

# Gal' Warnings

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

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## Commodore's Corner

by Christina Tarantola

Hello Sailors!

August was a great month for WSA. At the General Meeting we took a fabulous bareboat cruise through Belize with some of our fellow members. In the audience was Paul Suchecki, who wrote a really nice story about us in the Patch. In case you missed it, here's the link: <http://marinadelrey.patch.com/articles/welcome-to-the-womens-sailing-association>.

Both of our Hollywood Bowl outings were well-attended and a good time was had by all. Our dinner at SMWYC for the Frankie Avalon concert was also a great evening. We had a nice crowd for cocktails and dinner and then everyone wandered down to the park to see the show. In case you're wondering, the man who is famous for singing "Beauty School Dropout" in the movie "Grease" is seventy-years-old. See Jennifer Zannelli's articles on all three events later in this issue.

Many of our members competed in the Martin 242 North American Championship regatta hosted by CYC August 26-28. This was a grueling competition among

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## September: Marine Weather

by Midge Costin, Education Chair

Mike Leneman will be speaking at the Women's Sailing Association of Santa Monica Bay on Tuesday, September 13 at Windjammers Yacht Club. His topic will be "Weather: the Good, the Bad, the Ugly." He will be focusing on what to expect at any given time of year in Santa Monica Bay, how to be prepared, and what to do once it hits, including heavy weather tips.

Mike has been teaching Oceanography and Marine Geology, as well as sailing, for over 35 years. He has advanced degrees in Marine Geology from UCLA and USC. His racing days began as an undergrad and he has racked up numerous national and international awards over the years including the French National Hobie Cat Champion, and five time winner of the Newport-Ensenada Race...on 4 different multihulls. Did we mention that Mike teaches N.A.U.I. Scuba as well?

In September, WSA will feature Betsy Crowfoot, single mom, sailor, professional writer, who will share tales and photos from her nautical adventures, concentrating on her most recent voyage through the canals of northern Belgium as crew for Mahalo Sailing Charter (Capt. Holly Scott).



WSA members on their recent voyage to Catalina and Two Harbors (story and photos on page 5)



SMWYC and WSA members enjoying the buffet before the Frankie Avalon concert in Burton Chace Park (story and photos on page 6)

## Meeting Agenda for September 13, 2011

6:30 pm—Social Hour begins

7:30 pm—Business meeting and light dinner

8:00 pm—Program begins: Marine Weather

## **Karyn Jones to Helm WSA's Entry in LEMWOD**

*By the WSA Board of Directors*

The Board is thrilled to announce that Karyn Jones will lead the WSA team in the 2011 Linda Elias Memorial Women's One Design Regatta (LEMWOD) for the third year running.

Upon receiving the news, Karyn said, "The first thing that popped into my head was 'third time's a charm'. The team is, as expected, coming together nicely. I really like the way everyone is helping out the new girls on board this year. The team's dedication to practicing and figuring out all the details before the race makes me think we'll definitely have a strong representation."

Karyn is a long-time WSA member and past Commodore. Many members know her from daysails on her San Juan 33 "Outrageous" and the Friday night TGIF races. She is currently Vice Commodore of SCCYC, but, Karyn is surely most recognized as an avid racer having covered many positions in boats big and small over the years. Not just a fleet racer, Karyn travels the country to compete in all-women and co-ed match races around the country.

This prestigious regatta, held every fall, is sponsored by Long Beach Yacht Club, the Long Beach/Los Angeles Women's Sailing Association and the Long Beach Yacht Club Sailing Foundation. The regatta is held on LBYCSF's set of 11 identical Catalina 37s. Crews for this all-woman event, generally number 10 or 11, and teams come from all over California and as far away as Mexico to compete.

"This regatta is a great way for WSA to be represented among southern California yacht clubs and the camaraderie between the girls on our team, along with the camaraderie between the women's teams that participate in this event cannot be compared to any other regatta throughout the year in So Cal," said Karyn. "LBYC puts on a great venue, WSA LA/LB are excellent 'hostesses with the mostesses' and I'm really looking forward to a fantastic regatta."

The regatta was named for Linda Elias, one of Southern California's most successful female sailboat racers, who passed away in 2003, following a nine-year battle with ovarian cancer. She was 52. A past winner of the Peggy Slater "Yachtswoman of the Year" award, Elias raced the Transpac in 1989, 1991, 1993 and 1999, a race from Los Angeles to Hawaii. Her women's sailing team is three-time champion of the Women's One Design Challenge sponsored by LB/LA WSA and Long Beach Yacht Club. Additionally, the Long Beach Sailing Foundation, a 501c(3), has established the Linda Elias Sailing Scholarship Fund.

This year's regatta will be held Oct. 22-23. For more information, visit [www.lbyc.org](http://www.lbyc.org).

## **Call for Marilyn Butefish Nominations**

*By the WSA Board of Directors*

The prestigious Marilyn Butefish Award is presented annually by WSA in recognition of a club member who has made an exceptional contribution to the promotion of women's sailing through service to WSA.

The Board is currently accepting nominations to be included on the ballot that will be presented at the October General Meeting and voted on at the November General Meeting. This gorgeous trophy is currently on display in the SMWYC upstairs trophy case.

Established in 1986, this perpetual award was created as a memorial to member Marilyn Butefish. Every year since then, WSA has proudly recognized award recipients for their exceptional contributions to WSA, specifically service that goes "beyond mere performance of duty." Recent recipients include Jeannea Jordan, Sue Service, Kim Stuart and Libby Gill.

Any current WSA member (female or male) is eligible. A nomination can also include more than one member for an exceptional "team contribution".

To submit a nomination, please include the person's name and a few sentences about why your nominee deserves this award. Nominations can be submitted to Commodore Christina Tarantola at [commodore@wsasmb.org](mailto:commodore@wsasmb.org) or Vice Commodore Coco Leigh at [vicecommodore@wsasmb.org](mailto:vicecommodore@wsasmb.org). Nominations may also be submitted at the October General Meeting.

## **Crew Spots Available for a "50+ Year Old" LEMWOD Team**

*By Fran-Weber Melville*

WSA/SMB ladies, I am trying to put together a 50+ ladies team for the LEMWOD this year. We have ladies who want to be on the boat from Channel Islands WSA and we have 13 spots to fill. I need a strong commitment from you if you're interested. We have 13 spots to fill for the boat, and all 13 persons need to be available for the regatta Oct 21-23. If you're interested, contact me at [cptfran@aol.com](mailto:cptfran@aol.com)

### ***A Special thanks to Overland Café***

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22 teams, four of them from Canada. Our own webmaster, John Nelson, wrote all about it in the Patch. Follow this link to read the full story: [http://marinadelrey.patch.com/blog\\_posts/2011-martin-242-north-american-championship#c](http://marinadelrey.patch.com/blog_posts/2011-martin-242-north-american-championship#c)

Sadly, the last race of the Sunset Series will be September 7. Perhaps even more than the Labor Day holiday, the end of Wednesday night racing is a sign that summer is coming to an end.

But despair not, my fellow sailors, there is still plenty going on. The weather is still perfect for cruising and we are still hoping more boats will join in a cruise from Marina del Rey and Ventura to the Channel Islands September 15-18. For more information, contact Fleet Captain Diane Larson at [cruising@wsasmb.org](mailto:cruising@wsasmb.org).

Among the great racing opportunities is the Home Port Regatta coming up November 5. Hosted by SCCYC, this regatta is geared toward new skippers and crew. So, now is the time to find a boat, or find a team, and try out a new position. This is a great follow-up to the WOW/WAH to keep your new skills honed, or to try something different. See a full article on the regatta later in this issue.

If you're looking for more land-cruising, join me for the Commodore's Cruise in October. At most, if not all,

yacht clubs, the Commodore traditionally organizes a cruise. Big yacht clubs like CYC charter sailboats and sail around Martha's Vineyard or something. Smaller clubs, like WSA might ride bikes down to the Shack in Playa del Rey for burgers and beers. (This was one of our best ever, thanks to then-Commodore Sue Service).

For my cruise, I have decided on the Museum of Neon Art's Neon Cruise of Chinatown and downtown on Saturday, October 1. I plan to have dinner in Chinatown with anyone who wants to join me before the cruise, which runs from about 7 - 10 p.m. on an open-top, double-decker bus. They serve beer and wine on the bus. If you're afraid they won't have enough, you can bring your own – just no glass, please. For tickets, visit <http://www.neonmona.org/flash/index.html> Happy Sailing!



If it's a weekend then Wayne is out on another daysail

Photo by John Nelson

## **2011 Martin 242 North Americans**

*By Newsletter Co-editor Susan Service*

The California Yacht Club hosted this year's Nationals on August 26<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-two boats participated, including four teams from the Vancouver, British Columbia area. Racing was competitive and close and only two points separated the first and second place finishers, with Mike George's "All In" taking first place and Paul Zambriski's "Pau Hana" coming in second. "

WSA was well-represented among the racers and the regatta management.

Racers included:

- ◆ Jennifer Arrington — *All In*
- ◆ Karyn Jones — *Velerito*
- ◆ Marylyn Hoenemeyer — *Blarney*
- ◆ Denise George — *Mischief*
- ◆ Stine Cacavas — *Mischief*
- ◆ Sue Service — *Mischief*
- ◆ Kellie Fennessy — *Shirley & Earle*
- ◆ Nancy Roe — *Bad Wolf*

Mary Stuyvesant acted as the regatta chairperson, and WSA members Bari Belcher, Diane Larson, Nora Feddal, JoAnn Meepos, and Debbie Fienerman all served on race

committee. WSA members Carole Walsh and Nancy Marino chartered out their Martin 242, *ZIP*, to a lucky Canadian team, as did our favorite caterer Mark Sands (who provides our monthly dinners from Overland Cafe).



Martin 242's on the start line. *Mischief* (sail 101) was the one competitor with an all-woman crew and finished a respectable 13<sup>th</sup>, including a "bullet" in one race.

Photo by Richard Moses

(Additional race photos on page 6)

## Day Sail Etiquette and Procedures

Day Sails are a fantastic way to enjoy a day on the water, hone your sailing skills, and meet other WSA members. The success of each Day Sail depends on the boat having a full crew of members who show up on time, ready to sail, and with proper provisions. With limited space and high demand, we need your cooperation to sign up for Day Sails responsibly and follow the communication procedures if emergencies come up which require you to cancel.

### Day Sail Sign Up procedures:

- ◆ The Day Sail Chair will email day sail notices with pertinent details.
- ◆ ONLY express interest if you can commit to the date/time.
- ◆ The Day Sail Chair will send a confirmation email if you are selected. The email will include your provision assignment, the skipper/crew contact information and any other boat details. Read all information carefully so you are fully prepared.

### Following are rules to follow for a fun and successful day sail:

- ◆ On the day of the sail, if the weather is questionable, contact the skipper by 9am at home to determine if the sail is still planned.
- ◆ Do not bring drugs on the boat.
- ◆ There is no smoking below decks (please ask skipper if smoking is permitted on upper deck of boat).
- ◆ There is no drinking of alcohol while away from the dock.
- ◆ Please bring drinks in cans or plastic containers (no glass).
- ◆ Most skippers request that you wear white-soled tennis or boat shoes. Bring additional clothing; the weather can be cold and wet on the water.
- ◆ Be aware that due to the unpredictability of sailing, the return time can vary so we request that you do not schedule your evening activities too early.
- ◆ Be considerate of the Skipper -- help put the boat back into condition after returning to the dock.

### Cancelations:

- ◆ If you are confirmed and cancel, it will be your responsibility to notify all --Day Sail Chair, Skipper and the ENTIRE CREW listed for your day sail.
- ◆ If you are confirmed and cancel, you MAY be expected to bring your provisions to the boat, on the day of the sail, unless a replacement can be found, time and resources permitting.
- ◆ If you fail to attend two (2) Day Sails for which you have signed up, you risk suspension from the Day Sail program.

## "Fun, Free & Worthwhile"

### Three words that describe the ASMBYC Home Port Regatta.

Once a year the entire Marina del Rey yacht racing community (that group of sailboats that are frequently seen racing together southwest of the breakwater) extends an invitation to all sailors — including new skippers, crew, and sailboats — to give this wonderful sport a try.



This year the HPR, as we abbreviate the Home Port Regatta name, falls on Saturday

November 5, and will be preceded by two seminars on October 27 and November 3 to provide participants with an understanding of the basic rules and tactics they will use in the weekend competitions. As an added bonus, experienced racers have volunteered to act as mentors and on the water coaches to help the "Newbies," as they are frequently called, race safely and successfully.

There will be lots of trophies, door prizes, and fun at the after-race mixer to be held at South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club, where the newbies get to meet representatives of all the area's yacht clubs, other racers, and prospective crew for future racing events.

Experienced yachtsmen will testify that learning to race is one of the fastest ways to raise your sailing skill and seamanship level. They will also tell you that there is a wonderfully diverse and welcoming community of folks participating at many levels. HPR is something special that is well worth your attention.

To get more information, check out the web page at ASMBYC.org (toggle the page down until you get to the Home Port Regatta link), or contact Bruce Fleck at (310) 869-9187 or Bruce@yahoo.com.

## Long Beach Sea Gals 2011 Program

By Judy-Rae Karlsen—Sea Gals Program Director

### Events: Date / Time

1. Saturday, September 17, 2011 12:00-4:00 pm
2. Sunday, September 18, 2011 12:00-4:00 pm
3. Sunday, September 25, 2011 9:00 am-5:00 pm  
Charity Regatta (racing)
4. Sunday, October 09, 2011 12:00-4:00 pm
5. October 21-23 Linda Elias Memorial Women's One Design (racing)
6. Saturday, November 05, 2011 12:00-4:00 pm

Contact "Sea Gals" at 562-355-8500 if you have questions and visit their website at: [http://www.lbycsf.org/LBSF/LB\\_Sailing\\_Foundation.html](http://www.lbycsf.org/LBSF/LB_Sailing_Foundation.html)

## My First WSA Cruise

Article and photos courtesy of Sandra Canalis

On Wednesday August 3rd, Captain Jeannea Jordon and crew Libby Gill and Sandy Canalis set sail on *Chekkerrs* for five days in Catalina. Our destination? Two Harbors at the Isthmus.

The first two hours were foggy, but we had good visibility for the shipping lanes. This voyage was a "first" for this writer. First time on the Isthmus (beautiful and rustic) and first long cruise with WSA.

On Thursday night we were joined by Susan French on *Bateau Frowe* and crew John Rowe, Carol Walsh, and John Goebel. Friday night, we were all welcomed aboard *Bateau Frowe* for drinks, appetizers and a delicious dinner prepared by Carol. Once one has eaten Carol's double chocolate "killer" brownies, no other chocolate will taste as good.



Libby, Jeannea, and Sandy with Two Harbors in the background

Good times sometimes come with ironies. For example, the engines on both dinghies failed. Captain Jordan deserves a medal for the time and patience spent on repairs. Jeannea ended up rowing all of us ashore. On Saturday, the *Chekkerrs* crew ascended to Banning House for drinks and enjoyment of the beautiful view.



Jeannea, Susan, and Tom before the dinghies "died"

On the way down, we encountered the "other guys" on their way to a luau. The *Chekkerrs* crew stayed aboard and feasted on champagne and leftovers.

On Sunday, at the dinghy dock, we ran into Wayne Brandow and his beautiful crew: Margarita Cruz, Emma Stansfield, and skipper's guest Jamie Moore.

On the way home on *Chekkerrs*, we spotted a group of pilot whales. We arrived home in MDR tired, but very happy.



Sandy refused to let a little thing like engine failure spoil her trip.

Some suggestions for first time WSA cruisers:

- ◆ After packing lightly, unpack more things from duffel bag
- ◆ One actually can dry off adequately after a shower with a face towel
- ◆ Wear a bathing suit if attempting to get into a kayak for the first time.

If you want to have the best time of your life, try a WSA cruise. It's fantastic!



John, Jeannea, and Susan — Is Jeannea signaling that two engines have "gone south??"



Sandy, Libby, and Jeannea enjoy the patio at Banning House

### MEMBERSHIP NOTE

If you know of someone interested in joining WSA, please direct them to [www.wsasmb.org](http://www.wsasmb.org) (click on Join WSA Today) for information on membership dues and easy instructions on how to join. New member discounts are available throughout the year!

#### WSA Policies:

- ◆ -Guests are allowed to attend up to 2 general meetings per year (excluding December due to paid event)
- ◆ -Only current WSA sailing members with a signed Waiver can participate in on-the-water events including day sails and cruises
- ◆ -Only current WSA sailing members can race under the WSA Burgee
- ◆ -Membership runs from January 1 – December 31 for current year. Memberships are valid until December 31, regardless of date you join
- ◆ -The membership renewal process begins each year on January 1. You can only join one year at a time – the current year
- ◆ -Membership Application and Waiver forms must be submitted every year

## Hollywood Bowl and Frankie Avalon

By Jennifer Zannelli, Social Director

August was full of social outings for WSA with two groups at the Hollywood Bowl and ending the month with none other than Frankie Avalon in Burton Chace Park for the final Marina del Rey Summer Concert Series.

### Hollywood Bowl

The August 10<sup>th</sup> Blues Night at the Bowl was spectacular, with Mavis Staples opening up with a voice that I think West Hollywood could hear, followed by the smooth offerings of Keb' Mo' and then Robert Cray closing out with a big sound.



We had a great showing from WSA with seventeen sitting in the stands enjoying the music and camaraderie of one another – While no substitute for a Wednesday night race, this concert had all the energy of a sprint to the finish line.



While unfortunately I missed the LA Philharmonic on August 18<sup>th</sup> I heard that they were spectacular. They never manage to disappoint and that held true as the WSA group listened to Beethoven's Ninth with an amazing fireworks show at the end of the evening – I am told if you haven't watched fireworks shoot out of the top of the Bowl then you are missing a spectacular show.

### Burton Chace Park – FRANKIE!!!!

WSA partnered with SMWYC to host a buffet before the final Summer Concert Series of the year on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, and it was a great success!

Forty members showed up to dine on catered food from Overland Café, throw back a few drinks at the bar, socialize a little, and then listen to Frankie Avalon – whether you were on the grass or on the deck at SMWYC you could hear that Frankie still had it going on.

But the BEST part was that Frankie's trailer was parked right out back of the club, so we could



Frankie Avalon on his way to the stage via SMWYC

see him up close from the balcony – a few trees in the way but what a treat! Also a great opportunity to bring the two clubs together – look for more of this in the future.

All of this could not have been possible without the help of our Commodore, Chris Tarantola, who so kindly stood guard at the gate (and personally welcomed Frankie to the club), and Coco Leigh, who helped serve up the dinner, and SMWYC's Vickie, who let us take over the kitchen and the club.

Oh, yeah, and finally a shout out to my Mother and Brother who were in town visiting, so I made them work for their dinner!

If you have any ideas on other outing opportunities please don't hesitate to send me an email at [social@wsasmb.org](mailto:social@wsasmb.org).

## More Photos from the Martin 242 North American Regatta...



Shirley & Earle  
Photo by John Nelson



Daisy  
Photo by Richard Moses



The all-women crew of *Mischief*  
Photo by John Nelson

**"Gal Warnings" is always looking for photos of WSA activities and members!**

— Send them to Newsletter@WSASMB.org —

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### Upcoming Calendar of Events

<b><i>September 2011</i></b>	
3rd Sat	Outlaw Regatta, MdR to Seal Beach—SMWYC
7th Wed	Last Sunset Series—CYC
13th Tues	WSA General Meeting
17-18 Sat/Sun	Harris Regatta—CYC
21st Wed	After Sunset Series—SMWYC
24-25 Sat/Sun	ASMBYC Champion of Champions Regatta—ASMBYC/DRYC
27rd Tues	WSA Board Meeting
28th Wed	After Sunset Series—SMWYC

<b><i>October 2011</i></b>	
11th Tues	WSA General Meeting
16th Sat	Glenn Thorpe Octoberfest Regatta—SMWYC
16th Sat	Heather Perkoff Series—PMYC
21-23	Linda Elias Memorial Women's One Design—LBYC
25th Tues	WSA Board Meeting
29th Sat	ASMBYC Inter Harbor Challenge

**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!

**WSA Website:** [www.wsasmb.org](http://www.wsasmb.org)

#### ***2011 Martin 242 North Americans...***



Racers returning to Marina del Rey on the last day.

Photos by John Nelson

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- 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