

Skipper's Boat



Nesika, Catalina 27' David Hoens

I was first drawn into looking at the Cat 27 after I realized that my timid sailing wife was enjoying my Cal 20 keel boat. Although it had more stability over my racing dinghies, it still lacked comfortable, easy access to the cabin.

I think every potential boat owner perused the same book "The Top 25 Most Popular Cruising Boats", and for interior room and comfortable, easy sailing, the Catalina 27 fits the bill.

History- "With a production run of more than 20 years and over 6,600 boats produced, the Catalina 27 surely ranks as the most popular cruising sailboat built to date. Production of the Catalina 27 began in 1970 and by 1975, over 2,000 27s had been built. Early models were available with outboard power only. However, in 1973, Catalina began to offer an inboard Atomic 4 engine as an option. A variety of inboard engine options were available over the years. Catalina continued to offer an outboard option until 1989. In 1991, Catalina discontinued production of the 27' altogether.

As a new cruising boat owner I was fearful of an inboard and all the maintenance and engine 'know how' needed, so an outboard appealed to me not



only for more storage space but it could be removed and replaced easily if a problem occurred. "Nesika" has a newer 4 stroke 9.9 Yamaha high-thrust outboard which replaced the 2 stroke model that came with the boat, and here lies a most interesting 'one beer' story. The rear well was designed for the older smaller size outboard and the new 4 strokes were larger and didn't fit. I came across many creative ways which some owners adapted to make it work, from taking a saw and cutting out the transom, (Bad Idea!) to fabricating an ugly 2 foot extension – but *Nesika* had a S/S bracket designed and installed by George Doutre (aka Mr. Catalina), from Nanaimo, that raised and lowered the engine. Very cool and unique. George worked at Cooper boatyard in North Vancouver fabricating the Catalina 27, and fell in love with the boats. Over the years he has helped a lot of Cat 27 owners fix and maintain their boats.

Nesika is a 1978 standard mast-head sloop built in California with the standard keel, and standard raked spade rudder. The major improvements are new stainless keel bolts, re-fiberglassed keel, outboard s/s bracket, and cruising Gennaker with 'Chutescoop' chute.

LOA: 26' 10" LWL: 21' 9"
Beam: 8' 6" Draft, Standard: 4' 0"
Displacement, Standard: 6,850 lbs.
Ballast, Standard: 2,700 lbs.
Sail Area, Standard: 340 sq. ft.
Headroom: 6' 1"
Fuel: 15-20 US. Gal. Water: 18 US. Gal.
Designer: Robert Finch / Frank Butler
Builder, United States: Catalina Yachts, California
Builder, Canada: Cooper Enterprises, British Columbia

Next Pub Gathering

The next Pub Meeting is scheduled for Saturday 12th April. As usual this is at the Garden Bay Pub after the race, or around 12.30 pm if there is no race.

As requested there will also be the third talk on Racing Rules. The subject will be the rules at the Windward Mark.

Race/Cruise

The date for the first Race/Cruise has been changed from May 3/4 to May 10/11. The destination is Secret Cove. Please mark your calendars, and let Andy Paulus know as soon as possible if you intend on going. As this is the first weekend that the Upper Deck Restaurant will be open, it would help them if we can give an early indication of our numbers. This includes any spouses/friends/family who may drive down.

March Saturday Races

The first two weekends were a washout. The third weekend was a little tentative, but four hearty sailors showed up for the start. Conditions were rather typical for PH with light/no/some wind, and having taken 35 minutes to cross the start line it looked like Peregrine would walk away with the win, only to

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be overtaken by Pretender and Wings II near Skardon Island. The big winner was Nesika who caught everyone by surprise fifty yards from the finish with a sprint from behind. Nesika won on adjusted time by 13 minutes.....well done David Hoens. On the final Saturday four boats showed up for the start, but only two ended up racing due to very blustery conditions.

Summer Series 2014

The first race in this year's series will be on 5th. April. Lets get off to a good start. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible out on the water.

Rules Meeting

On 15th. March it was wet and very windy so instead of racing a few of the racing members met to listen and learn a little more about the rules that come into play at the Start of a Race.

Once again the UKSails' Rules Quiz was the basis for discussion. A number of the situations raised good discussion, especially the example in S10. The Rule that was being examined was 16.1 Changing Course "When a right-of-way boat changes course, she shall give the other boat room to keep clear".

The example showed a Starboard tack boat calling "Starboard" and shortly after, the Port Tack boat responded "Hold your course". When the starboard tack boat realized that the following current would push him over the line early he started to change course but then continued to alter course further. If the Starboard boat had continued her normal course after hailing then the action taken by the Port tack boat was enough, especially as she had hailed "Hold your course". The Port tack boat was unable to avoid a collision because of the continued action of the other boat, who was disqualified.

It is worth remembering that although you may be the right of way boat you must give the other boat room to keep clear, or suffer the consequences.

GBSC Caps.

An email was circulated around the membership advising that we now have GBSC caps for sale. The colour choice is Navy Blue or Light Beige. The price is \$20 each, down from \$25 as we have been able to negotiate a better price. We hope that they will be ready for the meeting on April 12th. Bring your money!!

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Water Capacity 40 gals
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Thanks to all for a great month, and I am looking forward to some more great sailing this season.

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