

Gal' Warnings

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Commodore's Corner: Get Involved with WSA!

by Commodore Coco Leigh

WSA started in 1985, dedicated to promoting women in sailing. Although I was not sailing at that time, it is my understanding that the role of women in the sailing community then was that of the cook and party organizer. Very few women were on race crews or at the helm. Well, as they say, you've come a long way baby! Today, women are boat owners, racers, tacticians, and at the helm! Many of our club members have sailed and raced all over the world, crossed oceans and have Captain's licenses!

So, when I found WSA in 2000, there was already a strong history and organization here to welcome me as a person (and especially as a woman) who had never sailed. And this organization changed my life! Because there were people who organized Daysails, Cruises, Educational Events, and the wonderful Boat Owners who volunteered their boats, I learned to sail, started racing, made new friends, spent some incredible days on the

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October Speaker: Dick Drechsler

By Barbra Palmer, Education Director

On October 9th, you will have the opportunity to meet Dick Drechsler, author of "Manning Up in Alaska." Once a fun-loving, hard-working executive, Dick found his fast-paced lifestyle abruptly derailed by cancer.

Not willing to postpone his lifelong dream to cruise throughout the world, he set out on a voyage of survival, adventure, and inspiration accompanied only by his former wife. She and Dick sailed up the west coast, from Mexico to Alaska, aboard the couple's 47' sailboat, aptly named *Last Resort*.

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



Did someone say TACOS?! (Story on page 2)

Photo credit: Dianne Christman & Jen Huszcza



Gary and Rosalie's *Green Dragon 2* returning to the marina.

Photo credit: John Nelson

Meeting Agenda for October 9, 2012

6:30 pm—Social Hour

7:30 Dinner and Business Meeting

8:00pm Program Begins—Dick Drechsler—cruising the west coast from Mexico to Alaska

Taco Sunset Sail

by Jen Huszcza

Photos by Dianne Christman and Jen Huszcza



When I signed up for the Taco Sunset Sail with Fran and John on *Lightning*, my mindset could be summarized in one word: tacos. I was not alone in this thinking. My fellow WSA sailors, Karen, Nicola, and Dianne were talking tacos before we even left the dock.

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Soliciting Nominations for the 2012 Marilyn Butefish Award

This award is presented each year by WSA in recognition of a 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". Recipients include:

- 2001 Fran Weber-Melville
- 2002 Julia Brown
- 2003 Carla Thorson
- 2004 Sue Service
- 2005 Dana Hutton
- 2006 Karyn Jones
- 2007 Libby Gill
- 2008 Kim Stuart
- 2009 Sue Service
- 2010 Jeannea Jordan
- 2011 Diane Larson

To submit a nomination, write the name of the nominee and include a few sentences about why they deserve this award. Send this to Commodore Coco Leigh at commodore@wsasmb.org or Junior Staff Commodore Christina Tarantola at jrstaffcommodore@wsasmb.org. We will vote on the nominees at the November 13, 2012, General Meeting.

Upcoming Cruises

By Jeannea Jordan, Cruise Chair

- ◆ October 11th-14th — Avalon Jazz Festival
- ◆ November 3rd — Redondo Lunch Sail, Redondo and return



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

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

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

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

— Send them to Newsletter@WSASMB.org —

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water, sailed all over the world and even met my husband here! And all of this for a modest membership of \$100 a year!

But, none of this would have been possible without the many incredible women and men stepping up and giving of their time and talents. Because we are an all-volunteer organization, we rely solely on our members to make it all work and keep prices low! So, I WOULD LIKE TO PUT OUT A CALL TO EVERY ONE OF YOU TO GET INVOLVED! VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AT OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS, FOR SPECIAL EVENTS AND ONGOING SAILING AND MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES.

We especially need people to help out at our monthly meetings. Social Director Carole Walsh (social@wsasmb.org) needs people to help pick up the food, serve before the meeting, and help clean up. PLEASE CONTACT CAROLE AND LET HER KNOW WHAT MONTH AND HOW YOU CAN HELP.

Also at our meetings, Membership Chair Sharon "Shar" Breitling (membership@wsasmb.org) needs people to help greet our visitors and make sure they are introduced to existing members especially our "old timers" and skippers who can answer all their questions. When you arrive at the meeting, just ask Shar how you can help.

Next up will be the Holiday Boat Parade. It sounds far away, but it will be here before you know it. Vice Commodore Jennifer Zannelli will need creative people to help design our entry and then there will be lots of opportunities to help build the decorations, decorate the boat, ride along during the parade, and then strip and clean the boat and pack away things for next year. And, of course, before any of this can begin, she will need a boat owner to volunteer their boat for this wonderful event!

Board and Chair positions turn over at the end of the year. Check out our website www.wsasmb.org and click on the Board Tab at the top. You can read descriptions of what each position entails and the qualifications needed (if any). If you are interested, contact Jr. Staff Commodore Christina Tarantola (jrstaffcommodore@wsasmb.org).

I would especially like to encourage our Newer Members and those of you who have been around a long time but have done much lately to get involved. Volunteering for events and committees is a great way to make new friends and really feel a part of this terrific organization! It's also the best way to ensure that this club continues to grow and provide the services and opportunities that are important to you and the next generation of women sailors!

See you on the water (and at the meetings)!

Admiralty Way Construction Update

Courtesy of Kari Keidser – 2012 ASMBYC Commodore

There will be three phases of traffic control over the approximate ten week construction duration:

- ◆ Phase 1 - The south side of the road (near Marina City Club) will be closed and traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction on the north side of the road. This will be a 24 hour detour since they will be excavating the roadway and it will last approximately 4 weeks. Westbound traffic will not be able to make any left hand turns within the construction area, but a U-Turn will be prohibited at Palawan Way and Eastbound traffic can turn into driveways. Driveway access will be maintained except when in conflict with construction. They will be coordinating with Marina City Club on any closures, but will always have one driveway accessible at all times.
- ◆ Phase 2 – The north side of the road (near Oxford Basin) will be closed and traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction on the south side of the road. This will be a 24 hour detour since they will be excavating the roadway and it will last approximately 4 weeks. Westbound traffic will not be able to make

any left hand turns within the construction area; a U-Turn will be prohibited at Palawan Way and eastbound traffic can turn into driveways. Driveway access will be maintained except when in conflict with construction. They will be coordinating with Marina City Club on any closures, but will always have one driveway accessible at all times.

- ◆ Phase 3 – The Contractor will be re-installing the median island so one lane in each direction will be closed, closest to the median, but only during working hours 8 am – 6:30 pm. This phase should last approximately 2 weeks. Outside of these hours, the traffic will open back up to the normal 2 lanes in each direction..



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With dreams of salsa in our heads, we pulled away from the dock, got the sails up, and leisurely sailed up the channel. It was six o'clock on a Friday, and there were not a lot of boats in the channel. We took our time tacking back and forth and back and forth. The sun was putting on a show and setting nicely.

We sailed out the north end, but the consensus was to eat tacos

back in the channel. We turned around and went back into the channel. While two of us up in the bow took down the jib in a highly organized and efficient manner, a table was set out in the cockpit. John sat at the helm while Fran passed out plates of tomato, lettuce, onion, salsa, tortilla, meat, cheese. Then out came a bowl of corn and beans. We were in taco heaven.

We ate and talked and ate more. We were full and happy. Then, Fran made desert: strawberries and whipped cream on top of pound cake with a chocolate surprise. It had to be eaten.

We sailed around the marina as it grew dark. There were only a few boats out. It was quiet and calm. This was a nice way to end the week.

We got the boat back to the dock and put everything away. This was an extra challenge in the dark. We said goodbye and thanked Fran and John.

Full and happy, we walked back to our cars. When I checked my phone, I saw it was 9:30. I thought it was earlier. Time flies when you're eating tacos on a sailboat.



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!

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.

WSA 2013 Slate for the Board of Directors and Chair Positions

The nominating committee for the WSA 2013 slate of Board of Directors and Chairs was comprised of Staff Commodore Sue Service and Junior Staff Commodore Christina Tarantola.

Below are the nominees for the Director and Chair positions for 2013. We will vote on the slate at the November General Meeting on November 13, 2012.

If you would like to be considered for any of these positions, please contact Christina Tarantola at jrstaffcommodore@wsasmb.org and your name will be included on the November ballot.

Board of Director Positions

Position	Nominee
Commodore	Jennifer Zannelli
Vice-Commodore	Mary Ho
Treasurer	Fred Rossmeissl
Secretary	Carey Meredith
Fleet Captain	Christina Tarantola
Communications Director	Debbie Feinerman
Education Director	Barbara Palmer
Social Director	Bridget Voeck
Junior Staff Commodore	Coco Leigh

Chair Positions

Position	Nominee
Day Sail Chair	Dianne Christman
Race Co-Chairs	Jennifer Arrington and Christina Tarantola
Cruise Chair	Jeannea Jordan
Webmaster	John Nelson
Newsletter Co-Editors	Sue Service and John Nelson
Hospitality Co-Chairs	Kelly Weiss and Fritze Rodic
Publicity Co-Chairs	Monica Hirtreiter and Beth Steffen
Membership Chair	Sharon Breitling
Historian	Mike Gitchell

Please come to the November General Meeting and vote! Make your voice heard at WSA!



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2012 Boating Education Schedule

** September – 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
*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.				
Sept 10 - Oct 1	4 Mon 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
*pre-register for discounted fee listed above (see website for more information)				
<u>HOW TO READ A NAUTICAL CHART (HRNC)</u> Basics of navigation using nautical charts		and/or		<u>GPS FOR MARINERS (GPS)</u> Operation and use of your GPS
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
*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 13 – Nov 15	10 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.				
Oct 2 – Nov 20	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 \$60 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>October 2012</i>	
7th Sun	Deepwater Pacific Cup Series #3 CYC
9th Tue	WSA General Meeting
11th-14th	WSA Cruise to Avalon for Jazz Festival
14th Sun	Oktoberfest Regatta SMWYC
23rd Tue	WSA Board Meeting

<i>November 2012</i>	
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

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



Taco Sunset Sail vista

2012 WSA Board and Committee Chairs

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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