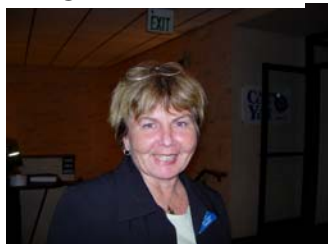


# Gal' Warnings

## COMMODORE'S QUARTERS



By Patti Eagan

As the weather heats up, so does the number of exciting WSA events. We have race clinics, cruises, and daysails lined up all throughout April and May. So what's keeping you from getting on the water?

Education chair Barbara Duker has a great speaker series lined up for 2006 general meetings. **April** will feature winners from the 2005 Woman on the Water (WOW) and Women at the Helm (WAH) regatta. These skippers and their crew will talk about how they formed their teams, established crewing positions, and worked their way to a successful regatta. The WOW/WAH regatta is a great way for women racers to try a new crew position (or just to try racing for the first time), and has been a



Something's always cooking at WSA!!!

**April 11 Speaker:**  
**WOW/WAH racing panel**

**May 9 Speaker:**  
**Yumio Dornberg on downwind trim**

**Social Hour 6:30, Business Mtg 7:30, Speaker 8pm**

**Renew your WSA membership for 2006 TODAY or miss out on these great programs!**

springboard for many successful local women racers.

Our **May** speaker is Yumio Dornberg. Yumio is regular crew on *Ripple*, the 2005 winner of the Schock 35 Nationals, but he has many other sailing titles to his name – including crewing on the winning team in the J/24 Worlds!

Yumio will be speaking about downwind trim. He is an excellent teacher, don't miss this chance to learn how to get the most out of your sails!

The annual summer party highlights our **June** meeting. We'll have loads of yummy salads, side dishes, hamburgers and hotdogs, music and other entertainment.

In **July** we'll hear from Ari Steinberg. Ari crewed on the winning boat in the second

around the world Whitbread race. In 1972 England's Whitbread company and the British Royal Naval Sailing Association agreed to sponsor a globe-circling regatta, which would be called the "Whitbread Round the World Race". The race has been greatly modified in the ensuing thirty odd years, but remains true to its original goal: A test of will, courage and

skill against the best (or more accurately, worst) nature has to offer. Along with the Vendee Globe and Global Challenge, the Whitbread (now Volvo Ocean Race) is the ultimate sailing adventure.



### **Member spotlight: Don Currie**

*By Sue Service*

Each month I'll be profiling one of our members. I thought this might be a good way for us to learn more about the people that make our club great!



Don Currie (member #787) has been a WSA member for about 7 years now. He first started sailing in 1990, when he was invited to take a boat to Hawaii. Don says "that's a long story, but let's just say I didn't know any better ☺". He didn't make it to Hawaii, but he was bitten hard by the sailing bug. Don owns *Comet*, a beautiful Morgan 36 1-ton. He's sailed *Comet* to Ensenada, Santa Cruz island, and all points in between. He's actively involved in the local race scene, and usually has a team out on *Comet* for the women at the helm portion of the WOW/WAH regatta. If you're interested in crewing for WAH this year, talk to Don and see if you can get a spot on *Comet*!

### **You get the chance to play on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22**

Earth Day is your chance to help with keeping our marina clean and healthy for the marine life and the boaters who use the marina! Please check out Heal the Bays web site, check your local newspapers for activities that may be happening in your area or be creative and get your gang of people in life and create your own activity in your own space in life. The bottom line is one person can make a change and that one person could be you!!!!

### **Cruise News**

*By Fran Weber-Melville*

**WSA Cruises for 2006 start off with a tour of Avalon on May 19 - 21**

WSA starts the cruising season off with a sail to the beautiful island of Catalina and a fun filled time in the quaint little city of Avalon. Ideally, our skippers and members will be able to take a day off from the work grind and join us on the sail over to Avalon on Friday, play all day Saturday and then find our way back to the Marina on Sunday. If taking work off on Friday is not an option then a quick trip to the island via ferry is a great Plan B!

Avalon is both a play land, historical mecca and just a great place to hang out! Lots of places to see, tours to do, miniature golf, botanical gardens, a tour of the famous casino.

I will be putting the skippers and the crew together both at the April and May WSA meetings and thru the email. So skippers and crew, feel free to contact me ([cptfran@aol.com](mailto:cptfran@aol.com)) and join in on the fun!

**PS**...the next cruise is June 10-11 to Catalina Harbor so be sure to put that on your calendar as well...well heck...as long as we are talking about having fun...the July cruise is up in the air as of now, but keep your eyes peeled for the cruises coming up in September to Channel islands, October for Two Harbors and Buccaneer days and November for the surprise cruise!!!!!!



## Daysailing Daze!

By Laura Guggenheimer

March was a cold and wet month in Southern California but that didn't stop WSA day sailors from getting out on the water. There were a total of 3 full sails that went out during the month of March. Jeannea Jordan took out her 30 foot Catalina named *Chekkerrs* for a sail on the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup>. Fran Weber-Melville was able to take out her boat *Lightning* for a sail on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> of March. Unfortunately, Kay Miller had to cancel her day sail scheduled for Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> due to no day sail captain.

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If you haven't heard, WSA's day sail program is a great way to get introduced to sailing. It's a comfortable environment to "Learn the Ropes", or should I say, "Learn the Sheets". Spending a day daysailing with one of WSA's great skippers helps new sailors build skills with hands on experience. Even experienced sailors learn new tricks or skills by spending the day with another sailor and learning the way things are done on their boat. So if you are new to sailing sign up for a day sail and become a better sailor, or if you are a seasoned sailor sign up for a sail with a new skipper and take advantage of the opportunities that the WSA day sail program has to offer.

Coming up in **May**... There will be an "Intro to WSA" event held at Burton Chase Park on **Saturday, May 13th**. This event will be advertised to the Outdoors Club of Los Angeles, the UCLA Marine Aquatics Center and other recreational associations in the area to recruit new members to WSA. This event needs as much participation as possible. It's

time for WSA to band together and let more people share the great opportunities of WSA. This event will consist of a morning dockside Introduction to WSA activities by racing, cruising and day sail chairs. Followed by a short dockside sailing introduction on one of WSA's boats (i.e. What is a winch handle? How do you raise the main sail?). We will then have a quick lunch and the participants can head out onto the water for a short day sail. Absolutely everyone is encouraged to participate in this event. It is very important to get new members into WSA. This is how WSA will continue to be an active and respected member of the Marina del Rey yachting community. New members are the future of our club. Please email Laura Guggenheimer for volunteer signup. Laura.guggenheimer@gmail.com

## Wanna Race?

By Kim Stuart

### Racing News for the WSA, winter 06

It's been a busy winter break here in Marina del Rey, if you can really choose to call it a break. With the start of the Berger Series on January 7<sup>th</sup>, the holiday season was officially over and it was back to work getting the boats ready to race.

I had the pleasure of racing Berger 1 on *Paddy Wagon*, a Ross 40 owned by Jan and Richard Mainland from CYC. The boat is big, roomy and relatively new, and we managed a first in the PHRF A class results with a bit of room to spare on corrected time. Excellent tactics, called by Jocelyn Vallieres (owner of the Martin 242, *Mischief*), along with some luck on the wind shifts, kept us one step ahead of a dying breeze.

Champagne Series was next on the agenda, 3 Saturdays spread over the course of January and early February, with very little wind and some challenging race management situations because of the lack of wind. One thing the

racing community knows, is that it's certainly harder to sail without wind than it is with wind...

MidWinters weather decided to co-operate beautifully, with some light to moderate wind on day one, and 18 knots of blustery breeze on day two, here in Marina del Rey. The Southern California MidWinters is the largest regatta of its kind, with participating yacht clubs from Santa Barbara to San Diego dividing up the classes and making for excellent racing up and down the coast.

Berger Series 2, Topanga and return, was held on the first Saturday of March. Light wind and shifty conditions made for a challenging day of racing.

March 12 was Del Rey's Mentor Series program, and WSA attendance was excellent, since both Jennea Jordan's *Chekkers* and Wayne Brandow's *Agua Cheetah* went out on the water to have some fun and learn a few things. These two boats were also first and second in the practice race that concluded the day, beating some very well mentored (and bigger) boats in the process.

SMWYC, our host club, also sponsored a Performance Racing Seminar on March 23. Fred Young, along with Steve Potter, Yumio Dornberg and Jeff Janov, all from the Schock 35 fleet, spent the evening discussing advanced racing strategies, while Lee Rhoads worked with the less experienced group on the basics. With a turnout of nearly 200 at the event, and with a large number of those present belonging to WSA, we were very well represented and showed our support for racing in the community.

SCCYC hosted the Les Storrs Regatta this past weekend, and there was fantastic weather, moderate breeze and some great committee and hospitality from their membership. I really like the folks over at South Coast Corinthian, they always make everyone feel welcome!

It's very encouraging to see the number of our members that are either very supportive of,

or very interested in learning about racing. Wayne Brandow, in particular, is one of the most active club members, letting us use his boat and his experience time and time again. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank him on behalf of me and the entire club. Members with more advanced knowledge and skills who take the time to help advance the rest of us are certainly appreciated!

Any skippers with boats that are looking for crew, or crew that are looking for rides, by all means drop me a line – [kim.stuart@comcast.net](mailto:kim.stuart@comcast.net) or [booyaaracing@comcast.net](mailto:booyaaracing@comcast.net) – and I'll be happy to mention it in email updates. Just recently WSA Gil Spears asked if anyone was interested in crewing on his Santana 35 – 3 WSA members responded to the call, and Gil and team garnered a second place finish in the regatta! When the next crew request arrives in your inbox, don't miss out on the fun!

### **First WSA Race clinic is April 9**

The clinic is split into two parts -- morning in the classroom and the afternoon out on the water. With the upcoming Sunset Series about to kick off on April 19th, new racers and veterans will want to plan to attend this day of fun-filled learning and networking. Our clinic is designed to help you with the ins and outs of racing the Sunset Series successfully! With nearly 100 boats each Wednesday night on average, Sunset Series is one of the most popular racing venues in Southern California. It's also one of the most fun series in SoCal!

#### **10am-noon.**

The morning session, Intro to Racing, will include how to enter the race, understanding the Sailing Instructions, starting sequences -- including flags and how they are used, tactics on the course, boathandling, basic rules, and finishing. While this is geared to the Sunset Series protocol, participants will take away valuable information to use in any race environment. We will also cover basic race

etiquette and Corinthian sportsmanship as well during the morning. There will be a Q&A incorporated into the classroom session as well.

### 1pm-3pm (approx)

The afternoon session will begin on the water at 1 pm. Multiple rolling starts will begin the session, followed by a round the mark "race" back to the finish line. We'll set a course to a single mark, depending on the wind, in keeping with the Sunset Series format, and the boats will finish before entering the channel (unlike the Sunset Series).

All skill levels and classes are welcome to attend the seminar. Crew without rides, rides short on crew... come out and network in a fun and educational environment. Many a "match" is made during events like these.

### Class costs are:

WSA members: \$5 if you register before March 29, \$10 if you register after March 29. Non-WSA members: \$15.

The clinic is FREE if you bring your own boat!!! We will try to pair crew and skippers in need of each other as best we can with the number of attendees.

If you'd like to register, or need more information about the event, please contact me via email -- [booyaaracing@comcast.net](mailto:booyaaracing@comcast.net) -- please advise as to the number of crew you may need if you're a skipper without a full crew, and whether your boat is spinnaker or non-spinnaker.

### WSA Membership Update

It's time to renew your membership for 2006! A membership form and waiver are included in this newsletter. We will be deleting all non-renewing members from both the printed and the e-mail directories this month. Also, only those who have paid their 2006 dues will be admitted to the remainder of the WSA general meetings. Don't miss the delicious dinners and fabulous speakers, renew today!



This is membership chair Libby Gill, working at home on the WSA membership database. Keep Libby from deleting you from the roster and send in your check today!

### "Gal Warnings" welcomes member submissions!

We're happy to include your articles and photos! Send your submissions to [sservice@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:sservice@mednet.ucla.edu).



Diane Hubner responded to this call, and sent in this photo, which she captioned as "Racing is fun it is exciting, challenging, and invigorating! I know there's wind out there somewhere. A recent race where the start was postponed for over an hour and half waiting for wind."

## Upcoming Calendar of Events

### April 2006

1-2 Sat/Sun	Spring Keelboat regatta CYC
5 <sup>th</sup> Weds	Sailing and Safety Seminar CYC
9 <sup>th</sup> Sun	WSA Race Clinic classroom in the morning and practice race in the afternoon!
11 <sup>th</sup> Tues	WSA general meeting SMWYC – WOW/WAH race panel
12 <sup>th</sup> Weds	Sunset Series Racing Seminar CYC
18 <sup>th</sup> Tues	WSA Board meeting SMWYC
19 <sup>th</sup> Weds	Sunset Series Starts CYC
22-23 Sat/Sun	Ahmanson Cup regatta Newport Harbor YC
28 <sup>th</sup> Friday	Newport to Ensenada Start

### May 2006

6-7 Sat/Sun	Yachting Cup – San Diego YC
6 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Baker Series Regatta – WOW/WAH warmup (MVYC/SBYRC/WSA)
9 <sup>th</sup> Tues	WSA general meeting SMWYC: Yumio Dornberg on downwind sail trim
13 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Berger race #3 to Pt. Dume DRYC
13 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Santa Monica Bay Race DRYC/SMWYC
13 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Introduction to WSA – dockside at SMWYC and then on the water with a daysail!
19 <sup>th</sup> Friday	Sundown Series starts DRYC
19-21 Fri-Sun	WSA cruise to Avalon
23 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	WSA Board Meeting: SMWYC

**Racers – be sure to review a copy of the 2006 ASMBYC calendar – you can get a copy at <http://www.asmbyc.org>**

**Daysails: Daysails take place on Saturdays and Sundays, and are not listed on this calendar – contact Laura Guggenheimer ([wsadaysails@gmail.com](mailto:wsadaysails@gmail.com)) for up to date information!**

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- To support "Youth in Sailing" community Service programs;
- To Support established sailing programs For women; and
- To enhance networking opportunities.

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