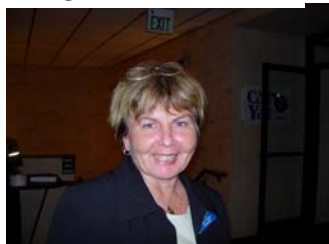


Gal' Warnings

COMMODORE'S QUARTERS



By Patti Eagan

Lots in store for WSA members!

2006 is ¾ of the way

done, but we still have plenty of activities to look forward to here at WSA.

Our October meeting features Nick Barran.

Says Kim Stuart, who asked Nick to speak: "Nick was captain of the boat that was hit by a

whale returning from Pacific Cup -- 400+ miles off Hawaii at the time of the incident -- and sank. Phenomenal preparation on the part of the owners and crew meant that within hours of taking to the life raft, a rescue vessel was on hand and everyone returned to land, safe and sound. Whether you race, cruise or daysail, this is a lesson that we can all take to heart; it also reinforces the fact that boat prep is the most vital part of sailing, no matter what type of sailing you do".

In December we have both the boat parade (the WSA entry is always spectacular and wins a prize or two!) and our end of year holiday



WSA members at the 11th annual Lobster Fest in Redondo, September 24, 2006

**October 10: Nick Barran
recounts his encounter with a
sperm whale that sank his boat!**

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

party and installation of the 2007 board. It's a great party, don't miss it!

Sailing to the Lobster Fest

By Jeannea Jordan

Intentioned not to be your average day sail, it was a picture perfect warm sunny southern Cal

Sunday morning as

Lightning and

Chekkerrs sailed out of

MdR at for the 11th annual Lobster Festival in Redondo Beach.

Capt. Fran and John Melville, and Sandy Canalis, Mike Gitchell, and Diane Destiny crewed on *Lightning* and Barb Marbach, Rosemary Donato and I

from WSA handled *Chekkerrs*.

We were close hauled in a steady 10kts of perfect breeze to the 2ES Buoy. After rounding 2ES we altered course and beam to broad reached to the entrance of King Harbor. Diane Destiny helmed on *Lightning* and Auto helmed on *Chekkerrs*. Well, we were chatting and enjoying the scenery.

Despite repeated attempts to secure slips for the afternoon, none were forthcoming but we didn't let that deter us. We pulled out stern anchors and dropped two hooks, bow and stern. We were directly across from the Harbor Patrol office snug behind the breakwater. We put out a 3:1 scope since we were in a protected

anchorage and the tide would be ebbing no more than 3ft. during the time we attended the Fest.

Out came the dinghies. John, being the "manly man he is", to quote Fran, rowed their dinghy back and forth to the Harbor Patrol docks to off load his crew. I, not being any kind of man at all, dashed back and forth depositing *Chekkerrs* crew with my trusty dingy motor supplying the muscle. While executing this maneuver, Wayne Brandow with a WSA day sail crew on *Agua Cheetah*, glided into the anchorage to cheer us on. What a pleasant surprise!



Jeannea's water taxi



Manly man John



Chekkerrs under sail to the Lobster Fest

We had about a mile walk around the marina to the Fest. Since we anticipated eating a lot, it seemed appropriate to move a lot. Then we hit a series of very long lines. John volunteered to be on anchor watch so he gallantly patrolled the harbor while we enjoyed the Fest. Rosemary took another tack and sat and ate in a real restaurant. No pain no gain, came to mind as we waited patiently. Fortunately, the line snaked around to the harbors edge and a cool breeze blew over us. Sandy said she enjoyed talking to fellow sailors and thought the time passed quickly, Diane said she didn't care about the lines, that the lobster and the entire day, was worth it. Barb ferried cold beer to the line standers for medicinal purposes and eventually we made it to the front.



Sandra and Dianne at the helm

Huge baskets of live lobsters were lowered by crane into giant cauldrons. When they were done a ships bell clanged and they hauled them out. The big red Maine lobsters were incredibly delicious. Diane was right, well worth the effort. After waiting in the bathroom line, we hustled back to the dinghies to weigh anchors for the trip home.



Fran and her lobster

That was the good part, now comes the great part. We cleared the King Harbor breakwater about 6:15PM and hit sustained winds of 14 to 16kts from the west with 4 to 6ft. seas. *Chekkerrs* motor sailed up the way she came down, to take 2ES buoy on starboard. Large waves broke over the coaming and the windward crew dashed for foulies. Barb held our course as she helmed through Mr. Toads wild ride to 2ES. The sun set and Rosemary saw the green flash. "Yahoo" frequently went up from the crew as the boat bucked up and down. Just a sliver of moon gave faint light as the darkness settled in. Rounding 2ES buoy, we set the jib, silenced the motor and surfed down the waves on a beam reach at hull speed to the MDR's south entrance. What a glorious ride!



Chekkerrs at anchor

Who was there sailing in with us but *Lightning*. Capt. John had cleverly navigated and Mike had skillfully helmed as they sailed the inside passage between 12ES and 2ES cutting half a mile off their course and getting a favorable heading into the wind enabling them to sail most of the way. Capt. Fran said it was a "rock and roll event" True and hardy sailors they are. A mighty "Huzzah" to all participants. Through the fair and the foulies they kept the rail in the water. At WSA we live for that.

Annual Business Meeting Notification

By: Karyn Jones, Junior Staff Commodore

Fellow WSA Members,

This letter is to officially notify you all that the annual business meeting will be held at the October general meeting. This means we will be voting for our new WSA Board on October 10, 2006 and I hope that you all can make it. If you can't, your ballot will be mailed to you and must be returned within 15 days of the election.

Many of you have received this message online. If you didn't read it then, please read it now as it concerns all of us.

WSA is only as strong as its members so it is important that its membership run the club. The way in which the membership runs the

club is by actively participating in the governing body known as the WSA Board.

As promised at the September meeting, here is your invitation to be a part of WSA history. We need your help and participation for next year. We need to know if you are interested in any board or chair position.

There are two ways to help.

- 1) Nominate yourself for a board position or committee chair.
- 2) Nominate someone else for a board position or committee chair (please let them know that you are doing this).

Once again, here is the breakdown: Laura Guggenheimer will be the incoming Commodore and she will need a core group of people to help her. Patti Eagan is her Junior Staff Commodore.

For the Board Positions (Chairs that report to this board member are listed underneath each title. These positions do not have to attend board meetings but submit their report/concerns to the corresponding board member. The idea of the chair position is to bear some of the load of the board member's duties. Please note that the skipper liaison isn't a board appointed position but is a WSA skipper appointed position who gives his/her report to the Fleet Captain):

- 1) Communications Director (formerly the Publicity Chair)(four helpers listed below)
 - Newsletter
 - Publicity
 - Historian
 - Webmaster
- 2) Social Director (two helpers listed below)
 - Membership/Database
 - Social
- 3) Education Director
- 4) Fleet Captain (Can also be cruise or race Chair)
 - Cruise

Daysail
Racing
Skipper Liaison

5) Treasurer (gets one helper)

Quartermaster

6) Vice Commodore (must have been on the board for a year-everyone helps this person)

Ad hoc committees

Boat parade

Summer Party

7) Secretary

PLEASE NOTE: ANYONE CAN RUN FOR ANY POSITION. We will put together the ballots based on the response of the membership. Even if you are remotely interested but don't understand the duties involved-please email me at:

kahunagecko@earthlink.net

Please let me know which position you are interested in. Or call me at 310-387-9079 (cell) or 310-230-8638 (home) and I will fill you in on everything you need to know about any of the above titles.

Once again thanks for your participation. Looking forward to hearing from all of you.

Member spotlight: Laura Guggenheimer

By Sue Service



Laura Guggenheimer (member #780) has been a WSA since 2003. Besides some cruising with her parents when she was a teenager, WSA was her first foray into sailing. She is active in daysails (she is the

Daysail Chair!) and racing. Her most exciting sailing accomplishment so far is racing an

Olsen 40 with just 4 crew persons to Catalina and back, and doing the bow for the first time, alone. She's looking forward to trying and getting more into the tactical side of racing, and maybe do a little skippering herself, on something like a Lido 14.

Since joining WSA Laura has been very active on the board – and she'll be the Commodore next year!

Race Report

By Kim Stuart WSA Race Co-Chair

As the end of the year approaches, the racing season truly does start to slack off, and that's bound to be as much a relief for some of you reading this, as it is for me writing it.

The ASMBYC championship is finished, having been held in Redondo Beach/King Harbor last weekend, and our entry, *Agua Cheetah*, finished very respectably in its class. While I was in Long Beach at JFest (wishing for some breeze), the reports of good wind and good racing were great to hear! Our incoming Commodore, Laura G, raced with Wayne on the boat, so congrats to her and the other members on the team.

We're also halfway through the Man/Woman Series -- and each race is scored individually as well as for the series, so it's not too late to grab a partner and come out to race. Both races so far had whipping winds -- something very unusual for this time of year here (or here at all sometimes) and have been fabulous for the wipeouts, near wipeouts and all around GREAT racing.

Home Port Regatta is coming up in November, so this is a fantastic chance for non-drivers to get out and work on getting the boat around the course. It's a very laid back race, and makes for a fun day on the water, improving skills and learning a lot.

Day Sail Daze

By: Laura Guggenheimer

September was a banner month for Day Sailing with WSA. We had a total of 6 day sails! Wayne got out on the water for 5 of those days. Wayne even took out members on the Labor Day holiday. George was also out there for what was probably the last sunset sail of the season. Jeannea was not available for day sails in September but joined Fran and her crew for Lobsterfest in Redondo. Kay is still out recovering from knee surgery but will be back for day sails in several weeks. When she's ready I'm sure she'll be roaring to go.

October is here and I have several day sails to offer. Jeannea is going out on Tuesday, October 10 at 2pm and will be back in time for all to attend the October general meeting. She will also go out on Saturday, October 21st at 11am. Wayne is available as well for two sails in October; Saturday and Sunday, October 21st and 22nd, respectively. Please sign up (wsadaysails@gmail.com) and get out on the water. There's no sailing season in California! What are you waiting for?

Vice Commodore Report

By Laura Guggenheimer

This year as your Vice Commodore, I will be in charge of WSA's participation in the Marina del Rey Holiday Boat Parade. The theme for this year's parade has finally been chosen, "Water Winter Wonderland". The parade spans two evenings, Friday December 8th and Saturday December 9th. Saturday night however is the only night in which there is judging. WSA will assemble the boat Saturday during the day and take it out for the judging Saturday night. The parade starts promptly at 6pm following fireworks deployed from the south jetty at 5:55pm.

This is a fun event and a great chance for WSA to show the marina who we are and what we are about. We will need to start organizing this event soon. Stay tuned for emails from me

(Laura Guggenheimer) on work parties. WSA currently owns a storage locker full of holiday decorations and lights. We have a lot to work with and from what I've heard the more "sparkly" the better. Initially, we will have a party to discuss the theme and brainstorm ideas for making our boat stand out to the judges and hopefully we can get our hands on the grand prize. Last year's prize was a trip for two to judge the 2006 Tokyo Bay Illuminated Boat Parade.

I really hope that you will help out with this event. It's fun, creative and quite a bit of work! Keep your eyes peeled for emails announcing upcoming work parties.

The following website, www.mdrboatparade.org has more event specifics.

Water Quality Monitoring: Testing our Way to Cleaner Water

Join Santa Monica Baykeeper in the fight for clean water by attending this fourth workshop in a series on the Clean Water Act and water quality issues in Los Angeles. On October 18, the CWA topic will be the 303(d) Threatened and Impaired Waters List and Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), and guest speakers Carlos Carreon and Tracy Egoscue of Santa Monica Baykeeper will talk about water quality monitoring and the role that it plays in enforcing clean water laws here in LA. For a complete list of workshop dates, topics and locations, call Kathleen Jacecko at 310-822-4522 or visit <http://www.smbaykeeper.org/ep/ep.html>.

Date: October 18, 2006

Time: 6:30 - 8:00pm

Location: Santa Monica College, 3171 S Bundy Dr 90066

Boys and Girls Club of Venice sailing program starts Oct 10th!!!!

gang, if you have some time on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 2:30 to 5:30 come down and play with the boys and girls who love to learn to sail and just be on the water!!!! This is a national award winning program, due primarily to the community effort that it takes to make it happen! You can be assured that it is a safe and fun program to be involved with!!! 50% of the young sailors are young wanna be gal sailors!!!! for more information...please contact Fran Weber-Melville 310 738-3205!

Your Article HERE

Submissions, in the form of articles or photos, are welcome from the membership! Please email sservice@mednet.ucla.edu for more info!

Upcoming Calendar of Events

October 2006

6-8 th Fri-Sun	Buccaneer Days and WSA Cruise to Two Harbors
8 th Sunday	Man/Woman Series #3 SMWYC
10 th Tues	WSA General Meeting
21 st Sat	Man/Woman Series #4 SCCYC
22 nd Sunday	Glenn Thorpe Oktoberfest Regatta SMWYC
28 th Sunday	Heather Perkoff Series PMYC

...November 2006

4-5 Sat/Sun	Matchless Match Racing SBYRC
7 th Tues	WSA General Meeting
11 th Sat	Home Port Regatta PMYC/SBYRC

...December 2006

9 th Sat	MdR Holiday Boat Parade
12 th	WSA General Meeting – Installation Dinner and Holiday Party!
16 th Sat	King Harbor Holiday Boat Parade

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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- To provide education 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; and
- To enhance networking opportunities.

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