

CIWSA Commodore's Corner - Springr 2025

Spring is here and it's time to celebrate and set sail with CIWSA!

CIWSA Opening Day 2025: Please plan to attend the CIWSA Opening Day Ceremony to be held on the lawn at CIYC next Sunday, April 6 from 2:30-3:30. We've had such great attendance at our Get Togethers and our Daysails. Come show your support for CIWSA in April by attending Opening Day, the official start of our 2025 Sailing Season.

Watch your email for details about these other Special CIWSA Events:

Tuesday, April 8 - Topper's Pizza CIWSA Youth Sailing Scholarship Fundraiser

Saturday, April 26 – CIWSA Coastal Clean-Up

Save The Date: Saturday, June 28 - CIWSA AdventureSail Day 2025

I love all the enthusiasm and energy among our CIWSA members this year! We've had two wonderful speakers at our Get Togethers: In February, Captain Christine Healy of Mystic Whaler, spoke about the Mystic Whaler Tall Ship and Central Coast Ocean Adventure Foundation. Then in March, Alicia Stratton shared her amazing knowledge and photos of the whales and other wildlife unique to the Channel Islands and Santa Barbara Channel.

Up Coming Get Togethers: There will not be a 2nd Thursday Get Together in April due to Opening Day. We are searching for another great speaker for our next Get Together, Thursday, May 15. If you know of someone who you'd like us to invite to speak, or if you have a special sailing story experience, or area of expertise that you'd be willing to share with CIWSA members, please email CIWSA Vice Commodore, Denise Braval at sailingintheafternoonwyc@gmail.com

Come meet other CIWSA members, hear a speaker, have a drink from the bar, enjoy food and snacks for sale and maybe even win a raffle item. Mark your Calendar now for future CIWSA Get Togethers held the 2nd Thursday in May, June, September, October and November.

After Alicia's presentation, we had a great turn out for our March Whale Watching Daysail. A big thanks to our Skippers: Tom Dotz on Fairwind's "Big Zephyr" and Captain Jane Thomas on her Wai'Lani. It turned out the whales were being a bit elusive, but the weather was beautiful, and we enjoyed being out together on the water.

On The Water: The next CIWSA Daysail is on the horizon, Friday, April 11 and the 4th Sunday Daysail is April 27. Look for an email from ciwsa.membership@gmail.com with a link to RSVP for the Daysails. Be sure to let us know in your RSVP if there are special skills you'd like to focus on during your daysail. Also, if you know someone who might be willing to Skipper their boat for one of our daysails (CIWSA membership isn't required) please let Michele know. Contact Rear Commodore Michele Ackerman about anything related to On The Water Events at michele.ack@gmail.com

Want to Try Racing? The AYC Wet Wednesday Race Series begins Wednesday, April 9 through September 24. Feel free to contact me for more information on how to join a crew or come by Anacapa Yacht Club after the race from 7-9 on a Wednesday evening and meet some of the racers. Sunday April 13 is the VYC Lady Driver Race and it would be great to see some of our CIWSA members participate as drivers or crew. Contact me if you are interested in crewing on the J24' in a race, no prior racing experience necessary, just a willingness to learn and develop your sailing skills. Contact CIWSA Commodore Lauren Copus at lsmithcopus@hotmail.com.

Whenever you plan to take your boat out for a daysail or a race, or if there's an open spot on a friend's boat, please consider inviting some of your fellow CIWSA members to join you. And don't forget to tell your friends about CIWSA and invite them to come as a guest to two of our land events or one daysail.

Looking forward to seeing you soon on the Land or the Sea

Lauren Copus

CIWSA Commodore