

Gal' Warnings

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Commodore's Corner: A Conversation with Coco

by Guest Columnist Staff Commodore Sue Service

About a dozen WSA members recently met Coco and Bob aboard "Coco Puff" to help scrub her clean—we learned the meaning of "poop deck" first hand! While there, I had a chance to chat with Coco and ask her about how she got started in sailing, what her favorite type of sailing was, and any advice she'd give to new WSA members.

How did you first get involved in sailing?

I joined WSA in 1999 or 2000—I was recently divorced and looking for a fun group to women to share new experiences with. I had grown up on Long Island Sound, and was always interested in boating, so WSA seemed like a good fit. I immediately got involved with day sails and cruises, and before I knew it I was part of Dave Angers' regular Wednesday night racing crew aboard his Catalina 27, "Mariah." I was the WSA day

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JULY—Summer Party—Hawaiian Style

by Christina Taranola, Jr. Staff Commodore

Let's Party!

To be more specific, let's party Hawaiian style!

Every July, WSA celebrates summer with a party instead of our regular meeting. On July 10, we'll still get the fun started at 6:30 at SMWYC, but there will be no meeting, and no speaker. The bar will be open as always and there is no charge for the party or dinner.

We will barbecue out on the patio and there will be fun and games. We'll have fantastic prizes for winners of our hula dancing contest and rain gutter sailboat races. Come prepared to shake your hips and show off your boat building skills. And don't forget to dress the part. This is the perfect night for muumuus, puka shells, leis, hibiscus-print shirts and grass skirts.

As always, we need help to make this happen. We need members to help decorate and clean up and Grill Master Mike Gitchell will need help manning the barbecue. Please sign up to help by contacting Social Director Carole Walsh at americawest2@ca.rr.com or 818-521-2761. Aloha!



Cal Race Week competitors enjoyed beautiful weather and good winds.

Photo credit: Mike Gitchell



Fine conditions for the start of the return during the Berger/Stein Cat Harbor Layover Regatta.

Photo credit: SailingScuttlebutt.com

Meeting Agenda for July 10, 2012

6:30 pm—SUMMER PARTY STARTS!

Berger/Stein Cat Harbor Layover

By Christina Tarantola, Jr. Staff Commodore



Marylyn monitors the helm.
Photos by Susan Service

One of the most popular races of the year is always the Berger/Stein Cat Harbor Layover. It includes promises of long reaches over to Catalina, *al fresco* dining with friends at the Del Rey Yacht Club satellite facility, Buffalo Milk and dancing late into the evening at Doug's, and

then a long spinnaker ride back to Marina del Rey.

All this was true for me, and even more so this year, since I was invited to sail on the "chick" boat with some of the best female sailors in the area – Denise George, Joan Chandler, WSA member Marylyn Hoenemeyer and WSA Staff Commodore Sue Service.

Denise had somehow secured *Se Vuela*, a beautiful J32, for us and we showed up early Saturday morning with enough gourmet food and drink to feed a crew twice our size. We did this semi-intentionally, as a couple of

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San Diego-Dana-Point-Catalina Cruise Part I

By Jeannea Jordan Cruise Director

Probably, *Chekkers'* 2012 WSA run to Dana Point, then to San Diego, then to Dana Point, and then to Catalina Island wasn't on a par with Cook's voyage of discovery or Gauguin's passage to paradise, but to us, her crew, the 270nm cruise was a great adventure.



Jeannea at the helm.
Photos by Jeannea Jordan & crew

At 6:00am it was cold, gray, and overcast as Donna Haro and I motored out of MdR for a 65nm mostly-motor sail to Dana Point. We wanted to position the boat further south so crew members Karen Kuchel and Karen Gladstone could join us in the evening. They found us in Dana Point, despite my ambiguous directions, demonstrating their high IQ's and personal resourcefulness.

At 6:00am the next day, we motored out into another cold, gray, overcast day for our 70nm trot down the coast. Gloriously we sailed about four hours of that.

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Upcoming Cruises

By Jeannea Jordan, Cruise Chair

AUGUST

- ◆ Wednesday, Aug. 1st to the Isthmus return on the 5th
- ◆ Friday night, Aug. 3rd sail 6PM departure and return on the 5th.
- ◆ Wednesday, Aug. 15th, Isthmus Cruise, return on Sunday Aug. 19th
- ◆ Wednesday, Aug. 29th, MdR to Ventura Marina

SEPTEMBER

- ◆ Aug. 31/Sept, 1/2/3 (Labor Day) Ventura Marina to Channel Islands (Santa Cruz Island) return to Ventura Marina.

Contact Jeannea at cruising@wsasmb.org for more information:

A Special thanks to Overland Café

Every month, the Overland Café caters WSA's dinner with a wonderful variety of menus. Serving great food since 1974. Visit their website at www.overlandcafe.com

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MEMBERSHIP NOTES:

If you know of someone interested in joining WSA, please direct them to 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

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sail chair for a while, and met Bob through WSA.

So you've done day sailing, cruising and racing, what is your favorite?

Cruising is my favorite. Bob and I have cruised locally and in some far away destinations—we chartered in Tahiti for our honeymoon (and were accompanied by Rosalie and Gary Green, and Sandra Canalis!). Our favorite cruising destination, however, was probably Greece. There we chartered a 50' boat with three other couples, and had a paid skipper. While three of the four couples were skilled sailors, we really enjoyed having a paid skipper—he knew all the good local restaurants and the local insight and knowledge was terrific! Plus, he'd take care of the boat when we arrived and we could just enjoy ourselves.

I know that in addition to running your travel agency, you're also an actor. When did you start acting?

Oh I guess since I was a kid. I also was a professional clown—I went to clown college in 1975, and did a year with Ringling Brothers in 1976 when I was 21 years old.

What advice do you have to new WSA members to help them get the most out of their membership?

Volunteer to help! Introduce yourself to others. Sign

up to help greet people at the door. Every little bit of help with the club matters, and it is a good way to feel part of the group and meet more people.

August Speaker: Ryan Levinson single handed sailor/ world class athlete

By Barbra Palmer, Education Director

On August 14 our speaker will be Ryan Levinson. Jeannea Jordan and Carole Walsh met Ryan Levinson, an "amazing single handed sailor/world class athlete with Muscular Dystrophy from San Diego with an amazing story of perseverance against all odds." Ryan has FSH Muscular Dystrophy (FSHM), an incurable, untreatable, muscle-wasting disorder. Doctors told Levinson to stop strenuous exercise, believing the physical effort would speed the deterioration; he chose to prove them wrong. He postponed working toward his degree in outdoor recreation at San Diego State University and continued a binge of sports and adventures—including surfing, kiteboarding, diving, kayaking, and sailing—that has now lasted 15 years.

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

— Send them to Newsletter@WSASMB.org —

WSA DAY SAILS

By Dianne Christman, Day Sail Chair

Hello everyone and very special welcome to our newer 2012 members ! A HUGE thanks to the following skippers: Wayne Brandow, Jeanne Dominguez, Jeannea Jordan, Coco Leigh and Bob Falisey, George Maronich, John Melville and Fran Weber Melville for (collectively) hosting a total of 16 day sails this year, which included a couple of Friday evening sunset sails. Nothing better than to wind down, after a busy week, and enjoy an evening day sail, or any day for that matter! We are all very grateful to have a group of generous skippers who choose to share their boats and expertise with the WSA sailing membership.

It's been an interesting year for day sails as we started off with troublesome weather, which is unusual for our region, and unfortunately caused quite a few cancellations and disappointment among our members. Then came the good weather, and somehow the membership interest had waned, which resulted in cancellations due to lack of crew.

Let's change all that! Here we are — The Summer of 2012 — with plenty of wonderful weather and opportunities coming up for day sailing.

As the skippers announce the day sail to me, an email

will go out to all current sailing members (membership + waiver) and everyone will have an equal opportunity to respond. Once all the interest is received, the crew is notified.

As always, if you have questions, contact me at: daysails@wsasmb.org



Agua Cheetah out for a day sail last summer. Don't miss your chance to enjoy time on the water with a WSA skipper!

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our husbands were sailing on the “dude” boat – Duncan and Paula Cameron’s Soverel 33, *Trust Me*. Filling out the Cameron’s crew were Tom O’Conor (spouse: Marylyn), Scott Meyer (spouse: me), WSA member Jennifer Arrington, and a girlfriend of hers.

Meeting us on the other side would be Mark Sands and his spacious party palace Catalina 42, *Debra Ann* – the “mother-ship.”



Denise enjoying the return home from Catalina.

As we headed out to the course, it seemed all the promises would come true, but it was not to be. The breeze was light and continued to taper off, and when we were still 13 miles from the finish, we calculated that even with the

motor on we would not reach our destination before the cut-off time of 8 p.m.

And so we turned on the motor and pointed ourselves straight toward the east end. As we pattered along, the conversation bounced around until we landed on the topic of what people had been reading lately. The list was pretty benign until Denise announced that she was about 100 pages into “50 Shades of Grey.” We demanded a dramatic reading, but she didn’t get very far before she started blushing. She turned off her e-reader and said that if we wanted to know more, we’d have to read the book for ourselves.

We were tied up at our mooring by 9:00 and arrived at the club around 9:30. Clearly, lots of other boats had decided to turn on their motors even sooner than we did. Alas, the margarita bar was already dry. The place was packed and everyone had dried off, warmed up, and was sharing the trials and tribulations of the day to anyone who would listen.

Dinner was fantastic thanks to a delicious assortment of food items, with Denise’s amazing steaks as the entrée. The “dudes” had all gone over to *Debra Ann* for dinner, but when they arrived at our table, they ate everything that was left.

Sleeping arrangements were discussed and agreed upon so that husbands and wives could be reunited and everyone was accounted for. Then everyone went their separate ways.

When we reconvened on shore the next morning, I learned that Scott and I definitely missed out by staying on *Trust Me* instead of staying on *Se Vuela*. All we could find on board were bags of potato chips and we had to

wait until we got to shore for coffee and bagels. On *Se Vuela*, the “chicks” served up a piping hot frittata with fresh fruit and French-press coffee. As if that weren’t enough of a disappointment, I missed Sue’s bravery and silliness as she decided to SWIM from the boat to shore.

“It was wonderful to have a hot breakfast in the morning — the boat was so well-equipped and Denise’s breakfast casserole was yummy,” Sue recalls. “All that nice warmth dissipated, however, when I decided to swim from the boat to shore.”

Needless to say, Sue jumped out of the water and headed straight for the showers. If she stayed in there for more than the allotted 6 minutes while she was thawing out, I forgive her.

The start was even more exciting this year than usual, since the tiny bit of wind we did have was coming from behind and about half the boats decided to start with their spinnaker up. We were not quite so brave, but put the kite up as soon as we had enough separation from the other boats to make it safe.

The winds were brutally light and boats sailed off in all different directions hoping to catch a puff that someone else had missed. We slogged and flogged for hours before the breeze finally became steady.

It continued to pick up as the day progressed and the marine layer cleared. Marylyn commented: “Even when the wind was light we were having so much fun playing our “parlor games” that the time went by really fast”.



Marylyn and husband, Tom, review weather forecasts.

The second half of the day was absolutely gorgeous and we finished second in our class, which was hugely satisfying after our DNF on Saturday. But, after checking the results, even that wasn’t so bad. Only seven out of the forty-four boats finished on Saturday and none of the eleven boats in our class finished.

Thanks go out to my fantastic crew and especially to Denise for securing such a gorgeously maintained, comfortable, and easy-to-sail boat.

Thanks also to all the members of the Race Committee, without whom races couldn’t happen. This was an especially challenging year and they all did a fantastic job.

Don’t forget to check the upcoming activities listed on the calendar page of *Gal Warnings!*

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There is nothing better to lift the spirits of sailors than to turn off the motor and hear the wind in the rigging, the water lap the hull, and the change in pitch that the macerator makes when the holding tank is empty. Truly the stuff of poems. Next Port-of-Call, San Diego!

Giving Point Loma a wide berth to keep out of kelp and off the rocks, we steered by the the channel markers into the bay to our reserved slip in Harbor Island Marina. We picked Harbor Island because it has a pool and a free dock party. It may be a shocking revelation to some, but small boat sailors tend to be a frugal lot.

The next morning, after Karen Kuchel did her obligatory laps in the pool, we headed off to "high cotton." In my world, that is the Maritime museum. We surveyed the *Star of India*, launched in November 1863, five days before Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address. She still sails with a volunteer crew.



We also roamed the wooden decks of the HMS *Surprise*, a replica of an 18th century, 24-gun British Royal Navy Frigate used in the movie "Master and Commander." We saw a Russian submarine and a US Navy submarine and toured a replica of *The America*, a sailing vessel that was the first Coast

Guard ship patrolling the west coast of California enforcing federal law circa, 1847.

We chatted with a Guamanian skipper who was overseeing the construction of a traditional sailing trimaran that his ancestors sailed in Micronesia until the 18th century, when the Royal Navy blew the last one out of the water. So impressed were the British with the 20 kt speeds of these vessels that they drew a sketch of one to save the design. Pride in his heritage inspired the Skipper to use this sketch (found in the archives of the Royal Navy) to build and sail the craft from San Diego to Guam. It was a touching addition to our immersion in the history of ships and the sea.

The following day we sailed *Chekkerrs* on the grand tour, under the Coronado Bridge, passed the tall ships and the Americas Cup sled and the aircraft carrier USS *Midway* and the floating residence called the "World," where for \$2million you can buy a small condo aboard and sail the world. Our last day, we took the \$1.00 shuttle from the Sheraton to the Village to buy earrings. This was, after all, a women's voyage.

(In Part Two, we meet a remarkable solo sailor)

WSA is Recruiting Skippers for Linda Elias Memorial Women's One Design Regatta Entries

Sponsored by the Long Beach Yacht Club and the Long Beach WSA, this year's regatta will be held October 20-21, 2012. WSA of Santa Monica Bay has annually sponsored one or two entries to promote women's sailing

WSA of SMB plans to budget funding for up to 50% of the cost for up to two entries, including boat charter and entry fee. The skipper and/or crew will need to fund the remaining balance of the boat charter and entry fees, the damage deposit and any incidentals. Final decision on funding will be at the sole discretion of the board.

Interested skippers must submit a written request, including the skipper's racing resume, to the WSA board. Requests will be accepted beginning 30 March; no requests will be considered after 15 August. Only applications from current WSA members will be considered. More information about the WSA of SMB, including a membership application, can be found at www.wsasmb.org. Requests for funding can be mailed to The Women's Sailing Association of Santa Monica Bay, PO Box 10034, Marina del Rey CA, 90295.

The WSA board will evaluate requests based on the following factors:

- ◆ The skipper's overall sailing experience.
- ◆ The skipper's racing history in terms of number of races entered and overall record.
- ◆ The skipper's ability to recruit and train crew.

Requests for funding will be reviewed at each month's board meeting, beginning with the April board meeting. Skippers accepted for funding will be notified on the 30th of that month. Requests that are not accepted at a monthly board meeting are held over to be reviewed in upcoming board meetings, along with any newly received requests.

Final authorization for funding from the WSA is contingent upon approval of the skipper(s) by the Long Beach Yacht Club Sailing Foundation, the organization administering control of the boats used in this regatta.

The skipper is entirely in charge of who will be on her crew, with the sole proviso that all crew members be members of the WSA at the time of the regatta. Skippers who have been accepted for funding by the WSA board will be announced to the general membership by email announcement, in the following month's newsletter, and at the following month's general meeting.

Further information about the regatta can be obtained from www.lbyc.org. WSA guidelines can be found at: <http://wsasmb.org/LEMWODGuide.html>

Skills You Never Realized You Were Developing While out Sailing

By Mary Ho, Race Chair

I realized this week that we sailing women have a whole skill set we have to offer. Did you realize that just knowing how to handle yourself on the water is a skill in and of itself? I never thought one bit about this until the events of this week.

On the night of June 27th I boarded the fishing boat *Outrider* in San Pedro with a group of swimmers and headed for the Isthmus. The object of the journey was a Catalina Channel swim. This was the night that swimmer Ernie Hofytzer was to attempt to swim the Catalina Channel. I was along representing the Catalina Channel Swimming Federation as an assistant observer. This was my first swim to observe. Ernie's swim was successful—he completed it in 9 hours and 36 minutes, which is a very good time.

In total, we were on the water for about 14 hours. Along the way I had plenty of time to think and realize a few things about myself that would set me apart from other novice observers of Channel swims, as most people helping out on Channel swims are not necessarily boaters.

The first and most obvious thing would be seasickness management. If I were not a sailor, would I have known how to manage seasickness? I have my own method that I have devised over the years to prevent and manage seasickness in myself. This alone is a very handy skill to have, for obvious reasons.

Another skill would be the sailing at night skill. I imagine that someone who has not been out on the water much, who then had to not only be out on the water, but at night on a crossing to an island, might feel uncomfortable. After all, it's really black out there at sea. Once the lights from the shore fade, it's just plain black, with only the light from the stars, and the moon. The water is black, and it is easy to start imagining all sorts of scary things that could be lurking in it. If I didn't know about piloting with radar and GPS, and if I hadn't spent so many nights sailing thousands of miles from land, in all kinds of conditions, perhaps I would find the whole experience of being out at night in the middle of the Catalina Channel freaky and strange. I remember the days from before I learned how to sail. When I first saw the ocean at night from a beach, I was spooked by how black it was and how there is just nothing out there. It's still spooky to me now, but for very different reasons: I worry about unseen floating containers lurking just beneath the surface just waiting for a sailboat to come and hit it, or the container ship that appears near your boat that is visible only by its lights, or as a blip on a radar screen.

Along with the sailing at night skill would be the standing watch skill. Who wants to wake up in the middle of the night, get out of your warm bed, and stand out in the

cold on deck? We sailors do it as a matter of course. We also wake up if the engine sounds change, or if there is a change in what's going on on deck. This is the alertness factor sailors develop by necessity.

The reason there are two observers for each swim is because during the night, one stands on watch with the swimmer while the other gets some rest. I have observed people on sailing trips who, lacking experience with sailing and watch standing, easily sleep through the night on a boat, ignoring all sound changes. Watch standing is its own definite skill.

Speaking of cold on deck, there is the keeping warm skill. We sailing women know how to dress to stay warm on a boat. It is just natural to me to bring my foul weather bibs, foul weather jacket, deck boots, fleeces, and base layers to keep myself warm. Even in the middle of summer, it is chilly on the water, especially at night. All sailors learn to bring warm clothing, even if it is hot on land.

And finally, there is the being on the water skill. If you sail, then you know how a boat is supposed to feel as it is moving, how the various wind speeds feel, how intense the sun can be, and how obscuring fog can be. You are familiar with the color of the water, and the motion of the ocean. You can recognize common seabirds. Did you ever think this is a skill in and of itself? I never thought about it until this week.

So ladies, don't take your sailing skills for granted. Realize that you have them and that they are great assets. And knowing this, you can take inventory of the sailing skills you have and don't have, and then you know where you can set some learning goals. That alone can open up a whole new world of adventure and learning for yourself. Exciting, isn't it?

Are You Ready to WOW?!

The 2012 Women on the Water / Women at the Helm (WOW/WAH) Regatta will be held on August 25-26.

The regatta is sponsored by WSA, PMYC, MVYC and SBRYC and is open to all-women crews (WOW) or coed crews with a woman driver (WAH).

Get your team together and start practicing now!

Contact ASMBYC's Women's Sailing Coordinator Mary Stuyvesant (marys0307@gmail.com), check out our Facebook page, or go to <http://www.wsasmb.org/wow-wah.html>

Long Beach Sea Gals 2012 Schedule

By Judy Rae Karlsen,
Director, Sea Gals Women's Sailing

"ON THE WATER" SAILING EVENTS FOR BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED SAILORS

These are non-competitive sailing events designed to introduce women to sailing as well as build confidence, increase knowledge, and sharpen your sailing skills in a safe and fun environment. Debrief and network at the post sailing dock party.

Events #1-10 / A=Beginner/Intermediate (Non Spinnaker) / B= Intermediate/Advanced (Spinnaker)

- ◆ 05 A & B - Saturday, July 7 (12-4 pm)
- ◆ 06 A & B - Sunday, July 8 (12-4 pm)
- ◆ 07 A & B - Friday, Aug 10 (4:30-7:30 pm)
- ◆ 08 A & B - Saturday, Aug 11 (12-4 pm)
- ◆ 09 A & B - Saturday, Sept 15 (12-4 pm)
- ◆ 10 A & B - Sunday, Sept 16 (12-4 pm)

ON THE WATER "INTRO TO RACING" EVENTS

This group will be competing in the One Design fleet races on Wednesday at LBYC for 6 weeks. This Intro to Racing course is a 6 week commitment. We ask that you have a minimum of 2 intermediate/advanced (spinnaker) classes or prior experience racing on the Catalina 37, a Sea Gals coach will help to determine if you have the experience and the necessary agility to be part of the race crew. There are 9 crew spots for this series

Event #11 R1-6 Intro to Racing (6 Wednesdays, 4:30-7:30pm)

- ◆ 11.R4.Wednesday, July 11
- ◆ 11.R5.Wednesday, July 18
- ◆ 11.R6.Wednesday, July 25

The schedule for the Sea Gals advanced race team is TBD I expect we will enter the following:

- ◆ Long Beach Race Week (June 22-24)
- ◆ Long Beach Charity Regatta (September 23)
- ◆ Linda Elias Memorial Women's One Design (October 20-21)

Note: The Sea Gals advanced racing team will be selected on the basis of experience, performance, agility and availability.

REGISTER NOW FOR SAILING TIME

Registration is now open for all Sea Gals events. Space is limited and registration is on a first come basis.

HOW TO REGISTER?

Send an email to SEAGALS.SAILING@GMAIL.COM requesting the date(s) you want to sail. Payment informa-

tion will be sent to you. Just return it. Upon receipt of your payment, you will receive a confirmation email with your sailing dates. The week of your sail, you will get a reminder. Sea Gals events begin/end at Long Beach Yacht Club.. google for directions. Parking is free.

The sailing event fee is \$50 per person. Prepayment guarantees your spot on the boat. The Long Beach Sailing Foundation takes credit cards (Visa/Mastercard), checks, cash or paypal. Refunds are available or you can change event dates - if there are crew openings. We request a 48 hr. cancellation notice.

WANT A \$10 DISCOUNT?

All members of WORSAs and Women's Sailing Associations (LB/LA/Santa Monica Bay/Channel Islands) get a one time \$10 discount. All returning Sea Gals sailors get a one time \$10 discount. Seniors (60+) and students (w/ current ID) receive a \$10 discount on every sail (no limit). Every time you introduce a new friend/family member to a Sea Gals sailing event, you will receive a \$10 discount on that event (no limit).

Sea Gals is the Long Beach Sailing Foundation's Women's Sailing Program. We are open to the public and all women interested in sailing on the Catalina 37 are invited to participate. There is no membership fee. No sailing experience is necessary to participate in Courses 1-10. Junior sailors (under 18) are invited to participate when their mothers are on the boat. There is no upper age limit. The Catalina 37 boat is not equipped for physically handicapped persons, but deaf and blind women are invited to participate. For more info: 562-355-8500, Seagals.Sailing@gmail.com

SMWYC Round-up—Summer Concerts in the Park!

Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club has the best seats in the house for the summer concerts at Burton Chace Park, and SMWYC has generously invited all WSA members to join them for the Classical Thursday evening Summer Concerts. The bar will be open, dinner will be served, and you can relax on the patio or in the dining room while enjoying the concerts, without battling the crowds at the park.

The concerts begin at 7 p.m. The Marina del Rey Summer Symphony is conducted by Frank Fetta and the concerts will be hosted by Rich Capparella of KUSC-FM.

Visit <http://www.visitmarinadelrey.com/promo/summer-activities> and http://file.lacounty.gov/dbh/docs/cms1_146017.pdf for more summer concert information.

SMWYC parking is free for WSA members. For details and to make reservations, email reservations@smwyc.org.



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2012 Boating Education Schedule
 ** June - December **



Dates	Days / Fees	Time	Location	Contact
<u>SUDDENLY IN COMMAND:</u> Would you know what to do if your skipper suddenly became incapacitated?				
Sept 11	1 Tue night \$35 per person* \$45 per couple*	6:30pm to 9:30pm	California Yacht Club, 4469 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey 90292	424-248-7190 or Classes@uscga1242.org www.uscga1242.org
Oct 16	1 Tue night \$35 per person* \$45 per couple*	6:30pm to 9:30pm	California Yacht Club, 4469 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey 90292	424-248-7190 or Classes@uscga1242.org www.uscga1242.org
Nov 13	1 Tue night \$35 per person* \$45 per couple*	6:30pm to 9:30pm	California Yacht Club, 4469 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey 90292	424-248-7190 or Classes@uscga1242.org www.uscga1242.org
<i>*pre-register for discounted fee listed above (see website for more information)</i>				
<u>ABOUT BOATING SAFELY:</u> An introduction to boating safety that covers more than just the basics.				
Jun 05 - Jun 26	4 Tue nights \$45 per person* \$55 per couple*	7:00pm to 9:30pm	California Yacht Club, 4469 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey 90292	424-248-7190 or Classes@uscga1242.org www.uscga1242.org
<i>*pre-register for discounted fee listed above (see website for more information)</i>				
<u>HOW TO READ A NAUTICAL CHART (HRNC)</u> and/or <u>GPS FOR MARINERS (GPS)</u> Basics of navigation using nautical charts Operation and use of your GPS				
Jun 5 & Jun 12	2 Tue nights \$45 per person	HRNC 7:00pm to 9:30pm	Del Rey Yacht Club, 13900 Palawan Way, Marina del Rey 90292	909-284-1790 or Jonathan.smaby@gmail.com
Jun 14 - Jun 28	3 Thu nights \$45 per person	GPS 7:00pm to 9:30pm	Del Rey Yacht Club, 13900 Palawan Way, Marina del Rey 90292	714-317-4510 or abakalyar@socal.rr.com
Sept 18 & Sept 25	2 Tue nights \$40 per person* \$50 per couple*	HRNC 7:00pm to 9:30pm	California Yacht Club, 4469 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey 90292	424-248-7190 or Classes@uscga1242.org www.uscga1242.org
Oct 2 & Oct 9	2 Tue nights \$40 per person* \$50 per couple*	GPS 7:00pm to 9:30pm	California Yacht Club, 4469 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey 90292	424-248-7190 or Classes@uscga1242.org www.uscga1242.org
Nov 13 & Nov 20	2 Tue nights \$45 per person	HRNC 7:00pm to 9:30pm	Del Rey Yacht Club, 13900 Palawan Way, Marina del Rey 90292	909-284-1790 or Jonathan.smaby@gmail.com
<i>*pre-register for discounted fee listed above (see website for more information)</i>				
<u>WEEKEND NAVIGATOR:</u> Navigation, Trip planning, Tides/Currents, Radar, Routes, Dead Reckoning.				
Sep 6 - Nov 15	11 Thu nights \$70 per person	7:00pm to 9:30pm	Del Rey Yacht Club, 13900 Palawan Way, Marina del Rey 90292	714-317-4510 or abakalyar@socal.rr.com
<u>BOATING SKILLS & SEAMANSHIP:</u> A thorough study of boat operation and safety on the water.				
Sep 4 - Oct 23	8 Tue nights \$80 per person	7:00pm to 9:30pm	Del Rey Yacht Club, 13900 Palawan Way, Marina del Rey 90292	909-284-1790 or Jonathan.smaby@gmail.com
Sep 12 - Nov 14	10 Wed nights \$80 per person	7:00pm to 9:30pm	King Harbor Yacht Club, 280 Yacht Club Way, Redondo Beach 90277	Frank Coll, 310-629-0160

Upcoming Calendar of Events

<i>July 2012</i>	
1st Sunday	MdR to San Diego Race—SMWYC
4th Tues	WSA Cruise to Redondo Beach
10th Tues	WSA General Meeting
13th Fri	Sundown Series—DRYC
15th Sat	BBQ Race—SMWYC
15th Sat	WSA Race Clinic
24th Tues	WSA Board Meeting
27-28 Fri/Sat	Santa Barbara—King Harbor SBYC/KHYC

<i>August 2012</i>	
1st-5th	WSA Cruise to the Catalina Isthmus
11th Sat	Jennifer Diamond Charity Regatta—DRYC
12th	BBQ Race SMWYC
14th Tues	WSA General Meeting
15th-19th	WSA Cruise to the Catalina Isthmus
17th Fri	Sundown Series—DRYC
19th Sun	Lido District Championship SMWYC
25-26 Sat/Sun	WOW Regatta
28th	WSA General Meeting
29th	WSA Cruise to Ventura Marina

Racers: Be sure to review the 2012 ASMBYC Calendar at 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 for up-to-date information!

WSA Website: www.wsasmb.org



Now, that's an obstruction!

The dredge, *Paula Lee*, has been hard at work removing shoals at the harbor's entrance and along the jetties. The project should run through September.

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- 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