

CIWSA Commodore's Corner - Summer 2025



The CIWSA Summer Season was off to an amazing start this June when 44 girls and their accompanying adults attended the **4th Annual AdventureSail® Day “Get Girls on the Water!” Saturday, June 28.**

Channel Islands Women’s Sailing Association (CIWSA) once again partnered with Channel Islands Yacht Club (CIYC), the Channel Islands Maritime Museum (CIMM), and the Tall Ship MYSTIC WHALER (Mystic Ocean Adventures) to provide a full day of sailing-related programming to "Get Girls on the Water!"

The day began at CIYC, with arrival and breakfast at 9:00AM. Participants then spent the morning attending 3 separate short programs held at CIMM, CIYC, and MYSTIC WHALER, which included sailing images, stories, and hands-on activities provided by volunteers from CIWSA and CIYC members. Participants had the opportunity throughout the day to interact with women who sail and women who work in the marine or science world.

In the afternoon, everyone sailed for a few hours on the ocean near Channel Islands Harbor, some aboard MYSTIC WHALER with Captain Christine Healy and crew, and the rest on more modern boats skippered and crewed by local volunteers. After sailing, everyone returned to CIYC for a complimentary taco bar lunch, discussion about the day, raffle prizes including sailing lesson scholarships, and several local female Skippers and Captains, (Captain Christine Healy, Skipper Priscilla Becker, and Skipper Lauren Boyer) concluded the day by sharing their personal “sailing stories.”

Check out photos from AdventureSail Day 2025 here:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/ooWA1HPG48bcZZEq9>

CIWSA Get Togethers at CIYC continued in June with guest speaker Captain Roxanne Vettese. A lifelong sailor, Roxanne shared about her varied experiences on the water as a young dingy sailor, racing skipper, trans-Pacific veteran, and cruiser. We are taking a break from Get Togethers for the Summer, but will

continue to meet on the second Thursday in September, October and November. Upcoming programs include: An Interview with Susan Taylor, trophy winning J24' Skipper of "Take Five" from CYC, about racing and the Women On the Water (WOW) Regatta, and a special presentation from one of CIWSA's founding members, Terri Potts-Chattaway and her husband Jay, "Where Does the Music Come From?", about how Jay incorporates his love of sailing into his music.

CIWSA's Second Friday Daysails are continuing to be very popular. A special thank you goes out to our daysail skippers, Diana Weynand, Sarah Freifeld, Tom Dotz and Michele Ackerman, who are members of both CIWSA and Fairwind Yacht Club, CIH. A big shout out to Fairwind Yacht Club and their members who support the efforts of CIWSA by providing boats for our Friday and Sunday, monthly daysails, AdventureSail® Days and now also our Cruises!

Our **2025 CIWSA Summer Cruise #1** took place July 11, 12, 13, with two boats participating: *Lotta Zuma*, skippered by owner Melanie Kemmann and FYC's *Angelsea* skippered by Tom Dotz. They met Little Scorpion anchorage at Santa Cruz Island. After some unexpected predawn anchor tangles, *Angelsea* had to head home at dawn Saturday morning, but the calm wind and seas made a fast motor home as they dodged lots of fishing boats and were accompanied by a large pod of dolphins. *Lota Zuma's* skipper and crew stayed and played at the island and headed home Sunday afternoon. See photos of the cruise, daysails and races on the CIWSA website: <https://ciwsa.net/day-sails-and-races>.

Watch your email soon for a message from **ciwsa.membership@gmail.com** to register for **CIWSA Summer Cruise #2** over Labor Day weekend, Friday, August 29-Sunday, September 1.

A **Marine VHF/DSC Radio Seminar** with Norm Perron from Fairwind YC MdR, will be held Saturday August 23rd, 2025 11am-1pm at CIYC. This event is being offered in conjunction with Fairwind Yacht Club, Channel Islands Yacht Club and Channel Islands Women's Association. Email Tina Todd for details and to register at tinasusan62@gmail.com.

Save The Date! Sunday, August 17th - CIWSA SPLASH Party 2025 will be hosted by Tracie and Emily West at their home in Ventura. Bring your PFD and test it out in the pool or just come to socialize. This is always a very fun event.

Last, but certainly not least, If you enjoy reading about sailing, please join us for our bi-monthly **CIWSA Zoom Book Club** discussions, led by Sarah Freifeld. In July we revisited two Scott O'Dell fictions from our youth about the lone woman of San Nicolas Island and the early California missions : Island of the Blue Dolphins and the sequel, Zia. Our last selection for this year is The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder by David Grann. Discussion of the first half will be Thursday, September 25 at 7 p.m. and the second half November 20. Please contact Sarah at smallfrei@aol.com, if you'd like an email invitation to join the BookClub Zoom.

Don't miss out on what's happening with CIWSA! Be sure to add ciwsa.membership@gmail.com to your email contacts, check our Calendar of Events at <https://ciwsa.net/calendar> and Join us on Facebook - **Channel Islands Women's Sailing Association (CIWSA)**.



I hope you are all having a great Summer so far, traveling and sailing or whatever is your passion, Looking forward to seeing you soon on the water or at the Club!

Lauren Copus

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