

**Women's Sailing Association of Santa Monica Bay (WSA)
Skipper and Spouse/Partner Policy**

Following is the current WSA policy regarding Dual Membership for a WSA skipper/owner and his or her Legal Spouse or Registered Domestic Partner, so that skipper/owners may also enjoy WSA meetings, clinics and functions with their spouse/partner. This policy is effective on January 1, 2009:

1. The skipper/owner must have a current WSA Sailing Membership.
2. Spouse/partners are not eligible to lead WSA on-the-water events unless the skipper/owner is on board for the event in which his/her vessel takes part. This rule does not apply if the spouse/partner is also a registered owner of the boat.
3. The skipper/owner and spouse/partner must each sign a Skipper Waiver at the beginning of each year of membership prior to any on-the-water event in which the skipper/owner's vessel participates.
4. Both skipper/owners and spouse/partners with current Dual Memberships may attend all WSA meetings, clinics and functions. If an event charges a fee, the fee will be applicable to both the skipper/owner and the spouse/partner.
5. For a skipper/owner and spouse/partner to be eligible for a Dual Membership, the skipper/owner must make his/her vessel available for at least one WSA on-the-water event during the membership year.

Qualifying on-the-water events include WSA day sails, cruises and clinics. If the skipper/owner does not make his/her vessel available for at least one WSA on-the-water event during a membership year, the Dual Membership for the skipper/owner and spouse/partner will not be available the following year. In that case, both the skipper/owner and the spouse/partner would need a Sailing Membership to participate in all WSA activities. The decision as to whether a skipper/owner has participated in a qualifying WSA on-the-water activity will be at the sole determination of the WSA Board.

If you have any questions on this policy, please contact the WSA Membership Chair at membership@wsasmb.org