

Gal' Warnings

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Commodore's Corner: A Conversation with Coco by Commodore Coco Leigh

Happy Anniversary to Bob and Coco!

I would like to use this column for some personal notes. I have not been able to participate as your Commodore as fully this year as I had hoped. For those of you who don't know, my husband Bob Falisey, was diagnosed with a brain tumor last summer and the current state of his health is challenging for both of us. This month we are celebrating our 6th wedding anniversary and we had hoped to be sailing in the South Pacific on our 50 foot Catamaran "Coco Puff". Unfortunately, these days a trip to Catalina would be a challenge for Bob. So, the boat sits at our dock with a "For Sale" sign on it. The lesson that I take away from all this is: If you have something you want to do, don't wait.

On a more positive note, I have received tremendous support and good wishes from many people in WSA. Our

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June Speaker: Circumnavigating the Globe

by Barbara Palmer, Education Chair

In June, Richard Windebank, Fairwinds YC Commodore, will discuss and show photos of the circumnavigation that his two sons, Jason and Piers, will begin in early May. They have planned a two year trip which will take them through the Mediterranean, across the Atlantic to the Caribbean, through the Panama Canal across to the islands of the South Pacific and on to Australia.

From there, they will sail north through Indonesia and the Philippines, and on to Vietnam and Cambodia, before heading down to South Africa. They will cross the Atlantic Ocean to Brazil. Their circumnavigation will be complete when they head north back to Spain.

July will be our annual SUMMER PARTY—no business meeting, no speaker—we will have a fabulous BBQ on the porch and lots of fun and games.



Crew members of "Journey" for the City of Hope Regatta. (Story and photos on page 7)

Photo credit: Cara Goldberg



Holua and other classic "sleds" participate in the recent Cal Cup Regatta on Santa Monica Bay.

Photo credit: Susan Service

Meeting Agenda for June 12, 2012

6:30 pm—Social Hour begins

7:30 pm—Business meeting and dinner

8:00 pm—Presentation: Cruising around the world

Upcoming Cruises

By Jeannea Jordan, Cruise Chair

WSA is planning a a multi-leg San Diego cruise :

- ◆ Wed. June 13th MdR to Dana Point
- ◆ Thursday June 14th to San Diego (Harbor Island Marina)
- ◆ Monday 18th back to Dana Point
- ◆ Wed. the 20th to Avalon
- ◆ Saturday June 23rd MdR

In July, there will be a Tuesday, 4th of July cruise to Redondo Beach, with return to MdR after the fireworks. There are also plans for a cruise to the Catalina Island Isthmus on Wednesday, July 11, with return on Sunday the 15th.

Contact Jeannea for more information: cruising@wsasmb.org

SMWYC Round-up

As always, SMWYC has graciously invited all WSA members and their guests to join them for their fantastic dinners, speakers, music and dancing.

- ◆ Wednesdays:
Dinner is served every Wednesday night. Cocktail hour is 6:30-7:30 p.m. Dinner is \$12. For reservations, email reservations@smwyc.org.
- ◆ Fridays:
Friday Night Rocks every week with different live music groups and great dinners. Bring friends and have a great party! Cocktail hour is 6:30-7:30 p.m. Dinner is \$20. For reservations, email reservations@smwyc.org.
- ◆ Saturdays:
The bar opens at 3 p.m. Stop by to enjoy the beautiful view and a restorative beverage.
- ◆ Sundays:
Hot BBQ and cool jazz every Sunday. The menu includes steaks, pork loin, chicken breast, Italian sausage, Bratwurst, hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie brochettes you can cook yourself. Prices range from \$7 to \$14. (In rainy weather, the club will offer cooked hot dishes instead.) The bar and BBQ open at 3:00 p.m. and music runs from 4-7 p.m.

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 and create opportunities for both existing members and potential members.

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. WSA members are encouraged to contact skippers in order to possibly obtain a crew position.

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

(Commodore's Corner continued from page 1)

Board is great and Junior Staff Commodore, Christina Tarantola, has really been there to back me up when emergencies have kept me away. It truly takes a village these days and I am very grateful to those people who have visited with Bob and helped me with things that had to be done on the boat (we had a serious bird poop problem!). Susan Bonner spent a Saturday with me while I went up the mast to put up bird spikes. The following weekend we had a group of WSA members who put in a lot of time and "elbow grease" to scrub the "poop" off the decks (photos on page 8).

Bob and I met through WSA and we have sailed in some very wonderful places together. We honeymooned in Tahiti and chartered a catamaran with Sandy Canalis and Gary and Rosalie Green. We were part of a flotilla that Carole Walsh organized to Croatia. We also chartered in Greece and the British Virgin Islands. Considering that I had never been on a sailboat when I joined WSA back in 2000, I have Day Sailed, Cruised and Raced with some wonderful people to some great locations. So, you see, Sailing has been very, very good to me!

On the topic of "It takes a village", WSA can use your support. We are a volunteer organization and even small things like helping in the kitchen before and after the

General Meeting or helping the Membership Chair introduce new people to some of our older members at the meetings would be a tremendous help! So, please don't be shy... Getting Involved Feels Really Good!

Also, on a personal note, anyone interested in being on my email list when I am looking for people to perform certain tasks like visiting with Bob or helping on the boat should contact me directly at cocoleigh@sbcglobal.net or 818-903-7685.

Happy Sailing..... Coco

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

— Send them to Newsletter@WSASMB.org —

CAL CUP 2012



Above, Sue Purcell relaxes between starts. Below, Alice Leahey.



MEMBERSHIP NOTE

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

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)

- ◆ 02 A & B - Friday, June 8 (4:30-7:30 pm)
- ◆ 03 A & B - Saturday, June 9 (12-4 pm)
- ◆ 04 A & B - Sunday, June 10 (12-4 pm)
- ◆ 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.R1.Wednesday, June 13
- ◆ 11.R2.Wednesday, June 20
- ◆ 11.R3.Wednesday, June 27
- ◆ 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 information 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

Cal Race Week Recap

By Susan Service—Newsletter Co-editor

Cal Race Week, hosted by California Yacht Club, was held June 2-3. Over seventy boats in ten classes competed in five races in Santa Monica Bay. Conditions were beautiful — bright and sunny with winds averaging around 10 knots.

WSA members were well represented among both racers and race committee. Serving on RC were Nora Feddal, Debbie Feinerman, Sue Purcell, Mike Gitchell, Diane Larson and Bari and Norm Belcher. Among the racers were yours truly, Kellie Fennessy, Marylyn Hoenemeyer, Alice Leahey, Tina Claps, Liz Hjorth, Julie Coll and Milka Alexandrino. Special props to Tina Claps, who crewed on the winning J/109 team aboard "Persistence". Tina first started crewing for the skipper, Bryce Benjamin, at a WSA race clinic several years ago, and has been a regular on the team ever since. Congratulations to all!

Women's Sailing Association — Origins, 1983-1985

by Tim Tunks



There is an important part of WSA history that is not usually told. As I was there, I'm prepared to tell the story of how the Women's Sailing Association came into being.

As in the collisions of atom smashing particle accelerators creating new assemblies of matter, it was the collision

of the 1983 Super Bowl and the third day of South Bay Yacht Racing Club's Champagne Series of buoy races that generated this "Big Bang." Champagne Series had traditionally been four days of racing with two or three races a day, and was generally well attended because it was the first batch of buoy races starting the season's racing.

After New Year and the following DRYC race to Malibu, most racing campaigns focused on the January and February Champagne to get their boats and crews tuned up for all the events to come. (I should add that the 1980's were a period of much greater race participation than what we witness nowadays.) But with the increasing interest in the climax of the professional football season eclipsing the interest in that day's racing, more and more competitors were using that third day for their throw out races, spending the afternoon with the TV and the popcorn bowl.

There were a few other potent forces at work forging the present day WSA. "Ultra Light" sailboats like the Santa Cruz 27 and the Olsen 30 were just becoming popular, with many racing programs trading in their older IOR "lead mine" boats for these new lightweight fliers. Suddenly the "Foredeck Apes", as the big strong agile crew on the bow were called in the days of dip pole jibes with a heavy spinnaker pole flying across the deck, were so big and heavy that they'd sink the bows of the ultralights with their large mass, drastically slowing the boat during maneuvers.

Carol Robinson and Elise Anderson, good friends and racing mates from SBYRC, comprised another potent force, for it was their idea to hold a Women's Racing Clinic at South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club to train a new batch of talented lightweight women foredeck crews for the new batch of boats entering local fleets. SBYRC, a club deeply committed to sailing education and promotion of racing, immediately saw the value of Carol and Elise's plan, canceling racing for that day and substituting the Superbowl XVII Ladies' Sailing Clinic.

That first clinic was such a huge success that commitments for the next's years events were quickly made and the budget for the first clinic was tripled for Clinic II. Committees were established to plan and execute next year's event, and, as you might guess, 1984 was an even greater success for the Ladies' Sailing Clinic.

As this women's group grew, they recognized the need to emerge from their SBYRC umbrella to form a new women centric-club, and SBYRC was 100% behind that effort.

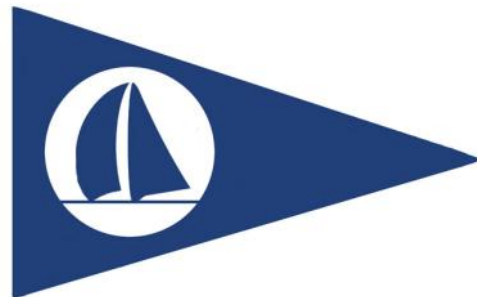
I was then Vice Commodore of SBYRC and led the movement to grant seed money from our plentiful cash reserves (those were the days of huge participation in the April Newport to Ensenada Race, with 50 or 60 new members joining SBYRC each year just to qualify for entry). WSA officially joined ASMBYC, USYRU (now US Sailing), and a few other organizations as they formed their governing body.

Carol and Elise were both rather private people, highly intelligent and powerfully motivated, but still private. They were not interested in becoming the official face of the group they started, so WSA was fortunate that Shelli Dickenson and her supporting mother Sue stepped in with their energy and connections. Sue had been a longtime member of PMYC, so her participation opened up the doors at their hospitable clubhouse to WSA activities.

The official WSASMB website history picks up the story in 1985, with Shelli taking the WSA helm as Commodore for the next two years and many talented women racers joining the bridge and other supporting committees.

Having been around for the whole process, I personally feel extremely satisfied to witness the enduring success of WSA. Having succeeded early on in bringing many new women into the racing community and furnishing new training to the many women who were already engaged in the sport, their mission has expanded to become a well organized yacht club, admitting men as well as women, sponsoring many valuable events.

I am still amused that this story would have been quite different had not ASMBYC scheduled SBYRC's 1983 Champagne #3 on January 30, and Carol and Elise had not been so engaged elsewhere that they couldn't have devoted their creative energy to planting and nurturing the seeds of the present Women's Sailing Association.



“Save Cal Boating” Enters Critical Phase – Boater Action Needed Right Away

Recreational Boaters of California [RBOC] is calling on all boaters to take action now and contact your representatives in the state Senate and Assembly to oppose the Governor's proposal to eliminate the Department of Boating and Waterways [Cal Boating]

Send an Email to Your Representatives! Go to this link that has been set up by the national boater advocacy organization BoatUS, and send your message <http://www.capwiz.com/boatus/issues/alert/?alertid=61274531&type=ML>

The Governor has sent to the Legislature a Governor's Reorganization Proposal #2 [GRP #2] to reorganize state government. The elimination of Cal Boating is included in the proposal. It is one of 28 reorganizations contained in the Governor's 274-page proposal: www.leginfo.ca.gov

The Little Hoover Commission [LHC] is reviewing the GRP #2 and will be issuing its recommendation to the Legislature by the end of May. It is our understanding that the LHC recommendation will support the GRP #2, including the elimination of Cal Boating.

A majority of the Senate or Assembly must vote against the proposal by July 3, or it will take effect automatically!

Boaters know that we have all fought several proposals to eliminate Cal Boating. This current proposal is the most serious threat to Cal Boating we have seen. It will take individual legislators standing up in favor of Cal Boating, and that takes enormous efforts by boaters to contact their state Senators and Assembly Members.

Fortunately, BoatUS has set up the easy electronic system to enable you to do so: <http://www.capwiz.com/boatus/issues/alert/?alertid=61274531&type=ML>

Suggested points to email in your personal message:

- ◆ It is inconceivable to me as a California resident and taxpayer that the California State government would dissolve one of the very few organizations which is well-managed, is paying its own way, and not using any of the General Fund.
 - ◆ I urge and request that you vote responsibly to prevent the travesty of DBW being swept into Parks and Recreation -- which is a transparent attempt to raid the funds reserved for DBW from boater fuel taxes and registration fees.
 - ◆ The dissolution of DBW would constitute another example of gross mismanagement of taxpayer funds by State of California legislators and Executive Branch.
 - ◆ I strongly oppose your proposal to eliminate the Department of Boating and Waterways [Cal Boating] and re-constitute the department as a division within the Department of Parks and Recreation.
- ◆ Eliminating Cal Boating has already been soundly rejected four times, when it was proposed by Governor Pete Wilson in 1992 and 1996, and it was proposed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2003 and 2009. The reasons Cal Boating must continue remain just as vital today:
 - ◆ Cal Boating provides accountability, transparency and leadership regarding the collection and use of boater-derived taxes and fees, and the best use of these funds for programs that benefit boating.
 - ◆ Eliminating Cal Boating would not save a single General Fund dollar. The department is funded by boater fuel tax dollars, registration fees, and interest payments on infrastructure loans. Eliminating the department would not help resolve the current budget crisis.
 - ◆ Cal Boating creates jobs through loans and grants of boater funds for boating infrastructure throughout the state that ensures boater access to waterways.
 - ◆ This state's more than 3 million boating enthusiasts must have a department with a Director whose primary focus is boating. Cal Boating has a compact organizational structure and administers boating programs in a timely and non-bureaucratic manner. Its statutory charter is directly boating-related.
 - ◆ While I understand the importance of finding savings during these difficult times, eliminating Cal Boating would not help resolve the state's fiscal problems, and would jeopardize programs and services which the boating community has determined to be essential and is willing to finance.
 - ◆ I urge you to oppose the Governor's proposal to eliminate the Department of Boating and Waterways [Cal Boating].

Thank you for your efforts. For more information about the proposed elimination of Cal Boating, and the reasons it should continue, visit www.rbo.org

Cleve Hardaker
RBOC President



The 2012 City of Hope Charity Regatta

By Mary Ho, Race Chair

The City of Hope regatta is a charity regatta that is held to benefit the local cancer hospital, City of Hope. For a donation of \$25, a skipper, and each of their crew, can sail in the regatta. Each year WSA sponsors a team of WSA members in the City of Hope regatta. This year we had the opportunity of having two boats available to WSA.

After an inquiry to see if any other women's sailing groups wanted to have the chance to put together a team, I decided create two WSA teams. After many emails, much organizing, and talking to the Board, the second team was a go. I was team captain of the first team, and I recruited my fellow WSA member, Diane Larson, as team captain for the second team.



Cara Goldberg at the helm of George Maronich's *My Time 3* during the City of Hope Regatta.

My team was on George Maronich's boat, *My Time 3*, and Diane Larson's team was on Rick Cronin's boat, *Journey*. George has just acquired *My Time 3*, and we were one of the first groups that George had the opportunity of taking out on his new boat. And I reckon that we were the most enthusiastic!

Last year's weather had not been conducive to having a regatta, in fact, it caused a cancellation—but this year, our luck held and we had good weather for the race. The wind was perfect. It was 13-14 knots, which was just the right speed for moving the Catalina 42 class. The overcast skies eventually gave way to a beautiful sunny day. All in all, this year's weather made up for last year's disappointment.

The regatta was great fun. The women that made up both teams were full of energy and good spirits, and everyone was eager to sail and make their boats go fast. On *My Time 3*, everyone was looking forward to a day on the water with a great "can-do" attitude.

We got a good start and maintained our place behind

the lead boat, *Celerity*, all around the course. We had all expected to be out until about 4pm, but with the good wind we had, we were all finished, had the boat put away, and were back at SMWYC by 3:30! Once back at the club, we found that George's boat had earned a 2nd place, and Rick's boat had earned a 7th. Great job, ladies!



Rick Cronin's *Journey* reaching during the City of Hope Regatta.

Photo credit: Cara Goldberg



Debbie Freeman enjoying the sun that replaced the overcast during the regatta.

Photo credit: Cara Goldberg

I received a lot of positive comments from the WSA members who participated. Everyone told me how much they had enjoyed a day of sailing and a chance to improve their racing skills. It was totally worth all the work everyone put in to make sure that WSA was represented at this important annual charity event.

WSA Avalon Ball Cruise

By Jeannea Jordan — Cruise Chair



How I wish I could just tell you about our flawless passage to Avalon. In so many ways it was the idyllic cruise. We all moored in my favorite spot on the west side, close to the Bell Tower. We had a miniature golf tournament with a correspondingly miniature trophy for the winner. Seventeen sailors had happy hours, kayaked, had dinner together, made new friends, and delighted in spending time with old buddies. Some of us went to the Art Deco Ball. But in the end that was not what the trip was about at all.

Five boats sailed on the WSA Avalon Ball cruise. George and Ada Maronich on their new Catalina 42, *Trident*, with crew members Dana Hutton, Henri Wolthius and Carole Walsh. Sue Bonner skippered *Osprey* with John Goebel, Debbie Juster and husband Will as crew and *Chekkerrs* with myself, Donna Haro, Kiela Hine Moriarty, and Maureen Mc Carthy. Two additional boats joined us from the Windseekers, (formerly the Lockheed sailing Club), *Mad Madeline* with Cloyd Milton and his wife Mary Salgado-Milton and *Ruthsm* with Sam and Ruthe Wagner.

Tragically, on Saturday night, just twenty feet from the Avalon Ball Casino, my friend and long-time sailing buddy Mary Salgado passed away. The paramedics rushed in and tried everything they could but the big warm heart that Mary had for all of us had stopped. The crews all surrounded us with offers of help. We had three very qualified nurses in our group; Ada Maronich, Maureen Mc Carthy and Carole Walsh, who helped us understand what we needed to know. All of our sailors offered hugs and condolences and practical help. Ruthe and Sam accompanied Mary's husband Cloyd to the hospital. Donna Haro, also a longtime friend of Mary and Cloyd, helped Cloyd sail *Mad Madeline* back to MdR on Sunday. All five boats departed together bringing our shipmate Mary Salgado's beautiful spirit home.

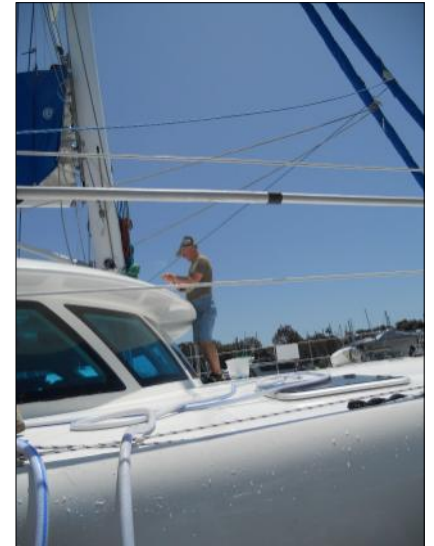
That's what the trip was really about. Our sailing community pulling together helping each other when the going got too rough for some of us to navigate alone. Thank you all for your kindly offered and gratefully accepted help and support.

"Coco Puff" Gets Some TLC



Above, Susan Bonner does some scrubbing.

Right, Coco Leigh considers what needs to be cleaned next.



Above, Peter Griswold does some needed caulking.

Above center, "Coco Puff" in all her glory.

Photos by: Susan Service & John Nelson



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
 District 11sr - Division 12
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
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*pre-register for discounted fee listed above (see website for more information)				
<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
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<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
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*pre-register for discounted fee listed above (see website for more information)				
<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>June 2012</i>	
1-3 Fri-Sun	WSA Night Cruise to Catalina
2-3 Sat/Sun	Cal Race Week CYC
9-10 Sat/Sun	Berger Stein #4, Cat Harbor Layover
12th Tues	WSA General Meeting
13-23	WSA San Diego Cruise Series
15th Fri	Sundown Series—DRYC
16th Sat	Dave Wall Memorial Regatta—PMYC
24th Sat	Dr. Robert Baker Memorial Regatta—MVYC
26th Tues	WSA Board Meeting
30th Sat	MdR to San Diego Race—SMWYC

<i>July 2012</i>	
1rst 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

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



Cal Cup 2012 winner, *Taxi Dancer*, approaches the yellow leeward mark.

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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