

# *Gal' Warnings*

## **COMMODORE'S QUARTERS**



*By Laura Guggenheimer*

Have you been out on the water? Are you sailing as much as your schedule will allow? Your answers should be 'YES' to both questions. If they aren't then you need to figure out what is going wrong in your life!!! And get WSA to help you change your bad ways. Get out on a daysail with one of the great WSA skippers, join a racing team, head out on a cruise... WSA has the means to do all of these great things.

For the most part, WSA members have been seen all over Marina del Rey, day sailing and racing. I saw many WSA members in Long Beach during Long Beach Race Week and I saw many others when I participated in my first Lido 14 fleet race on Thursday June, 14. There are so many sailing opportunities and believe it or not boat owners are always desperately looking for crew. Let WSA help you out and get you out on the water.

The month of July is our Summer Party month. If you aren't sick of Arrrrrgggghhhhs! And pirate jokes ("You can dress up as a wench.... Not a Winch") then we haven't done our job of promoting our Pirate Themed party on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Or



*Get out sailing soon!*

**July 10: Summer Party**  
**No business meeting, no speaker, just a good time**

maybe you have been sleeping during our meetings. In any case, our party will take the place of our normal monthly meeting and will be a potluck. If you bring a dish, entry is free. If you don't, you will be charged \$10, the meeting price for a non-member. WSA will be BBQ'ing up burgers (turkey, beef and veggie) and hot-dogs and brats. There will be games and fun so you

don't want to miss out. Treasure hunt anyone? And last but not least.... Please dress up! Try out your Buccaneer Days costume early.

See you all out on the water!

## **News from the Race Co-Chair**

*By Joan Chandler*

WOW! The WOW is here! The WAH is here! We have been talking about it for several months and now it is HERE! Next weekend - July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see many, many WSA members out for the WAH and the WOW. And don't forget the parties afterward each day hosted by PMYC and MVYC. Should be great fun!

June was jam packed with a lot of great sailing. The month started off with another stellar Cal Race Week hosted by California Yacht Club. A new record number of boats sailing on three courses. I

must give KUDOS to WSA's Marylyn Hoenemeyer who has served as Race Chair for this major regatta for the past three years. And she managed to do this while jetting off to Annapolis the prior week to participate with Liz Hjorth and Karyn Jones in the Boat U.S. Santa Maria Cup regatta in Annapolis! (I suppose I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge that her husband Tom O'Connor did pitch in to assist when she was out of town☺). I caught a fun "ride" on a Mumm 30 out of Newport Beach and found Dianne Christman, our day sail chair, was part of the same crew - never know where you will run into WSA members!

The first Tuesday in June marked the beginning of the June Cup hosted by Redondo Beach Yacht Club. This is a four week series with the June Cup awarded to the winning women skipper. Kim Stuart will give a full report on the event. Kelly Cantley and I joined Kim on her team for the series; I understand that Karyn Jones had the win - congrats!

Personally, I didn't sail on DRYC Cat Harbor Layover Race. But I heard there are some good sailing stories and lots of good partying stories as well!

Evening racing continues in full swing! This includes the Sunset Series hosted by CYC on Wednesday nights, as well as Star and dinghy racing on Thursday. DRYC held its second Friday of the Sundown Series on Friday June 15<sup>th</sup>. WSA members who want to start racing and crewing - listen up! There are excellent opportunities in these evening events to get involved so let people know if you want to crew.

Later in the month, Long Beach Race Week was hosted by LBYC and ABYC. This is another big, fun event with many boats and WSA members abounding. Sue Service sailed on the J/105 *Grace O'Malley* in the biggest one design fleet. Kim Stuart raced her Schock 35 *Voodoo Doll* with many WSA members on board and the regatta winning Schock 35 *Power Play* had crew including Kelly Cantley and Avghi Constantinides. (And please forgive me if I have missed mentioning your name - tell me - I will get you in next month!) The wind

was Long Beach lite - didn't deliver the wallop it usually does.

July will be fun. Of course, we start off with the WOW/WAH event. The third of the Sundown Series is to be held July 13<sup>th</sup> and SCCYC is hosting their One Design Weekend on July 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. My personal main event for July will be the J/24 North American Regatta hosted by CYC - July 10<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. My star studded crew includes Sue Service and Kelly Cantley. Wish us luck!

And after that event is in the record book, I start planning for future events including the Linda Elias Memorial Regatta in October. I am pleased and honored to report that the WSA Board gave me the green light to skipper one of the WSA boats, and Gwen Abel has agreed to be my able tactician. Yea! ***(note from the WSA board, talk to Joan to apply for a potential crew spot aboard her entry - all crew members must be WSA members)***

Have a fun and safe Fourth of July! See you at the WOW/WAH!!!

## Day Sail News

*By Dianne Christman, daysail chair*

Thanks Wayne, Jeanne, Gil, John and Fran for six wonderful day sails during the month of June. I personally had an opportunity to go out on two boats for the first time - Gil Speer's Santana 35 and the Melville's Ericson 35. Both boats were a lot of fun and I'm personally looking forward to going again!

It was a treat to go to a different marina and spend an evening on a sail with Gil Speer, whose boat is slipped in Cabrillo Marina, San Pedro. San Pedro is known as "hurricane gulch", and our evening sail started out with a bit of breeze (quite different than what we are used to in MDR) and the evening sail was very nice down to Long Beach and back inside the breakwater to San Pedro. By the time we arrived back at the entrance to the marina, the wind had died a bit. A lovely light dinner was shared on the boat once back at the dock. Thanks Gil!

Wayne hosted a couple of day sails and several new members had the opportunity to sail and learn about sailing with our "resident coach". We can always count on Wayne to host wonderful afternoon outings and our new members thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Racing anyone?

Jeannea hosted a day sail, and we all know how popular her day sails can be! The wait list was long and unfortunately several members had to be disappointed, and were not able to get out on *Chekkerrs*. Next time ☺!

John and Fran had two sails this month, both late evening sunset sails. Lighting is a lot of fun and so perfect for a "sunset cruise". Again, if you didn't get a chance this month – hopefully everyone will have an opportunity in the coming months while our days our long! (even longer this year)

July is approaching and I am looking forward to scheduling many day sails over the next several months!

As always, thanks to all the skippers who participate in this wonderful program and thanks to the members for their participation, patience and understanding so that all can enjoy day sailing!

### WSA Summer Party: AARRGGH



WSA's annual summer party will be held on 10 July in conjunction with the general meeting. Bring a covered dish (salad, appetizer, side dish or dessert), or pay \$10 at the door. Come ready for good food and

swashbuckling fun, including a treasure hunt. Be sure to dress up, and before arriving, find out your true pirate name, go to

[www.piratequiz.com](http://www.piratequiz.com).

### Mayor's Cup – July 19-21 in Long Beach

If you're watching the America's Cup on TV and are really getting into watching match racing, consider coming down to the Belmont Pier in Long Beach July 19-21 and watch a grade 2 women's match racing event LIVE – the Mayor's Cup will host some of the top women's teams in the world for three days of racings, and the pier is a great spot to catch all the action. Three WSA members will be on the water on Liz Bayliss' team (Denise George, Karyn Jones and Sue Service) – come out and cheer them on!

### June Cup – WSA's road trip to Redondo Beach

*By co race chair Kim Stuart*

Many of us leave home to race in major regattas like LBRW or Yachting Cup, but few of us make the short trip to Redondo Beach to race often. And many of us have never heard of RBYC's June Cup Series, much less participated, before this year.

S/C Karyn Jones did the series last year, bringing home a first in Spinnaker A class, and after hearing her talk about how much fun she had, this year I decided to find a ride and give it a try.

The series is named for June Cuthbert, and encompasses the four Tuesday night races run by RBYC as part of their Horizon Series. Requirements for entry are simple – be female and drive the same boat each week in the series. Regular class splits are in effect, and each class has its own winner in the series. Female skippers are scored twice each week; once for June Cup and once as part of the Horizon scoring against all skippers. The series scoring takes the best three weekly race scores to determine the overall winner.

We were very fortunate this year to have Zoltan Katinszky, owner of the Farr 40, *White Knight*, offer us his boat for the series. Most of you know that last year's WOW/WAH regatta was my first attempt at driving a regatta, and to be driving a Farr 40 less than a year later was a complete thrill for me, no matter how we finished. Zoltan's

generosity extended even further, and he encouraged me to bring some of my own crew and friends to race on the boat as well. WSA members Joan Chandler, Kelly Cantley and Michaela Draper were among those that sailed with us over the course of the series. Several members of Zoltan's crew raced with us, and we met some great new friends over the weeks.

Karyn, driving Matt McQuaid's Viper 830, *Slug*, zipped around the course like a pro. First in both June Cup and Horizon scoring on two different occasions, she proved to be unbeatable. She was again the overall winner of the Spinnaker A series, with Suzanne Cottrell, from KHYC, finishing second; we followed closely behind in third overall, sadly the result of having the wrong course chart on the third race – preparation is so key to racing well, and when you're in unfamiliar territory you can't assume that there's only one course chart for all three classes! We had a lovely harbor tour instead that night and did the only thing we could – laughed at our mistake.

We also had two VIP crew members for the fourth and final race night – the mayors of Redondo Beach, Mike Gin, and Key West, Morgan McPherson. After the close of a conference hosted by Redondo Beach, they had decided to take a tour of the harbor on a Harbor Patrol boat. We pulled into King Harbor on the delivery from Cabrillo to pick up crew and left the dock with these two special guests! After rescheduling their dinner reservations, they hopped aboard and went racing with us. Neither had ever been on a sailboat race before, even though Mayor McPherson has done Race Committee for KWRW in the past; both had a blast and I'm sure will remember the big boat with a lot of women onboard!

I'd like to encourage everyone from WSA to participate in some racing this year in King Harbor/Redondo Beach – it's a short delivery, the clubs are very friendly to visitors, and it also adds to your ASMBYC High Point scoring with a 25% bonus for racing out of your home harbor.

### **Member spotlight: Rick Ruskin**

*By Sue Service*



Rick Ruskin has been a WSA member for a little over a year, but he's been sailing for over 13 years. He owns a Beneteau 42 S7 (a Farr design) that he lives on, that is temporarily named "Farr Gone". He's an active racer, and when asked of his most fun racing event to date he told me of doing the

Channel Island to Marina del Rey race in ~1999 with Kathy St Amant aboard the *J/22 Smoking J*. He said it was really a fun trip!

Rick is a staff commodore of SBYRC, and has been the chairman for numerous big regattas (SCYA Midwinters, the Homeport Regatta, WOW/WAH). This year he is the Fleet Captain for SBYC. When asked what his sailing related goals for the next few years were, he said he'd like to be less involved in race management, and spend more time racing and sailing!

When not sailing, Rick has a keen interest in motorcycles and vintage cars.

### **Your articles and photos here!**

The newsletter gladly accepts submissions from WSA members. The deadline for submission is ~10 days before the general meeting each month – mail submission to [newsletter@wsasmb.org](mailto:newsletter@wsasmb.org)

## Upcoming Calendar of Events

### July 2007

4 <sup>th</sup> Weds	Happy Independence Day – NO SUNSET SERIES RACING
7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Sat/Sun	WOW/WAH regatta, WSA, SMBYRC, PMYC, MVYC, SMBSF
10 <sup>th</sup> Tues	WSA General Meeting and SUMMER PARTY
11 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup>	J/24 North American Championships, CYC
18 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>	Mayor's Cup, Women's Match Racing LBYC
21 <sup>st</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> Sat/Sun	Chuck Stein 1 Design Weekend
24 <sup>th</sup> Tues	WSA Board Meeting

### August 2007

3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> Fri/Sat	Santa Barbara – King Harbor Race
10 <sup>th</sup> Friday	Sundown Series, DRYC
14 <sup>th</sup> Tues	WSA General Meeting
25 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Jennifer Diamond Charity Regatta DRYC
28 <sup>th</sup> Tues	WSA Board Meeting
30 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	Last night of Sunstroke Series CYC

**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!**

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