

# *Gal' Warnings*

## **COMMODORE'S QUARTERS**



*By Laura Guggenheimer*

### **Happy New Year!**

2007 promises to be a bright year filled with new opportunity and lots of chances to get out on the water. To begin with, our board is full of bright energetic people that want to make a difference and make WSA the greatest club it can be. Kim Stuart is already on the ball for 2007 as the Fleet Captain making plans for an upgraded calendar on our website that will keep our members up to date on racing in the area and specifically racing geared towards women. Along with her race co-chair Joan Chandler, they plan on working with other yacht clubs in the marina to bring us new and interesting seminars for racers and cruisers alike.

Our new Social Director, Milka Alexandrino is a natural. On her first "unofficial" job as the social chair, she was in charge of selling tickets for the raffle at the Installation Dinner. She brought in a lot more money than any of us thought to help offset



Wayne Brandow painting penguins in preparation for WSA's boat parade entry

some of the cost of the Holiday Boat Parade. Great job Milka!

Libby Gill and Karen Kuchel are back in 2007 as the Membership Director and Treasurer, respectively. WSA relies so much on the diligent work of these two women and I am very pleased that they are on the board for 2007.

Karyn Jones as our Education Director will bring us interesting and exciting

speakers at our monthly meetings. No one has more sailing connections than this seasoned sailor.

Newcomer, Diane Larson will be the Communications Director/publicity chair and I couldn't be happier. WSA needs a strong publicity chair so we remain a solid and respected club in the marina.

There is so much to look forward to in 2007. I personally would like to see our membership grow in 2007. WSA is a great club and we should get as many women involved as we possibly can. With the energy of the incoming board, this year is poised to be a great one for WSA. If you are interested in joining the energy, please let me know. We are still looking to fill some chair positions.

**January 9: America's Cup  
Preview of Valencia, Spain and  
the BMW Oracle Racing Team**

**By Kellie Fennessy and Mike Priest**

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

## Renew your membership for 2007 muy pronto!

A friendly reminder that WSA memberships expired in 2006. Renew before February's general meeting (13 Feb) to avoid a \$10 late fee!! At WSA's web site ([www.wsasmb.org](http://www.wsasmb.org)), look on the left for "membership" and you can find a pdf of the membership form, and an address to mail in your completed form and check. Or, just renew at the January meeting!

## News from the Fleet Captain

By *Kim Stuart*

As we enter the new year -- and new racing season -- I'd first like to welcome Joan Chandler as the race co-chair for WSA in 2007. She and I, along with representatives from several of the area yacht clubs, have been working towards planning a more comprehensive program that involves participation between clubs to further education and practical sail/race ability among our members. Karyn Jones has the position of Education Chair this year as well, and those of you who know Karyn realize what a hands-on person she is, and how she is always willing to help. I have also been developing a web based calendar that anyone can access from a computer with an internet connection, and we'll hopefully be including a copy of it in the redesigned web site that Laura G, our new Commodore, has been working on for the last couple of months. The focus of this particular calendar, in addition to our regular events/clinics/speakers etc calendar, will be to keep you apprised of events in racing that are geared towards women. I have a feeling that many of you would be happy to increase your overall racing participation in more women's events like the WOW, Linda Elias Memorial, and Las Murietas Regatta, especially if you were aware well in advance and could do some planning.

I'm also hoping to work more with the Redondo Beach/King Harbor clubs to foster participation bi-laterally -- us fielding teams for their events, and them doing the same for ours. There are some great women racers in both harbors, and the chance to get on the water and try out some new positions potentially adds to the overall base of racers that we have in our club. It also allows us to have the

opportunity to field more teams as a club for certain events, and to create an excitement and energy in the club that should lend itself to the very positive attitude the incoming board demonstrates.

I hope everyone is having a fantastic holiday season, I'll also close with a mention of Berger #1 - Malibu and return, on January 6, 2007. That's the first Saturday after the new year begins and the participation last year included more than 100 boats, including out of area boats such as Magnitude 80 (Long Beach). If you are in need of a ride, or in need of crew, as usual, please drop me an email -- note that my kim.stuart@comcast.net email address does still work, but the address will be changing to kim.stuart@ca.rr.com as Time Warner finishes their takeover of Comcast/Adelphia.

## Boat Parade

By *Sue Service, Newsletter editor*

Well, it took 2 full days to set up, but we turned Karyn Jones' San Juan 33, *Outrageous*, into a Winter Water Wonderland -- complete with penguins, icebergs and snowdrifts. A generator powered the hundreds of little lights, and also the PA and stereo system (thanks John Melville!), and a crew of 5 got the penguins dancing to the music. WSA did well, garnering first place for organizations! Let's hear it for Laura Guggenheimer, in charge of decorating and design, and Karyn Jones, who volunteered her boat.

Some photos from the preparations!



Painting in Laura's garage over Thanksgiving



Getting ready in the garage and on the docks



Michaela Draper and Kim Stuart on parade day

### **Member spotlight: Joan Chandler**

#### *By Sue Service*



I caught up with incoming race co-chair Joan Chandler over the holidays, and asked her to introduce herself to our membership, and let us know a little about herself. Here is what she had to say:

“In August, while participating in a dry land activity (tennis), I injured myself and have been recovering since. The most painful thing has been being off the water! With time on my hands to think, and with the suggestion of a couple of board members, it occurred to me that it was time to give back and get more involved with WSA. I look forward to being the Co-Race Chair for the upcoming year. My goal is to help current and potential racers and boat owners to connect.

Since 1998, I have enjoyed living in Southern California with all it has to offer. Prior to that, I lived in the Seattle area all my life. Sailing there is wonderful, but believe me it is a lot colder!

Just between us, my early years were spent power boating. Puget Sound and the gulfs and islands of British Columbia provide some of the finest cruising to be found. However, I always found myself wistfully looking at sailboats. After some life changes (read: divorce) I turned to sailing – at first day sails with friends with big sailboats.

Then, that fateful day sometime in 1987, a good friend invited me to go racing I was hooked – immediately. Starting out in the conventional way, a pit chick on a keelboat, I was determined to learn to sail and took lessons on a Laser. Now I have raced on more boats that I can recall. Recent gigs have been skippering my J/24 *Free Radical* and trimming main on the Schock 35 *Power Play*.

Prior to the time that my friend invited me to go racing, I recall looking at the Corinthian Yacht Club in Seattle and thinking it was such a closed society – how could I possibly ever gain entry?? I know now that potential racers are welcome and sought after. Boat owners need crew – simple. It takes is the willingness to learn, a little sense of adventure, a pleasant outlook on life and a good set of foulies.”

### Installation Dinner 2006!!

Some photos from our holiday party and installation dinner, held in December 2006



Incoming commodore Laura Guggenheimer and outgoing Jr. Staff Commodore Karyn Jones



Don Currie and Milka Alexandrino



Tina Claps, Barb Marbach and Liz Hjorth



SMWYC chef Conrad and his feast!

At our Installation dinner WSA names the top skippers of the year, and presents the Marilyn Butefish award for outstanding service to WSA. The top daysail skipper was Wayne Brandow, the top cruise skipper was George Maronich, and skipper of the year was Wayne Brandow. The Marilyn Butefish award was presented to Jr. Staff Commodore Karyn Jones, who is always lending a hand at every WSA event. Congratulations to all!

### SCYA Women's Sailing Convention February 3, 2007

The 18<sup>th</sup> annual women's sailing convention, sponsored by SCYA, will be held Saturday, Feb 3, 2007, from 8:30 am to 9:30 pm, at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club. This full day includes classroom and on the water sessions, plus breakfast, lunch and dinner. Check out the program at [www.scya.org](http://www.scya.org). Registration is \$135 and includes all meals. For more information, check the website, or contact organizer Gail Hine ([Hine@scya.org](mailto:Hine@scya.org), phone 951 677 8121). Sign up soon before all the popular workshops and classes are too full!

## Upcoming Calendar of Events

### ...January 2007

6 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Berger #1 Malibu and return – DRYC
9 <sup>th</sup> Tues	WSA general meeting SMWYC
13 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Champagne series regatta #1 SBYRC
27 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Champagne series regatta #2 SBYRC

### ...February 2007

3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Champagne series regatta #3 SBYRC Women's Sailing Convention SCYA
10 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Race Management – CYC
13 <sup>th</sup> Tues	WSA general meeting SMWYC
17 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> Sat/Sun	SCYA Midwinters regatta – various venues
22 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs	Performance Sailing Seminar SMWYC
24 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Start Clinic SMWYC

**Racers** – be sure to review a copy of the 2007 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 Dianne Christman ([wsadaysails@gmail.com](mailto:wsadaysails@gmail.com)) for up to date information!



**Kelly, Michaela, Mary & Kim at December's Installation Dinner**

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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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