

# Gal' Warnings

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## Commodore's Corner

by Commodore Coco Leigh

### In This Season of Giving

As we come to the close of another year. Our thoughts turn to Holiday Festivities. WSA's two big holiday events are the Marina del Rey Holiday Boat Parade on December 8 and our Holiday Party and Installation Dinner on December 11. These events are lots of fun and an opportunity to connect with old friends and to make new ones.

But, this is also a time of year for reflection. I can't believe that my term as your Commodore is almost over. It seems like just yesterday that our Junior Staff Commodore, Christina Tarantola, handed me my gold stars. And, I've tried to do my best this year but I must admit that I did not reach all my goals. I've had my challenges this year. As many of you know, my husband Bob has cancer and I have had to devote a lot of my time to him. But, I have an incredible team in this year's Board of Directors and Chairs backing me up. Junior

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## December: Holiday and Installation Dinner

A festive catered dinner, fabulous raffle prizes, annual awards and Installation of the 2013 Board—it's going to be a great evening! Go to [wsasmb.org](http://wsasmb.org) to sign up!

## January Speaker: Debbie Talbot Department of Beaches and Harbors

We will start the New Year off with a bang with an update from Beaches and Harbors. Debbie Talbot is the boating section head of the new Department of Beaches and Harbors Boating Section. This Department was created to make MdR a more "boater friendly" marina with an emphasis on promoting recreational boating, boating issues, communications, facilities management, and environmental best management practices. She will give us a dredging overview and a look ahead at Marina del Rey's infrastructure projects and discuss how we can stay informed and connected during project phasing.



Jen and Judy enjoying the start of WSA's "lazy cruise" to King Harbor. (Story begins on page 2)

Photo credit: Mike Gitchell



Where were you in '62? Check out the photos from the decorating session for this year's Holiday Boat Parade on page 4.

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## Meeting Agenda for December 11, 2012: Installation Dinner

6:30 pm—Social Hour

7:30 Dinner and Program begin

## A Lazy Cruise to King Harbor

By Jen Huszcza

The last cruise of 2012 was a one day trip down to King Harbor Yacht Club for lunch on November 4th. Four boats with twenty-two bright and smiling WSA members went down to King Harbor on a bright and sunny Sunday.



The four boats were *Agua Cheetah* (skipped by Wayne Brandow), *Chekkers* (Jeannea Jordan), *Osprey* (Susan Bonner), and *Outrageous* (Karyn Jones).

I was on *Chekkers* with Jeannea, Libby, Carlene, Melody, and John. Due to some pesky Santa Ana winds, it was hot in the marina even at 9:30 in the morning, so we were anxious to get out and go. We motored down the channel and past the breakwater, and we continued to motor.

The water was flat, and Libby called it *Lake Pacific*. Seals were floating on their backs with their flippers in the air like they just didn't care. Birds were having a

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## MEMBERSHIP NOTES:

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 two general meetings per year (excluding December as it is a paid event)
- ◆ Only current members with a signed Waiver may participate in on-the-water activities including day sails and cruises
- ◆ Only current members may race under the WSA Burgee
- ◆ Regardless of when a member joins or renews, all rights of membership expire on December 31st of the last year for which dues have been paid.



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## 24th Women's Sailing Convention

By Fran Weber

Hey, when was the last time you had breakfast with 225 wanna be better lady sailors? And when was the last time you had lunch with 225 wanna be better lady sailors?? And when was the last time you had dinner with 225 fired up and ready to do lots of new things while sailing lady sailors??? Well, there will be all kinds of fun learning stuff happening at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club on Saturday, Feb 2, 2013: on the boats, on the docks, in the classrooms, and all over the place .

For the last 24 years, Gail Hine ([Gail@scya.org](mailto:Gail@scya.org)) has put together a time and place for lady sailors to gather, share stories, share sailing energy, learn some great stuff about sailing, and overall just have one heck of a high energy, fun packed, finding new sailing friends day!

Better yet, there is a flotilla from MdR leaving Jan. 31, spending the night in Long Beach, and arriving in Newport Harbor on Feb. 1. We'll enjoy the Saturday activities and festivities, then return to MdR on Sunday. If you're interested contact Jennea Jordan or Fran Weber-Melville ([cptfran@aol.com](mailto:cptfran@aol.com) or 310 738-3205). I hope to see all the lady members of WSA at the convention!

**Take advantage of the early bird special price of \$170, available from Dec. 10 to Dec. 31!**

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Staff Commodore, Christina Tarantola, has really been there for me helping to keep things running smoothly. Vice Commodore, Jennifer Zannelli is also stepping up and I know she will be a great Commodore next year. Her work this year on both our holiday events has been exceptional.

And, IT TAKES A VILLAGE! WSA was started in 1985 with the goal of promoting and supporting women in sailing. And, as an organization, we've done a great job. Today we stand on the shoulders of all those incredible women who came before us who gave their time and energy to this great club. We are a volunteer organization and I encourage everyone to get involved and ask how you can help. It can be something as simple as talking with a guest to tell them why you joined WSA. We will be starting 2013 without a Social Director and we need to find some solution on how the tasks of this position will be handled. Over the years I've held several positions with this club. I have been Day Sail Chair, Cruise Chair, Fleet Captain, Vice Commodore and Commodore. My sole motivation was to give something back to this club that has given so much to me. When I joined WSA in 1999, I had never sailed. Before I knew it, I was daysailing, cruising and racing. I even met my husband, Bob through WSA! I've had the

opportunity to sail all over the world. And, I've made good friends here who are now supporting me during this challenging time in my life. So, in this Season of Giving, think about how you might want to give back to WSA.

Come out and help decorate George's boat for the Boat Parade on December 8. And I hope to see you all at the Holiday Party and Installation Dinner on December 11. Even if you can't come, buy some raffle tickets online because there will be some terrific prizes!

It has been my honor to serve as your Commodore this year. Wishing you a happy, healthy and prosperous new year!

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***White Sea Bass Update***

*By Barbara Palmer & Mike Shane*

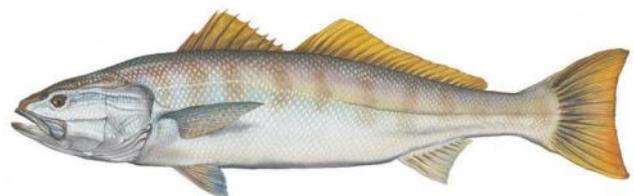
Mike Shane, who is a Research Scientist with Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute (HSWRI), gave us a presentation at our November meeting about his organization and their various research programs. One of the primary research areas of the aquaculture program has been in stock replenishment in southern California. Since 1986 they have raised and released more than 1.8 million white seabass into the ocean.

Mike detailed how this process works, from collecting and inducing the adult fish to spawn in captivity, growing their offspring, tagging each fish, and then utilizing volunteers to grow these fish to a larger size (8-10") in cages before they are released. One of these grow-out cages is located in Marina del Rey at the docks alongside Burton Chace Park. Mike then showed how and where some of these fish were recovered in California; several of which were in the ocean for over 13 years before they were caught.

During the latter half of his presentation, Mike discussed several of his other research projects. One of these projects employs acoustic telemetry in white sea bass; that is using sound to observe how these fish utilize and move in the ocean. He is able to surgically

implant small sound making devices into these fish and then he can track their movements, utilizing special equipment, from a boat or with an array of underwater listening stations deployed along the coast.

Mike then showed us how you determine age in white sea bass by utilizing bones that are in the head of the fish. These bones, called otoliths, are removed from the fish, embedded in resin and then cut in half with a special saw. When these cut sections are viewed under a microscope they reveal a series of rings which is similar to what you would see when you cut a tree trunk. The California state record white sea bass, at 84 pounds, was just 24 years old.



## Holiday Boat Parade Decorating Success

By Jennifer Zannelli, Vice Commodore

Next Saturday, Dec. 8th, WSA's Holiday Boat Parade entry, *My Time 3*, will be ready to SHINE thanks to the great team who spent their Saturday morning on Dec. 1st getting everything assembled. Thanks to Carey, Jen, Sue, Mike, Wayne, Linda, Coco, Bob, Maureen, Michaela, Diane, Leslie, Debbie, Beth, Monica, Fran, and, of course, Chris for not only her mad skills but the use of the Tarantola warehouse. The theme this year is "Celebrating 50 years... A Solid Gold Christmas," and the WSA boat is all about GOLD (with champagne to boot!). White rope lights and shimmery gold and silver will fill the skies as we move along the parade route celebrating 50 years of the M&R boat parade (1962-2012)!



**The Holiday Boat Parade starts at 5:55pm on Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> and if you would like to ride with us on "My Time 3," call/text Jennifer at 310-279-6799 or send an email to [vicecommodore@wsasmb.org](mailto:vicecommodore@wsasmb.org) so that she can put you on the list, as space is limited. We will begin decorating at 9:30am and always welcome the extra hands! Come join in the fun!**

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convention. One could look clear out to the smog line. Jeannea set the autopilot, and we all sat back and told stories.

When we arrived in King Harbor, we discussed anchoring the bow and stern lines. I had

manned the stern anchor on Jeannea's boat the last time I went to King Harbor back in March, and I was ready and willing to do it again. Then we saw the dock.

The dock at King Harbor Yacht Club was big and empty. Jeannea radioed Sue about taking the empty dock space. Just as Jeannea was pointing the bow toward a very convenient parking space, a gas-guzzling, cash-eating, glacier-melting, oil-company-profiting navy-blue power boat pulled past us into the spot.



Fortunately, there was plenty of dock space for everyone, and we pulled into the dock near *Outrageous* and *Agua Cheetah*. Instead of hauling anchor, I got to haul fenders. Two fenders. Okay, not as heavy as

anchors.

We had an excellent lunch at King Harbor Yacht Club. I had the tune melt with onion rings. Yummy. Folks also praised the Cajun Crab Wrap.



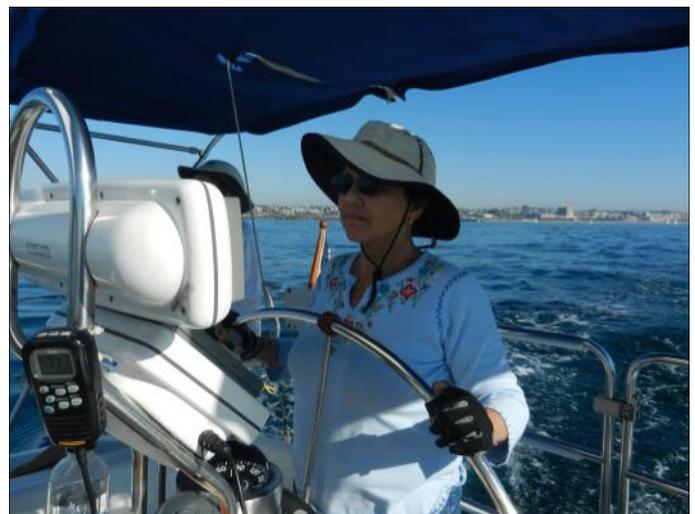
After lunch, full and happy, we all followed John to the nearby aquarium. We oohed and ahhed at eels and sharks and toddlers at a birthday party for Leonardo. One little girl spilled her goldfish crackers. Drama.



We said goodbye and thanks to the King Harbor Yacht Club, got back on our boats, and motored past the paddle boarders and the breakwater.

Near El Segundo, we felt a whisp of breeze. We unfurled the jib, and Jeannea put the motor in neutral. We crawled a few inches and unanimously decided that we wanted to be back in the marina at a reasonable time. Jeannea put the motor back on, and we all sat back and told stories all the way back to the slip.

After we put *Chekkers* back in order, we all sat down with a bottle of wine and told still more stories after a lazy cruise on a nice lazy Sunday down to King Harbor.

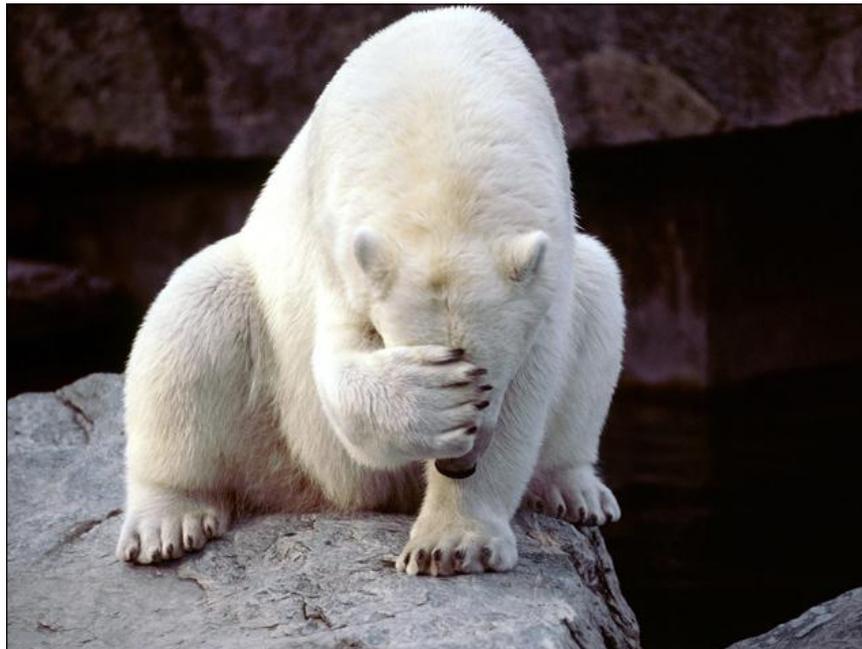


### Upcoming Calendar of Events

<i><b>December 2012</b></i>	
1st Sat	Boat Parade Decorating Party
8th Sat	MdR Boat Parade
11th Tues	WSA Holiday Party and Installation Dinner
<i><b>January 2013</b></i>	
3rd Thurs	Advanced Racing Seminar—SBYRC
5th Sat	Malibu and Return—Berger #1 DRYC
8th Tues	WSA General Meeting
19th Sat	Champagne Series 1,2 &3—SBYRC
22nd Tues	WSA Board Meeting
26th Sat	Champagne Series 4&5—SBYRC

**Racers:** Be sure to review the 2012 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)



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- To support "Youth in Sailing" community service programs;
- To support established sailing programs for women;
- To enhance networking opportunities