

# Gal' Warnings

The Monthly Newsletter of the Women's Sailing Association of Santa Monica Bay

February 2011

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## Commodore's Corner

by Christina Tarantola

Another year of sailing has begun and it's off to a great start.

We had a couple of glorious daysails in January and the racing season kicked off with the Berger/Stein Series races to Malibu and back. At our January meeting, passions flared as Santos Kreimann, director of LA County Beaches and Harbors, outlined development plans for Mdr. While some of these projects are approved, many are still in the approval process, so it's not too late to make a difference. Visit <http://beaches.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dbh> for more information.

February starts with three big events on Superbowl weekend. Cruise Chair Diane Larson starts the season with a WSA Superbowl Cruise from Mdr to Redondo Beach in partnership with SMWYC and Fairwind Yacht Club. The cruise will be back home in time for SMWYC's Superbowl Party. If you want to do a land cruise, you can join the gang Saturday night for dinner. It's not too late to get onboard, contact [Cruising@wsasmb.org](mailto:Cruising@wsasmb.org).

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## February's Speaker: Mary Ho

by Midge Costin, Education Chair

February's speaker and WSA Race Chair, Mary Ho, will regale us with tales and photos from her 4,000 mile, non-stop sail to one of the most remote parts of the globe.

Did you ever wonder what it's like to sail for 3 weeks out of sight of land? We will all get a chance to experience this through Mary's stories of life onboard the 65 foot sloop, *Alaska Eagle*. This might be called cruising, but as Mary says, "It took 25 days of non-stop, hard sailing to get there."

This voyage was the first leg of an eight-month circumnavigation of South America, part of Orange Coast College's sailing program. According to the OCC website, the purpose of these voyages is to instruct in all aspects of passage-making and exploring remote areas.

Seeing where this is Mary's fourth voyage on the *Alaska Eagle*, her talk will also include discussion of the boat and its history. For those of you who are not familiar with Mary, she is an avid racer and blue water cruiser (with 10,000 miles of blue water cruising under her keel!). She can be found most weekends on the foredeck or pit of a J24, J29, or Olsen 30 in MDR, Long

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## 2010 Peggy Slater Award



Recipient Fran Weber-Melville with Fairwind Yacht Club's Richard Windebank (left) and Dave Lumian (right) — (story on page 2)

## ASMBYC Yachtsman of the Year



The Association of Santa Monica Bay Yacht Clubs named WSA member Denise George as 2010's *Yachtsman of the Year* for her creative contributions to and exemplary accomplishments in the sport of yachting in Santa Monica Bay.

## Meeting Agenda for February 8, 2011

6:30 pm — Social hour

7:30 pm — Dinner

8:00 pm — Speaker: Mary Ho, Sailing to Easter Island

***Fran Weber Melville***  
***2010 Peggy Slater Award Recipient***

This is the 21st year for this very prestigious award, which is presented annually to a female who makes outstanding contributions to the enhancement of women's participation in sailing and for individual achievements in the sport of sailing. 2010's recipient, nominated by WSASMB, is Fran Weber-Melville.

Fran has been very active in the southern California sailing community for the past thirty years and has been nominated twice in the past. Her resume and achievements include:

- ◆ Obtained her Marine Captain's License in 1999 and is currently employed by Blue Pacific Boating in Marina del Rey
- ◆ Past charter captain in the Adriatic Sea off the coast of Split Croatia
- ◆ She has worked countless hours with the Boys and Girls Club of Venice and Oxnard, introducing at-risk youth to sailing, and actively recruits volunteers for outreach sailing programs for children (coordinated through the Sheriff's Department, Fran has been recognized many times with their service awards)
- ◆ She regularly volunteers for UCLA's Adaptive Recreation Program, which introduces disabled adults and youths to water sports
- ◆ She volunteers for the Dockwalkers Program in Marina del Rey and organizes volunteers who inspire and educate boaters to be environmentally sound while boating
- ◆ She served for five years as Environmental Chair for the Association of Santa Monica Bay Yacht Clubs
- ◆ She has taught many classes, including ASA Bare Boat Charter
- ◆ She has been a coach at the SCYA Women's Sailing Convention. For the past fourteen years, she sailed her 35' Erickson, *Lightning*, from MdR to Newport Beach to attend, along the way teaching her women crew members about the basics of sailing.
- ◆ In racing, Fran has participated successfully in the WOW/WAH Regatta conducted by WSASMB, sailed in the Newport to Ensenada and MdR to Puerto Vallarta races (in which she co-captained a 42' Newport), and sailed in the All Women's One Design race series in Long Beach
- ◆ She is a past commodore of WSASMB where she still actively participates in daysails and cruises, mentoring new sailors
- ◆ She has made numerous boat deliveries since 2001 and has cruised the coast of California, the San Juan Islands, and the Bay of Islands of New Zealand.

These accolades really only tell a small part of the story of Fran's contributions to women's sailing and sailing in

general. Everyone at WSASMB and in the southern California sailing community congratulates Fran on receiving this well-deserved award.



Fran doing what she loves most—Sailing!

Photo credit: John Nelson

### ***WSA Yacht Club Privileges for 2011***

As a member of WSA, you can visit a large number of yacht clubs! Below is a list of these clubs and the privileges they extend to WSA members. Be sure to bring your WSA membership card when visiting.

- ◆ Alamitos Bay Yacht Club [www.abyc.org](http://www.abyc.org)
- ◆ American Legion YC [www.al291.com/sites/yachtclub](http://www.al291.com/sites/yachtclub)
- ◆ Bahia Corinthian YC [www.bcy.org](http://www.bcy.org)
- ◆ London Bridge YC [www.londonbridgeyachtclub.com](http://www.londonbridgeyachtclub.com)
- ◆ Marina Venice Yacht Club [www.mvyc.org](http://www.mvyc.org)
- ◆ Marina Yacht Club of Long Beach
- ◆ Oceanside Yacht Club [www.oceansideyc.com](http://www.oceansideyc.com)
- ◆ Pacific Mariners Yacht Club [www.pmyc.org](http://www.pmyc.org)
- ◆ Port Royal Yacht Club [www.pryc.us](http://www.pryc.us)
- ◆ San Pedro Yacht Club [www.cymwilmington.com](http://www.cymwilmington.com)
- ◆ Santa Monica Windjammers YC [www.smwyc.org](http://www.smwyc.org)

(Please note that each club may have different amenities available at their facility; e.g., restaurant, bar, docks, etc.. Feel free to check out their website or contact the club for more details. Contact the WSA Membership Chair at [membership@wsasmb.org](mailto:membership@wsasmb.org) for any questions about your membership card.)

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On Saturday, WSA co-hosts the North U Tactics Tour seminar at King Harbor Yacht Club (<http://www.northu.northsails.com/>) and the 21st Annual SCYA Women's Sailing Convention is on Sunday at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club in Corona del Mar. This fantastic event is always a sell-out. For information visit <http://wsscya.scyaweb.org/2010-press.pdf>.

The month continues with the SCYA Midwinter Regatta Feb. 19 and 20, with more than 30 racing venues hosted by clubs from Santa Barbara to San Diego and as far east as Arizona. The local PHRF and cruising classes will be hosted by KHYC and the One Design classes will be hosted by CYC.

**Renew your WSA membership today to enjoy these fantastic daysailing, cruising and racing opportunities! Complete the application and payment portions online and mail in your waiver or turn it in on Feb. 8. If you're old-school, a membership form and waiver are provided on pages 7 & 8 of this newsletter—complete and mail it to our PO Box. Remember, your registration must be complete – including waiver – to participate in on-the-water events, and you are not eligible to race under the WSA burgee unless your membership is current.**

Happy Sailing!

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Beach, Ventura, or Channel Islands. When she is not racing, Mary might be sailing her Laser around MdR or delivering a boat somewhere in the world. Don't miss her talk, it is sure to be worth a year's membership!

In March, WSA member Denise George and chair of the Wednesday Night Sunset Series kicks off race season by discussing this race series, which starts April 13. She will talk about the race course, race committee, scoring system, and all of the perpetual trophies.

We will also have a panel of skippers looking to crew for race season. There will be a sign-up sheet for all who are interested and will do our best to get everyone on a boat. Calling all skippers who are interested! Come to the meeting with photos of your boat and what you need to be competitive on the race course. Lets get as many women participating as possible! Finally, don't miss the March 8 (International Women's Day btw) WSA meeting!



## ***Channel Islands WSA Celebrates its 1st Anniversary***

*By Terri Potts-Chattaway, Commodore, CIWSA*

It was just a year ago when the crew of *Mystic Flyer* decided to start a women's sailing association. We were inspired by the knowledge and confidence we gained while racing as an all-women team. We were affirmed by our attendance at the Annual SCYA's Women's Sailing Convention; two hundred women filling the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club, working together to train, refine, and excel in what is a predominately male sport.

And we were encouraged by both the Women's Sailing Association of Long Beach and LA and of Santa Monica Bay. WSASMB's Fran Weber and Karyn Jones were our first guest speakers last February. They drove up to share with our group the benefits of participating in a women's sailing group and their enthusiasm was contagious.

Using our sister organizations as a model, Channel Island Women's Sailing Association was created to encourage, support, and educate women sailors of all levels of experience. Our monthly membership meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month from 6:30–9:00pm, where we have a guest speaker and a potluck dinner or order from the host club's menu. Our guest speakers have covered topics such as Knots, Race Starts, Racing Terminology, GPS use, and Cruising Channel Is-

lands.

In our first year, our meetings were graciously hosted by Channel Islands Yacht Club and Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club. This year we had a great start with our membership meeting at Anacapa Yacht Club with Guest Speaker Randy Alcorn discussing Person Overboard. In addition to the Channel Islands Harbor Yacht Clubs, we are scheduled to visit Ventura Yacht Club and Pierpont Bay Yacht Club in Ventura Harbor later this year. By rotating through the various clubs we hope to be a positive addition to the community of sailing in our support of women sailors.

Besides our monthly meetings, we have on-the-water events such as our Skill, Thrill, and Grill Day and our Frenchy's Cove Day Sail and Lunch, and we participate in the Anacapa Wet Wednesday Race Series and have started a Day Sail program.

Our next membership meeting will be on Thursday, February 10th, at the Channel Islands Yacht Club in Channel Islands Harbor from 6:30–9:00 pm. We will have a potluck dinner, no host bar, and will discuss our 2011 calendar and share our experiences from SCYA's Women's Sailing Convention. Come visit us. All are welcome!

Channel Islands Women's Sailing Association is a member of US Sailing and is in the process of applying for SCYA membership. For more information visit our website at [www.ciwsa.org](http://www.ciwsa.org).

## **WSA Super Bowl Cruise to Redondo Beach - Feb. 5-6**

*By Diane Larson, Cruise Chair*

WSA has a cruise to Redondo Beach scheduled for the February 5-6 weekend. Join WSA along with Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club for an awesome "Super Bowl Cruise" with a total of about 5 boats. If you would like to drive down and join the group Saturday evening for dinner or drinks, please contact Diane at [Cruising@wsasmb.org](mailto:Cruising@wsasmb.org) by February 3 for details.

## **SMWYC Super Bowl Party - Feb. 6**

Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club has generously invited WSA members to their Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 6. Party will start at 2:30 (kick off at 3:30); cost is \$12 per person (cash or check please). They will have a couple of football pools, great food and fun spirit for watching what should be a great game (Green Bay Packers vs. Pittsburgh Steelers).

Please make reservation by February 4 at [reservations@smwyc.org](mailto:reservations@smwyc.org)

## **Women's Sailing Convention—Saturday Feb 5**

SCYA's 22nd annual Women's Sailing Convention will be held at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club, Saturday, Feb 5th. The convention fills up FAST, go on line now and see if there is still space available: <http://wsscya.scyaweb.org>

## **Wine Tasting at SMWYC—Feb. 11**

The dynamic duo of Norm and Charlene are organizing wine tasting at SMWYC on Friday Feb 11. We have arranged for Merrill Sharpes of Classic Wines to pour and discuss various wines for your sipping pleasure. You will be able to purchase the wines you like, and pick them up at the club once they arrive. Charlene will provide delectable finger food to round out the festive evening.

Feel free to invite friends, as we feel the more, the merrier. The only stipulation we ask is that you make reservations as we want to have enough food and wine. Please send an email to [reservations@smwyc.org](mailto:reservations@smwyc.org) or phone 310-827-7692 by Wednesday, February 9th.

Hope to see you all there at 1900 hours. Cost is \$20/person.

If you need the address to SMWYC, it's 13589 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey, 90292.

## **January Racing Events**

*By Mary Ho, Race Chair*

Hello, everyone, I'm going to recap a few of the big races this month. Del Rey Yacht club hosted the first Berger/Stein race of the year on Saturday, January 8th. There were two courses, Malibu and return for most of the classes, and Topanga and return for the cruisers. With over fifty boats at the start, it was definitely a great turnout for the first race of the year. Light air forced postponement of a few of the class starts so that the line could clear. But, start everyone did, and eventually the wind freshened to a steady breeze throughout the course. Racing in PHRF B on a C&C 40, we were pleased to finish before the sunset. That put everyone in good spirits and was a great start to the year's racing season.

The Champagne Series was a well-run and very fun race. Put on by the SBYRC, with Guillaume Rasse as PRO, there were classes for PHRF A, B, and C, Martin 242s, and Open 5.70s. Racing on one of two J-24's, we were in PHRF C. These races were the perfect tune up to get everyone's heads back into the boat, get dialed back into racing, and shake off the winter cobwebs. It was a great two Saturdays of windward-leeward racing and a great tune-up for the season.



WSA's first racing clinic of the year was called "Starting Strategies." Taught by Chris Mattia and Karyn Jones, it was geared toward the beginning to immediate racing sailor. Jeannea Jordan and Wayne Brandow donated their time and boats for the on-the-water session. Cecile Schwedes kindly provided her C&C 40 as the RC boat.

A two-hour morning session covering the basics of starts, flags you might see at a start, jobs people have at the start, and basic start strategies began the day. The on-the-water session was devoted to exercises designed to help the boats find the line, time themselves to get to the line at the right time, read the flags, and general boat handling skills for the start. Students switched jobs, giving each the opportunity to trim, drive, and work on the bow. Everyone learned something, enjoyed a beautiful day of sailing, and to top it off, had fun socializing and enjoyed the chili dogs we had prepared.

### ***Make your Move... to the Front!***

The North U Racing Tactics Seminar hosted by both King Harbor Yacht Club and The Women's Sailing Association will be held on February 5, 2011. Steve LeMay, three-time J80 Champion, will be the instructor.

Speed alone is not enough! This class covers strategy, tactics, and rules all the way around the course. Learn how to build your strategy, develop your plan, and follow through to implement strategy. Be able to position your boat to make use of the rules and see how the rules shape and control tactics.

For further information or to register for the seminar, visit: [www.northu.northsails.com](http://www.northu.northsails.com) or contact: [Fran@northu.northsails.com](mailto:Fran@northu.northsails.com)

Special Discount Code: KH-7245 Entitles you to select the Additional Crew Level Tier Pricing (indicate Code either under "Comments" on line, or when you call in).

IT'S BACK... **North U. 2011**  
**Tactics TOUR**



Improve your sailing smarts and results at a 2011 North U. Tactics Tour seminar. Register online or call North U. today... *and make your 2011 season one to remember!*

**For registration and seminar updates...**  
[www.northu.com](http://www.northu.com)  
**1-800-347-2457**

North U. Tactics CD included with seminar. Can't attend a seminar? North U. material can be purchased separately online at... [www.northu.com](http://www.northu.com).



Hosted by King Harbor YC & Women's Sailing Association  
**King Harbor Yacht Club**  
 280 Yacht Club Way  
 Redondo Beach, CA 90277  
 Saturday, February 5, 2011, 9 am - 5 pm  
*Instructor: Steve LeMay*

**Pricing:**  
 Skipper - \$115  
 Each additional crew - \$85  
 Lunch - \$10 per person  
 US Sailing discounts available.



### ***Certificate of Appreciation and Certificate of Achievement Awardees Recognized at WSA's 2010 Installation Dinner***

Congratulations and thanks again to everyone who worked so hard and achieved so much in 2010!

#### ***Certificate of Appreciation***

Dianne Christman, Daysail Chair; Karyn Jones, Skipper Liaison; Sandy Canalis, Historian; Sharon Breitling, Membership Chair; Mary Stuyvesant, Race Chair; John Nelson, Webmaster and Newsletter Co-Chair; Sue Service, Newsletter Co-Chair; Kelly Weiss, Hospitality Chair; Krystina Price, Publicity Chair; Coco Leigh, Cruise Co-Chair; Bob Falisey, Cruise Co-Chair; George Maronich, Daysail/Cruise Program; Fran Weber-Melville, Daysail/Cruise Program; Susan Bonner, Daysail/Cruise Program; Ken Hoover, Daysail/Cruise Program; Gil Speer, Daysail/Cruise Program; Chris Woodyard, Daysail/Cruise Program; Dave Angers, Daysail/Cruise Program; Jeannea Jordan, Daysail/Cruise Program; Lenny Tyminski, Daysail/Cruise Program; Wayne Brandow, Daysail/Cruise Program; Jeanne Dominguez, Daysail/Cruise Program

Top Cruise Provisioner Award—Ada Yeh, Daysail/Cruise Program; Top Cruiser Award—Mike Gitchell, Daysail/Cruise Program; Top Daysail Captain of the Year—Nicola Lamb, Daysail/Cruise Program; Top Daysail Skipper Award—Wayne Brandow, Daysail/Cruise Program; Most Enthusiastic New Daysail Skipper—Jeanne Dominguez, Daysail/Cruise Program; Top Cruise Skipper Award—George Maronich, Daysail/Cruise Program; Skipper of the Year Award—Wayne Brandow, Daysail/Cruise Program; Christina Tarantola, Marina del Rey Holiday Boat Parade; John Melville and Fran Weber-Melville, Marina del Rey Holiday Boat Parade

#### ***Certificate of Accomplishment***

Fran Weber-Melville, SCYA Peggy Slater Award Nominee; Kim Stuart, ASMBYC Competitive Yachting Achievement Award Nominee; Denise George, ASMBYC Yachtsman of the Year Award Nominee

#### ***Free Membership in 2010***

John Melville and Fran Weber-Melville, for the donation of their boat, *Lightning*, to WSASMB for use in the 2010 Marina del Rey Holiday Boat Parade



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# Boating Safety Classes

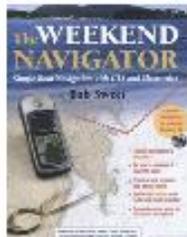
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[www.smbcga.org](http://www.smbcga.org)

## Weekend Navigator

Feb 3rd for 9 Thursdays @ 7:00-9:30P

Weekend Navigator is an in-depth course designed for both experienced and novice powerboat and sailboat operators. Paper charts and electronic navigation are covered. The course is divided into two major parts designed to educate the boating enthusiast in skills required for a safe voyage on a variety of waters and boating conditions. \$80 book and materials fee due the first day of class.



at Del Rey Yacht Club  
13900 Palawan Way

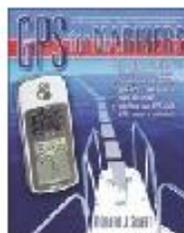
Marina Del Rey, CA 90292

Register and Reserve your spot by email:  
[mastercaptainron@gmail.com](mailto:mastercaptainron@gmail.com)

## How to Read a Nautical Chart & GPS for Mariners

Feb 16th for 5 Wednesdays @ 7:00-9:30P

Learn the fundamentals of navigation, starting first with basic knowledge of paper charts, their symbols and how to plot positions and courses. Then learn basic electronic navigation, including practical tips on setting up and using your GPS. Class and lab. \$60 book and materials fee due the first day of class.



at King Harbor Yacht Club  
280 Yacht Club Way

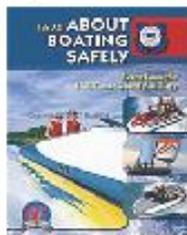
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Register & Reserve your spot by email:  
[frank.coll@sbcglobal.net](mailto:frank.coll@sbcglobal.net)

## About Boating Safely

Feb 28th for 4 Mondays @ 7:00-9:30P

If you are interested in an exciting, basic boating safety course, this beginner boating class will give you the knowledge needed to obtain a safety certification. Includes State and Federal regulations. Many insurance companies will offer discounts on boat insurance to boaters who successfully complete About Boating Safely. \$45 book and certificate fee due the first day of class.



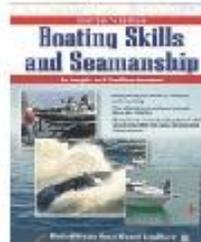
at the California Yacht Club  
4469 Admiralty Way  
Marina Del Rey, CA 90292

Register and Reserve your spot by email:  
[USCGAWeb@gmail.com](mailto:USCGAWeb@gmail.com)

## Boating Skills and Seamanship

April 5th for 9 Tuesdays @ 7:00-9:30P

A comprehensive course designed for both the experienced and the novice boater. The course provides up-to-date knowledge for handling boats in all conditions, with an emphasis on power boats. Includes a review of both State and Federal regulations. \$80 book and materials fee due the first day of class.



at Del Rey Yacht Club  
13900 Palawan Way  
Marina Del Rey, CA 90202

Register and Reserve your spot by email:  
[jonathan.smaby@gmail.com](mailto:jonathan.smaby@gmail.com)

Women's Sailing Association



of Santa Monica Bay

## WSA of Santa Monica Bay Application for Membership

Membership valid through December 31, 2011

New <sup>(1)</sup>       Renewal <sup>(2)</sup>

Sailing Membership \$100     General Membership \$75 <sup>(3)</sup>     Skipper Membership \$100 <sup>(4)</sup>     Spouse/Partner of WSA Skipper Member <sup>(5)</sup>

*(1) NEW members receive a \$10 discount on a Sailing Membership through June 30. Membership dues for NEW members joining on or after July 1 are \$50 for the remainder of the year.*

*(2) Members and Skippers who RENEW on or before the February General Meeting receive a \$10 discount off of Sailing Membership.*

*(3) General Membership does NOT include on the water activities (racing, cruises, daysails, clinics, etc.) and no discounts or incentives offered.*

*(4) Skipper member must have a boat and consider using the boat in a WSA on the water activity*

*(5) Spouse/Domestic Partners of skippers active in the daysail or cruise program may be eligible for a complimentary membership – see Membership Chair for more information*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_      WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_      E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Email is our primary form of communication, please write clearly! Email is for WSA use only)*

BOAT OWNER:    Do not Own Boat     SAIL     POWER

IF BOAT OWNER, TYPE OF BOAT & NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT (NAME, PHONE): \_\_\_\_\_

SAILING EXPERIENCE (Please explain briefly): \_\_\_\_\_

SWIMMING ABILITY (Check one):    Cannot Swim       Beginner       Intermediate       Advanced

MEDICAL CONDITION/ALLERGY (optional): (Describe any medical condition/allergy that might impact crew safety or your physical ability to take part as crew): \_\_\_\_\_

INTERESTS (Check all that apply):

Racing     Cruising     Daysailing     Learning to Sail     Networking

I AM INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES (Please check at least one):

Day Sail     Racing     Cruising     Hospitality/Social     Membership

Education     Newsletter     Publicity     Special Events     Yacht Club Rep

Community Outreach and Youth Programs

Comments/Suggestions for programs/activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a skill that WSA can use (i.e. web design, publishing, marketing, electronics, catering, set building, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: Women's Sailing Association of Santa Monica Bay.  
P O Box 10034, Marina del Rey, CA 90295

**Information provided on this form will be for official WSA use only.**

New Members – may we mention you in the newsletter with name  , sailing interests  , city of residence

**SIGNATURE of applicant**

**Date**

For internal processing by WSA

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check amt: \_\_\_\_\_ Check No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Waiver signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Database: \_\_\_\_\_

Member No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Member card: \_\_\_\_\_ Member badge: \_\_\_\_\_ New Member packet: \_\_\_\_\_

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER FORM**  
**Women's Sailing Association of Santa Monica Bay (WSA)**  
**P.O. Box 10034, Marina Del Rey, CA 90295**

In consideration of your acceptance of my participation in WSA day sails, cruises and special events during this calendar year, I hereby agree to comply with the following:

1. I will remain familiar with and will comply with all United States Coast Guard safety rules and regulations.
2. I agree and will comply with WSA's requirements, rules, and instructions governing the daysails, cruises and/or special events. I have read and understand the **Safety Instructions and Etiquette for WSA Daysails, Cruises and Special Events**.
3. I agree and will comply with all rules and codes of conduct aboard the vessel used for daysails, cruises or special events as identified by the skipper/guest skipper and/or Day Sail Captain.
4. I assume any and all risk of injury and/or loss arising out of (1) my participation in daysails, cruises and/or special events, (2) failure or breakage of the vessel sailed and/or any of its equipment, and/or (3) weather conditions.
5. **I understand that sailing is a dangerous sport and I fully realize the potential hazard in these events.**
6. **I hereby release WSA and all of its officers, agents, board members and/or committee members from any and all liability for any injury and/or loss which I may suffer during my participation in daysails, cruises and/or special events.**
7. **I hereby release the vessel owner, skipper and/or guest skipper from any and all liability for any injury and/or loss which I may suffer during my participation in daysails, cruises and/or special events.**

In addition to the above, vessel owners/skippers also agree to the following:

8. I own or I am otherwise fully authorized to operate the vessel being used in the WSA event.
9. The vessel will be equipped to conform with all U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment requirements.
10. A liability insurance policy for said vessel will be in full force and effect during the WSA event.
11. I understand that neither WSA, nor any of its officers, agents, board members and/or committee members, is responsible for the conduct of participants while aboard the vessel during the WSA event.
12. **I fully realize the potential hazard in these events, including the likelihood that the vessel and/or its equipment will be damaged. I hereby release WSA and all of its officers, agents, board members and/or committee members from any and all liability for any and all damage and/or loss which I may suffer during my participation in daysails, cruises and/or special events, including but not limited to damage to said vessel and/or its equipment.**

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the above paragraphs and agree to be bound thereby,

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Upcoming Calendar of Events

<i>February 2011</i>	
5th Sat	Women's Sailing Convention BCYA Newport, CA
5th Sat	North U Race Clinic KHYC/WSA
5-6 Sat/Sun	Redondo Beach Cruise
8th Tues	WSA General Meeting
19-20 Sat/Sun	SCYA Midwinter Regatta
22th Tues	WSA Board Meeting

<i>March 2011</i>	
5th Sat	Berger/Stein #2 DRYC
8th Tues	WSA General Meeting
9th Wed	ASMBYC Racer's Forum Seminar CYC
10th Thurs	Ensenada Race Seminar
12-13 Sat/Sun	Opening Days MdR
22nd Tues	WSA Board Meeting
19th Sat	Les Storrs Regatta SCCYC
22th Tues	WSA Board Meeting

**Racers:** Be sure to review the 2011 ASMBYC Calendar at [www.asmbyc.org](http://www.asmbyc.org)  
**Day Sails:** Day sails are usually on Saturdays and Sundays, but they are NOT listed on this calendar. Contact Dianne Christman at [wsadaysails@gmail.com](mailto:wsadaysails@gmail.com) for up-to-date information!

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Snowcapped mountains as seen from sunny Marina del Rey, January 2011

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

To promote and support women's sailing based on the following principles:

- To provide educational 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;
- To enhance networking opportunities