

# GAL' WARNINGS

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## ***What's in the wind this month...***

***MdR Opening Day  
March 9 & 10***

***General Meeting  
March 12***

***Les Storrs  
Regatta (SCCYA)  
March 16***

***Crew Try-Out  
Seminar (SBYRC/  
DRYC)  
March 23***

***Catalina Island  
Easter Cruise  
March 28***



*Critter's crew holds down the windward side during the 2012 WOW/WAH Regatta in this photo taken by Mike Gitchell.*



### **Meeting Agenda for March 12, 2013**

**6:30 pm—Social Hour**

**7:30 pm—Dinner and business meeting**

**8:00 pm—Program begins: Dockwalker's Michelle Kearney**

### Commodore's Corner

by Jennifer Zannelli



*"I can't control the wind, but I can adjust the sails" — Ricky Skaggs*

With March upon us, we have a lot of celebrating to do; Opening Day for our marinas starting March 9th, St. Patricks Day is March 17<sup>th</sup> and of course our first cruise of the year to Isthmus with Jeannea on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Spring always reminds me of the start of something new and fresh – my Mom always started planting her garden this time of year and in just a few months everything would be in full bloom – new smells and colors everywhere. That is what I see going on with WSA – we are going to bloom this year as we continue to grow and make changes.

As promised, WSA gear is on its' way – I hope to have order forms in the coming weeks so you can place your order and start proudly displaying the WSA burgee. To date we have 103 active members and I look forward to seeing you all on the water in the coming months.

"Come Sail Away with Me,"

Jennifer

### March Speaker: Michelle Kearney

By Barbara Palmer, Education Director

On March 12th, Michelle Kearney will do a presentation on the Dockwalker program, give out Boater Kits and Surveys, and encourage all the participants to attend the next training in King Harbor. Dockwalkers are volunteers who inspire and educate boaters and other recreators to be safe and environmentally sound while boating in California.

In April, UCLA Professor William Newman will speak on Climate Change. Presently, humans introduce more than 32,000,000,000 tons of carbon dioxide into our atmosphere each year; Americans are responsible (in per capita terms) for 20 tons per person. We will review how people have brought this about and the consensus among 97% of climate experts that global climate change is real and due to humans.

Dr. Newman will review some of the evidence for climate change that can readily be appreciated by the public. He is Professor at UCLA of Earth and Space Sciences and has worked on environmental issues around the globe. He has published over 100 peer-reviewed scientific papers and 3 books.



**Notice anything different in your "Gal' Warnings" this month? Our new cover page is intended to highlight great photos of WSA members – on the water and off the water – and highlight the month's activities.**

**Want to see your photo on the cover? Send it to [newsletter@wsasmb.org](mailto:newsletter@wsasmb.org)!**

Photo by Nora Feddal



**Marina del Rey's Opening Day weekend is always great fun and a wonderful way to renew friendships and make new ones. Plus, you get to dress up, wear cool hats (if you want), and enjoy fine food and drink as the yacht clubs spruce up and prepare for the new sailing and racing season. For more information, see the article on page 3 in this issue.**

Photo by Sue Service



### Opening Days in Marina del Rey

By Sue Service, WSA Staff Commodore and ASMBYC  
2013 Opening Day Coordinator

Marina del Rey's Opening Days will be held March 9 & 10, 2013. This celebratory weekend marks the beginning of yachting season (not that there is ever an "end" of yachting season in Southern California!).

Each of the six landed yacht clubs in Mdr participate with a ceremony (to welcome invited guests and to talk about their club) and a bountiful and delicious array of food and drink. ASMBYC oversees the weekend, in that it sends out 270 invitations to area dignitaries and the bridge of all yacht clubs between Santa Barbara and San Diego. ASMBYC also organizes transportation between each yacht club so guests don't have to drive.

Come out to see what all the fun is about! SMWYC's Opening Day ceremony is March 9th at 9:00am. Dress code is a blue blazer, white shirt, and white slacks or skirt.

Following SMWYC, we have CYC at 11:30am and MVYC at 2pm. On Sunday we start with SCCYC at 9:30 and then go to PMYC at 11:00am and finishing up with DRYC at 1:30pm. Transportation is provided by Hornblower's WaterBus!

### Racing Report

By Jennifer Arrington, Race Chair



We had what shaped up to be two gorgeous weekends of regattas this past month. The 84th Annual SCYA Midwinter Regatta presented some unusual wind shifts and overall light breeze - great practice for the classic light wind duels of the upcoming summer sunset series.

As for the Berger/Stein #2 Regatta... wait, nobody finished?! Reports from the frontline were that despite 15kts of breeze, folks were cruising by the finish line just minutes past the cut off time. Snap! Scores or no scores, it was great breeze and great practice.

If you were unable to make it to these or other races this past month, fret not. Spring is packed with both racing and practice opportunities.

Coming up in March are two great opportunities for racing newbies. The March 23 "Intro to Yacht Racing" seminar, hosted by SBYC, will include both classroom and on-the-water instruction. You'll have an opportunity to meet seasoned race crew, earn some chops on the water, and even join a team for upcoming regattas.

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### Welcome New Members!

#### Arlene Garcia says...

"I am a fun loving outgoing individual who loves the outdoors. I am always looking for new experiences. I have been an Orange County Transit Coach Operator for 9 years. Its a stressful job so on my days off I want to experience the great outdoors! I have always visioned myself sailing someday, now I will be!"



KING HARBOR YACHT CLUB  
SHE DEVIL REGATTA

### Saturday - April 27th

Mark your calendars and plan to participate in this "Women at the Helm" racing event.

All female and mixed crews are welcome on PHRF and cruising boats. Martin 242's will be additionally trophied as a one design class.

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### **SMWYC needs your Yelp!**

SMWYC needs your support! Yelp is a website that prospective members and customers (folks looking to rent the club for a variety of reasons) reference prior to booking it as a venue and/or joining the club. Yelp is the premier site people use to get a feel for the club, so it is essential that SMWYC is reviewed on this site. There are currently only SIX reviews, so they need your help increasing SMWYC's presence on the web and maximizing the star rating for the club.

Simply follow the link below and look for the red "write a review" icon towards the top and the bottom of the page.

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/santa-monica-windjammers-yacht-club-marina-del-rey>

Be sure to tell your friends as well, the more positive reviews SMWYC can get on Yelp, the more likely are chances are to increase the health and longevity of the club.

NOTE: On Opening Day, March 9th, SMWYC's guest registration is at 8:00am and the ceremony starts at 9:00am, with a light breakfast buffet served afterward. SMWYC is well known for its warm hospitality and impressive array of food.

### **(Racing Report – Continued from page 3)**

This event will be followed by an extended practice period from March 23 - April 20, where you can continue working on your skills with new team members. Take advantage of the opportunity to get out there! On March 30, Santa Monica Windjammers is hosting a "101 on Racing," organized by highly experienced Martin sailor, Denise George. You want to go to this seminar.

Things really get going in April as racing season kicks in. There's the Homeport Regatta on April 23, the She Devil Regatta out of King Harbor on April 27.

As always, keep an eye on the ASMBYC race calendar for updates and WSA's website calendar. Hope to see you out there!

ASMBYC Calendar:

<http://www.asmbyc.org/calendar-2/>

WSA calendar: <http://wsasmb.org/calendar-3/action:posterboard/>

**"Gal Warnings" is always looking for photos and articles about WSA activities and our members!**

— Send them to [Newsletter@WSASMB.org](mailto:Newsletter@WSASMB.org) —

### **Cruising Report—WSA 2013 Cruise Schedule**

*By Jeanne Jordon, Cruise Chair*

For more information about cruises contact [cruising@wsasmb.org](mailto:cruising@wsasmb.org)

- ◆ Mar 28-31 Isthmus, Catalina Island Easter Cruise
- ◆ Apr 13-14 Redondo Beach, King Harbor Race boats/ lunch Cruisers/overnight
- ◆ May 23-27 Avalon Miniature golf tournament
- ◆ June 11 MdR to Dana Point Pick up crew
- ◆ June 12 Dana Point to San Diego 4 days in SD
- ◆ June 16 San Diego to Ensenada MX Pick up new crew. 6 days in Ensenada
- ◆ June 23 Ensenada to San Diego
- ◆ June 24 San Diego to Dana Point
- ◆ June 25 Dana Point to MdR
- ◆ July 4-5 Redondo Beach, King Harbor Race boats/ lunch Cruisers/overnight Fireworks Display
- ◆ July 17-21 Santa Barbara Island, Cat Harbor Adventure Sail
- ◆ Aug 14-18 Isthmus, Catalina Island swimming, kayaking, hiking
- ◆ Aug 30 MdR to Santa Cruz Island 5 days exploring different anchorages

- ◆ Sept 4 Santa Cruz Island to MdR some boats will sail directly to Santa Barbara or Ventura for a crew change
- ◆ Sept 5 Ventura to Santa Barbara Weekend in Santa Barbara
- ◆ Sept 8 Santa Barbara to Ventura
- ◆ Sept 9 Ventura to MdR
- ◆ Oct 10-13 Isthmus, Catalina Island swimming, kayaking, hiking
- ◆ Nov 2 Redondo Beach King Harbor Lunch Cruise

### **What have you got stowed in that garage or locker that could help local sailing and sailors?**



The Santa Monica Bay Sailing Foundation takes your unwanted items (sailing-oriented and otherwise) and turns them into funding for local sailing (youth and adult), safe boating instruction, and community outreach programs.

**Visit the foundation's website at [www.SMBSF.org](http://www.SMBSF.org) for more information or email [Donate@SMBSF.org](mailto:Donate@SMBSF.org).**



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**  
 District 11sr - Division 12  
**2013 Boating Education Schedule**  
 \*\*January - June\*\*



Dates	Days / Fees	Time	Location	Contact
<b>SUDDENLY IN COMMAND:</b> Would you know what to do if your skipper suddenly became incapacitated?				
Apr 21	1 Sunday \$35 per person* \$45 per couple*	9:00am – 12:30pm	California Yacht Club, 4469 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey 90292	424-248-7190 or Classes@uscga1242.org www.uscga1242.org
June 29	1 Saturday \$35 per person* \$45 per couple*	9:00am – 12:30pm	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)				
<b>ABOUT BOATING SAFELY:</b> An introduction to boating safety that covers more than just the basics.				
Feb 20- Mar 13	4 Wed nights \$45 per person	7:00pm to 9:30pm	King Harbor Yacht Club, 280 Yacht Club Way, Redondo Beach 90277	310-866-0089 William.Coenii@aol.com
*pre-register for discounted fee listed above (see website for more information)				
<b>HOW TO READ A NAUTICAL CHART (HRNC)</b> and/or <b>GPS FOR MARINERS (GPS)</b> Basics of navigation using nautical charts                      Operation and use of your GPS				
Apr 16& Apr 23	2 Tue nights \$45 per person \$55 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
May 14 & May 21	2 Tue nights \$45 per person	HRNC 7:00pm to 9:30pm	Del Rey Yacht Club, 13900 Palawan Way, Marina del Rey 90292	Marc Porterfield Porterfield.marc@gmail.com
Jun 4 Jun 11 & Jun 18	3 Tue nights \$45 per person	GPS 7:00pm to 9:30pm	Del Rey Yacht Club, 13900 Palawan Way, Marina del Rey 90292	Bob Ballantyne thatbob@ca.rr.com
*pre-register for discounted fee listed above (see website for more information)				
<b>WEEKEND NAVIGATOR:</b> Navigation, Trip planning, Tides/Currents, Radar, Routes, Dead Reckoning.				
Mar 7 – May 9	10 Thu nights \$80 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
<b>SAILING SKILLS &amp; SEAMANSHIP:</b> Basic concepts of sailing, including federal and state regulations.				
Mar 27 – May 22	9 Wed nights \$80 per person	7:00pm to 9:30pm	King Harbor Yacht Club, 280 Yacht Club Way, Redondo Beach 90277	310-866-0089 William.Coenii@aol.com
<b>BOATING SKILLS &amp; SEAMANSHIP:</b> A thorough study of boat operation and safety on the water.				
Mar 12 – Apr 30	8 Tue nights \$80 per person	7:00pm to 9:30pm	Del Rey Yacht Club, 13900 Palawan Way, Marina del Rey 90292	Marc Porterfield Porterfield.marc@gmail.com

### Upcoming Calendar of Events

<i>March 2013</i>	
7th Thurs	NOSA Ensenada Race Seminar DRCY
9-10 Sat/Sun	MdR Opening Days
12th Tue	WSA General Meeting
16th Sat	Les Storrs Regatta SCCYC
23rd Sat	Crew Try Out Seminar SBYRC/DRYC
26th Tue	WSA Board Meeting
28th-31st	WSA Cruise to the Isthmus

<i>April 2013</i>	
3rd Weds	New Racing Rules Seminar—CYC
9th Tue	WSA General Meeting
10th Weds	Sunset Series Seminar
13-14 Sat/Sun	M242 and Farr 40 Invitational CYC
13-14 Sat/Sun	WSA Cruise to Redondo/King Harbor
17th Weds	Sunset Series Begins
21 Sun	ASMBYC Homeport Regatta
23rd Tue	WSA Board Meeting
26th Fri	Newport to Ensenada
27th Sat	She Devil Regatta—KHYC

**Racers:** Be sure to review the 2013 ASMBYC Calendar at [www.asmbyc.org](http://www.asmbyc.org)  
**Day Sails:** Day sails are usually on Saturdays and Sundays, but they are NOT listed on this calendar. Contact Dianne Christman at [wsadaysails@gmail.com](mailto:wsadaysails@gmail.com) for up-to-date information or visit WSA's calendar at our website!

**WSA Website:** [www.wsasmb.org](http://www.wsasmb.org)

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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