



BZ Jones Cross Catalina Hike



Saturday, March 31, 2012

A spring hike across Catalina's widest section from Ben Weston Beach to White's Landing. In honor of Graham "BZ" Jones, offshore sailor, adventurer, and ardent supporter of the Catalina Conservancy.

The Hike

Spring is the best time to hike Catalina, presenting mild temperatures, a green island, and many native species in bloom. This 12 mile beach-to-beach hike utilizes unmarked trails, single track, and service roads to reach 1700 feet of elevation at Blackjack Camp, followed by a similar combination of trails for the decent into White's Landing. The hike has three distinct four-mile legs: Ben Weston to Bosky Dell (gradual up and down;) Bosky Dell to Blackjack Camp (gradual first two miles, steep last two miles;) and Blackjack Camp to White's Landing (moderate to steep downhill.)

The hike is based out of Avalon. At 0630 Saturday morning, buses will take hikers across the Island to the bluff above Ben Weston Beach. Hikers will work down to the beach, and begin with a walk up Ben Weston Canyon, continuing on to the ridge above Torqua caves and then descend toward historic Bosque Dell. After a rest and regroup at Bosque Dell, the next four miles to Blackjack Campground starts as a gradual uphill trek and turns into a series of steep hills as most of the elevation is gained. Upon arriving at Blackjack camp, a BBQ lunch will be served under the pines, and the hikers will be joined by hike supporters who elected to tour by bus rather than foot. After lunch, hikers will depart for the four miles to White's cove, almost all of it downhill with spectacular views. Hikers will be taken from White's beach to Avalon by boat, arriving by 5pm. A hike celebration dinner will be held at the "M" restaurant in Avalon.

Hike Schedule

- 0630 Depart Avalon for Ben Weston
- 0700 Stop Eagle's Nest (15 min tour)
- 0745 Start hike
- 0945 Arrive Bosky Dell (Break/allow slower hikers to catch up)
- 1010 Depart Bosky Dell
- 1200 Arrive Black Jack
- 1330 Depart Black Jack
- 1530 Arrive White's Pier
- 1630 Arrive Avalon by boat from White's
- 1800 Cocktails
- 1845 Dinner

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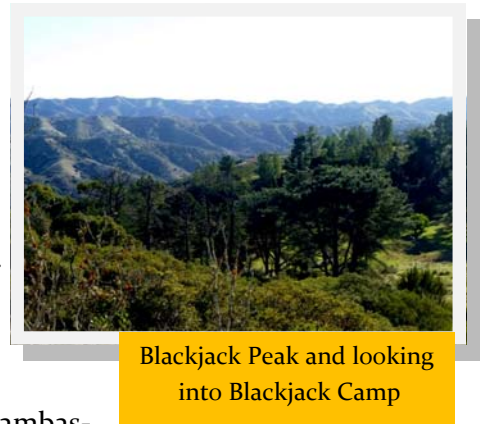
Fundraising Goal: To raise \$10,000 toward the restoration of the historic Eagle's Nest lodge at Middle Ranch, Catalina. A \$50 tax deductible donation towards the restoration is included in the fee for each hiker. BZ's name will be suitably displayed at the restored Eagle's Nest lodge.

Guided Island Tour For Hike Supporters

A round trip tour from Avalon with interesting sights, stops, and tours. Includes BBQ lunch with the hikers in the pines at Black Jack Camp, and the celebration dinner.

Forget trudging uphill for miles and take the tour! It's what BZ would do. Departing Avalon at 0800, your Island coach will get you out of Avalon and on top of the island in short order. First stop is an up close visit with "Pimu" who lives at the Catalina Island Eagle Sanctuary. A little further down the road you will visit Middle Ranch, home of Tachi the Island Fox ambassador. You'll visit the native plant nursery, and get a tour and update on the Eagle's Nest Lodge restoration project.

The tour will continue on to Rancho Escondido, and a visit to the new vineyards recently established by Geoff and Alison Rusack. From the Vineyards, it's 1600 feet uphill for a short visit to Catalina's "airport in the sky" to check out the visiting aircraft and historic airport facility before continuing on to meet the hikers for lunch at Blackjack Camp.



Guided Tour Schedule

- 0800 Depart Avalon
- 0845 Eagle Sanctuary
- 0930 Middle Ranch & Eagle's Nest (Tours)
- 1045 Rancho Escondido
- 1115 Airport (Brief sightseeing)
- 1200 Blackjack Camp Lunch
- 1400 Avalon
- 1800 Cocktails
- 1845 Celebration Dinner



Hike or Take the Guided Tour—The fee is the same!

Fee: \$150.00.

Includes:

- Official hike long sleeve T shirt
- Hike permit & ground transportation
- BBQ lunch at Blackjack Camp
- Boat transportation from White's to Avalon (for hikers only)
- Celebration Dinner in Avalon
- \$50 tax deductible contribution to the Catalina Conservancy in honor of BZ Jones.

Logistics

Skippers: Over to Avalon Friday, return Sunday. Moorings are normally available inside Avalon on a Friday this time of year. If not, moorings will be available outside Avalon, or anchor further up the Island and dinghy in. Hike vessels may raft in Avalon weather permitting.

Organizers will attempt to match hikers who need a ride with private boats departing Friday and coming back Sunday. Interested hikers should indicate this on their Hike Registration form, check the box: "I need a ride over!"

Ferry: The Catalina Flyer will be operating on Friday March 31 and the following Sunday, as well as Ferries from Long Beach. www.catalinainfo.com

Hotels: For best deals on Avalon hotels use online travel websites such as Expedia, Orbitz, or www.catalinahotels.com,

Clothing & Footwear

The hike can be done in athletic shoes/cross trainers, but light hiking boots with ankle support are recommended. Thick socks and short toenails will reduce foot chaffing, especially downhill

Small daypacks for carrying layers, snacks, water, sunscreen, camera, etc., are a good idea. However, this hike is easily done without a pack, carrying bottled water and an upper clothing layer around your waist.

Normally shorts are fine. But long pants will protect against sun and brush. A light, long sleeve, high collared sun/breathable shirt works well.

A wide brimmed hat is recommended.

Note: Water (16 oz bottles) and snacks/food will be available at the end of each four mile section.

Saturday Hike Celebration Dinner

Post Hike dinner Saturday evening at Avalon's "M" restaurant. Included in hike fee all inclusive; no host bar.

Our chef will be Kathleen Vojkovich Bombard:

A second-generation native of Santa Catalina Island, Kathleen's Croatian heritage is the foundation for her lifelong passion for food and wine. Kathleen has been cooking professionally for more than fifteen years and received the distinction of Certified Chef de Cuisine® from the American Culinary Federation. Kathleen completed her coursework at the Culinary Institute of America - Hyde Park, New York and St. Helena, California.



Bosky Dell, Old Wrigley hunting and BBQ outstation, and the rest stop between the first and second legs of the hike.



Saturday night après hike watering hole, the M restaurant

About BZ Jones...



BZ Jones was a sailor's sailor who took no prisoners. The wilder the race or cruise, the better BZ liked it. BZ would sail on any well found vessel-- as long as he liked his shipmates and the Merlot didn't run out. He was always in demand for his offshore prowess, his humor, and his disdain for pretense. He was aboard the maxi racer Kialoa II when she won the punishing 1971 Sydney to Hobart Race. He raced all the big offshore events in the Pacific and Atlantic. At the age of 77, he signed up for a month long sailing expedition to Antarctica aboard the 65' sloop Alaska Eagle. A few years prior, he sailed aboard Alaska Eagle from Hobart, Tasmania to the sub-Antarctic island of Macquarie. After departing Macquarie for New Zealand, Alaska Eagle found herself in a gale in the Roaring Forties. BZ was steering with freezing wind and water cascading over the boat. His watch was over, and the two young men who were to relieve him hesitated in the hatchway. From the warmth of the cabin, they peered out

at a soaked BZ, not sure about venturing into the howling melee. "Come on out here you bastards!

BZ shouted above the din, "You're gonna love this!!"

BZ was born in 1925 and raised in Pasadena and La Jolla, California. Along with his brothers Thad and Nelson, BZ was introduced to sailing by his father Thaddeus, aboard the family yawl Aquilla. He later attended the Catalina Island School for Boys at Toyon until Pearl Harbor, when students were moved off the Island. He graduated from Princeton with a degree in electrical engineering and a passion for Rugby. Upon graduating, he moved on to his MBA from Stanford. BZ followed school with a successful business career in industry and commercial real estate.

In 1952, he had the good fortune to marry Rosemary "Rosie" Tilt of Pasadena. They raised Ned, Allie, and Laura at their home in Newport Beach. He passed his love of sailing onto his kids aboard the family's Island Clipper sloop, Sanguine. There were many trips to Catalina, but one of the most compelling was in 1958, when BZ and Rosie sailed to Catalina's east end with brother Thad and his friends Steve Royce and Dick Lyon aboard. Early in the



morning, with the beach just a few hundred yards off, the three young men swam ashore and hiked 11 hours to the west end of the Island, where they swam back out to a waiting BZ and Rosie. Unlike brother Thad, BZ was not a dedicated hiker. If he was going to exert himself, he preferred a challenging offshore race, or rugby, or a scene in a bar similar to rugby.

BZ's subsequent sailboats included the Offshore 40 Halcyon, and later his beloved Peterson 44 Raven, now sailed by son Ned. Catalina always remained BZ's favorite sailing destination. He was a founding member of the Catalina Marineros, contributing to the Conservancy and participating in many events to support the Island he loved.



Photos:

BZ and Thad aboard the Sanguine, and racing off-shore.

BZ JONES CROSS CATALINA HIKE

Ben Weston Beach to White's Cove via Blackjack

March 31-April 2012

REGISTRATION

Deadline Friday, March 23, 2012

Space Limited - Early Registration Encouraged!

Hikers and non-hikers please use this form to register for the BZ Jones Cross Catalina Hike and Guided Island Tour.

Name: _____ Hiker Non-Hiker

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Email: _____

I would also like to register:

Name: _____ Hiker Non-Hiker

Name: _____ Hiker Non-Hiker

Transportation:

I plan to get to and from Avalon by:

Private boat: _____ Need a ride: _____ Ferry: _____

Registration Fee:

Your registration fee includes an official hike t-shirt (be sure to indicate your size below), hike permit, ground transportation, BBQ lunch, boat transportation from White's to Avalon (hikers only), Saturday night dinner and a \$50 charitable contribution to the Catalina Conservancy.

Event	Price Per Person*	# Persons	Total Due
Hike	\$150.00		
Guided Island Tour	\$150.00		
Saturday Night Dinner Only	\$65.00		
T-Shirt - <i>indicate size and quantity if registering more than one person.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL		
Total Amount Due <i>Make checks payable to Brad Avery</i>			\$

NOTE: NHYC Members may charge the registration fee to their Club account.

Member Name: _____ Member Number: _____

Questions Call: Brad Avery at 714-412-0169, or Sandi Hill at 949-642-3022

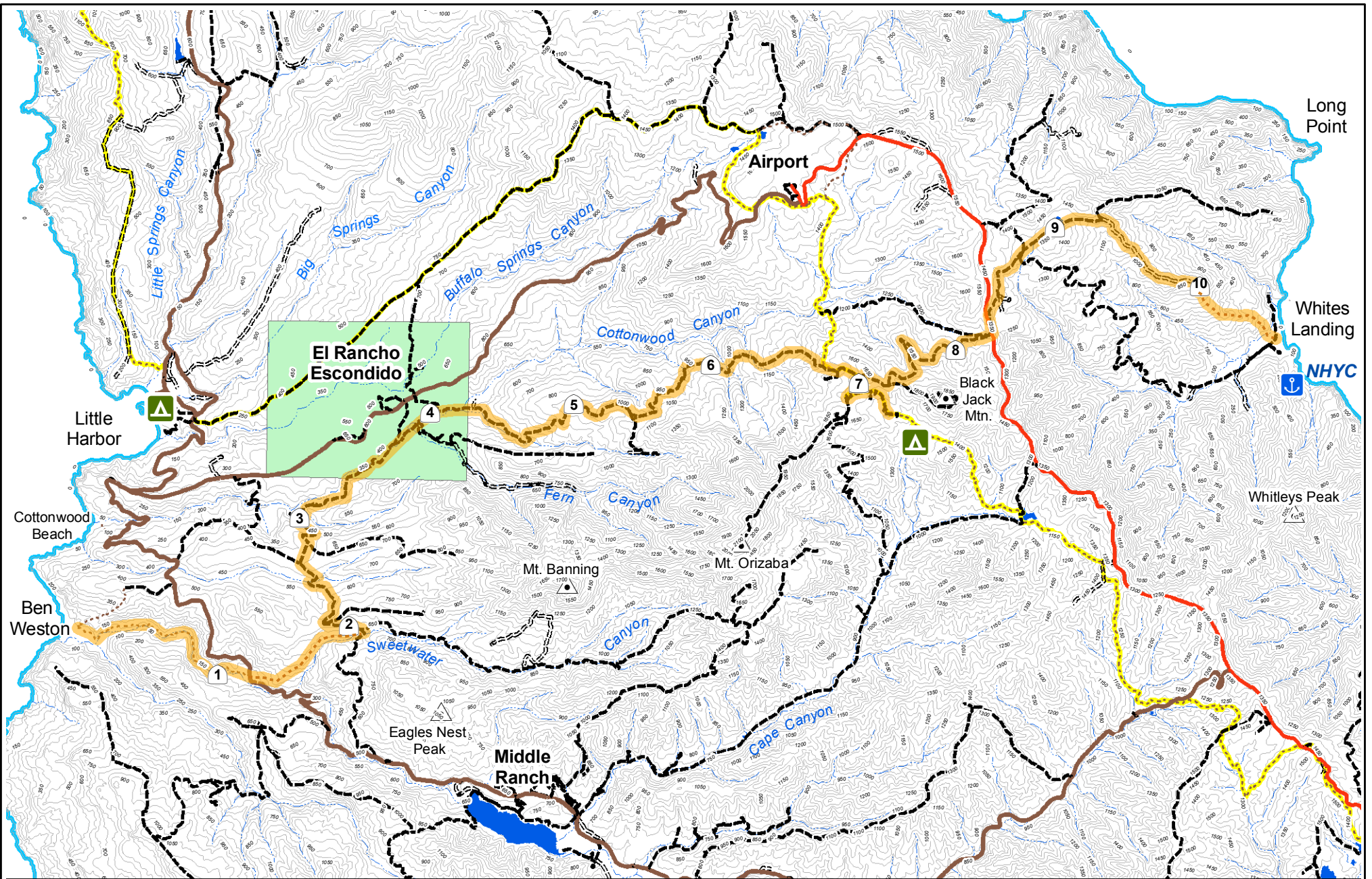
**Please fax completed form by March 23 to 949-645-1859,
or mail with check(s) to**

Brad Avery, c/o OCC Sailing, 1801 W. Coast Hwy., Newport Beach, CA 92663



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BZ Jones Cross Catalina Hike 2012 - Ben Weston to White's Landing

Ben Weston to Whites/Moonstone - 10+ Miles Highest Elevation -1700'

 NHYC Hiking Route

 Trans Catalina Trail

 NHYC Hike Mile Markers

 Mountain Peaks



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