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The end of the summer sailing season is a time to reflect upon good times, good sails, good friends, and the promise of better days ahead.

(Photo by John Nelson)



Meeting Agenda for October 8, 2013

6:30 pm—Social Hour

7:30 pm—Business meeting

8:00 pm—A Day at the Beach—a Lifeguard's Perspective

Commodore's Corner

by Jennifer Zannelli



It is with deep sadness that I dedicate my Commodore's corner to Wayne Brandow, who died Saturday evening, September 14th. His loss will be felt not just within WSA, but within the entire Marina del Rey and Santa Monica Bay community. He was a teacher, a leader and beloved friend to all women sailors. Wayne was my FIRST in so many sailing activities when I joined WSA three years ago, as I know he was to many others...

My First day sail.

My First time handling a spinnaker pole

My First time at the tiller...

He will forever be part of my WSA sailing memories.

As details regarding his memorial are finalized, we will share them with you. Join us at our October 8th meeting and raise a glass of cranberry juice to a wonderful sailor and man.

If you have photos or stories of Wayne that you would like to share,



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October Meeting

By Barbara Palmer, Education Director

A Day at the Beach -- Hear it firsthand from LA County Lifeguards



At our October 8 meeting, LA County Lifeguards will share stories of working on the beaches and in the boats along our coast. We will learn what it's like to patrol our waters and what kinds of emergencies they respond to. In addition to learning more about what they do and how they do it, we will also learn what kind of training and skills are required to be a Lifeguard.

Our Cruise Chair Jeannea Jordan Gave Us An Exciting Year! — November's Speaker

At our November 12 meeting, Jeannea Jordan and some of her crew will talk about the cruises she organized throughout the year. It will include a slide show of the places they explored including several days in San Diego and Ensenada, Mexico; Santa Barbara Island, Catalina and Santa Cruz Island.

They will discuss what to pack and what not to bring on board. They will also discuss provisioning, with some pointers of how to prepare food items for a passage and what to cook on a boat.



CYC Commodore Uta Leslie (left) and ASMBYC Commodore Kellie Fennessey (right) congratulate WSA member George Maronich (*My Time 3*) for winning the Cruising A class of ASMBYC's Champion of Champions Regatta (story on page 3).

Photo by Pam Spriggs



WSA congratulates Oracle Team USA for their remarkable America's Cup victory in San Francisco on September 25th. Thank you for making the 34th America's Cup a nail-biter that will go down in the history books as one of the greatest comebacks ever in sailing and in sports.

Racing Report

By Debbie Feinerman, Communications Director



Congratulations to WSA skipper George Maronich who sailed *My Time 3* to victory in the Cruising A Class of ASMBYC's 2013 Champion of Champions Regatta. This invitational regatta is open to competitors who "trophied" in an eligible series (as listed in the ASMBYC Calendar) and is intended to encourage representation from each of ASMBYC's member clubs.

The first day of the two-day regatta featured three windward-leeward races for the two classes of PHRF competitors. On the second day,

two cruising classes joined for a longer random leg course which was shortened after the wind died down. A number of WSA members participated as competitors. Among them was Kellie Fennessey, a member of the first place PHRF A crew on *Persistence*, Gary and Rosalie Green on *Green Dragon 2* (PHRF A), and David Angers on *Miss Demeanor* (PHRF B). All who participated deserve congratulations!

WSA Gear Orders being taken for November

By Jennifer Zannelli

If you are interested on showing your WSA pride while on the water and around town, then visit www.wsasmb.org and go to the 'WSA GEAR' tab to see the hats, shirts and jacket options. Place your order and pay via Paypal or send your order form and check to WSA SMB PO Box 10034 Marina Del Rey CA 90295. Orders must be received by October 20th so the order can be placed. If you have any questions on sizing email me at

**Have you got your WSA gear yet?
Don't delay!**

Go to <http://wsasmb.org/wsa-gear/> today and place your order.



Champion of Champions Photos

By Pam Spriggs (more on page 6)



George Maronich and his *My Time 3* crew accept the Cruising A Class Champion of Champions trophy presented to them by Uta Leslie and Kellie Fennessey.

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please send them to newsletter@wsasmb.org for inclusion in a commemorative edition of "Gal' Warnings" honoring Wayne's memory and his many contributions.

Soliciting Nominations for the 2013 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
 2012 Christina Tarantola

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 Jennifer Zannelli at commodore@wsasmb.org or Junior Staff Commodore Coco Leigh at jrstaffcommodore@wsasmb.org.

We will vote on the nominees at the November 2013 General Meeting.



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

— Contact Newsletter@WSASMB.org —

WSA 2013 Cruise Schedule

By Jeannea Jordan, Cruise Chair



For more information about cruises contact cruising@wsasmb.org

◆ Oct 10-13: Cruise to the Isthmus, Catalina Island for swimming, kayaking, hiking

◆ Nov 2: Redondo Beach King Harbor Lunch Cruise

Next year's cruise schedule is in the works—don't miss a chance to get on the water with our skippers!

Santa Cruz Island Cruise

By Maria Langford

I just returned from a fabulous adventure with the Women's Sailing Association of Santa Monica Bay. six of us sailed out of Marina del Rey on two boats at 4 am last Monday to Santa Cruz Island and anchored at Little Scorpion. Arrived in perfect time.

We picked out our spot and then some pretty fancy anchoring commenced. It wasn't long after the area had it's fill of boaters.

We enjoyed kayaking, adventures with the dingy, beautiful scenery, lots of wild life (Jeannea had eight sea

lions swimming around and under her kayak), fabulous star-filled skies, games, great meals, and good company.

On Thursday we hustled up as the winds picked up and we headed for Santa Barbara Harbor where we continued our adventure and were met by three more women who joined us there for our three night stay. We had our share of dining adventures, some went wine tasting, did a little kayaking, and walked about a bit as we enjoyed ourselves.

Sunday morning we sailed onto Ventura Harbor. We dined and laughed at the "Greek on the Harbor" that night before returning to Marina del Rey the next day. During our trip we saw a couple of whales, several large pods of dolphin, harbor seals, sea lions, an unidentified fish that kept jumping out of the water, a large assortment of birds, and encountered lots of flies by the rock at Little Scorpion.

Jeannea, Cloyd Milton, and Sam Wagner are all excellent skippers, fabulous instructors and very generous with their time, knowledge, and sailboats.

It has been a long time of being away from the water for me, I am so grateful to be back. Thank you for making this possible.

(You can also read Cloyd Milton's report on this same cruise on page 5.)

An Outstanding Cruise to Santa Cruz

By WSA member Cloyd Milton



Two boats, *Chekkerrs* and *Mad Madeline*, carried Maria Langford, Donna Haro, Jeannea Jordan, Carey Meredith, and Cloyd Milton through foggy seas to Little Scorpion Cove on Santa Cruz Island on September 2. Sam Wagner, long time

sailing buddy of Jeannea and Cloyd, crewed on *Mad Madeline*.

The boats anchored behind the two large rocks at the western end of the cove. These rocks provided excellent protection from wind and sea. They were also home to dozens of pelicans, sea gulls, and cormorants. These birds furnished the means of an early morning wake up call as flies tickled exposed skin.

The clear night sky was spectacular with the Milky Way and stars; a sight we don't see in the city. The wind did blow all through the night causing the rigging to sing. *Mad Madeline's* aft anchor dragged during the night, but caused no harm. In the morning, the anchor was reset. The cause was eel grass, which is plentiful in Scorpion.

Santa Cruz Island is famous for sea caves. Three kayakers carried explorers into coves and caves. One kayaker, Jeannea, was escorted by eight sea lions as she paddled along. Jumping into a kayak Carey saved a windblown cockpit cushion. This was her first kayaking experience.

We were joined for happy hour by a sunbathing seal as he floated belly up just inches from us, a most unusual experience. Sailors took turns on the mess deck serving delicious meals. A bartender kept busy at happy hour. Stories, jokes and Jeannea's Sobriety Test supplied evening entertainment.

Thursday we set sail for Santa Barbara. The wind was at 24 knots and breaking seas four to seven feet. Reefed sails were set and speeds up to 7 knots were reached. The boats and crews easily handled the conditions and a comfortable sail was enjoyed, our only one of the trip.

Carey left us in Santa Barbara and Maureen and Helen Ann McCarthy took her place. Mess hands were unwilling to cook so hungry sailors found it necessary to partake of the fine eateries on shore. No one seemed to complain of this lack of industry aboard our boats.

The kayakers were used to explore the marina and shoreline. Some crew members took advantage of our closeness to wine country and sallied forth to test the local grape.

Sunday, we sailed to Ventura. Jeannea's friend, Donna Peterson, Ventura West Marina's Harbor master, joined us for happy hour and then dinner at the Greek

restaurant. A pretty costumed dancing girl entertained us. She even pulled several of us to join her. And you know what? WSA has some good dancers.

Foggy conditions greeted us Monday morning, but it stayed just ahead of us and we chased the fog all the way home. Once the boats were tidied and the cars loaded a final happy hour ended a successful and enjoyable cruise.

WSA Annual Business Meeting – Oct 8

By WSA Board of Directors

We hope you can join us on Tuesday, October 8, at SMWYC. In addition to our usual format of social hour, business meeting, dinner and speaker, WSA's October general meeting constitutes our "annual business meeting". Two important items of business are conducted at this meeting.

First, we present the slate for the 2014 Board of Directors & Officers and Chair positions. We do not vote on the board until the November meeting, however, the slate is presented in advance to allow members an ample opportunity to review the nominations and suggest other candidates for various positions. Second, we formally solicit nominations for WSA's Marilyn Butefish Award. Forms will be provided for the nominations and collected at the end of the business meeting.



If you are unable to attend the October meeting, a slate will be sent via email prior to the November meeting for you to review prior to voting.

Nominations for the Marilyn Butefish Award will be accepted by email, so feel free to contact Jennifer Zannelli at commodore@wsasmb.org

2014 Change in Member Dues

By Jennifer Zannelli, Commodore

On November 1st 2013, the WSA dues will be increasing to \$120 per year (\$110 for early renewal before January 1st 2014). Remember you can renew early for the current rate of \$90 until then. Plus, due to the new 2013 membership rules, you can renew for as many years in advance as you want.

For example, pay \$180 by 11/1/13 and you are renewed through 12/31/2015. Make your check payable to Women's Sailing Association and mail to WSA SMB PO Box 10034 Marina Del Rey CA 90295.

If you are paying for multiple people, please list both names on the check or include a note so we apply your funds properly.

Upcoming Events at SMWYC

By SMWYC Commodore Charlene Perron

Wednesday, October 9

Football 101 –Back by Popular Demand

Now that the sailing season is over, let's get into the football season. Last year, our Bar Manager, Danny, conducted a fabulous Football 101 discussion from which we all managed to learn something. I learned that nobody knows how the guy who catches the football knows which direction to run after he is twisted, turned, and pulled every which way, but continues toward that goal line, and always in the right direction.

Come over to the Club and try to stump Danny. You will learn something that is bound to help make football season more enjoyable, I'm sure. Danny will be *Chef du Jour* and will make his fabulous Brats with sauerkraut, \$10. Please RSVP to reservations@smwyc.org by Monday, October 7th.

Sunday, October 13

Oktoberfest Race

Open to PHRF, One Design, and Cruiser Classes. This race is in conjunction with PMYC's Heather Perkoff Race. The Oktoberfest Party will be at SMWYC with *hors d'oeuvres*, German beer and Awards following the races. BBQ your own burgers and hot dogs will also be available for purchase at the bar. SMWYC's Glenn Thorpe Perpetual trophy will be awarded to the PHRF/OD Class winners. PMYC's Heather Perkoff trophies will be awarded to the CRUISER Class winners. See NOR in <http://www.smwyc.info/pdf/NOROktoberfest2013.pdf>

Saturday, October 19th

Celebration Night with Elvis and Pig Party

Ed Sandon and Bob Torres have been performing together for over 10 years as the "Guys with No Name." Ed has over 30 years as a Musician and a DJ and is currently the System Administrator of Radiology at Kaiser Permanente in Woodland Hills. Bob has been singing all his life and has been a Manager of a telecommunications company for over 30 years. Together they pride themselves as being very entertaining when performing and will not disappoint any audience. Bob's tribute to Elvis will be wonderful as well, so don't wait. Make your reservations now for this fun entertaining evening! Celebrate your special occasion with a complimentary bottle of champagne

Also tonight, reigning pig, V/C Fred Weinhart, looks forward to ending his term as "Pig" with a special pulled pork dinner. If you want chicken, please let us know when you make your reservation (deadline October 15th) at reservations@smwyc.org. Cost is \$25 per person.

Don't miss this!

Saturday, October 19th

Sailing, Racing, Cruising, Boat Systems –Tim Tunks Talks

For those of you who know Tim Tunks, you probably know that he has helped with our racing program on race committee and race start clinic. Tim has just finished a new book called "The Best Gift Ever," and will be at the MdR West Marine hosting a seminar and signing his book from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Here is a link for more information on his book <http://thebestgiftever.info>.

Champion of Champions Regatta

Photos by Pam Spriggs



Bryce Benjamin and his *Persistence* crew celebrate winning the PHRF A trophy at the 2013 ASMBYC Champion of Champions Regatta. Onboard was WSA member, Kellie Fennessey.



Celebration of Life for Bob Falisey

Photos by Jennifer Zannelli



On September 28, 2013, Bob's ashes were committed to the waters he loved so much from the catamaran he had dreamed of sailing around the world with his beloved wife, Coco.

While that was not to be, Bob is now where we can all visit him and is forever in our thoughts.

Following his burial-at-sea, his friends gathered to celebrate his life, recount stories of his humor, courage, and humanity, and raised a final toast to his memory.



Bob's friend and sailing buddy, Gary Green, had the honor of ringing "eight bells," signifying the end of Bob's watch.



In Bob's memory, the Women's Sailing Association of Santa Monica Bay donated and dedicated a chair in his honor, so that we might always be able to enjoy a libation with Bob.



"Eight Bells"
Winslow Homer 1886



Upcoming Calendar of Events

October 2013	
5th Sat	Pacific Cup Deepwater Series #3 CYC
8th Tues	WSA General Meeting
10th-13th	WSA Cruise to the Isthmus
13th Sunday	Glenn Thorpe Oktoberfest Regatta SMWYC
18th-20th	Linda Elias Memorial Regatta—LBYC
22nd Tues	WSA Board Meeting

November 2013	
2nd Sat	WSA Redondo Beach Cruise
11th Tues	WSA General Meeting
25th Tues	WSA Board Meeting

Racers: Be sure to review the 2013 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 or visit WSA's calendar at our website!

WSA Website: www.wsasmb.org



WSA SMB hopes you will see the light and take advantage of the new and flexible renewal options for your membership.

Simplify your life and renew for two or three or even more years.

And don't forget to attend our October meeting where we discuss the 2014 Board and Chairs.

And thank you for your membership and your support of women in sailing!

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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