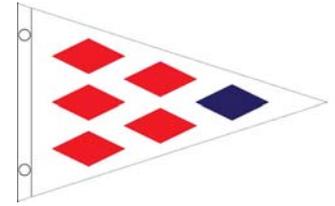


Fleet 5



Long Island Sound—2013

Fleet 5 is an energetic group of sailing cruisers. Each member of our fleet thrives on the camaraderie of the sailing and cruising lifestyle. We are dedicated sailors, cruisers and occasional racers. Members of **Fleet 5** are ready to lend advice on any boat topic. We share the knowledge of our cruising destinations, fascinating harbors and great restaurants we have enjoyed. Secondly we like to talk about the thrill of sailing and the joy of travelling safely across the water. And we also like to talk about the improvements we have made to our vessels and at times our unfortunate repairs.

Fleet 5 has an affiliation with Catalina Yachts and represents Catalina 36 on Long Island Sound. Our fleet has a strong mix of various size Catalinas along with some Tartan, Jeanneau, Beneteau, Elan, Pearson, Malo, Mason, North Pacific, Mainship and Nordic Tug boats mixed in our fleet. Sailors and Cruisers are welcome! We believe that associations such as our fleet and the various international associations enhance sailing through shared experiences and the free exchange of ideas. Organizations such as **Fleet 5**,



Fleet 5 Sailing in Block Island Sound

aside from their social and practical value, help us communicate with the larger sailing and cruising community. This opens us to sailors all over the world and with this comes the sharing of knowledge, the communication of experiences, voyages and stories.

Our camaraderie is especially enhanced by our annual summer cruises sailing as a group to various port destinations with daily parties often onboard each others' boats and enjoying the destination ports together. Travelling as a group not only enhances the fun of sailing but also improves its safety since there is always someone there to help in times of need.

We hold 3 business planning/social meetings in restaurants or members' homes each year during the off season. We hold regular rendezvous' around the Long Island Sound area during the summer. We sometimes attend local boat show together as well as travel to Annapolis for a look at what's new and what we might need for our boats. But high on the agenda is always our social get-togethers wherever we are.

This past year was highlighted by our summer cruise to Edgartown on Martha's Vineyard and 3 of our members boats participated in a rally cruise to Bermuda



Fleet 5 in Martha's Vineyard



Fleet 5 in St. Georges, Bermuda

in June. And we had impromptu rendezvous' in Port Jefferson, Dering Harbor, Sag Harbor and Block Island over various weekends as we stay connected through e-mail and Facebook throughout the year.

In other years we have cruised to Narraganset Bay, Chatham (Cape Cod), Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket Island, New York City for Op Sail, West Point for the Fourth of July Concert and Fireworks and all places in between. Some of our members take extended cruises north to Maine or up the Hudson River to the Great Lakes and south to the Chesapeake Bay or the ICW to Florida and the Bahamas. We have sponsored the 1994 and 1998 Catalina 36 National Regattas. And last year we celebrated our 20th anniversary with a formal dinner at the United States Coast Guard Academy Officers' Club.

We are also paying particular attention to sharing our joy and good fortune with the physically disabled through the Sail Connecticut Access program. And we are developing a series of hands-on learning events about safety and sailing.

Through our camaraderie we have developed

lifelong friendships that go beyond sailing as we often get together socially with our boating friends as well as share in each other's life events like birthday parties, weddings, Bar & Bat Mitzvahs and even funerals for our loved ones. We even plan trips together to distant places like sailing in the BVI and the Greek Isles.

Fleet 5 is a very diverse group of people. We are young parents with small children as well as grandparents and retirees who are now free again! Some of us have sailed since childhood while some of us just started learning a few years ago and are looking for the comfort of a group to help us get our sailing feet wet. Some of us are avid racers while others prefer the coastal cruising lifestyle. Some of us are very handy while others are all thumbs. But we blend well together and all enjoy sharing our love

for our yachts and the sea.



Fleet 5 Summer Cruise

We welcome all sailors and cruisers in the Long Island area as members. All we ask is a love of cruising and a desire to share adventures with like-minded people (A good hors d'oeuvres cook book is a plus, as we are equally well known for our ability to "socialize").

For information, newsletters, calendars, pictures and more...

[See the Fleet 5 Website!](http://c36fleet5.org/)

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