

# 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Catalina Crossing Rowing Regatta

## September 9 & 10, 2006

This will be the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Charles Hathaway rowing the 32-nautical miles between CYC and the Isthmus of Catalina in 1976 for his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. Thus, this year will also be a celebration of Charles' 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Back then, Charles rowed a 300-pound fixed-seat dory named *Fritz* and the row took about 13 hours. That's a long time, but it did include time for him to eat a bacon and egg breakfast and open birthday presents, all the while still aboard *Fritz*. We are planning to have a relay team row *Fritz* and are looking for volunteers.

To celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, CYC is sponsoring a rowing race that will leave from Marina del Rey, early on the morning of Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and finish at the Isthmus of Catalina.

### Some Particulars:

The race is open to experienced open-ocean rowers using suitable open-water craft, who have a good chance to complete the race in a reasonable time frame, as determined by the Race Committee.

All competitors will be required to have an escort boat.

The Race Committee will do their best to find and match escorts to rowers.

If you have access to an escort please let me know.

Each shell will be required to have: VHF 2-way radio, self bailer, compass, GPS, food, water, lights, heel tie-downs for boats with shoes, and PFD's for each rower.

Additionally, each rower must know how to use all the required safety gear.

The CYC Junior Center will be available for housing Friday night.

Boat transport back to CYC on Sunday will be via CYC's Owen Churchill or possibly an escort's boat.

There are a few options for housing on the Island Saturday night: camping at Ballast Point, camping at Two Harbors, The Banning House B & B, and possibly aboard an escort's boat.

There are a few options for transportation back to the mainland on Sunday: Catalina Express to San Pedro, or Long Beach, or Marina del Rey, Owen Churchill (room for a limited number), or possibly aboard one of the escort's boats.

The entry fee has not been set, but it will not be inexpensive since most of the costs of the escorts will be covered by the entry fees and the Race Committee.

The entry fees paid by the competitors include the following:

For the Escorts: CYC Reception-Friday evening, Lunch-Saturday at the Isthmus, Dinner-Saturday night at Ballast Point (A shuttle is planned between the Isthmus and Ballast Point), Fuel allowance, Mooring fees, Commemorative T-Shirts.

For the Competitors: CYC Reception-Friday evening, Lunch-Saturday at the Isthmus, Dinner-Saturday night at Ballast Point (A shuttle is planned between the Isthmus and Ballast Point), Commemorative T-Shirts and Commemorative Medals.

### Itinerary:

Friday, September 8	Evening Reception at CYC.
Saturday, September 9	Race begins at 5 AM from Marina del Rey. Race finishes at the E-1 mooring off Fourth of July Cove. Lunch at the Isthmus. Dinner/Awards at Ballast Point (A shuttle bus is planned).
Sunday, September 10	Return to CYC.

Entries will be available July 22, 2006

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