

Gal' Warnings

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Commodore's Corner

by Christina Tarantola



Hello Sailors!

Cruising, racing, daysails – we've got it all. The calendar is so full, it's often difficult to decide what to do.

A number of our members were lucky enough to get a spot on the Easter Cruise to Cat Harbor/Isthmus. Things got really exciting as the wind continued to build on Saturday night and continued on through Sunday's return trip. It's not often we have to reef the main in Santa Monica Bay!

Our next cruise will be May 13-15 to Avalon. I'm sure it will be equally well attended and I hope that Vice Commodore Coco Leigh and Bob Falisey will be able to participate with their new boat, which is still in the yard for finishing work. For cruise details and to get involved, see related story later in this issue.

That same weekend, many of our racers will be in Newport for the Ahmanson Cup regatta. Hosted by Newport Harbor Yacht Club, this is always a huge and well-run event.

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May's Program: Sailing Resources in Marina del Rey

by Midge Costin, Education Chair

In May, we have an exciting lineup of panelists who will speak about opportunities to take classes and get on the water without having to own a boat in MdR.

Vlad Mikulich, Head Sailing Instructor at the UCLA Marina Aquatic Center, will discuss dinghy classes and rentals available to everyone. Carole Walsh, WSA member and 2010 Vice Commodore of Fairwind Yacht Club, will tell us how this all volunteer sailing cooperative works and what boats are available. Byron Shirley, manager of Blue Pacific Boating, will discuss the opportunities that are available for charters and ASA (American Sailing Assoc) classes using their fleet.

Education Director Position Open

See page 4 for more information on this opportunity!



Libby Gill, Nicola Lamb, Wayne Brandow, and Margarita Cruz enjoying Easter weekend at Two Harbors on Catalina Island

Photo credit: Mike Gitchell



Some Easter treats for sailors at Two Harbors

Photo credit: Mike Gitchell

Meeting Agenda for May 10, 2011

6:30 pm — Social hour

7:30 pm — Dinner

8:00 pm — Program: Panel on sailing resources in Marina del Rey

Day Sailing on Smooth Operator

By Jen Huszcza

Since joining WSA last year, I have enjoyed going on a few day sails. I can get my sailing fix even with my hectic land schedule.

On April 3rd, I went out on a day sail on Jeanne Dominguez's *Smooth Operator*, an Ericson 38. There were six of us on the boat---Jeanne, Libby, Fred, Kat, and Dianne Christman, the day sail chairman.

Even though weather forecast said potential rain and nasty winds, there were sunny skies and a light breeze when I arrived in Marina Del Rey. As we motored out the channel, the wind picked up a little bit---but only a little bit.

Once we were out of the channel, the motor was turned off, the sails were put up, and we were sailing. It was a smooth operation, and the Ericson cut through the water with style. It was like a classic Chanel evening gown. It didn't need a lot of embellishment. It just flowed.

Jeanne allowed everyone who wanted to drive to drive the boat. I got to play with jib sheets and the traveler. However, the highlight of the sail for me was lunch. Dianne and Libby brought some excellent chicken salad sandwiches, and Kat brought some great sushi. Fred brought some chips, and I brought sodas and water. Naturally there was great conversation. Occasionally we had to turn the boat---but only occasionally.

Toward the end of the sail, the wind got a little gnarly, but we got back in fine. Once docked, we settled down for a nice glass of wine and some cookies.

I highly recommend day sailing especially if you are a new member. It's a simple and fun way to get out on the water for a day. You won't even get your feet wet.

If you have never day sailed before. . .

All sailing members, with current waiver on file, are automatically added to Dianne Christman's email list and will begin to receive Day Sail notifications, as they come up.

It is fundamentally crucial that WSA have a waiver from you on file.

Day sails don't happen every weekend due to weather and skipper availability. If you see a day sail you want to do, confirm with Dianne immediately.

Only confirm if you know you can definitely make it. Yes, it is an imperfect world, but day sails usually fill up and may have a waiting list. Late cancellations complicate the Day Sail Chair's duties and make it all a big mess. Big messes are frowned upon.

What to bring. . .

Definitely bring extra layers. If you get too hot you can easily take them off. Think comfortable clothes that you

can move around in. Bring a windbreaker, hat, sun screen. Wear non-marking shoes.

When you confirm for a day sail, you will be asked to bring sandwiches or snacks and beverages. Think non-messy finger food. You will be eating on a rocking boat. It's a good idea to bring some water, too, if you bring beverages.

Finally. . .

Have fun. Sailing is fun.



Scenes from the day sail on "*Smooth Operator*"

Photo Credit: Jen Huszcza

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Also that same weekend will be the City of Hope regatta. This is a delightful day of sailing and fundraising hosted by Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club. We already have more people on the team than will fit on the boat, so we hope some spots will open up with other teams. Whether you are participating in the regatta or not, you can still make a donation and get a free meal in return -- Overland Café is matching donations dollar-for-dollar with gift cards to the café. See related story later in this issue.

April is always an important month for local racing as it marks the beginning of the Sunset Series. The third race on April 27 was one to remember, with strong winds and big waves at the start. Kelp in the starting area made maneuvering a challenge, but that was nothing compared to spotting a man overboard three minutes before the third start! How this guy ended up in the water, I still do not know, but I was on *Grace O'Malley*, Alice Leahey's J109, and we were right in the mix of boats circling him ready to make the pick-up.

Within minutes, he was picked up by *Toon Town* and delivered to the Race Committee boat in time for *Toon Town* make their start and finish 4th of 11 in their class. Kudos to everyone who was right there and ready to make the rescue.

Being the last Wednesday of the month, it was also WOW/WAH night and the top woman skipper in each class took home a bottle of YES Vodka – except, of course, those under-age.

There is plenty of time to get involved in the WOW/WAH regatta scheduled for July 9 and 10. This is a fantastic regatta for all-woman teams and co-ed teams with a woman skipper. For details, visit WOW/WAH on facebook.

Now is the time to start planning for the LEMWOD regatta as well. WSA will sponsor up to two WSA skippers for this all-woman regatta on Catalina 37s in Long Beach. For details, see the story in this issue.

Those who attended the April general meeting heard Judy-Rae Karlsen talk about the Sea Gals program, a series of sailing clinics at Long Beach Yacht Club. Whether you are just learning to sail, or want to hone your racing skills, the Sea Gals coaches are ready to help you meet your goals.

And if you want to experience racing with the big boys, find a ride to get out and watch the Cal Cup May 21 and 22. Hosted by California Yacht Club, this invitational regatta is for 70-footers and is always a grand sight.

Whatever you decide to do, enjoy and please help keep our waters clean. Happy sailing!

Channel Islands WSA's Next General Meeting:

The CIWSA is just getting started this year! If you're in the area check 'em out!

Thursday, May 12th 2011 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM @ Pierpont Bay Yacht Club (1363 Spinnaker Dr.; Ventura, CA 93001)

Guest Speaker: Roxanne Vetesse with a presentation about Orange Coast College School of Sailing and Seamanship (<http://www.occsailing.com> & http://www.occsailing.com/alaska_eagle) and the Transpacific Yacht Race (TransPac, <http://www.transpacrace.com/>)

WSA SMB Welcomes Aboard...

Stacey Alphonso, Beverly Burr, Theresa Davis, Anthony Domecq, Brenda Eells, John Goebel, Gabrielle Harradine, Chery Herbst, Richard Horner, Christine Jorgensen, Judy-Rae Karlsen, Emma Kurdian, Regina Kytmanova, Patricia Lavay, Ghislaine Lydon, Maureen McCarthy, Heather McLaughin, Carey Meredith, Sharlean Perez, Pamela Silver, and Micah Vacatio. We are very happy to have you as members and hope to see you on the water and at our monthly meetings, the second Tuesday of the month.

MEMBERSHIP NOTE:

If you know of someone interested in joining WSA, please direct them to www.wsasmb.org (click on Join WSA Today) for information on membership dues and easy instructions on how to join. New member discounts are available throughout the year!

WSA Policies:

- ◆ -Guests are allowed to attend up to 2 general meetings per year (excluding December due to paid event)
- ◆ -Only current WSA sailing members with a signed Waiver can participate in on-the-water events including day sails and cruises
- ◆ -Only current WSA sailing members can race under the WSA Burgee
- ◆ -Membership runs from January 1 – December 31 for current year. Memberships are valid until December 31, regardless of date you join
- ◆ -The membership renewal process begins each year on January 1. You can only join one year at a time – the current year
- ◆ -Membership Application and Waiver forms must be submitted every year

Race News **Single-handed in the Border Run**

By Mary Ho, Race Chair

As I was puzzling over what to write this month, a good friend suggested that I write about my experience sailing my Laser in the 2011 Border Run. He pointed out that other women would probably find my experience to be interesting and would like to know how and why I did this race. This made sense to me.

I chose to do this race because the moment I heard about it, it was a challenge to me. I have been sailing Lasers for a number of years now, and I am quite familiar with its performance capabilities. That it could do a 14-mile point-to-point ocean race from Newport Beach to Dana Point was a given, all I would need was the right weather to do it in. Now that point I could not control, but I could go out and train and make myself ready for anything.

During March and April, I sailed my Laser as much as I could. During my sailing sessions I would keep my eye out for any equipment changes I might want to make, any parts that could break, and how to most efficiently keep myself moving through the water. I also knew that the more I worked with my boat, the better I'd handle the day of the race.

I was rather nervous about the weather as race day approached. A storm moved through the area in the days prior to the race, and I was concerned that there might be too much wind for me to sail. I definitely did not want to forfeit and make myself look bad! But luck was on my side and on race day the weather had settled back into its normal pattern.

It was nerve-racking the morning of the race, but since I had worked so much with my boat over the past weeks, lifting it in and out of the water, rigging and de-rigging it, these tasks were easy to concentrate on instead of me concentrating on nerves. One truth I have discovered over my years being involved with sports and music, is that the more you prepare, the easier it is to deal with nerves on the big day. I have always noticed an anticlimactic feel when I've prepared well for an important event.

The class I was grouped into was the Sprint Dinghy class. My class consisted of three standard Lasers, two Force 5s, an Antrim Wing Dinghy, a Sunfish, and my Laser Radial. A Radial is simply a smaller sail for the Laser sailboat that is designed to accommodate a lighter weight sailor. A standard sized Laser sail can often be a lot to handle in higher winds for us lightweight sailors.

I was lucky enough to catch a tow to the start outside the breakwater off Balboa Pier. Once out in the starting area, I spent my time sailing around judging wind and wave conditions, and dodging the much bigger boats. Most of the boats were heading for San Diego. Those on

sailing dinghies would be heading for Dana Point. I was one of the few women skippers in the event, and the only one sailing singlehanded in the dinghy class.

Once across the start line, the real business of racing began. I had only a few objectives: finish the race, and keep up with the fleet. With my little wrist GPS to tell me my speed, most of my thoughts during the race were consumed with watching wind and wave conditions and judging how best to keep my boat moving. I chose more of a rhumbline course to Dana Point, and stuck with it even when I noticed that most of the fleet was moving toward the inside, closer to land. My course made the most sense to me, so I kept on with what I was doing.

Keeping up a speed of 4-6 knots, I finished the race in 2 hours, 45 minutes. I really had no idea where I ranked with the other boats. I figured that a few of the others owed me time, due to our handicap ratings, but I couldn't even begin to guess what the results would be. I would learn later that I won 2nd place! That was an unexpected treat to top off a great day of sailing. The conditions were close to perfect for a long-distance sail in a small boat—all we needed was just a bit more wind.

The reaction I kept getting from guys was that they were amazed that I'd even attempted the race. "You sailed a Laser in the Border Run?" was the comment I heard over and over. It is fun to show them what girl can do, but I also know that I was lucky with my weather and had great shore support with my fiancé Chris, along with the use of the Balboa Yacht Club and Dana West Yacht Club facilities. They helped make my effort easier.

So gals, it never hurts to dream a little and attempt something challenging. You just might be pleased with the results.

Education Director Position Open

By Commodore Christina Tarantola

The new Education Director will need to arrange speakers for the August through November 2011 and January 2012 general meetings.

This is a fantastic opportunity to bring new and interesting presentations to the meetings. In addition to scheduling and coordinating the speakers, the Education Director attends monthly Board of Directors meetings as a voting member of the Board.

For additional details regarding the position, please see the Education Director description on our website under the Board tab (click on the title), or use this link: <http://www.wsasmb.org/organization/EducationChair.pdf>

If you are ready to volunteer for the position or want more information, please contact me at commo-dore@wsasmb.org or call me at 310-839-0400x208.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Christina Tarantola, Commodore 2011

Recruiting Skippers for Linda Elias Memorial Women's One Design Regatta

WSA of Santa Monica Bay intends to promote Women's Sailing and the Linda Elias Memorial Women's One Design (sponsored by the Long Beach Yacht Club and the Long Beach WSA), through seeking to maximize opportunities for participation in this event, by both existing members and potential members that may choose to join the WSA. Further information about the regatta can be obtained from www.lbyc.org. This year the regatta will be held October 22-23.

The WSA of SMB plans to budget funding for up to 50% of the cost for up to 2 entries to include boat charter and entry fee, which will be open to any qualified skipper to apply. Final decision on funding will be at the sole discretion of the board. The skipper and/or crew will need to fund the remaining balance of the boat charter and entry fees, the damage deposit and any incidentals.

Should only 1 boat qualify for funding, at the discretion of the board, the balance of the budgeted funds may be donated to an organization or cause which promotes women's sailing such as the Linda Elias Scholarship fund, which provides funding to qualified women skippers to participate in other sailing events. Should more than 2 qualified boats apply for funding, it will be at the discretion of the board to define selection criteria and decide which entries will receive funding.

Interested skippers must submit a written request, including the skipper's racing resume, to the WSA board to qualify for consideration of funding. Requests will be accepted beginning 30 March; no requests will be considered after 15 August. Only applications from current WSA members will be considered. More information about the WSA of SMB, including a membership application, can be found at www.wsasmb.org. Requests for funding can be mailed to The Women's Sailing Association of Santa Monica Bay, PO Box 10034, Marina del Rey CA, 90295.

The WSA board will evaluate requests based on the following factors: (a) The skipper's overall sailing experience. (b) The skipper's racing history in terms of number of races entered and overall record. (c) The skipper's ability to recruit and train crew.

Requests for funding will be reviewed at each month's board meeting (the 4th Tuesday of every month), beginning with the April board meeting. Exceptional candidates may be accepted for funding at any board meeting. Skippers accepted for funding will be notified on the 30th of that month. Requests that are not accepted at a monthly board meeting are held over to be reviewed in upcoming board meetings, along with any newly received requests.

The last possible date to submit a request for funding is 15 August, and the last review of requests will occur at the August board meeting. Should 2 skippers be selected for funding prior to 15 August, however, no further appli-

cations will be accepted after their acceptance. Final authorization for funding from the WSA is contingent upon approval of the skipper(s) by the Long Beach Yacht Club Sailing Foundation, the organization administering control of the boats used in this regatta.

The skipper is entirely in charge of who will be on her crew, with the sole proviso that all crew members be members of the WSA at the time of the regatta. Skippers who have been accepted for funding by the WSA board will be announced to the general membership by email announcement, in the following month's newsletter and at the following month's general meeting (the second Tuesday of each month). WSA members are encouraged to contact skippers in order to seek a crew position.

Long Beach Sea Gals 2011 Program

By Judy-Rae Karlsen—Sea Gals Program Director

Events: Date / Time

1. Sunday, May 08, 2011 12:00-4:00 pm Mother's Day Cruise (4 boats)
2. Friday, May 13, 2011 5:00 -8:30 pm
3. Saturday, May 14, 2011 12:00-4:00 pm
4. Saturday, May 21, 2011 12:00-4:00 pm
5. Friday, June 10, 2011 5:00 -8:30 pm
6. Saturday, June 18, 2011 12:00-4:00 pm
7. June 24-26 Long Beach Race Week (racing)
8. Friday, July 15, 2011 5:00 -8:30 pm
9. Saturday, July 23, 2011 12:00-4:00 pm
10. Sunday, July 24, 2011 12:00-4:00 pm
11. Friday, August 05, 2011 5:00 -8:30 pm
12. Saturday, August 13, 2011 12:00-4:00 pm
13. Sunday, August 14, 2011 12:00-4:00 pm
14. Friday, August 19, 2011 5:00 -8:30 pm
15. Saturday, September 17, 2011 12:00-4:00 pm
16. Sunday, September 18, 2011 12:00-4:00 pm
17. Sunday, September 25, 2011 9:00 am-5:00 pm Charity Regatta (racing)
18. Sunday, October 09, 2011 12:00-4:00 pm
19. October 21-23 Linda Elias Memorial Women's One Design (racing)
20. Saturday, November 05, 2011 12:00-4:00 pm

Contact "Sea Gals" at 562-355-8500 if you have questions and visit their website at:

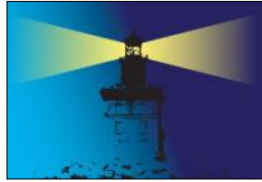
http://www.lbycsf.org/LBSF/LB_Sailing_Foundation.html

A Special thanks to Overland Café

Every month, the Overland Café caters WSA's dinner with a wonderful variety of menus. Serving great food since 1974 at 3601 Overland Ave in Culver City, call them at 310-559-9999 and visit their website: www.overlandcafe.com

WSA Skipper Spotlight

Capt. Karyn Jones



Karyn first started playing around with sailboats through a two semester seamanship course at Pepperdine. Her knowledge of sail theory came from skating through the Zuma Beach parking lot with a windsurfing mast and a Neil Pryde sail bolted to the front of the board whenever the Santa Ana winds came up.

She came to WSA in 2000 to plug a kayak cleanup sponsored by Ocean Conservation Society and stayed for the duration of the meeting. Immediately she was taken by the idea of learning more and more of what WSA members and guests had to offer in terms of nautical education and community, as well as cruising and day-sails.

She was asked by Fran Weber to sail on *Lightning* during the Wednesday night Sunset Series out of California Yacht Club. She was immediately hooked on racing and has been ever since. She sailed the J24 California Series with Susie Taylor on *Take Five* as foredeck for two years and hopped in to match racing with skipper Liz Hjorth in 2003 on various boats throughout the US.

In 2005, she bought *Outrageous*, a San Juan 33 built by Clark in the early 80's and has been offering her boat in the daysail program. The boat is sleek with a flush deck and a narrow beam. It sails on its ear when the breeze picks up, has a self-tacking jib, and nothing forward of the mast to stub your toe on.

For the past two years she has skippered for the WSA team in the Linda Elias Memorial One Design Regatta. Currently and locally, she sails on *Velerito*, a Martin 242 and a no-named C-15.



Karyn on the bow of a Catalina 37

Photo Credit Sue Service

More photos from Two Harbors cruise...

(Photos by Mike Gitchell)



Overland Café and City of Hope

Mark Sands and Overland Café are serious about raising money for the City of Hope. So serious that they will reward you for donating as well. Every dollar in donations they collect will be matched with a gift card for the Overland Café. Just write your donation check payable to City of Hope and give it to Mark. He will then reward you with a gift card to the café in the same amount as your check.

Additionally, if you write WSA on the check, WSA is also recognized. Please get your checks to Mark at the café by Friday, May 13, or give them to him before 10 a.m. at SMWYC the morning of the regatta, May 15. For more info, call the Overland Café at 310-559-9999 or visit www.overlandcafe.com.

SMWYC Invites WSA to Join In the Fun

By Coco Leigh, Vice Commodore

Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club, our wonderful Host Club is very generous to WSA members. We are invited to join the festivities at their club! We have many members who belong to both clubs so you are bound to see some old friends and make new ones! You can check out their Newsletter "Sea Sounds" on their website www.smwyc.org. Also the week's events are posted every Monday to: www.smwyc.org/thisweek.html.

Wednesday Night Dinners

Come one and all members to enjoy our Wednesday Night dinners. Each week a different member cooks a tasty dinner for only \$12.00 per person. On the last Wednesday of the month, we have an International Night where you will enjoy a dinner with an International flavor and theme. Watch our weekly email newsletter for the current week's menu and chef.

Cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Dinner Served at 7:30 p.m.

Reservations required at
reservations@smwyc.org.

Sunday Rocks

Join us for a cocktail or two, our Sunday BBQ and live music entertainment in the bar on most Sundays.

- ◆ Sun, May 1 – The Westside Band
- ◆ Sun, May 8 – The Westside Band
- ◆ Sun, May 15 – Steve McCormick Blues Band
- ◆ Sun, May 22 – The Westside Band

Music Starting at 3:00 p.m. BBQ Available 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We hope to see you there for great music, great friends and a great view!

Cinco de Mayo Dinner

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Come and join us for this special festive evening at SMWYC. The bar will have Margaritas and Mexican beer available. You'll enjoy an enchilada dinner with all the trimmings and music by a Mexican trio called Mariachi Jalisco.

Cost \$15.00 per person Cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 7:30 p.m. Please make your reservation before 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 3 by email to reservations@smwyc.org or call (310) 827-7692

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

Saturday May 7, 2011

The Women of SMWYC invite all the ladies of the Club to join us for Afternoon Tea. There will be all kinds of goodies--scones, sandwiches and yummy desserts prepared by our members and served on real antique china. We will have door prizes and more. *Plus you'll also enjoy fabulous entertainment courtesy of Patrick Bell, the world's only Opera Singing Magician.*

Our special guests this day are the members of the Red Hat Society, so it will be very colorful. If you have a hat, red or otherwise, feel free to wear and flaunt it for this festive occasion.

Time: 12:00 Noon Cost: \$20 per person

Please make your reservations by Thursday May 5 by email to reservations@smwyc.org or telephone (310)827-7692. Be there and bring a friend!

11th Annual Crab Feast & Live Auction

SMWYC's Benefit for the City of Hope

- ◆ Saturday, May 14, 2011
- ◆ Live & Silent Auctions.
- ◆ All the crab you can eat.
- ◆ Guests and family welcome.
- ◆ Cost \$55.00 by May 1, After May 1, Cost \$60.00.

Cocktails and Raffle 5:30 p.m. – Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Reserve early – send your checks payable to City of Hope with the number in your party to SMWYC, Attention Crab Feast. Questions, Mary Anne Mendel, email: mamendel@gmail.com

Big Band Night Dinner

Saturday, May 21, 2011

Scott Roewe will again bring his fabulous Pacific Swinging Band to the club for another night of great music, dancing and dinner. How lucky we are to have such wonderful talent at our club!

Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Cost \$25.00 per person Reservations please by Friday a.m., May 20 by email to reservations@smwyc.org or call (310)827-7692.

2011 Cruise Schedule

by Diane Larson, Fleet Captain/Cruise Chair

Below is the WSA cruise schedule planned for 2011 so far. Stay tuned for further details and additional cruises for last half of year. If you have interest in participating in any of the cruises as Skipper or Crew, please contact Diane at cruising@wsasmb.org with the dates you are available.

- ◆ Friday, May 13 to Sunday, May 15: Cruise to Avalon. The Silent Film Festival and Art Deco Society Avalon Ball are going on at the Casino on May 14, which are fun events to tie-in as well.
- ◆ Friday, June 3 to Sunday, June 5 (one skipper is available to depart from MdR June 1; some skippers may depart June 4): Cruise to Isthmus.
- ◆ Friday, August 5 to Sunday, August 7 (one skipper is available to depart from MdR August 3; some skippers may depart August 6): Cruise to Isthmus.

Get involved and join along for great camaraderie, adventure, and memorable sailing experiences! Contact Diane with any questions at all on the cruise events.

WSA Easter Weekend Club Sail

By Nora Hipolito

As a new member to WSA, I'm excited to report back on the great weekend had by my crewmates and me as we embarked on our sail to Catalina on a very Good Friday, April 22, 2011. Carey Meredith and I, both new members, sailed with WSA members Mike Gitchell and Ken Hooper on *Osprey*, a Catalina 320 harbored in Marina del Rey.

Not all of us had met, so we provisioned for the weekend via email and discussed activities we'd like to do on the Island. Friday came quickly, and we loaded *Osprey* for our sail across the ocean! As a former Great Lakes sailor from Chicago, I'm new to sailing in southern California, so everything is still exciting for me, from the thought of sailing in April, to navigating our way out of the Marina. I loved every minute of it!

We sailed out, but had to turn back to check on something... no problem! Everything checked out fine at the pump out and I took a photo of a 147' foot yacht moored nearby and played "guess whose boat this is" on Facebook with my friends in living in cold places.

Round 2, set sail again to Catalina Island, where we averaged 5.5 knots, and crossed in 5 hours. Dolphins played around our bow, which I of course posted to YouTube.com (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZUZwOqt7RmU&feature=youtu.be>), and the sun shone upon us.

Arriving at the Isthmus just in time for dinner, we ran into other WSA members while we dined, then afterwards checked out the tsunami damage at Cat harbor, thanks to Mike's strong headlamp, as it was dark.

The following morning, with bacon scents wafting from our stove, we were greeted by the Harbormaster, as no one can resist the scent. After a great breakfast cooked up by Chef Ken, we headed towards land... I opted to jog a few miles out towards Emerald Bay, and the rest of the group eventually made their way up to the USC Marine Center, along with other WSA members.

We had a relaxing lunch, and a few of us opted for a boat nap; then we rejoined for the potluck dinner on the beach, which included everything from homemade potato salad to salads with everything from the creator's gardens, which was quite a treat. The only thing growing in a Chicago garden in April is rust from the melting snow!

Gale force winds were originally predicted for Sunday, so many of us got an early start and left the harbor Sunday morning. We reefed the sails and made it back to MdR just as quickly as we got back, and even had the sun break out during the second half of the return.

All in all, a great trip, and a memorable first cruise for this WSA newbie.



Ken Hoover, Peter Griswold, Carey Meredith, and Nora Hipolito

Photo credit Nora Hipolito



Woman at the Helm

Woman taking a little nap





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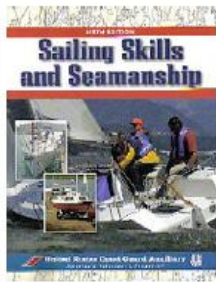
Boating Safety Classes

April-June 2011

www.smbcga.org

Sailing Skills & Seamanship

May 5th for 10 Thursdays @ 7:00-9:30P



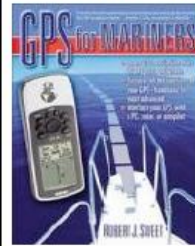
A seamanship course designed for both the experienced and intermediate sailor. It includes basic skills and safety information plus tips for sailing in the local waters. Includes a review of both State and Federal regulations. \$60 book and materials fee due the first day of class.

Flotilla 12-7 at the **Del Rey Yacht Club**
13900 Palawan Way
Marina Del Rey, CA 90292
Register and Reserve your spot by email:
mastercaptainron@gmail.com

How to Read a Nautical Chart & GPS for Mariners

April 26rd for 5 Tuesdays @ 7:00-9:30P

Learn the fundamentals of navigation, starting first with basic knowledge of paper charts, their symbols and how to plot positions and courses. Then learn basic electronic navigation, including practical tips on setting up and using your GPS. Class and lab. \$60 book and materials fee due the first day of class.



Flotilla 12-42 at the **California Yacht Club**
4469 Admiralty Way
Marina Del Rey, CA 90292
Register and Reserve your spot by email:
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Paddle Sports America

Tuesday June 14 @ 7:00-9:30P
(One day class)

Canoeists, Kayakers and Scullers are boaters! This course addresses the unique needs of this audience. Paddle Sport America is an exiting safety course designed to attract the novice paddle enthusiast. Topics include understanding the paddlecraft characteristics, capacity, safety, rules of the road, legal requirements and emergencies. \$25 for class materials.

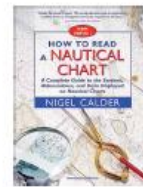


Flotilla 12-42 at the **California Yacht Club**
4469 Admiralty Way
Marina Del Rey, CA 90292
Register and Reserve your spot by email:
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How to Read a Nautical Chart for Power Boaters

Tuesdays June 21st & 28th 7:00-9:30P

At sea there are no streets, no separate areas, no differences from abutting or surrounding areas. With no land mass over the horizon, everything looks the same. For navigating we use a chart. This course will provide the navigator with the knowledge to interpret the chart's contents to navigate safely to their destination. Text and training chart included. \$50 book and materials fee due the first day of class.



Flotilla 12-4 at the **Del Rey Yacht Club**
13900 Palawan Way
Marina Del Rey, CA 90202
Register and Reserve your spot by email:
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Honey Pot Day at Marina del Rey



**Got a holding tank?
Get emptied for FREE!**

**Mobile Pumpout Service
April - October 2011**

The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation, in partnership with Department of Boating & Waterways, is providing free mobile pumpout service for boaters in Marina del Rey. Boaters must register in advance for a short, free informational seminar to receive a clean boating kit and a free mobile pumpout. The 30 minute seminars will be held weekday evenings and weekends.

We're raising awareness about mobile pumpout services as a viable and convenient option for sewage disposal and educating boaters about the adverse effects of sewage discharge.

To register, contact:

**Victoria Ippolito
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unding provided by the California Department of Boating and Waterways
Presented by the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation



Upcoming Calendar of Events

<i>May 2011</i>	
1-2 Sat/Sun	Yachting Cup—SDYC
5th Thurs	Sunstroke Series begins—SCCYC
7th Sat	Berger/Stein #3—DRYC
10th Tues	WSA General Meeting
14-15 Sat/Sun	Ahmanson Regatta—NHYC & WSA Cruise to Avalon (beginning Fri)
20th Fri	Sundown Series—DRYC
21-22 Sat/Sun	Cal Cup—CYC
17th Tues	WSA Board Meeting
28-29 Sat/Sun	Corinthian Cup—SCCYC/RBYC

<i>June 2011</i>	
3-5 Fri-Sun	WSA Cruise to Catalina
4-5 Sat/Sun	Cal Race Week—CYC
11-12 Sat/Sun	Berger 4 Cat Harbor and Return
14th Tues	WSA General Meeting
17th Fri	Sundown Series—DRYC
24-26 Fri-Sun	Long Beach Race Week—LBYC
26th Sun	Jennifer Diamond Charity Regatta DRYC
28th Tues	WSA Board Meeting

Racers: Be sure to review the 2011 ASMBYC Calendar at www.asmbyc.org
Day Sails: Day sails are usually on Saturdays and Sundays, but they are NOT listed on this calendar. Contact Dianne Christman at wsadaysails@gmail.com for up-to-date information!

WSA Website: www.wsasmb.org

Two Harbors panorama...

(Photo by Mike Gitchell)



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MISSION STATEMENT

To promote and support women's sailing based on the following principles:

- To provide educational opportunities;
- To provide information on gaining access to races, cruises and other Santa Monica Bay activities;
- To support "Youth in Sailing" community service programs;
- To support established sailing programs for women;
- To enhance networking opportunities