

C36IA Enters Uncharted Waters and we need your help!!

As I am sure you are all aware, the C36, after 2300+ boats and over 25 years, is no longer in production. Like it or not this is going to impact the organization, and for the first time we are no longer getting new members into the fold, courtesy of Catalina Yachts. With this we face new challenges ahead for the group, and if we are to grow and succeed in this new environment we need the input of our 750+ members. To do this we are taking an unprecedented step for any Catalina organization, and that is to hold an open membership meeting to discuss our future and how to keep the organization VIBRANT, STRONG, and moving forward. To increase attendance we have decided to hold our meeting in conjunction with the US Sailboat Show in Annapolis Md. Please join your Executive Board as we discuss how to enhance the value of your boat and your organization strong moving forward. We NEED and WANT your input, so your attendance is encouraged.

Your Executive Board

**First Open
General Membership Meeting:
Sat Oct 11th
Marriot Waterfront
Annapolis Md.
8AM – 10AM**

Welcome Aboard to Jib Sheet

Editors Notes:

Another sailing season is upon us and for many of our members the boats are in the water and its time to have some fun. For others it's time to think about projects and enhancing our boats. This issue has some neat upgrades that can make your boat more comfortable and user friendly.

Speaking of friendly, when was the last time you approached a fellow C36 owner and mentioned C36IA? With our boat out of production and over 2300 of them out there we need to sustain our membership by talking up the benefits of joining our group to an entirely new group of owners. You can help the organization by letting us know when a new owner enters your market. In fact, we have some real nice FREEBIES for any new owner that contacts us via our website.

As for the website, the new one continues to be upgraded and it won't be long before the old site is shut down for good. Sean McGuckin, our membership officer, has written a great article on how you can update your info right on line using the new website.

Additionally, Tom Senator, our MkII Tech Editor, has been hard at work putting together some further insight into his thru hull replacement. Got to give him kudos for trying to do this with the boat in the water. Check out his article to see how it all came out.

Lastly, I am always looking for good articles from the membership on sailing stories, cruising adventures or upgrades. This is the time to sit down and document some of the wealth of knowledge that you have and share it with the others in the group. Enjoy Issue 2 of JibSheet!

Chic Lasser, Vice Commodore/Editor

Commodore's Report

Welcome to the second issue of JibSheet. For those of you that didn't see the first issue, JibSheet is sort of like Mainsheet, only more personalized. With space limitations and printing costs, the C36 Section often had to be trimmed down to fit into the space allotted to us. We often had more news, articles and tidbits to get out to members, so we created JibSheet. The brainchild of Chic Lasser, JibSheet is exclusively for C36IA Members.

This time of year is always so exciting for those of us in northern climates. The snow has melted, the tarps have come off, the hull has been waxed, and the bottom has been painted. It's time for our plastic princesses to float again. Julandra was launched a few weeks ago, and I couldn't be happier. Winter projects have been completed in time for sailing season. I installed a solar powered vent in the cabin top, and I rebuilt two pieces of the floorboards. Some of the projects discussed on the list server over the past few months are much more impressive. New owners and old have invested many hours (and more than just a few dollars) into these projects.

"What is C36IA and how can it benefit me?" is a question that I am sometimes asked. Quite simply, C36IA is you and me and about 750 other owners of Catalina 36 sailboats. We are spread around the world (literally!), with the majority being in North America. The second part of the question is a little harder to answer. There are so many benefits of membership that each person comes up with a slightly different reply. Many owners read Mainsheet from cover to cover as soon as it appears in their mailbox. Other owners have given lots of praise for the first issue of JibSheet. Several hundred participate in the email list server with daily questions, replies, and chit-chat. Tom Senator's Tool Box has been a big hit. The classified section of the website has sold many boats and other items. The website has a huge number of hits each day.

The Tech Notes CD is well into its third production run (a fourth is planned for later this year). These things were all designed to enhance the value of your membership in C36IA, and to enhance the value of your Catalina 36. This is YOUR Association. It was created by you and continues for your benefit.

By now just about everyone has heard that the C36 is no longer in production. It has been replaced by the 375. What this means to C36IA is that there are no longer 50-100 boats rolling off the assembly line each

year, whose owners automatically become members for a year, courtesy of Catalina Yachts. For any association to remain strong, it must have a solid membership base. As membership dwindles, those remaining start to lose interest, and the downward spiral begins, until it ceases to exist. None of the officers, and not a single member I have talked with, wants this to happen to C36IA. So what can we do? That's easy. Tell someone about the Association. Two out of three owners of Catalina 36's are not members. Leave a flyer in their cockpit (<http://www.c36ia.com/node/955#attachments>). Invite them to a Fleet meeting. Get their email address and send them a link to our website (<http://www.c36ia.com>). Simply mention the Association and its benefits and encourage them to investigate it for themselves. Together we can enhance the value of our boats, and have fun doing so.

Fair winds,
Tom Sokoloski
C36IA Commodore

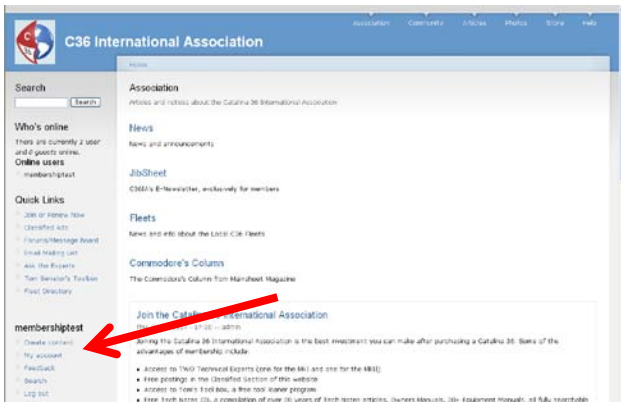
Changing your Contact Information using the new C36IA Website

Two of the benefits of being a C36IA member is that you get items like *Mainsheet* Magazine and our electronic newsletter *JibSheet*. However, I'm sure you all appreciate the challenges that arise from keeping both a snail mail and email address database up to date for almost 800 members. It would be easy if we all stayed in one place, but the reality is that occasionally we have to change home ports.

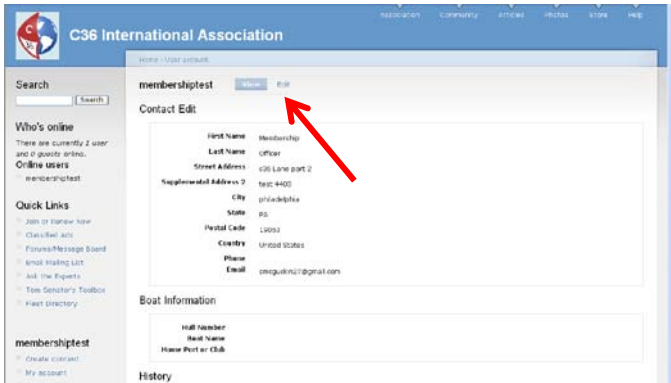
Our goal is to make sure you receive all of your member benefits, and to help us ensure you get what you paid for we need you to help. The new website gives you that opportunity. Once you are registered as a website user you will have access to your contact information and you will be able to update your addresses to make sure you miss nothing.

How do I do you this you may ask...

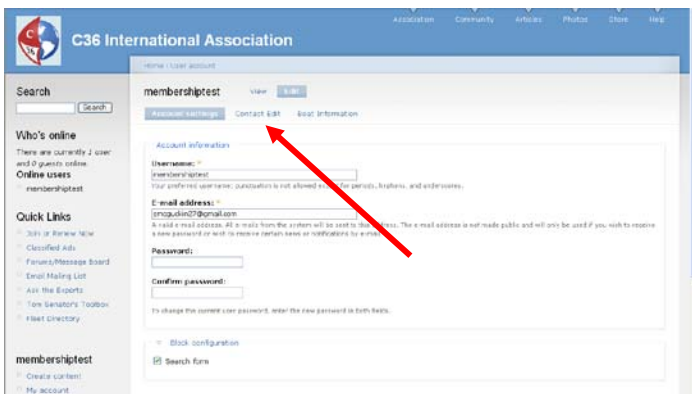
First, Log in to the website. (I'm using the "membership test" account for this example)



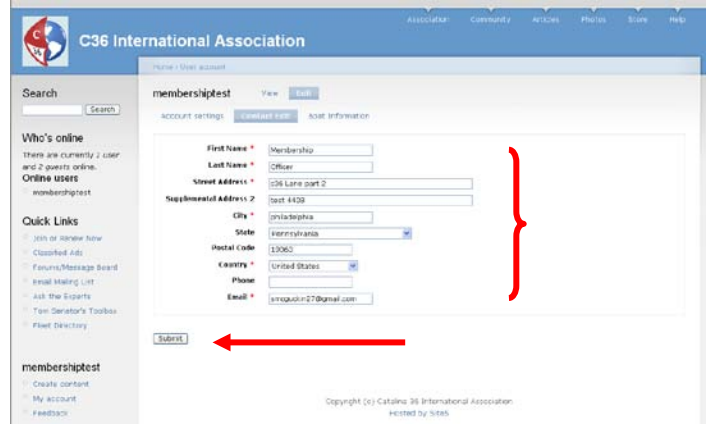
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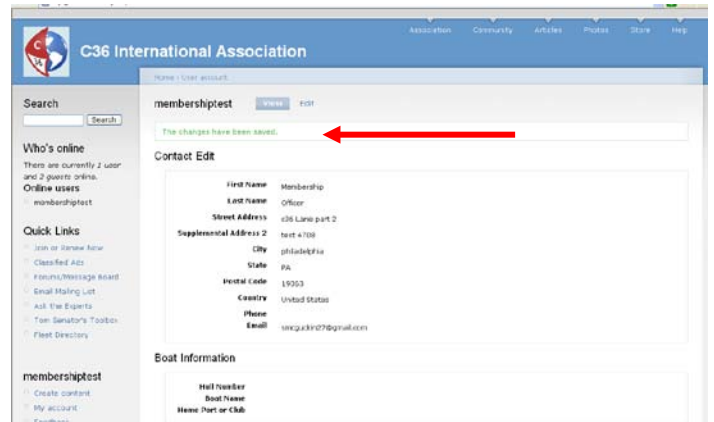
At the top of that page you see the words "Edit". Click on "Edit" and it will open the Account Settings for you.



Next to the "Account Settings" tab at the top you'll see the words "Contact Edit". Click on "Contact Edit".



This will open your address information and you can simply make the changes to the required blocks then click on the "Submit" button at the bottom of the page.



If all goes well, it will take you back to the original contact edit window and you'll see in green lettering at the top "The changes have been saved" and you are done.

If you have any difficulties please feel free to contact me.
Sean McGuckin
C36IA Membership Officer

Tech Corner



By Tom Senator, MkII Tech Editor

CHECK THOSE SEACOCKS - EPILOGUE (Or how I changed a Seacock while the boat was in the water)

This article has been relocated to the C36IA website's Technical – Maintenance section.

Galley Upgrade: Cabinets Doors

This article has been relocated to the C36IA website's Technical – Upgrades section.

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