



*Channel Islands
Women's Sailing Association*

Winter Newsletter 2024!

Ahoy CIWSA Members and Friends!

As we begin our 15th year, we are pleased and honored to announce that CIWSA and our current Commodore were recently inducted into the International Order of the Blue Gavel (IOBG), which is a nonprofit organization comprising prior ("staff") commodores from various yacht clubs who have committed to continue to support their clubs and communities all over the world. Leaders of our local IOBG District 16 recognized CIWSA's longevity and community service and invited us to apply for IOBG membership, despite having only 4 (not 5) staff commodores since our founding. And they bent the rules for us!



LtoR: Steve Weiss, IOBG District 16 Alternate Director; Jane Thomas, CIWSA Commodore; Gary Gallinot, IOBG District 16 President; and Tom Shideler, IOBG District 16 Director.

Also in 2023, we reached an all-time high of 59 members! We are planning a full year of sailing, learning, fun, camaraderie, and community service and hope that many of you will renew, join, or re-join CIWSA. Upcoming activities through March are noted below and are included in our online CIWSA Calendar, which is available on our website (<https://ciwsa.net/calendar>) and can be added by subscription to your personal digital calendar for reference on the go. Non-members are welcome to attend 1 daysail and 2 shoreside events to get to know us before joining. At the end of this newsletter are links to join/renew your membership, to join a CIWSA Zoom meeting, and to find answers to other commonly asked questions. Feel free to forward this newsletter to your like-minded friends!

CIWSA ON-THE-WATER - Sailors of all skill levels are welcome to attend our on-the-water activities! We are proud to offer at least 2 daysails each month, weather-permitting. Keelboat Daysails are typically held on the 2nd Thursday and 4th Sunday of each month, and we occasionally host Small Boat Daysails, J/24 Workdays/Daysails, and other special activities on the water. Skippers are CIWSA members with boats and/or members of Fairwind Yacht Club, a sailing co-op with a large fleet of sailboats - from dinghies to J/24 racers to comfortable cruising sailboats.

- **Upcoming Keelboat Daysails**
 - **Thursday, February 8**, Approx 12:00pm-5:00pm, or at the discretion of the daysail skippers and their crews. (Our shoreside get-together begins at 6:00pm.) Follow this link to sign up to sail: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSce_lh-VrsHF5RTOzGkK87JLER5aBjpIcuyKeBm0iF1fBTC2g/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0
 - **Sunday, February 25**, Approx 12:00pm-4:00pm, or at the discretion of the daysail skippers and their crews. Follow this link to sign-up to sail: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScvku2BTfsf3IFGmJOJoNuadmtLu_oU8MxOfsnxmARUC1cXEQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0
 - **Thursday, March 14**, Approx 12:00pm-5:00pm, or at the discretion of the daysail skippers and their crews. (Our shoreside get-together begins at 6:00pm.) Follow this link to sign up to sail: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfbti00cYz_ORXuz_P47drXFCPg_7RbvRhk9A+Rrzg747I5zA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0
 - **Sunday, March 24**, Approx 12:00pm-4:00pm, or at the discretion of the daysail skippers and their crews. Follow this link to sign up to sail: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeqZmvclIKOrluOMMGbyiPAwhmriESHMM_yh0zT_DP8D5vZfsA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0
- **J24 Workdays** - Approx 11:00am-3:00pm. Dockside only for now. Check the online CIWSA Calendar for details.
 - **Sunday, February 11**
 - **Sunday, March 10**
 - **Sunday, April 14**
- **SAVE THE DATE: CIWSA 3rd Annual AdventureSail® Day, Saturday, June 29** - Last year was such a huge success, we again plan to partner with Channel Islands Yacht Club, the Tall Ship MYSTIC WHALER, the Channel Islands Maritime Museum, and the sailing community to share the day with dozens of 9-14 year-old girls who would not otherwise have an opportunity to experience sailing.

CIWSA ASHORE - In addition to our get-togethers on the 2nd Thursday of most months, the CIWSA Members Book Club meets via Zoom every other month, and beginning in March, we'll watch sailing-related educational and entertainment videos on Sundays every other month.

- **February Get-Together - Thursday, February 8**, Approx 6:00pm-8:30pm - CIYC's Fireplace Room and no-host bar. We encourage all CIWSA members to attend in person or via Zoom. The program will include a review of our Annual Report for 2023 and Proposed Budget for 2024. Here's the link to sign up: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5HiDFisp2be1PhYmda_vZdSTzvfQvsl03kNeNs86oYS3hIQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0
- **CIWSA Members Book Club** - The CIWSA Book Club meets every other month in even-numbered months via Zoom. Contact CIWSA Staff Commodore, Sarah Freifeld, at smallfrei@aol.com or 661.713.2755 to join!
 - **Thursday, February 22, 7:00pm** - Zoom Book Club Discussion: *Steady as She Goes: Women's Adventures at Sea*, by Barbara Sjoholm. Attendees will determine the book choices for the remainder of the year.

- **Thursdays, April 25, June 27, August 22, October 24, December 12** - Books TBD
- **March Get-Together - Thursday, March 14**, Approx 6:00pm-8:30pm - Guest Speaker and CIWSA/CIYC Member, Alison Gabel, will speak about their cruise to Mexico and back last year. Allan and Alison are retired commercial pilots who cruised from California to Australia on a monohull and subsequently switched to a catamaran. They currently live aboard FLY AWEIGH in Channel Islands Harbor and are planning their next cruise. Sign up here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScB9TiRORgB3vHpS3Y8E4DNbgwytxRCTZhhnp05LHfmG39BzQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>
- **Sunday Sailing Videos - starting Sunday, March 24**, Approx 5:00pm-7:00pm, in person attendance only - Generally, after the 4th Sunday daysail in odd-numbered months we'll meet at CIYC to watch a sailing-related educational or entertainment video. Attendees may submit video requests or choose from a variety of videos in our library or online. Additional planned video dates are May 26, July 28, September 29, and November 24. Here's the link to sign up for March: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqsvPcZfutIannDwvFx0jFUaeRmvNVQqL9L2_ORsSr_q1Yg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0
- **SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, April 7 - Opening Day**
 - **All-Club Boat Parade, Channel Islands Harbor** - 7:30am-9:00am
 - **CIWSA Opening Day Celebration** - Registration 2:00pm, Ceremony 2:30pm
- **SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, April 21, CIWSA Harbor Cleanup** - In honor of EARTH DAY #55 (April 22): Planet vs. Plastics - Approx 10:00am-1:00pm with lunch together afterwards (optional)

SOME COMMUNITY SAILING INFORMATION

- **ASBCYC (Regional) Sailboat Race Calendar** - <https://shorturl.at/jrl79>
- **Tall Ship MYSTIC WHALER** - <https://centralcoastcoceanadventures.org>
- **Channel Islands Maritime Museum** - <https://www.cimmvc.org>
- **Channel Islands Boating Center** - <https://www.ciboating.org>
- **Channel Islands Harbor** - <https://www.channelislandsharbor.org>
- **Marina Sailing - Channel Islands** - www.marinasailing.com
- **Ventura Harbor** - <https://www.venturaharborvillage.com>
- **Leo Robbins Sailing Center** - <https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/1772/Leo-Robbins-Community-Sailing-Center>
- **Channel Islands National Park** - <https://www.nps.gov/chis/index.htm>

Happy Sailing in 2024!

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How do I join CIWSA, renew my membership, and pay my dues?

- **To Join**, complete the online application and applicable waivers and submit your payment: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJ2HzTRxHdHYJVPDJcuIXPI6cPG4PCBiR4zyYHoUGSVRqPtA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>
- **To Renew and Update your Personal Information**, complete this form and submit your payment: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScEIXadaP3dDPEgBtbC2F036xIw44GQsGL_PG-BTO02U_POsg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0
- **Paying your Dues:** Zelle payment to ciwsa.membership@gmail.com is preferred. Alternatively, you may mail a check to CIWSA, 3600 Harbor Blvd PMB 268, Oxnard, CA 93035, or deliver cash or check to the Commodore or Treasurer in person.

Regular Member dues are \$120/year; Cruising, Associate, and Junior Member dues are \$60/year. Dues at all levels are reduced by 75% in July and August and by 50% after September 1!

How do I find the schedule and participate in CIWSA activities?

- **Where is the CIWSA Calendar?** You can view and subscribe to the CIWSA calendar here: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=Y2I3c2EubWVtYmVyc2hpcEBnbWFpbC5jb20>
- **How do I RSVP?** We send a **Google Form** by email to sign up for most CIWSA get-togethers, daysails, events, and field trips. Event details and a sign-up link are also posted on the CIWSA Google Calendar entry. If you're not getting our emails, please set your email preferences to accept emails from me (sunglade@prodigy.net) and CIWSA (ciwsa.membership@gmail.com).
- **Where do we get together ashore?** **Channel Islands Yacht Club (CIYC, 4100 Harbor Blvd, Oxnard)** allows us to hold many of our activities there. During warm weather we congregate on the downstairs covered patio, but we move inside and upstairs if the weather is inclement or the fireplace room or dining room will be empty.
- **What is CIWSA's Zoom link?** Usually, any **CIWSA Zoom** is available at the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3996134278?pwd=YlVJeENmNDc4S1hYOVFVWm11MkZKQT09> or go to www.zoom.us.com, select Join a Meeting, and enter Meeting ID: **399 613 4278** and Passcode: **9Lfakk**



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