

Gal' Warnings

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Commodore's Corner

by Commodore Coco Leigh

Let's Get Ready for WSA's Social Season!

Wow it's hard to believe that 2012 is coming to an end! We've had another great year on the water with Day Sails, Cruises and Racing, We also had our fabulous Summer Party with its Hawaiian Theme and Hula contest. (John Melville looked cute in a grass skirt). But, the fun is not over yet! We will still be getting our members out on the water. But, the BIG NEWS... our HOLIDAY FUN IS ABOUT TO BEGIN! So, this is your opportunity to "Get Social with WSA". The 2 Big Events are the Marina del Rey Holiday Boat Parade and WSA's Holiday Party and Installation Dinner. Both of these events are great opportunities to catch up with old friends or make new ones!

The first event is the Boat Parade. Each year one of our wonderful skippers volunteers their boat and WSA

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November Speaker: Fisheries Management and the Sea Bass Hatchery Program

By Barbra Palmer, Education Director

Have you ever noticed the "Sea Bass" hatchery pens at Burton Chase? The white sea bass was very rare due to over-fishing, and with fishing management is again in good numbers. We are happy to welcome Michael Shane, a research scientist at Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute, to speak on Tuesday, November 13. He will give a presentation of the stock enhancement and hatchery program and how they tag and recover the fish in order to determine how to increase the population of the white sea bass

December's meeting features our holiday party and Installation Dinner. See page 6 for more information!



WSA's LEMWOD team, ready for action. (Story on page 5)

Photo credit: Regina DiFormaggio



George and Sandy enjoy a day sail on *My Time 3*.

Photo credit: Mike Gitchell

Meeting Agenda for November 13, 2012

6:30 pm—Social Hour

7:30 Dinner and Business Meeting

8:00pm Program Begins—Michael Shane and the Sea Bass Hatchery Program

Becoming and Staying a Member of WSA Just Got a Whole Lot Easier!

By Junior Staff Commodore Christina Tarantola

Beginning immediately for all new members and renewing members, WSA will now use an ongoing waiver form and an ongoing membership application form so that you won't have to submit new forms every year. Once you fill out the membership application and waiver forms they will stay in effect permanently. All you have to do is pay your dues before the beginning of each year to keep your membership active.

If your personal information changes (address, phone number, email address, etc.) then all you have to do is check the appropriate box on the membership form and enter your updated information. Then simply mail or hand it to the Membership Chair.

In fact, now you no longer have to sit at your computer filling out the membership form, submitting it, and then printing out the waiver and bringing that with you to the next meeting. Just go to the WSA website (WSASMB.org), print out each form's PDF, fill them out, and mail them in with your membership renewal check. Simple!

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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

Outrageous!

Text and photo by Susann Shier

There I was on the first day with sailing as a member of WSA ready to have easy, luxurious sail on *Outrageous* with Karyn Jones and crew, especially since I had a full summer of racing, racing, racing. Silly me!

Did I forget that sailing requires a sailboat with lots of moving parts?

And, wait, the name of Karyn's boat is "Outrageous!" not "Simple!"



So, there we are rigging and getting the boat all ready for the venture, but wait, the spirit of outrageous sneaks in to the mix and we find the main halyard is stuck and we can't pull it down from its little shaft in the top of the mast. Outrageous, you are thinking! No way will we be able to sail now. Jinxed. But these are women sailors of WSA: Karyn and crew. We're up for the adventure

and challenge was the cry.

Here we go! Gather the troops and hoist Karyn up the

mast with boat hook with a rigging knife attached and ready to free up the halyard so we can set sail. Nothing stopping us! We cheered her on the whole way.

Outrageous! The picture is a testimony of her courage and sense of adventure! Great view she had!

Needless to say, the outcome was outrageous. Yup, Karyn nailed the sucker, undid the "wutch a –a-ma-call it" that unblocked the "dew-hicky", which freed up the "thing-a ma-jiggy" (the new sailing terms I learned) that let us take off and have a beautiful Saturday afternoon sail!

It was truly outrageous and memorable. Chock up another story for the books for Karyn and *Outrageous* and the great women of WSA.

A Special thanks to The Overland

Every month, The Overland 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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members build decorations, decorate the boat and then ride in the parade. This year George Maronich has kindly volunteered his Catalina 42, *My Time 3*. Last year my husband Bob and I offered our 50 foot Catamaran *Coco Puff* and we won First Prize for Best Overall. The decorations were great but what I think really cinched the prize was the energy and enthusiasm of the people who rode on the boat during the parade. Our riders brought costumes, waved to the crowd and danced on deck. It was a rockin' fun night!

This year our Vice Commodore Jennifer Zannelli will be organizing the teams of people who will be involved in the design and the various stages of decorating. She will need quite a few groups of people. There is the Construction Group that will meet on December 1 to build the decorations. On December 8 (the day of the parade), 3 different groups will be needed: the first group will decorate the boat during the day by putting on all the lights and decorations that were built the week before.

The next group will be those people who actually ride on the boat during the parade. These folks should have a lot of enthusiasm and energy. They also stay after the parade and help remove the decorations from the boat. The final group that is needed is the tear down crew

who will remove all the decorations from the boat after the parade. You can be part of one or all of these groups. With lots of hands, the work goes quickly and it's lots of fun and a great way to meet other WSA members and make new friends!

The second event is our Annual Holiday Party and Installation Dinner. There is a great meal planned and there will be some wonderful raffle prizes. This party is the time when we honor those who have contributed their time and energy to the club. As always, this will be a gala affair honoring our outgoing officers, directors, and chairs and celebrating our incoming Commodore and her Bridge. Sign up early and don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets. There are sure to be some great prizes.

So, make sure you don't miss these great opportunities to have some fun, hang out with old friends and make some new friends. Let's have some fun while we "Get Social with WSA"... See you there!

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

— Send them to Newsletter@WSASMB.org —

Day Sails at WSA

Photos courtesy of Mike Gitchell

WSA's day sail program is an excellent way for novice sailors to get a taste of ocean sailing and for sailors of every skill level to enjoy the camaraderie and pleasures of a day on the water. Day sails are open to all general members of WSA who have a waiver on file. To find out the date(s) of upcoming sails, contact daysails@wsasmb.



Membership – continued from page 2)

The other big change is that the discount period has moved. For renewing and rejoining members to be eligible for the \$10 discount on membership dues for 2013, payment will need to be received by November 30, 2012. You can pay by Paypal through our website or you can mail a check with the forms to our P.O. Box.

Payment by check is preferred. Why?

3%

That is approximately the percentage that Paypal deducts as a service fee from every dollar donated to WSA by its members. Doesn't sound like much, does it? Now multiply that by approximately 150 members. And don't forget the service fee that WSA must pay for every ticket it sells for its holiday meeting in December. It adds up.

Combined with our new one-time membership and waiver form protocol, not using Paypal will actually simplify a lot of record-keeping for the Membership and Day Sailing Chairs, as well as for WSA's Treasurer. No longer will they have to swap emails asking whether a person who electronically submitted a membership form actually completed the process by paying. No longer will the Day Sailing Chair have to email Membership (and vice versa) to be sure that someone who signed up for a sailing membership also completed a waiver. Plus, our Treasurer won't have to log-in to Paypal and search for names to be sure the membership donation was received. In the future, we hope to be able to accept payments at our meetings, but that is still "up in the air." We'll keep you updated, though.

Everyone will need to fill out the new application and waiver forms to renew their membership for 2013, but after that, all you'll need to do is pay your dues each year to stay current. As I said, if you ever need to update your personal information, please check the appropriate box on the application form and update your information. If you have any questions, please contact me at jrstaffcommodore@wsasmb.org or Membership Chair Shar Breitling at membership@wsasmb.org.

Holiday Boat Parade – Volunteers Needed!!

By Jennifer Zannelli, Vice Commodore

As you will recall last year WSA celebrated as "Coco Puff" won Best Overall at the Annual Marina Del Rey Holiday Boat Parade and I just know we can do a two-peat but I'm going to need your help. Let's keep the prize in the WSASMB House!

This year the Boat Parade theme is 'Celebrating 50 Years... A Solid Gold Christmas.' George Maronich has kindly volunteered his Catalina 42, "My Time 3", which is

a beauty. This letter is a call for all hands on deck - from planning, designing, decorating and just overall enthusiasm as we sail along on the night of December 8th. If you can use scissors, love glitter and glue or just want to stand on deck and wave we want you to be part of the parade.

So we are looking for volunteers making decorations and then of course decorating and riding on the boat. Here is the schedule:

Decoration Making Party:

Date: Saturday December 1st

Time: 8am – 2pm

Where: Offices of CHARLOTTE TARANTOLA

10459 Jefferson Blvd

Culver City, CA 90232

(From Overland, head east on Jefferson and we are at Indian Wood. You can't turn left there, so go up a few blocks, U-turn, come back and turn right into the parking lot. Park in any space marked "CHARLOTTE".)

Coffee, donuts, lunch provided

Boat Decorating:

Date: Saturday December 8th - BOAT PARADE DAY

Time: 9am until done or 5pm (whichever comes first)...

The Parade:

The Holiday boat parade starts at 5:55pm with Fireworks and the parade will begin at 6pm and we will circle the main channel of the Marina until 8pm. Judging will take place as we make our circles.

After the boat parade we will continue the celebration as we break down and put George's boat back to normal.

If you want to help decorate or just ride along with George and myself please send an email to me at vicecommodore@wsawmb.org or call/text me at 214-563-3672. Space on the boat is limited so be sure to get on the list. I look forward to working with you to make this Boat Parade a lot of FUN!



Help us convert *My Time 3* (left) to WSA's boat parade entry (*Coco Puff* on right from 2012's winning parade)

Linda Elias Memorial Regatta Update

By Jana Davis

Photo credits: Regina DiFormaggio

I had the honor of participating in my very first LEMWOD this year as a crew member of the WSA SMB sponsored team. My role in this adventure? The Squirrel,



or more appropriately, the WHACK-A-MOLE.

My newbie impressions of LEMWOD were that of a group of dedicated women, passionate about sailing, coming together to honor a true racer, named Linda Elias, through healthy competition and camaraderie. Even as a new racer, I felt welcomed and a part of this special event. And everyone there seemed to be well aware of

how special the event is. There was great energy and excitement on the docks from Friday all the way through Sunday and I enjoyed every moment.

Through this experience I have a newfound respect for those of you that volunteer to Skipper. Karyn Jones played every role for the weekend, *fashionista* - providing our team t-shirts, chef - supplying homemade sandwiches, practice coordinator, gift basket designer, etc. I can't believe how much one takes on when signing on as skipper.

On the boat I learned the bucket with the strap on it has one purpose and one purpose only. And if fellow crew comes up from the hull with said bucket in hand, CLEAR THE AREA! I also learned that the moments before the first race of the day is a very important time to check wind conditions and shake out the cobwebs, but there is also time to go explore the sea life around us. Thank you, Karyn for that.

This was also my first opportunity to participate in a true water rescue and I am happy to report there were no hats lost in the running of this race. From one crew member, I learned that when the race gets tense,



breaking out into singular laughter is an effective tactic.

Our crew was filled with many different personalities and talents. We had a singer/songwriter duo on board who penned a rousing rendition of the *12 Days of Racing* during the event. Sure to be hitting the Billboard top 100 soon.

And I learned from my skipper that if you can't beat your competitors on the water, just trip them on their way to the podium. I joke, of course, because my favorite part of the entire race, which might surprise some of the crew, came in the very last moments of the very last race. For while I have read and feel I understand the concept of the Corinthian Spirit, to see it on display through my skipper made me proud to be on the WSA SMB crew and proud to feel we did well in representing this organization.

The members of team WSA SMB gave 110%. We clearly got better and better as the races went on and as we learned to work together. Thank you for the opportunity and thank you to the crew for all the coaching, patience and encouragement to keep racing.



[Editor] The WSA team was comprised of Karyn Jones: skipper; Stine Cacavas: tactician; Lara Jacques: main; Patti Eagan: Trim; Andrea Makshanoff: Trim; Christina Tarantola: Spinnaker; Julie Coll: Utility; Jennifer Arrington: pit; Jana Davis: squirrel; Sharlean Perez: mast; Mary Ho: bow. WSA members were on four of eight entries. In addition to WSA's official entry, these members crewed on other entries: Debbie Feinerman, Liz Hjorth, Tina Claps, Sue Service, Kellie Fennessy, and Judy Rae Karlsen.

The Women's Sailing Association of Santa Monica Bay Cordially Invites You to Attend Their Annual Installation Dinner and Holiday Party

Date: December 11, 2012

Place: Santa Monica Windjammer's Yacht Club

Time: 6:30pm Social, 7:30pm Dinner

Dinner:
Gorgonzola Salad

Choice of One:
Salmon
or
Tri-Tip
or
Chicken

Smashed Potatoes
Sautéed Green Beans
Bread & butter

Dessert:
Triple chocolate chipolte brownie

Cost is \$25 each

Please RSVP By December 2, 2012. You must pay in advance

Payment options:

1) Credit Card through Paypal on WSA website (www.wsasmb.org; click on Holiday Party button)

2) Send Check in Mail to Women's Sailing Association, PO Box 10034, Marina del Rey, CA 90295 with below portion filled out



(Please cut along the dotted line and mail below with Check to WSA's PO Box)

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Name _____ Number of Dinners: _____
Choice of Entrée(s) _____

Each dinner will come with two raffle tickets. Additional raffle tickets can be purchased below in blocks of 5 tickets for \$5.

YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL TICKETS AT THE DINNER ITSELF!

_____ x 5 Raffle Tickets (indicate number of blocks of 5 tickets you would like, each block is \$5).

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Please make your check payable to "Women's Sailing Association"

**WOMEN'S SAILING ASSOCIATION OF SANTA MONICA BAY
2013 BOARD ELECTION BALLOT**

[Place in ballot box at November General Meeting
or mail to WSA at PO Box 10034, Marina del Rey, CA 90292]

**VOTE IN-PERSON AT THE NOVEMBER 13, 2012, GENERAL MEETING
MAIL-IN VOTES MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 13, 2012**

OFFICERS

COMMODORE:	<input type="checkbox"/>	JENNIFER ZANNELLI
VICE COMMODORE:	<input type="checkbox"/>	MARY HO
JR. STAFF COMMODORE:	<input type="checkbox"/>	COCO LEIGH
SECRETARY:	<input type="checkbox"/>	CAREY MEREDITH
TREASURER:	<input type="checkbox"/>	FRED ROSSMEISSL

DIRECTORS

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR:	<input type="checkbox"/>	DEBBIE FEINERMAN
EDUCATION DIRECTOR:	<input type="checkbox"/>	BARBARA PALMER
FLEET CAPTAIN:	<input type="checkbox"/>	CHRISTINA TARANTOLA
SOCIAL DIRECTOR:		(NO CANDIDATE FOR THIS POSITION!!)

The following people have graciously offered their time in helping with the following Chair positions (These are positions that assist the Directors and are not obligated to attend board meetings). These positions are not voted upon.

- ◆ Daysail Chair: Dianne Christman
- ◆ Cruise Chair: Jeannea Jordan
- ◆ Race Co-Chairs: Jennifer Arrington and Christina Tarantola
- ◆ Newsletter Co-Chairs: John Nelson/Sue Service
- ◆ Historian: Mike Gitchell
- ◆ Webmaster: John Nelson
- ◆ Membership/Database Chair: Sharon Breitling
- ◆ Hospitality Co-Chairs: Kelly Weiss and Fritze Rodic
- ◆ Publicity Co-Chairs: Monica Hirtreiter and Beth Steffen

2012 Marilyn Butefish Nominees

Please vote for one nominee by circling his or her name. The nominees are presented in random order. This award is presented each year by WSA in recognition of a WSA member who has made an exceptional contribution to the promotion of women's sailing through service to WSA. This award recognizes service that goes "beyond mere performance of duty".

Karyn Jones

Long-time WSA member Karyn Jones has been WSA's Linda Elias Memorial Women's One Design Regatta (LEMWOD) skipper for the last four years, dedicating many hours and dollars of her own money to build a competitive team of experienced as well as new and up-and-coming racers. Additionally, after restoring her San Juan 33 *Outrageous*, she immediately started offering regular WSA daysails again. Off the water, Karyn is a Staff Commodore of WSA, with more than eight years of service on the WSA Board of Directors, including serving as the Secretary, Treasurer and Education Director. Outside WSA, Karyn continues to support and bring attention to women's sailing by participating in local, regional and national events.

Christina Tarantola

Chris is always there for WSA. She has served as Vice Commodore, Commodore and is now our Junior Staff Commodore. She is an avid racer and very active in ASMBYC. Chris can always be counted on to go above and beyond just mere duty. She was the guiding force behind streamlining our membership policy this year, so now we only have to submit one application and waiver and we can pay dues in advance of the New Year. For several years she has offered her warehouse as the staging ground for building the decorations for the holiday boat parade as well as being a huge part of the decoration and tear down for the boat parade. She has been a great assistant and back-up for the Commodore this year who is dealing with personal, family issues. The spirit of Marilyn Butefish is to honor someone who works behind the scenes to help keep WSA running so that all of us can enjoy the benefits. Christina is the embodiment of this spirit.

George Maronich

George Maronich is a long-time member of WSA and has served on the WSA Board of Directors as Communications Director. George is back on the water with his new Catalina 42 *My Time 3*, offering regular daysails and participating in cruises again. This year, he and his boat lead WSA teams in both the City of Hope regatta and the WOW /WAH regatta encouraging and instructing WSA members on boat handling and sailing trim. He also graciously volunteered his boat for this year's WSA entry in the holiday boat parade.



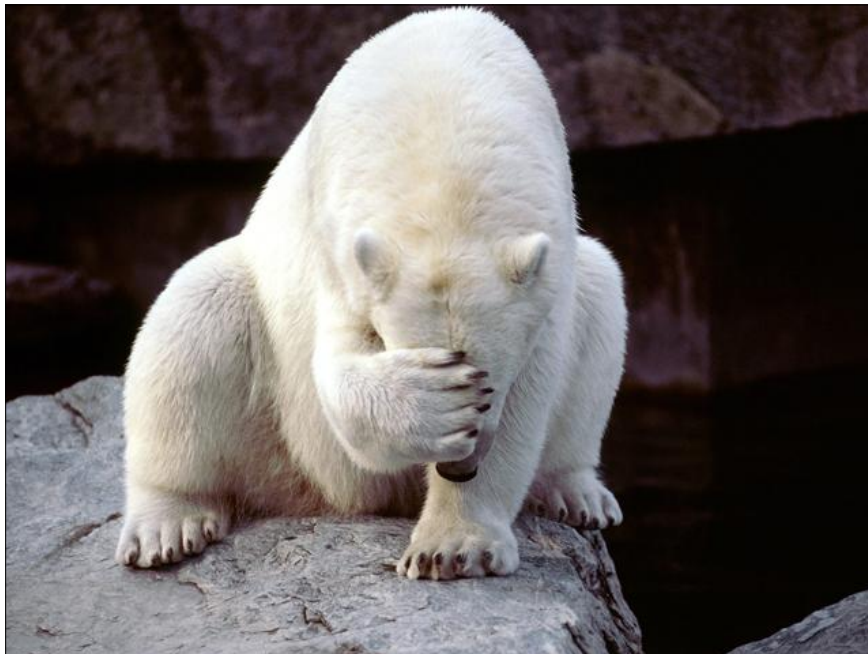
Upcoming Calendar of Events

November 2012	
3rd Sat	WSA lunch cruise to Redondo Beach
10th Sat	Crew Training Seminar—SBYRC
11th Sun	Crew Training Race—SBYRC
13th Tues	WSA General Meeting
27th Tues	WSA Board Meeting

December 2012	
1st Sat	Boat Parade Decorating Party
8th Sat	MdR Boat Parade
11th Tues	WSA Holiday Party and Installation Dinner

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



You won't be able to "bear" it if you forget to renew your WSA membership. DO IT TODAY! Just visit www.WSASMB.org and click on the "JOIN WSA TODAY" button!

2012 WSA Board and Committee Chairs

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Marina del Rey, CA 90295**

WSA—on the water since 1985!

MISSION STATEMENT

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

- To provide educational opportunities;
- To provide information on gaining access to races, cruises and other Santa Monica Bay activities;
- To support "Youth in Sailing" community service programs;
- To support established sailing programs for women;
- To enhance networking opportunities