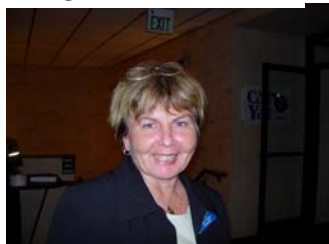


Gal' Warnings

COMMODORE'S QUARTERS



By Patti Eagan

The Summer Party was a blast – thanks to everyone who helped make it a success – Nicola Lamb, Karen Kuchel, Karyn Jones, Libby Gill, Lindalee Fromm, Bev Godwin, Kelly Cantley, Kim Stuart and Penny Mastt. And sorry if I've left anyone out!! Our club isn't a success without your input, and everyone really rallied to make the party a winner!

It's Summer! Go Sailing!

Cool Sailing Websites

Local Weather Conditions in MdR A great resource for sailors in Marina del Rey is the UCLA Weather Station. The weather station records wind speed and direction, air temperature, barometric pressure, etc., all measured at the UCLA dock in Marina del Rey. If you're thinking of coming out to go sailing, but not sure if the wind is good, this is a great way to get an idea of current conditions. There is also a web cam that points up the channel so you can see the traffic, etc. The website gives the 24 hour weather history, so this also might give indications of wind/weather behavior for a given day. The link to the website is <http://www.marinaaquaticcenter.org/> and click

**July 11: Ari Steinberg "Crewing
in the Whitbread Round the
World Race"**

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

on "Weather Conditions" or "Webcam" for more info

*Sailing and Racing
News Online*

Interested in keeping up with national and international news on sailing races and

innovations? The Scuttlebutt Sailing Club has a great website devoted to sailing news. Go to <http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/> for more info. You can even sign up to have their news digest emailed to you daily!

Membership Report

By Libby Gill

As of June 27, 2006, WSA has 101 members. Welcome new members Diane Larson, Leda Whitmer and Kathy St. Amant, and returning members Ralph Plaice and Judy Trester!

Treasurer's Report

By Karen Kuchel

Our membership continues to grow, and WSA is firmly in the black, money-wise. Our expenses for the summer party were partially offset by income from guests and the raffle, all of which will help fund our entry for the Holiday Boat Parade.

Member spotlight: Diane Hubner

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!



Diane Hubner (member #588) has been a WSA since 1999. She started sailing that year, and began racing in 2003. Her most exciting sailing experiences so far include racing from Marina del Rey to Puerto Vallarta,

Mexico, aboard *Green Dragon* in 2004, and crewing with the Long Beach Women's team "Novias del Mar" in the One-Design Women's Regatta in Puerto Vallarta Mexico. Diane says her sailing goals for the future include: "1. Continue to improve my sailing/racing skills and do more women's regattas. I would love to be part of a consistent women's team. 2. Continue to bring sailing experiences to all women to increase their confidence both on and off the water. 3. To get my Captains License. 4. To be able to do some long distance sailing 3 months - 2 years or longer if it's meant to be." Good luck Diane, and see you on the water!!

Tips to become Crew on a local Race Boat

Interested in getting involved in racing this year? You can get a copy of the MdR "race calendar" at www.asmbyc.org, at the bottom of the page. The calendar will let you know what

regattas are coming up, the sponsoring yacht club, and the race chairs at the various clubs. Here are a few tips on how to become crew and participate in racing:

1. Ask the WSA race chair and Skippers if they know of anyone that needs crew. For example, I've recently heard that WSA Skipper Dave Angers needs crew on his new J/80!
2. Come to the post-race hospitality at the sponsoring club and chat up some of the skippers. Especially talk to those who didn't finish "in the money" – part of their problem may be lack of consistent crew.
3. Talk to the chairperson of the regatta (you can find out the chairperson and by contacting the sponsoring club) and volunteer to help with race committee. You'll learn a lot about racing, and make contacts for future regattas
4. Try one of the on-line methods: www.steadycrew.com and www.yrrc.com attempt to match up boats that need crew with people who want to crew!



The WSA/Marina del Rey and Long Beach teams battling it out downwind in Puerto Vallarta

Race Report

By Kim Stuart

Racing season is in high gear throughout Southern California. With events ranging from the Cat Harbor Layover (Berger/Stein 4/5) to Long Beach Race Week and the upcoming WOW/WAH Regatta (July 8/9) and Mayors Cup immediately following, there doesn't seem to be a free weekend in sight.

Cat Harbor Layover was, as always, a well attended and tremendously fun event. Light and spotty breeze on the way over (especially coming around the back side of the island) made for interesting tactics that varied widely in approach by all participating boats. With several cruises and a race out of Long Beach on the same weekend, Catalina was full of sailors hanging out and having fun. The ride home the next day was exciting and fun – boats reported good wind (with some strange shifts) and tight reaching back to MdR.

Long Beach Race Week. Wow, what a regatta. All three days of racing saw confusing shifts, blustery winds, crazy swings in wind speed and made life difficult for some. Unfortunately *Cuvee Caliente* and one of the new Martin 242s were involved in separate collisions resulting in substantial damage to both boats. Mike George and Jim Durden managed to round up another boat and get it into LB in time to race on Saturday and Sunday, going on to place second in their class. *Cuvee* sat out the remainder of the racing, and hopefully will be back out soon. Each day saw wind shifting from the low teens to more than 20 kts of breeze gusting through, and each course had its share of beachings, collisions, bodies overboard and boats that wiped out.

The WOW/WAH is coming up this weekend, participation should be good and the competitive spirit is already showing itself!

Hopefully we'll have good weather for the regatta and everyone will be pleased with the racing. Right now the weather looks good, it's still hotter than usual (and hotter than the forecast by the beach) so good luck to all the boats racing!

Mayor's Cup starts next week in Long Beach – there is a public spectator area by Rainbow Harbor, and racing is Thursday through Friday, with team practice on Wednesday. MdR's and WSA's Liz Hjorth (who also did the Puerto Vallarta race with our WSA team) is one of the skippers and several WSA members are crewing for her and for other teams. The regatta is an invitation only event, graded and ranked in the Women's Match Racing ISAF rankings and should prove to be exciting. Allowed only 7 people and a total of 1050 lbs of weight, the Catalina 37s could prove to be tough to handle if the wind is howling like it did at LBRW. Match racing (like the Americas Cup) involves two boats going head to head on the race course against each other. Unlike PHRF or One Design racing, which have many boats racing against each other, match racing relies heavily on trying to entice the other boat to foul and incur penalties. Quite exciting, if anyone has been watching the Americas Cup updates on OLN.

Last but not least for this month – the Linda Elias Women's One Design Regatta is held on the same Catalina 37s each fall (mid-October) at LBYC. This year WSA is soliciting resumes from qualified skippers who would be interested in driving the WSA boat. Once the skipper is established, we'll then complete the process of getting the crew selection made. If you'd like to send in either crew or skipper resumes to me, please email them to Kim.Stuart@comcast.net

Upcoming Calendar of Events

...July 2006

1-2 Sat/Sun	MdR to San Diego – SMWYC
8-9 Sat/Sun	WOW/WAH – ASMBYC/WSA/MVYC/PMYC
11 th Tues	WSA General Meeting – Sailing in the Whitbread!
25 th Tues	WSA Board Meeting

...August 2006

4-5 Fri/Sat	Santa Barbara to King Harbor Race
8 th Tues	WSA General Meeting
13 th Sunday	Jennifer Diamond Charity Regatta
24-27 th	J/105 North American Championships – sponsored by CYC
End of July	WSA Cruise to Shoreline Marina in Long Beach

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) for up to date information!

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