and seems to be the trend across most of the country. The nice thing is that we have had great wind along with the heat. I hope you will stay cool and are enjoying getting out sailing!

Thank you to everyone who submitted nominations for the annual special awards and those who attended the National Meeting and National Championship Regatta. This was the best meeting and regatta that we have had in many years, with ten fleets with 100 members in attendance.

With this report I have included the Minutes from the annual national meeting. Note: Two areas that say "see attached" are the financial reports from Chuck Atkinson, this was a preliminary report through April. Chuck is currently working on finalizing the fiscal year report and will be sending that report out in the near future. The other was for the Frank W. Butler Impact Award, and this was covered on the Catalina 22 website as well as in this current issue of the *MainBrace*; so, I will not include either of those in this report.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Our current membership is 360.

See you on the water,

Dora

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Minutes for C22NSA National Meeting

Sunday, May 24, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Venue: Pensacola Yacht Club

Pensacola, Florida

5:00 PM	Welcome / Meeting Called to Order	Duncan McBride
5:10 PM	Recognition of Fleet 148 and Pensacola Yacht Club	Duncan McBride
5:15 PM	Recognition of Special Guests And Special Presentation of Region 3 Awards	Mark Heinold
5:25 PM	Roll Call	Dora McGee

In Attendance:

- Region 3 ~ 4 Fleets with 44 Members
- Region 4 ~ 2 Fleets with 23 Members
- Region 8 ~ 3 Fleets with 31 Members
- Region 9 ~ 1 Fleet with 2 Members

In Total ~ 10 Fleets with 100 Members

5:30 PM	Introduction of Current C22NSA Officers	Duncan McBride
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In Attendance:

- Duncan McBride ~ Commodore
- Mark Heinold ~ Vice Commodore
- Dora McGee ~ Secretary/Treasurer

5:35 PM	Officer Elections – Introduce nominees for office	Duncan McBride
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- Rear Commodore – Mark Heinold (2 year term)
- Secretary – Dora McGee (2 year term)
- Treasurer – Chuck Atkinson (2 year term)
- Editor/Webmaster – Rich Fox (2 year term)
- Vice Commodore – Jennifer Bennett (1 yr term)

5:45 PM	Voting	Dora McGee
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Voting was taken by a Raise of Hands and count from Mail In Ballots
All nominees were accepted and voted in for their new term limits.

Commodore - Duncan McBride

Duncan again “Welcomed” our members. This year was a great year for attendance and participation in the National Regatta. We had several losses this year with closing of the Catalina Yachts manufacturing plant in Largo, FL. Plus, the loss of friend and sailmaker, Joe Waters. Duncan then asked Doug Thome to come up and say a few words about Joe.

Doug Thome ~ Doug and Justin Chambers met Joe Waters in 2005. Joe has been a great friend and has supported the Catalina 22 Class by making Championship sails. Doug talked Joe while he was in the hospital and again with Melissa, his wife, after Joe’s passing. A Memorial Service will be held sometime in July. Doug asked if there is anything we as a Class would like to do for his service. He then turned to meeting back over to Duncan.

Rear Commodore - Mark Heinold

No additional report at this time

Secretary - Dora McGee

Dora thanked everyone for making this a Regatta with the highest attendance in over the past 15 years. Currently we have 433 active/paid membership. We are staying at the same numbers as in the past 2 years. Dora also told the membership that we have stopped using the payment system of Authorize.net ~ Their per month fees were getting out of hand with the last few months being an additional \$250 per year. With research help from Chuck Atkinson, she took monies from a regular saving account to a short-term CD (4 months) with a better interest rate. Together she and Chuck are looking at more options for the future.

Dora spent about six hours at the Wells Fargo Bank fixing the errors that were caused by the transfer of ownership from Wachovia Bank to Wells Fargo Bank. Finding those errors caused the need to close our current accounts and re-open under two new accounts as well as open the new time deposit account (CD).

Treasurer - Chuck Atkinson

Chuck passed out the current Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statements. These reports are only through April 30, 2026. As we finalize this Fiscal Year he will send out the final reports. Chuck went over in detail some of the line items that needed to be created to explain the closing of the old accounts. See attached reports.

National Measurer - David Hayslip

David and the Rules Committee only had one topic of discussion and voting during this year. With the closing of the Catalina Yachts Manufacturing plant the Committee needed to reach out to Selden regarding how to keep a relationship for their mast on the Catalina 22. It is believed that there would not be any issues with them and there was a vote to keep the Selden Mast as an approved replacement.

The other topic that has recently come up is that some of the competitors have been adding a “Backstay Flicker” to the top of their masts. They are really intended for fractional rig boats where the forestay does not counter the backstay especially with swept back spreaders or synthetic rope backstays. While this is class legal for fleets such as the Melges, it has not been approved by the

Rules Committee. David opened up the floor for a short discussion of the Pros and Cons. Several members voiced their reasons for liking the flicker. David will submit to the Rules Committee for discussion and thoughts. (NOTE: As of July 3, 2026 ~ The Rules Committee has Proposed Ruling 50: Backstay Flickers are not permitted. This ruling has been opened to the membership at large, and they invited to share their feedback on the proposed Class Rules ruling no later than September 15.)

Cruising Captain
No Report

Stuart Weist

MainBrace Editor/Webmaster
See attached report

Rich Fox as read by Julie McBride

6:15 PM Special Awards

Cruising/Sailing Family of the Year ~ Gordon & Mary Kayser

Dora McGee presented this award to the Kayser's at the Northern Gulf Coast Cruise on May 9, 2026

Region Commodore ~ Rich Gailey
Presented by Katie McBride

Best MainBrace Article / Best Photograph ~ Glenn Gustafson
Dora McGee will mail this to Glenn at a later date.

Sandy Kennedy Spirit Award ~ Ben Miller

Presented by Duncan McBride for Ben's outstanding service in helping Katie improve her sailing/racing skills. Also, for his endless participation in Region 8.

Special New Award

Frank W. Butler Impact Award ~ Dora McGee

Presented by Duncan McBride for Dora's selflessness and service for over 20 years of dedication to the Catalina 22 National Sailing Association. See attached.

6:30 PM Old Business
None

Duncan McBride

6:30 PM New Business

Duncan McBride

Invitation to 2027 National Regatta to be held at Wind Creek State Park on Lake Martin, Alabama. As presented by incoming Vice Commodore, Jennifer Bennett.

6:33 PM Adjourn

Duncan McBride

Respectfully submitted,

Dora McGee
Secretary
7/3/2026



Chuck Atkinson, Treasurer

We have just begun a new fiscal year for the finances of the Association. Since a critical part of the finances is membership dues, let's look at the benefits of membership.

I initially think of the *MainBrace* online news magazine published by Rich Fox who does such a great job keeping us up to date with articles on multitudes of topics and with announcements of upcoming events. Few other sailing associations have their own publication. The *MainBrace* is where I go to keep up with regattas. I keep reading about these cruises and it seems interesting. I've not been on one yet, but one is in my future (helping keep older grandchildren while my son's family adjusts to a newborn and wife's shoulder surgery are my excuse for this summer). Additionally, resources galore are a part of membership benefits in *MainBrace*.

Let's not forget the *Catalina 22 Technical Manual* that is available for purchase and all the ideas to make our sailing safer and more comfortable. There are many very good ideas.

Regattas were just mentioned and getting to attend these are a benefit I enjoy. I like to compete and the competition in Catalina 22's is very good. I wish I were better at it and am still trying to improve which is likely the wish we all have. I like to sail in new locations, and the regattas have provided that opportunity. The competition is fun, but the best part is the greeting and catching up with the friends I've made in the Catalina 22 community.

I suspect those that like to cruise will agree that while sailing is fun, making and getting reacquainted with friends from the Catalina 22 community is best. I noticed the Apostle Island cruise coming up in August in the schedule. It isn't too late to sign on.

These are just a few of our benefits. If you know of a Catalina 22 sailor that isn't a member, invite them to sign up and join us as we enjoy Catalina 22s.

As to finances, the preliminary results are a bit better in the year ended 06/30/2026 than the previous year and we are close to having an annual surplus but not quite there. There are a couple of things to work out prior to the finances being finalized.

Sail On!!

Chuck



Stuart Weist

National Cruising Captain

The days are long, the nights are cool, and the wind is up. It's time to get out there and do some cruising. The Catalina 22 National Sailing Association has already had its members host some fantastic cruises this year and there are still a few more to come. Already we have seen a great Northern Gulf Coast Cruise, the Great Lakes Cruise, and the Chesapeake Bay Cruise. I was unable to join them but did manage a four-day cruise on Kentucky Lake this spring and it was amazing. So, before the summer passes you by its time to get out there and go cruising. There is no better way to seal those summer vacation memories with family and friends than getting out on the water.

Coming up we have the Apostles Island Cruise the week of August 23 to 29 sailing out of Bayfield, Wisconsin. This is a northern freshwater cruise that is certain to be filled with adventure. So, no more putting off your plans, now is the time to act and get out there on the water. If there is not a cruise that interests you or fits your schedule, why not plan one yourself? Don't know where to start? Just reach out and I would be happy to get you pointed in the right direction. Let's make the best of this summer and celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation by seeing as much shoreline as possible. I hope to see you out on the water!

Fair Winds My Fellow Sailors!

Stuart



Rich Fox, Editor and Webmaster

Thank you for your continued vote of confidence in re-electing me to serve another two-year term as Editor / Webmaster of the Catalina 22 National Sailing Association.

I am pleased to announce the expansion of *MainBrace* from four to six publications per year. I recently added the fifth publication in mid-June that was dedicated to the Catalina 22 National Championship Regatta. The sixth publication will be available in mid-September dedicated to cruising and technical tips..

The updated *MainBrace* publication schedule is:

- Winter MainBrace, January 15
- Spring MainBrace, April 1
- Summer MainBrace, June 15 (National Championship Regatta Edition)
- Summer-II MainBrace, July 15
- Fall MainBrace, September 15 (Cruising & Tech Tips Edition)
- Fall-II MainBrace, November 1

I hope some of you may utilize the *MainBrace* National Championship Edition as a publication that you may easily share with your local sailing friends to encourage them to participate in the fun of racing a Catalina 22 at the local, regional and national level.

The deadline for the Fall *MainBrace* is September 15, Noon Eastern. Please submit your favorite Catalina 22 cruising photographs along with the story behind the photographs. I am always looking for some new technical tips to include in *MainBrace*, so please do not be shy!

If you know of a business that might benefit from advertising to Catalina 22 sailors in *MainBrace*, please refer them my way. The *MainBrace* advertising rate card is available towards the end of this publication.

Thank you,

-Rich

Editor's email: c22mainbrace@yahoo.com

Mainsheet **Magazine** **Is Back!**

A Legacy **Continued**

By Holly Hannah

Publisher, Mainsheet Magazine Digital Edition



There are certain names in sailing that means more than the boats themselves.

For so many in our community, Frank Butler was one of those names. His vision built not only sailboats, but opportunity - boats that were accessible, capable, and meant to be used. Boats that carried families across bays, across oceans and into lifelong memories.

For me, this story is also personal.

My mom, Sharon Day, worked along Frank for decades. She was part of the heartbeat that behind the scenes - supporting owners, strengthening relationships, and helping shape the spirit that made Catalina Yachts feel like more than a manufacturer. She believed deeply in the people who sailed them.

Mainsheet magazine has always been a reflection of that belief.

It has never simply been a publication. It has been a gathering place - where owners share voyages, lessons, technical insight, and the stories that only sailors understand. Its purpose has never been about ink or paper. It has always been about connection.

That purpose matters now more than ever.

Catalina boats may be built of fiberglass and teak, but the Catalina legacy has always been built on people. On owners who cross oceans and those who cruise close to home. On families that race together on Wednesday nights. On couples who anchor in a quiet cove and remember when they started sailing. On first-time owners who step aboard and feel their world expand just a little.

That is the heartbeat of *Mainsheet Magazine*.

Bringing this magazine forward in a digital format through Catalina Yachts Store is both an honor and a responsibility. This is not about looking backward - It is about carrying a vision forward. A vision rooted in service to owners, in shared knowledge, and in the belief that sailing is at its best when it is shared.

This digital edition allows us to expand that connection in new ways - reaching owners wherever they are, highlighting stories, preserving technical wisdom, celebrating rendezvous and races, and honor the legacy that Frank, my mom, and Gerry helped build.

Whether you have owned your Catalina for decades or are dreaming of your first one, you are part of this community.

Fair winds,

-Holly Hannah, Publisher, *Mainsheet Magazine* Digital Edition

The Catalina 22 National Sailing Association continues to have a presence in ***Mainsheet Magazine*** and encourages C22NSA members to subscribe and support the legacy of Catalina Yachts! A subscription to *Mainsheet Magazine* is a great way to further compliment your membership in the Catalina 22 National Sailing Association.

-Rich Fox, Editor - Catalina 22 National Sailing Association

Joe Waters - Friend, Competitor, Coach and Sailmaker to the Catalina 22 Sailing Community.



Joseph Thomas Waters III

November 13, 1954 — May 15, 2026

The Catalina 22 sailing community lost a dear friend. Long time C22NSA friend, competitor, coach, and sailmaker Joe Waters passed away the morning of Friday, May 15, near Columbia, South Carolina. Our thoughts and prayers are with Joe's wife Linda, their extended family and friends.

The Catalina 22 sailing community knew Joe as a very competitive sailor who also designed and built top performing sails that dominated the Catalina 22 racing scene for decades. Joe was more than a great sailmaker - he was a wonderful friend who was always willing to share his knowledge, enthusiasm and love for the sport of sailboat racing.

Joe Waters began sailing in 1962 at the age of seven crewing on the family's Lightning. By nine, he was sailing El Toros, then Sunfish, Laser, Force 5, etc. Joe's 60+ years of sailing experience included being a member of the Citadel Sailing Team, multiple national and mid-winters championships in the Y-Flyer, Catalina 22, Capri 22, Raider Sports and JY 15. Joe's professional career began with Helms Yachts before opening Waters Sails in 1985.

In 1993 Joe began working with the Russian Olympic Sailing Team. In 1995, he was the first ever non-Russian accredited to the Russian sports program by becoming a valued member of the Olympic coaching staff. In the 1996 Olympic Games, Joe helped Russia take their first ever medal in sailing, a silver in the Soling Class.

**Celebration of Life is planned for Saturday, July 25,
Columbia Sailing Club, Columbia, South Carolina.**

Angelia Heinold

APRIL 4, 1967 - MAY 30, 2026



Angelia Marie Heinold, “Angie” age 59, passed away on 30 May 2026 approximately 2pm at Select Specialty Care Hospital of Pensacola FL after 7 weeks battling for her life. She was the wife of Mark Eric Heinold. They shared 17 years of marriage together.

Born in Memphis Tennessee, she was the daughter of Guy Ellis McHand Sr and Julia Marie Billings. She had earlier careers at American Express and Northwest Airlines but spent her last 17 years as a dedicated homemaker to her husband and their blended family of six children.



She was a member of Grand Lagoon Yacht Club, where she enjoyed sailing, jet skis, dolphin watching, beach going, wine, and time with her friends. She was incredibly creative, fashionable, and enjoyed art and music. But most of all she loved her family time poolside at home with her husband, Mark. And her dogs, Chowder and Henri.

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2nd Place

Team Dubble Bubble

Skipper: Ryan Jordan



3rd Place

Team Wicklow Way

Skipper: Rich Gailey





Blue Angels fly over during regatta.

Pos	Boat Name	Skipper	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Gold Rush	R. Pawlowski	5	3	1	1	2	12
2	Dubble Bubble	R. Jordan	2	5	3	3	1	14
3	Wicklow Way	R.Gailey	6	1	2	4	3	16
4	Fancy That!	J.Bennett	4	4	4	2	5	19
5	Mercury Rising	B.Ruffe	1	6	6	5	4	22T
6	Game Over	J.Handler	3	2	5	6	6	22T
7	Smooth Criminal	J.Fletch	7	7	7	8	8	37

Crescent Sail Yacht Club's One Design Regatta

By Mike Parrow



Or, the COD as it's being referred to.

Four Catalina 22's from North Star Sail Club made the trek south via Lake St Clair to Crescent sail Yacht Club for the event held June 13 and 14. Over the two-day period six races were conducted on two race circles, keelboats and dinghies. There were Cal 25's, Nonsuch 30's, Star Class, Crescent Class and Catalina 22's on the keelboat circle which made for interesting mark roundings and starts as the day progressed. The dinghy circle had Thistles, Lightnings, Flying Scotts, Melges 15's and F-18 cats. A total of 71 boats participated in what was once again a fun event.

Our Fleet 130 boats were: **Bing**, Ron Rabine, Taryn Rabine, crew?

Happy To Be Here, Jake Wolny, Ian Pouliot, Denny Meagher

Skylark, Mike Parrow, Amy Scott, Andy Parrow

Small Fry, Jim Hodson, Micheal Wells

Day one brought higher winds in the 15-20 range with gusts to 25. Four races were held with Mike Parrow (*Skylark*) 2,2,1,1 leading Ron Rabine (*Bing*) 1,3,2,2, Jake Wolny (*Happy To Be Here*) 3,1,3,3, and Jim Hodson (*Small Fry*) 4,4,5,4. There was a lot of place trading throughout all of the races with position changes occurring mostly at the mark roundings. At the end of the day there were some very tired and sore skippers and crews!

After the post race dinner and music, we all went home to get ready for the next day.

Sunday was a repeat of Saturday as far as wind goes. The weather was iffy as there were thunderstorms in the area. The race committee decided to go out and get some races in. The first race ended with *Skylark* 1st, *Happy To Be Here* 2nd, *Bing* 3rd and *Small Fry* 5th (DNS).

The second race was shortened, at the leeward gate, to two legs as the weather front drew closer. We finished with *Bing* 1st, *Happy To Be Here* 2nd and *Skylark* 3rd (and overtaking !) with *Small Fry* sitting the day out for a 5 (DNS). The entire fleet sailing on both circles made it back to the docks just before a torrential downpour and high winds blew through the southern lake area.

All in all, it was another great event with excellent racing (albeit the higher winds). CSYC did a great job providing dockage for us right in front of the clubhouse with excellent access to the kegs of Dragonmead, hot dogs, BBQ and entertainment.

Pos	Skipper	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total
1	Mike Parrow	2	2	1	1	1	3	10
2	Rob Rabine	1	3	2	2	2	1	11
3	Jake Wolny	3	1	3	3	3	2	15
4	Jim Hodson	4	4	5	4	5	5	27



Left - Mike & Amy Parrow

Above - Ron & Taryn Rabine

Photographs shared by Mike Parrow.

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The Last Catalina 22



For over nine months the last Catalina 22 built (hull number #15814) sat in the lifeless Catalina Yachts facility in Largo, Florida. Following the shut down in October 2025, assets went to auction on June 9, 2026 . The pictured Catalina 22 Sport was one of approximately one dozen other boats that were partially completed and awaited their fate, The auction marked the end of a 56-year continuous production run for the Catalina 22. Photographs by Bay Area Auction Services.

and her new owner



Jennifer and Keith Bennett taking the last built Catalina 22 to its new home at the Dixie Sailing Club in Alabama. Future plans TBD. Photographs by Jennifer and Keith Bennett.



The End of an Era?

By Rich Fox, Editor

With photographs provided by Jerry Bouschard and Bay Area Auction Services Inc.

What started out as a good idea to build a 22-foot sailboat, gradually grew to become the largest sailboat builder in the United States. With over 85,000 sailboats built since 1969, and responsible for getting tens of thousands of people out on the water and sailing, the history of Catalina Yachts came to abrupt end in 2025.

Following the passing of Founder and CEO Frank Butler in 2020, Sharon Day was named the President of Catalina Yachts. The company was in good hands as Sharon had been working side-by-side with Frank Butler since the mid-1970s. Sharon previously served as National Sales Manager and Vice President of Sales. She played a pivotal role in the tremendous growth of Catalina Yachts. After five decades of service to the company as CEO, Sharon retired in April 2025 following the sale of Catalina Yachts to Michael Reardon, founder of Daedalus Yachts.



There were media reports that the acquisition of Catalina Yachts by Michael Reardon would be a good move and help introduce new technologies to the business and the industry.

Unfortunately, within a few months Reardon defaulted on a one-million promissory note and on another million dollars in outstanding corporate payables, and rental payments for the manufacturer facility in Largo, Florida. The company was still owned by the Butler family.

In early October 2025, new CEO Patrick Turner announced a "temporary production pause" citing short-term financial challenges. However, posts on social media by Catalina Yachts workers stated they had gone weeks without a paycheck and medical coverage was severed.

A few weeks later another report came out that the Catalina Yachts facility was completely locked down after a Pinellas County court granted an eviction notice against Michael Reardon on October 22, 2025, following a breach-of-lease lawsuit filed by the sellers (the Butler family).

To help recover the financial losses resulting from the default by Reardon, the Butler family announced the total liquidation of all the manufacturing facility's contents in May 2026. On June 9, 2026, the brand's remaining physical assets, manufacturing tooling, and unfinished hulls were sold piecemeal at a public auction, marking the end of the company's 57-year legacy.

Who would have ever expected this from America's largest sailboat builder with tens of thousands of devoted customers?



Photographs by Jerry Bouschard



Left: vacated management offices.

Photograph by Bay Area Auction Services.

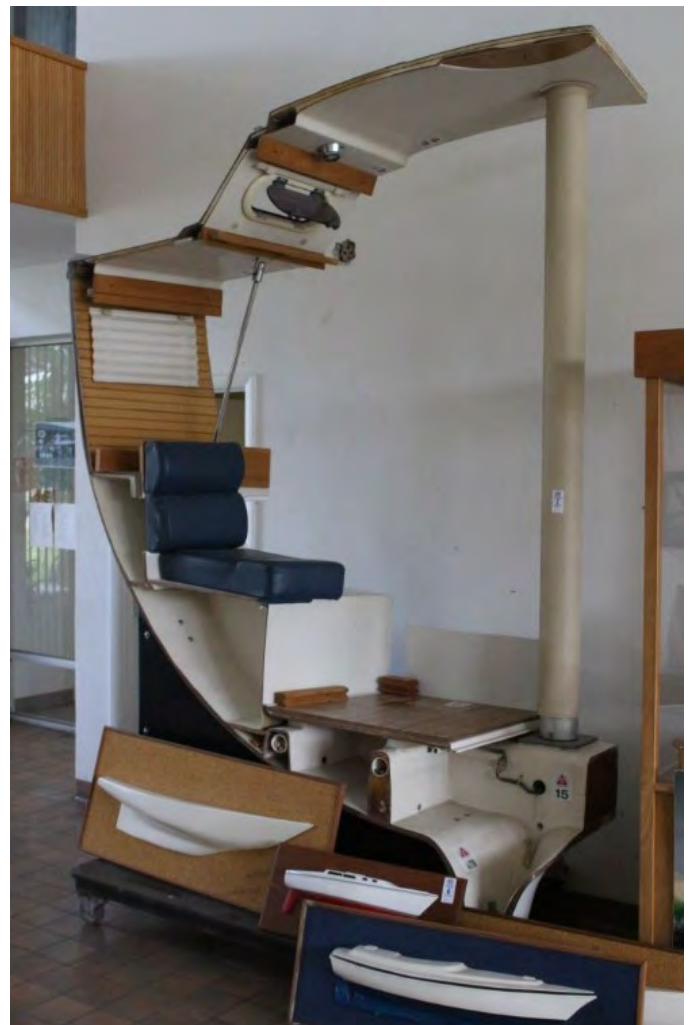
Right and below: parts for new boats that were never built.

Photographs by Jerry Bouschard





Above left: Catalina 22 sailboat model on display in a plexi showcase.



Above right: Rolling cabin / hull cut-out display.

Below: Plaque mounted boat models.

Photographs by Bay Area Auction Services.





Above: Catalina 22 Sport mold.

Below: the last Catalina 22 (#15814) went to auction without the swing keel, mast, and rudder.

Photographs by Jerry Bouschard





Above and left: an incomplete Capri 22 - hull #1360.

Photographs by Jerry Bouschard.



Below: a near-completed Capri 22 - hull #1359.

Photograph by Bay Area Auction Services.





Top: an unfinished Capri 14.

Below an unfinished Catalina 316 (hull number 97) waiting for hardware to be installed.

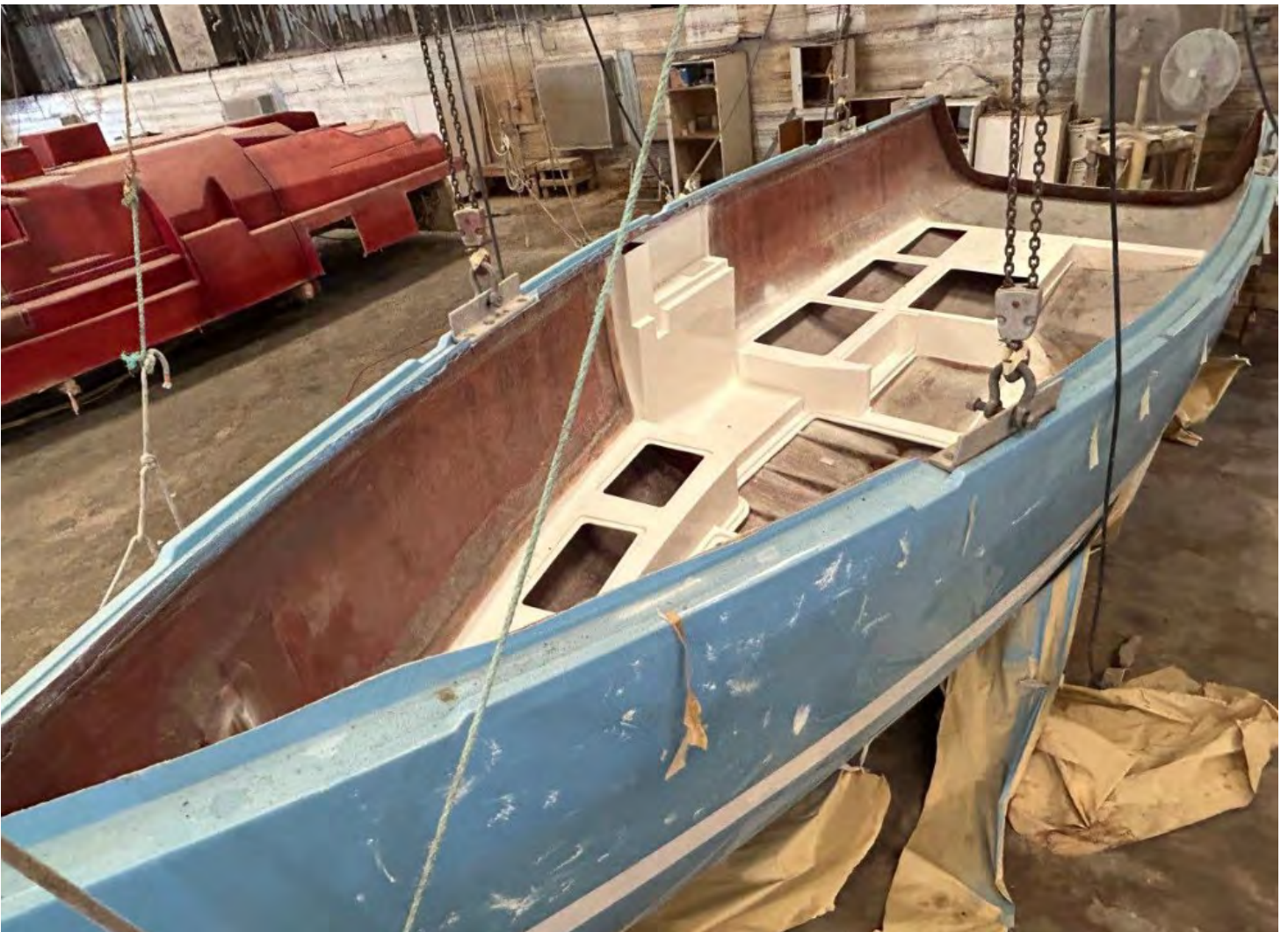
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Top: an unfinished Catalina 275 Sport hull - hull number 61. No deck. Photograph by Jerry Bouschard.

Bottom: interior view of unfinished Catalina 275 Sport. Photograph by Bay Area Auction Services.





Above: a mostly complete Catalina 356 - hull number 189.

Below: deck for a Catalina 386 - hull number 101. Photographs by Bay Area Auction Services.





Above: Catalina 426, hull number 122, mostly complete. No keel or mast.

Boats, big and small, in various stages of production. Photographs by Bay Area Auction Services.





Left: an incomplete True North 39 Pilot House motor yacht hull only.

Below: an incomplete True North 34 - hull number 128.

Catalina Yachts had acquired the True North line of Downeast powerboats in January 2019.



Below: an incomplete hull for the Catalina 545. The 545 was the new flagship for Catalina Yachts.

Photographs by Bay Area Auction Services.



The news of the closing of Catalina Yachts shocked customers, vendors, dealers and everybody involved with the company. The brand was loved and the loyalty was strong. Many Catalina Yachts enthusiasts had hopes of a recovery - that perhaps a knight in shiny armor would arrive, buy the assets, re-hire the former employees, and restore the glory that Frank Butler, Sharon Day, and Jerry Douglas had built. That did not happen. The Butler family was rumored to have no more interest in the company. The June 9th auction was the most unfortunate nail in the coffin.

Although the legacy operations of Catalina Yachts is no longer, we will always remember its impact. Catalina Yachts had a trans-formative and long-lasting impact on recreational sailing, shaped by its founder Frank Butler's philosophy, its enormous production scale, and its influence on both cruising and racing culture.

Catalina Yachts changed sailing – making it accessible to ordinary people. Catalina Yachts grew into one of the largest sailboat manufacturers in the world, producing more than 85,000 boats across its lineup and over 60 different models. This scale mattered: Catalina's boats were intentionally designed to be affordable, durable, and easy to sail. Frank Butler emphasized value, efficient manufacturing, and listening to customers, which kept prices within reach for middle-class families.

This approach helped expand sailing beyond yacht clubs and coastal elites, fueling the growth of trailer-sailing, family cruising, and entry-level ownership.

Catalina's design ethos—proven features, incremental innovation, and customer feedback—created boats that were stable, forgiving, and practical. This philosophy influenced the broader industry in several ways:

- Fiberglass construction became the norm for durability and low maintenance.
- Masthead sloop rigs and simple deck layouts set standards for ease of use.
- Trailerable cruisers like the Catalina 22 opened up inland sailing markets.
- Mid-sized cruisers such as the Catalina 27 and Catalina 30 became benchmarks for comfort and performance.

Expanding the culture of cruising and club racing. Catalina sailboats helped fuel the rise of:

- One-design racing fleets, especially around the Catalina 22 and 27
- Family cruising, thanks to roomy interiors and forgiving handling
- Community sailing programs, which adopted Catalinas for training and rentals

Because Catalina owners tended to stay loyal—Catalina Yachts boasted one of the highest repeat-customer rates in the industry—large, active owner associations formed around many models. These communities strengthened the culture of grassroots sailing and kept older boats active on the water.

Catalina's historical impact can be seen in several long-term trends:

- Normalization of value-driven boat building: Frank Butler and Catalina Yachts proved that well-designed, affordable boats could dominate the market.
- Growth of the American trailer-sailing movement: The Catalina 22 (first built in 1969) became one of the most iconic small cruisers ever produced.
- Stability in the mid-size cruiser market: Boats like the Catalina 27 and 30 set new expectations for comfort, layout, and performance in 27 to 35-foot cruisers.
- A multi-generational sailing pipeline: Many sailors began on Catalinas and stayed in the sport because the boats were approachable and reliable.



Frank Butler's original goal wasn't to become the biggest builder—just to build “good boats that are a good value.” Ironically, that philosophy is exactly what made Catalina Yachts a giant and leaving an ever-lasting impact on the recreational sailing industry.

Editor's Note-

While accessing the Bay Area Auction Services website with over 500 photographs of the assets to be auction, I noticed that not a single Catalina Yachts sailboat mold was listed. This seemed a little unusual and I thought that perhaps somebody, or a company, had purchased the Catalina Yachts and True North molds. Perhaps it is not an end of an era?



Or a New Chapter?

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

C & T Composites Announces New American Chapter for Catalina Yachts

Largo, Florida — June 30, 2026 — C & T Composites, LLC is pleased to announce a new chapter for Catalina Yachts and True North Yachts, with plans to restart manufacturing, introduce new models, and develop a new American-built adventure boat line for the next generation of boaters.

As the United States prepares to celebrate 250 years of American independence this Fourth of July, C & T Composites is proud to begin its own new chapter at the same time — restarting American boat-building, bringing skilled team members back together, and carrying forward respected marine brands that have long been part of the American marine industry.

With production staying in Largo, Florida, C & T Composites, LLC is committed to keeping Catalina Yachts' legacy of American manufacturing by experienced American boat-builders. The company will be led by CEO Patrick Turner, alongside Member John Chen, who brings extensive experience in multi-hull development, and Board Member Hiten Sonpal (iRobot & Rice Robotics), whose guidance will be instrumental in the company's strategic growth and profitability.

As part of this revitalization, former designers and engineers will be returning to assist with designs and developments. Their involvement will support C & T Composites, LLC's goal of honoring the heritage of Catalina and True North while developing fresh, modern designs for today's boating market.

In addition to revitalizing Catalina and True North, C & T Composites, LLC is proud to launch Xplor Yachts, a new adventure boat brand designed for today's active boaters — combining performance, versatility, comfort, and American craftsmanship.

"We are honored to have the opportunity to carry these brands forward," said Patrick Turner, CEO of C & T Composites, LLC. "Catalina and True North have earned tremendous respect over many years, and our goal is to preserve that legacy while bringing back experienced people who know these boats, adding new talent, and building the next generation of Catalina and True North boats right here in America. John and I also see a strong opportunity to create a new adventure boat brand, which reflects where the market is headed."

"We are very encouraged to see Catalina Yachts moving forward under the leadership of C & T Composites, LLC," said Rick Dieterich of Massey Yacht Sales, an authorized Catalina Yachts dealer. "Catalina has always had a loyal owner base and a strong reputation for practical, well-built sailboats. As America celebrates 250 years, it is exciting to see an American-built brand like Catalina entering a new chapter."

C & T Composites, LLC plans to reconnect with existing dealers, owners, vendors, and industry partners as operations resume. Additional announcements regarding production schedules, model plans, the Adventure Boat program, dealer programs, team member opportunities, and customer support initiatives will be released in the coming months.

About C & T Composites, LLC

C & T Composites, LLC is a Florida-based marine manufacturing and composite company led by Patrick Turner, CEO, together with Member, John Chen. The company is focused on boat-building, composite production, manufacturing support, product development, new model development, the revitalization of respected marine brands, and the development of new American-built boats for today's market.

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Requests for classifieds are now available on the www.catalina22.org website and available only to current members of the Catalina 22 National Sailing Association. Classifieds will be posted for up to 90 days. Classifieds are limited to 175 words, three pictures, and will typically post within five weekdays of receipt by the Editor/Webmaster (Rich Fox, e-mail: c22mainbrace@yahoo.com).

Classifieds must include the following information:

- Catalina 22 model year and hull/sail number (or HIN)
- Current location of Catalina 22
- An accurate description of the Catalina 22 and included accessories
- Price
- Seller's name, and e-mail address or phone number

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MainBrace

Fall / Cruising & Tech Tips Edition

September 15

MainBrace magazine is expanding to include an edition featuring Catalina 22 cruising and tech tips. Submit and share your recent cruising adventure stories and new technical tips.

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