

# ***GAL' WARNINGS***

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Winter getting you down? Or are you just dreaming about those sailing days to come in 2014? Cheer up! Midwinters are February 15-16 and Opening Day is in March!



### **Meeting Agenda for February 11, 2014**

**6:30 pm—Social Hour**

**7:30 pm—Light supper and business meeting**

**8:00 pm—Speaker: Captain Holly Scott**

### Commodore's Corner

by Mary Ho

#### What's Next for WSA?



As I thought over what I might write about this month, the idea of our daysail program came to mind. With the recent passing of one of our most popular and active daysail skippers, Wayne Brandow, some of you are undoubtedly wondering where we will go from here, both with the daysail program and as a club.

Wayne's presence in the club will be sorely missed. He was certainly a great help and encouragement to us all. I also know that he would want us to be able to pick up and move on without him. In fact, he would expect it. After all, that was his goal when he taught people to sail—that they would ultimately become competent sailors capable of sailing any boat.

The goal of any good teacher is that the student will one day be able to function without the teacher. And if you would ask a teacher to be honest with you, he or she would probably tell you that they would love to see their students grow to one day have the willingness to teach others.

What does that mean for us? I think we ought to keep on as we have been. Keep on being a presence in

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### February Meeting

By Sharlyn Harley, Education Director

On February 11th, Captain Holly Scott will be our speaker. Holly is the owner of Charlie's Charts, which covers the west coast of North America and Polynesia.



Holly carries a 100 Ton Captain's license, teaches navigation for USC students aboard her Cal 40, *Mahalo*, and does offshore deliveries.

Holly recently returned from an adventure in the Sea of Cortez and will share her beautiful slides and wonderful stories.

Our March speaker is still TBD—stay tuned for more information. And if any of you have an idea for a future speaker, please contact [education@wsasmb.org](mailto:education@wsasmb.org)



The Boys & Girls Clubs of Venice is starting up its Spring After-School program in March. They need volunteers to help introduce these great kids to sailing. Read more on page 4.



The Challenges Foundation has started a great sailing program for recovering military veterans and needs volunteers to crew its venerable sailboat, *Emerald*. Read about it on page 5.

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

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## WSA RACING

By Jana Davis, Race Chair



Our first race clinic held January 11 with our partners at SMWYC was a success. Eager participants of all levels came to learn the ins and out of race committee from the experiences and expertise of SMWYC's Steve Potter. There's so much that goes into running a successful race and all levels of experience can find a role. The biggest lesson...KEEP IT FUN! A big thank you to Steve and to Denise George for inviting our members to participate.

Next up for your learning pleasure is the North U Seminar which WSA will be co-hosting on February 9th at the Del Rey Yacht Club. See the detailed information in this month's newsletter to get registered and come learn about BOAT SPEED. This seminar guarantees to get your brain geared up and ready to find that extra speed that's been eluding you. Ok, maybe just eluding SOME OF US. (Trust me I'll be paying close attention!) Don't miss this opportunity to learn from a THREE TIME J-80 Champion, Steve LeMay.

Racing season starts to kick into a higher gear on February 15 and 16th with SCYA's 85th annual Midwinter Regatta. This regatta is held simultaneously up and down the coast at 24 venues. It's anticipated there will be more than 100 classes represented. A great opportunity to get out there with some top competition. We have several WSA members not only participating in Midwinters but also heading up Race Committees around the bay!

Another opportunity to get your speed on is the second installment of South Bay's Champagne series on February 8th. The first installment held on January 25th included over 15 boats and 3 completed races with a many of our WSA members in the competition. February 8th the Cruising class joins in on the fun.

And finally a little advanced notice for our next race seminar. Set your watches to a 5 minute rolling sequence and mark your calendars for Saturday, April 5th. We will once again be teaming up with SMWYC for an all-important Start Seminar and Practice. More details to follow!

## Happenings around MdR

from ASMBYC Commodore Peter Glick

### "Regatta Network"

Is your Club's Race Committee presently using an on line registration, race organization and scoring system? Are they faced with the constant confusion of paperwork, managing money, printing entry sheets, handwriting

finish sheets, retyping them and then posting them on line? If so I would suggest that you consider changing over to US Sailing's "Regatta Network." CYC and DRYC have.

Don't know how, want to learn more about Regatta Network, have tried but gotten confused, have people who are new to the program? Then the "Regatta Network" seminar set for February 9 at Del Rey Yacht Club is for you and them. The price is again right — free; the instructor is right — Ken Taylor, he wrote and runs the program.

This program is right for you if you only have one race a year or are only racing dingies. Again make sure your race committee or administrator is there. See the attached notice.

### North U Sail Boatspeed Seminar

Do you have racers who are competitive but never at the top of their game? Then it could be sail trim — getting the maximum out of their sails. North U is putting on its legendary Boatspeed course at Del Rey Yacht Club on February 9. This is a course not only for your hard core racers but racers who are confused on whether to let the sail out, tighten it up or just let it be. Let North U show your racers what they have to do to win the SCYA Midwinter.

### Racing 101

Do you have members of your Club who come up to you and want to know how and what they have to do to get into racing their boat? Are you at a loss to recommend a program? Then Racing 101 at Del Rey Yacht Club on February 23rd is right for them. Again the price cannot be beat — free. This is the nuts and bolts of getting into racing..

### US Sailing Race Management

How many certified Club Race Officers do you have in your Club? Don't know? Then go to the US Sailing website and check: [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org). Do you or they need training? Then US Sailing is holding its one day Race Management Seminar on March 9. Mark Townsend will be teaching the course.

If your race committee is not trained for the unexpected, then things can go badly. This course prepares them to anticipate and plan for these events and getting your race committee prepared is one of the roles of a Commodore.

Registration and information are available at <http://www1.ussailing.org/enrollment/selectregistrant.aspx?courseid=13209602>.

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the community, keep on supporting women in sailing, and keep on providing women with the opportunity to connect with other sailors in the community. We will continue to offer our race clinics and daysails, interesting speakers at our meetings, and news about the events in the sailing community.

Wayne would be delighted if we simply kept on existing as a community of women and men who want to encourage and promote women in sailing. Probably the best way to honor his memory would be to simply be what we were originally meant to be: a group of like-minded people who believe in women in sailing. And also, to enjoy the water and keep on learning all there is to learn about sailing (which is literally endless). And to be willing to teach others the art of sailing a boat.

### **WSA TREASURER'S REPORT (Year-End 2013 Status)**

*By Treasurer Fred Rossmeissl*

Our dues income to date is \$ 17,670, from which \$7,320 are dues for 2013, \$6,740 are dues for 2014, and the balance is for the years 2015 through 2018.

Our total expenses for 2013 were \$14,867. The major expense categories are:

- ◆ insurance premiums: \$2,808,
- ◆ catering for General Meeting: \$1,941,
- ◆ rent meeting room: \$1,200,
- ◆ rent locker: \$1,140,
- ◆ Commodore (includes some donations):\$1,232,
- ◆ boat parade: \$1,878 (this covered two years of boat parade!), \$4,668
- ◆ all other expenses (detailed break down available on request).

The year 2013 was a transitional year with regards to changes in payment timing: payments could be made for the year 2014 beginning on October 2013; furthermore, payments were allowed to be made for multiple years to come. Therefore, the dues figures received in 2013 are more complicated to compare with prior years.

A word of caution: due to the fact, that our income from dues in 2013 also comprises some dues paid for future years, we must consider that our income next year and beyond could be lower.

**Do you know a woman (or man!) who is interested in sailing but isn't sure how to get started? Introduce them to WSA!**

<http://wsasmb.org/membership/>

### **Boys & Girls Clubs of Venice After-School Sailing**

*By Fran Weber*

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Venice is starting up its Spring After-School Sailing program in March and needs volunteers to help with teaching kids the rules of the high seas (in the marina).



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF VENICE**

If you are interested and have the time on Tuesday and Thursday's from 3pm to 6 pm, we leave from the Marina del Rey Sheriffs office and sail around in the marina.

Come and join us, we would love to have you!

**For further information, please contact Fran Weber-Melville 310 738-3205 or [cptfranweber@gmail.com](mailto:cptfranweber@gmail.com)**

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

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





## WSA 2014 Cruise Schedule

By Melody Kanschat and Jeannea Jordan

Date	Destination	Highlight/Activity
Mar 22-23*	Redondo Beach/King Harbor	Spring Solstice Cruise, shop, walk
Apr 17-20	Isthmus, Catalina Island	Easter Cruise, make hats, hike, dinghy, kayak, beach bar-b-que
May 22-26	Avalon, Catalina Island	Miniature golf, zip line, bar hop, hike, snorkel, swim, dinghy, kayak
Jun 12-15	Isthmus, Catalina Island	Hike, snorkel, swim, dinghy, kayak, beach bar-b-que
Jul 2 Jul 3 Jul 4-6 Jul 7 Jul 8-10 Jul 11 Jul 12 Jul 13 Jul 14	MDR to Dana Point Dana Point to San Diego San Diego Harbor San Diego to Ensenada Ensenada Ense. to Santo Todos Santo Todas to San Diego San Diego to Dana Point Dana Point to MDR	Fireworks on SD Bay, sight see Sight see/wine tour/eat Anchor out under the Mexican stars
Aug 13-17	Isthmus, Catalina Island	Swim, swim, swim and dinghy too
Sep 9 Sep 10 Sep 11 Sep 12-14 Sep 15 Sep 16 Sep 17	MDR To CI Harbor Channel Islands Harbor CI Harbor to S. Cruz Island Santa Cruz Island S.C. Island to Ventura Ventura Harbor Ventura to MDR	Shop, walk, visit Visit Willows and Prisoners  Shop, eat, visit
Oct 16-19	Isthmus, Catalina Island	Kayak, Hike, Dinghy, Bar-b-que
Nov 7-9*	San Pedro Harbor	Sight see, Trolley ride, eat

\* indicates a cruise particularly suitable for new sailors

## A New Sailing Adventure is in Town!

By Fran Weber



Ladies and Gents of WSA, I am proud to introduce my new adventure in life to you all — the venerable sailboat, *Emerald*, one of four wooden vessels built in 1924 by W. F. Stone & Son in Oakland, California. She is a beautiful example of old world craftsmanship and early 20th century naval architecture. *Emerald* is owned by the [ChallengesFoundation.org](http://ChallengesFoundation.org) and John Melville and I are fortunate enough to be able to skipper this classic, all wooden vessel!

At the moment, she is a diamond in the rough, but "Sheriff Dave," the president of the foundation, has big plans for her. *Emerald* will be a community boat, with the main emphasis on using her for therapy for veterans enrolled in recovery programs at West Los Angeles's VA Medical Center. *Emerald* will also be used for the Boys and Girls Club of Venice, seniors in the community, Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts, and will be open for community rides the third Saturday of each month starting in February.

"Sheriff Dave," John and I, and our other volunteers need crew to help with all the planned sessions. If you are interested in learning to crew on this beautiful boat, please contact me at [cptfranweber@gmail.com](mailto:cptfranweber@gmail.com). We are going to start training soon (schedule TBD at this time but soon).

If you are interested, go to [ChallengesFoundation.org](http://ChallengesFoundation.org) to get her history. As a fund raiser, she is registered with the Ralphs Grocery community program. When you shop at Ralphs, up to 2% of your bill goes to the Challenges Foundation (and no cost to you!). Look me up at the February WSA meeting to learn more about this exciting opportunity.

Mark your calendar for Feb 9th and the NorthU "Boatspeed!" seminar taught by Steve LeMay at Del Rey YC.

These North U events are always informative and educational (and fun!). Steve is a great speaker who patiently answers questions and applies the material to real world, on-the-water situations. Ask someone who has attended one of Steve's seminars and they'll tell you they definitely got their money's worth!

The North U "Trim" disc is included with the class and U.S. Sailing members can receive a discount. You can register online at [www.NorthU.com](http://www.NorthU.com) or call North U at 1-800-347-2457.

WSA proudly co-sponsors these seminars, so don't delay! Register today!

North U. 2014 Seminar

# Boatspeed!

*"Speed, speed, speed...  
a tactician's best friend."*

*North Sails President Ken Read, America's Cup TV Commentary*

If you want to sail faster next season, attend a North U. 2014 Boatspeed Seminar this winter! Upwind & down... you'll learn from experts how to get more speed out of your sails, rig and boathandling. Register online or call North U. today! *Speed is good.*

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13900 Palawan Way  
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**Sunday,  
February 9, 2014**  
Check-in: 8:30 am  
Seminar: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm  
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**Skipper: \$115**  
**Additional Crew: \$85**  
**Jr. Sailors & Students: \$50**  
**Lunch: \$10 per person**

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Instructor:  
**Steve LeMay**

### Upcoming Calendar of Events

<b><i>February 2014</i></b>	
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9th Sat	North U Race Clinic—WSA/DRYC
11th Tues	WSA General Meeting
15-16 Sat/Sun	SCYA MidWinters
25th Tues	WSA Board Meeting

<b><i>March 2014</i></b>	
1 Sat	Santa Monica Bay Race Berger/Stein #2 DRYC
6th Thurs	Ensenada NOSA race seminar DRCY
8th Sat	Intro to Sailboat Racing DRYC
11th Tues	WSA General Meeting
15-16 Sat/Sun	MdR Opening Days
22nd Sat	Les Storrs Regatta SCCYC
23rd Sun	Dr. Robert Baker Regatta MVYC
22-23	WSA Cruise to Redondo Beach
25th Tues	WSA Board Meeting
30-31 Sat/Sun	King Harbor Race Week KHYC

**Racers:** Be sure to review the 2014 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.

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

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- 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