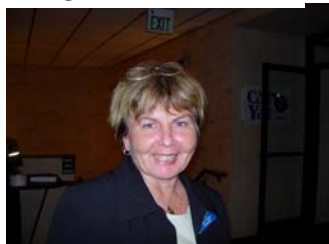


Gal' Warnings

COMMODORE'S QUARTERS



By Patti Eagan

Two Great Speakers Coming up

Our September 12th meeting will feature a movie made by the skipper and crew of a bareboat charter – one of the crew was WSA's own Diane Destiny, and she and the other members of her party will show the movie they made of their 3 week trip cruising from St Lucia to Grenada.

Our October speaker will be Nick Barran. Nick is a well known racer not only in MdR, but also in many ports around the world. Nick will not be telling about his racing exploits, however. He'll be describing an amazing survival at sea experience – he and three other members of his crew were sailing back to California from Hawaii aboard their yacht *Mureadritta XL*, when they were struck by what was later identified as a sperm whale. The damage was severe enough that they had to abandon ship



WSA Cruise Chair Fran Weber Melville aboard *Lightning* in Paradise Cove

and wait for rescue, meanwhile watching *Mureadritta XL* sink! All hands made it back to Hawaii safe and sound. Nick will have slides and be discussing their safety precautions and how they handled the situation in order to get rescued.

Sept 12: Diane Destiny and Friends "Cruising the Caribbean: a Movie"

October 10: Nick Barran tells how a sperm whale sank his sailboat

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

WSA cruise gang invades Paradise Cove

By Fran Weber-Melville
My Time II with George Maronich, his wife Aida, Diane Hubner and Mike Gitchell and *Lightning* with John Melville, Fran Weber-Melville, Patricia Sanders, Margaret Pommert invaded Paradise Cove (just north of

Malibu) for our Labor Day cruise. The gang had high expectations of playing on Santa Cruz Island in some exotic bay but the wind gods dictated that the gang was to be content to hanging out in Paradise Cove.

The gang left on Friday late morning and arrived in Paradise Cove early evening. All crew members awoke bright and early to head off to Channel Islands for fuel but alas the wind

gods were up to about 20-25 knots of wind on our noses - needless to say the going was slow and rough. So...a call was made by John Melville to turn back to Paradise Cove and after a short...**very short discussion**...it was a unanimous decision to turn back and play in Paradise Cove.

And play, relax, eat, play, relax, eat, play, relax, eat...etc!!!! the weather was great, the stars put on a great show for us all, Mike and Diane kayaked till their arms fell off, *My Time II* crew put on a spread that was equal to the finest restaurants in town, *Lightning* had a Sunday brunch that would rival any brunch in town, and the wind gods stayed behind Point Dume (for the most part) and thus we had a very mellow adventure. John Melville also shared with the gang that the winds were 30-35 knots at Anacapa Island with gusts to 40knots...we felt pretty smug in our little world behind Point Dume!!!!

A huge thanks goes out to Diane Hubner, Mike Gitchell and Aida Maronich for doing an outstanding job of provisioning the boats for a great feast at all the meals...the cookies were the best!!!

All in all, a great time was had by all!!! (Do you wish you could have gone? There is time to join the group for Buccaneer Days ...)

Some photos from this WSA cruise:



Aida and George at the helm of *My Time II*



Fran and Margaret enjoying a meal on *Lightning*



John Melville's Taxi Service

Buccaneer Days Friday, Saturday, Sunday Oct 6,7,8th at The Isthmus on Catalina Island

By Fran Weber Melville

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only those who can say this 5 times with gusto can even entertain the thought of braving the wilds of Two Harbors on Buccaneer Days...Now if you can say this 10 times with mega gusto...then you will fit right in with the rest of the Pirates and Wenches who overtake

Two Harbors for the first weekend in October! We need brave skippers to step up to the plate and offer their boats for a strong and courageous crew that will help find the terrifying and death defying Black Pearl!!!

There will be more information at the September meeting (ie sign up sheets for crew and skippers) or you can contact me via email cptfran@aol.com or call me at 310 738-3205 if you are interested in taking on this task of trying to party with the best pirates and wenches on the northern hemisphere!!!

Coastal Clean Up Saturday September 16th from 9am -12 noon

Come be a part of the biggest volunteer day on the planet!!! In 90 countries and all 50 states, people will be making a difference by cleaning up their local waterways and beaches. Heal the Bay is the coordinator for the Coastal Cleanup Day in LA County, and this year will have more than 50 sites throughout the county... Ranging from the Tujunga Wash in Sunland, to the Colorado Lagoon in Long Beach, to Zuma Beach in Malibu, we have sites close to your neighborhood...just go to healthebay.org to find a site near you...and of course you would not want to go to these events by yourself...so be sure to bring 2- 3 friends to help with the clean up!!!

Boys and Girls Club of Venice after school sailing program starts for the fall season!!!

If you have some afternoon time from Monday thru Thursday and you have a burning desire to share the love of sailing with kids from ages 7-13...then this program is for you. Beginner to advanced sailors are welcome to join in on the fun of sharing the high seas of the marina with these "oh so willing" kids! 50% of the children are girls so as members of the Women's Sailing Association you can make a huge impact on these lady wannabe sailors!!! If you are

interested...please contact Fran Weber-Melville at cptfran@aol.com or call 310 738-3205

George Maronich...Skipper of the Month



George has been sailing for over 20 years. His boat, *My Time II*, is a 2004 34 foot Beneteau 331. She features roller main and jib so is easy to rig and sail. He has been with WSA about 1 ½ years.

This year, *My Time II* started racing for the first time in the Wednesday night Sun Set Race Series in Cruising Class B. He has enjoyed the racing as a great learning experience and opportunities to socialize with other sailors. He loves the challenge of chasing *Chekkerrs* down the marina on many a Sunset Series Wednesday night race!!!

On several WSA day sails, we had fantastic dolphin shows with several very large pods. George enjoys the WSA members because they love to sail. He enjoys both the experienced WSA crews and teaching new sailors. Since George is an engineer by trade...even on day sails he can be seen trimming his sails so they are maximized for the wind conditions. Also, the experienced WSA crews are great support for longer cruises like Channel Island. George gives a hearty thanks to John and Fran of *Lightning* for introducing him to WSA.

In addition to sailing, he can be found skiing the at Mammoth and traveling the globe with his lovely wife Aida. He is an engineer by

trade so beware when you are sailing with him and his attention to detail on sail trim and boat speed!

Day Sail Daze

By: *Laura Guggenheimer*

August was a great month as usual for the day sail portion of WSA on the water activities. August has been our banner month for day sails in WSA. This August we had a total of 8 day sails go out. Thank you WSA skippers! Jeannea took *Chekkerrs* her 30' Catalina out for a sunset sail on Wednesday the 9th and a day sail Sunday the 27th. Kay took out *Shalako* her 38' Catalina for a spin on Saturday the 12th. Wayne was in full effect with 4 day sails: Saturday, the 12th and 26th, Thursday, the 17th, and Sunday, the 13th. George was also out there with two sunset sails, one on the 11th and the other on the 18th.

Stay tuned for more dates for September. For a current list of day sail dates, check out the website at: www.wsasmb.org and click on the tab "Calendar".

Vice Commodore Report

By: *Laura Guggenheimer*

I have some exciting news to deliver concerning a change of WSA policy. At the July 25th WSA board meeting a decision was made to change the way in which new members join our club. Currently our policy is to have any new members who join the club pay a full year membership of \$90 ending December 31st, regardless of when they decide to join. The only price break is obtained if a new member decides to join on, or after October 1. On or after October 1, a new member may receive the three remaining months of the calendar year, plus the following year's membership. In effect, the new member gets 15 months of membership for the price of one year. This is a great deal yet, if a new member decides to join in July, for instance, the full year membership

is paid and only 5 months of membership remain for the new member. The board took a vote and the following policy changes were made to the WSA By Laws.

1. Any new member* joining on, or before June 30th will pay the full year membership of \$90. Any new member joining WSA after June 30th will pay \$45 for membership for the remaining part of the calendar year.
2. New members joining WSA on or after October 1 will no longer receive the remaining months of the calendar year plus the following year's membership.

The board agrees that this change in new membership policy will make it easier for WSA to attract and obtain new members during the summer months.

Another topic was brought up concerning the renewal of membership by our current members. It was decided that a late fee of \$10 will be added to existing member's membership dues if dues are not renewed by the first general meeting in February (or 2nd Tuesday in February). The board agrees that this policy will encourage people to renew their membership earlier in the year.

*New member is defined as a person who has never been a member of WSA and therefore does not include someone who has lapsed their membership and would like to re-join.

Race Report

By *Kim Stuart*

Well, it's the official end of the summer, and the Outlaw Regatta hosted by SMWYC and SIBYC (Seal Beach) is the last true summer race on the calendar. Boats had tons of wind, a heavy swell, and some near record times making the trek down to Long Beach last Saturday.

Lots of championship regattas have taken place lately as well. Jeff Janov and *Ripple* were a repeat Schock 35 National Champion in Newport Beach, our own Alice Leahey finished

8th in J105 North Americans at CYC, and the last Wednesday night race of the summer is upon us this week. Sunstroke and Starlight Series are finished, and there's one remaining Sundowner race at DRYC next Friday night.

It's been a very busy summer, and each weekend has a regatta on the calendar, and a lot of those are considered major events. It's possible to spend every weekend, or nearly every one, racing throughout the summer, and most of us seem to have done that.

It's been a great year for women's racing as well. The Mdr team brought home a first from Puerto Vallarta, the WOW/WAH was well attended, and the Mayors Cup drew international participation.

Upcoming events include the Man/Woman Series, which can be a fun way to push your skill set to the limit by doublehanding a boat, and possibly your patience to the limit as well depending on your choice in teammate.

We're scheduling a race clinic for mid-October, more details to follow. If you're not signed up to the Race Email list, please take a few moments to do so. Tons of useful information, NORs, SIs, etc are posted to the list, and it certainly helps to keep you organized!

Member spotlight: *Bev Godwin* By Sue Service



Bev Godwin (member #19) has been in WSA for more than 15 years. Bev first joined the single sailors club in Marina del Rey. This club expects members to learn to sail proficiently in 18 months. Bev was ready to tackle that challenge, but several months into her membership she fell and badly hurt her arm. There would be no way complete her requirements in the remaining time, so she resigned her membership. A sailor friend of hers introduced her to WSA, and she realized that was the type of club she'd been looking for all along! Bev has served several years on the WSA Board. We are lucky to have a member like Bev – at any of our

functions you will find her there, pitching in and helping make the event move smoothly.

WSA Communications By: *Laura Guggenheimer*

Keeping WSA communicating effectively and efficiently is something that I would like to address. In case you don't know or you forgot (as I had), WSA has an email server in which members can apply to be added or removed from a distribution list. Currently there are two main distribution lists, Announcements and Racing Events. It works by members visiting the following website: <http://wsasmb.org/mailman/listinfo>. On this page (See Figure 1 below) you will notice a selection of mailing lists (Announcements, Boardofdirectors and Race-events).

List	Description
Announcements	announcements to the membership
Boardofdirectors	BOD
Race-events	List for race and clinic related announcements
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Figure 1: List of available Email Lists

All members should apply to be added to the Announcements email list and only those interested in receiving racing events should apply to the Racing-events lists. If you are on the board you should

already be on the Boardofdirectors email list. Once you click on a desired email list you will be directed to another page (See Figure 2 below) in which you will enter your email address and then supply a password.

Your email address:

Your name (optional):

You may enter a privacy password below. This provides only mild security, but should prevent others from messing with your subscription. **Do not use a valuable password** as it will occasionally be emailed back to you in cleartext.

If you choose not to enter a password, one will be automatically generated for you, and it will be sent to you once you've confirmed your subscription. You can always request a mail-back of your password when you edit your personal options.

Pick a password:

Reenter password to confirm:

Which language do you prefer to display your messages? English (USA)

Would you like to receive list mail batched in a daily digest? No Yes

Figure 2: Sign In Page

SIGN UP IS NOT OVER YET... You then need to check your email for an acknowledgement email. YOU MUST RESPOND TO THIS EMAIL or you will not get on the list. Reply to this email by simply clicking on the "Reply" button in your email program, sending and nothing more. This step prevents other people from maliciously adding your email address to other mailing lists. Conversely, you may also use the above website to have your name dropped from the distribution list. Those directions are similar to adding your email address.

Currently I'm working on getting a distribution list together for day sails. Hopefully, I can get day sail announcements out to only those people that would like to receive them. This method of email is very convenient to the chairs because they don't have to maintain a current email list of members as they join throughout the year. In addition, it allows chairs to send out bulk emails in excess of 100 recipients. Most free email services (yahoo, gmail, hotmail, etc.) allow bulk emails sent to 100 recipients or LESS to prevent SPAMMING. Some of you might think I'm SPAMMING you with unwanted day sail announcements ☺.

The directions for signing up for a distribution list might give some of you issues. Please feel free to contact me at wsadaysails@gmail.com and I will try to help you out.

WSA is going to the Lobster Festival in King Harbor Sunday, September 24th!

Calling all lobster loving WSA skippers and crew members!!! It is Lobster feast time! Sunday September 24th is the day we sail from MDR to Redondo and play with the lobster fiends!!! from 12pm to 9pm on Sunday. Just a short 2 hr. sail south, we can get slips at a local marina, enjoy the festival from 12 pm to 9pm (we can leave any time to handle the Monday worker bees schedule), and then sail back to mdr happy and full campers!!! Admission tickets for the event are \$10.00 for adults. You can get a \$2.00 discount off that at their official website at www.lobsterfestival.com. Lobster dinner packages for \$25.00 are available that include: Admission, Lobster dinner (1/4# lobster, bread and butter, coleslaw, water melon slice) and a T-shirt. For \$50.00 you get the same package with a 2 1/4 pd. lobster. Other kinds of food will be available to purchase as well.

Zydeco bands will be entertaining on Sunday from 1:00pm to closing. Zydeco is a Cajun word meaning a French rockin boogie Creole band from the Louisiana Bayou. Bring your dancing shoes. If this sounds like an adventure you want in your life then contact Fran Weber-Melville at cptfran@aol.com or call 310 738-3205! Jeannea Jordan is Fran's trusted lobster feast co-coordinator so you can contact her as well at jeanneaj@earthlink.net or call 818 368-6776 We will have more details at the September meeting as well. you can always go to the Redondo Beach city web site and get the total scoop on this activity if you have a burning desire!

Upcoming Calendar of Events

...September 2006

6th Weds	Sunset Series Ends
9-10th Sat/Sun	Harris Series Regatta – CYC
12th Tues	WSA General Meeting
15th Fri	Sundown Series Race – DRYC
16th Sat	Man/Woman Series #1 – SBYRC
17th Sun	Inverted Start Cruiser Handicap #5 – SMWYC
24th Sun	Man/Woman Series #2 – SBYRC
24 th Sun	Lobster Festival in King Harbor

...October 2006

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

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