



Channel Islands Women's Sailing Association  
March - June 2022

**Ahoy, CIWSA Members!**

Welcome our newest members, Janet Giler-Metzenberg and Patty Turnage!

Keep an eye out for emails with Google Form invitations to meetings, daysails, events, field trips, and webinars. Feel free to forward to your like-minded friends! Non-members are welcome to attend a daysail and 2 shoreside events to get to know us before joining. (See membership and renewal information at the end of this update.)

Along with this month's update, I'm sending a pdf copy of our planned calendar for 2022, including the programs discussed below. We'll be adding more activities and educational programming throughout the year and will update the calendar as things change. Your suggestions for ocean- and sailing-related topics, speakers, and online resources are always welcome.

When Zoom attendance is available, access the virtual meeting through this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3996134278?pwd=YlVJcENmNDc4S1hYOVFVWm11MkZKQT09>  
or via [www.zoom.us.com](http://www.zoom.us.com), select Join a Meeting, and when requested, enter Meeting ID: 399 613 4278 and Passcode: 9Lfakk.

- **MONTHLY MEETINGS** - We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of most months (not in July or August). Live attendees will congregate at Channel Islands Yacht Club (CIYC, 4100 Harbor Blvd, Oxnard) on the downstairs covered patio with propane heaters and a big-screen monitor. We usually bring in a dinner option from a local restaurant. RSVP for food using the Google Form Meeting invitation, which you should receive by email 5-7 days before the meeting.
  - **Thursday, March 10 - 6:30PM to 8:30PM, CIYC patio** - Live Meeting with Video Stream Only (No Zoom) - **Onboard with Outboards** - We will stream video(s) about Outboard Engine Operation and Maintenance, with hands-on demonstration using 3.5hp 2-stroke and 9.8hp, 4-stroke outboards.
  - **Thursday, April 14 - 6:30PM to 8:30PM, CIYC Patio** - Hybrid (Live + Zoom) - **Marlinespike: Knotwork for Art and Function** - **Marc Casebolt** will share his 50yr interest in knot-tying and marlinespike seamanship. Although he never lived near the ocean nor learned to sail, at age 12, Marc discovered a copy of "The Ashley Book Of Knots" on his father's book shelf and was immediately hooked on the illustrations. He started tying some of the less intimidating knots and soon learned to tie more difficult knots. At 18, he got a real marlinespike, which he still uses today.

- **Thursday, May 12 - 6:30PM to 8:30PM, CIYC Patio** - Live Meeting with Video Stream Only (No Zoom) - **Docking Made Easy**, presented by Cruising World and American Sailing Association - CIWSA Commodore Jane Thomas will stream a 30min program presented by America's Cup veteran Peter Isler with tips on docking under sail upwind and downwind as well as with a single engine and twin screws.
  - **Thursday, June 9 - 6:30PM to 8:30PM, CIYC Patio** - Program TBD
- **DAYSAILS** - Sailors of all skills levels are welcome to attend our Keelboat Daysails, usually held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month, weather-permitting. RSVP for a Daysail through the Google Form Daysail invitation. We rely on our members and friends to volunteer their boats and their time for daysails, and we try to assure that each boat has a capable skipper and first mate before they leave the dock.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Keelboat Daysails:** Thursdays, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, approximately 12:00pm - 4:00pm
  - **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Keelboat Daysails:** Sundays, March 27, April 25, May 22, June 26, approximately 12:00pm - 4:00pm
  - **Shared Boats:** We share usage of 2 Laser sailboats (13') and 3 J24s (24') with Channel Islands Yacht Club (CIYC). Additionally, Board member, Lauren Copus is working on a small boat sailing program with Fairwind Yacht Club (FYC) and CIWSA members. Contact me about J24 or Laser usage and contact Lauren ([lsmithcopus@hotmail.com](mailto:lsmithcopus@hotmail.com)) about small boat sailing.
- **CIWSA BOOK CLUB** - Director Lauren Copus will lead the Book Club Discussions via Zoom (Zoom link above) in April, June, and August. The following 3 nonfiction sailing stories have been selected for discussion:
- **Tuesday, April 5, 6:30PM to 8:00PM: Flying Cloud - The True Story of America's Most Famous Clipper Ship and the Woman Who Guided Her.** Written by David W. Shaw. In 1851, Eleanor Creesy served as the navigator on the maiden voyage of the clipper ship Flying Cloud. They sailed from New York to San Francisco in only 89 days and set a world record that went unbroken for more than a century. Illustrated with original maps and charts as well as historical photographs, Shaw's compelling narrative captures the drama of this maritime adventure. [Paperback ISBN 0-06-093478-6]
  - **Tuesday, June 7, 6:30PM to 8:00PM: A Sail of Two Idiots: 100+ Lessons and Laughs from a Non-Sailor Who Quit the Rat Race, Took the Helm, and Sailed to a New Life in the Caribbean.** Written by Renee Petrillo. "It was the best of dreams, it was the worst of dreams, it was an age of consulting the nautical experts, it was the age of landlubber foolishness, it was the epoch of determination, it was the epoch of despair, it was the season of hurricanes, it was a spring of beachcombing..." Renee and Michael had no boating experience when they started out on their cruising catamaran and learned everything the hard way. They managed to get from Miami to Grenada, eventually dropping anchor at the island of their dreams. To save future sailors from themselves, *A Sail of Two Idiots* includes lessons what and what not to do - a how-to guide wrapped in a funny story. [iNOOK Book (eBook) | Barnes & Noble® Paperback, 2012 (<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/a-sail-of-two-idiots-renee-petrillo/1110867510>)]

- **Tuesday, August 9 6:30-8:00: Two Years Before The Mast, A Personal Narrative** Written by Richard H. Dana, Jr. This is Dana's memoir after a 2-year sea voyage from Boston to California on a merchant ship (1834-36). Living on the coast of California, this is especially a treat because he writes in great detail about the coastal cities of San Diego, Los Angeles (San Pedro), Capistrano Mission, (Dana Point), Santa Barbara, and San Francisco. [The Complete Two Years Before the Mast: Illustrated Classic Paperback - January 31, 2020. [Richard Henry Dana Jr. \(Author\), E. Boyd Smith \(Illustrator\)](https://www.worldcat.org/title/two-years-before-the-mast-a-personal-narrative/oclc/1243160630/editions?referer=di&editionsView=true); Amazon (<https://www.worldcat.org/title/two-years-before-the-mast-a-personal-narrative/oclc/1243160630/editions?referer=di&editionsView=true>); Audible's version, read by Bernard Mayes, is highly recommended by Staff Commodore Sarah Freifeld]
- **SAILING-RELATED TRAINING VIDEOS/WEBINARS** - I plan to stream a variety of videos and webinars on the big screen, live at CIYC (no Zoom). There is no charge for CIYC and CIWSA members, but donations will be accepted for CIWSA's Youth Sailing Scholarship Fund and/or the CIYC/CIWSA J24 & Laser Expense Fund. Refer to the current CIWSA calendar for multiple repeats of each session over the next few months. As more online courses become available, I will add them to the CIWSA Calendar.
  - **Marine Weather University: Fundamentals Course & Wind Shifts - CIYC Downstairs Patio (Live Attendance Only)** - This 8-part online training program is presented by Chris Bedford, who is a meteorologist with over 35yrs experience, a pro sailor, and a marine weather consultant respected by the world's most accomplished sailors for his marine meteorology expertise.
 

Be prepared for a college-level introductory meteorology course. Each lesson builds on the last, so it's important to see them in sequence and multiple times! Additionally, we will stream a 2-part webinar about **Wind Shifts**; completion of the first 3 sessions of the *Fundamentals* course (above) is recommended before viewing.
  - **ASA Intro to Marine Diesel** - Each of the 2 parts is 2 hours long and will be streamed at CIYC.
- **OTHER CIWSA ACTIVITIES** - Check your emails for Google Form invitations for these events:
  - **Sunday, March 20, Visit the Sea Lion Rookery** - Carpinteria, approx 9:30am-2:00pm, followed by a group lunch (optional)
  - **April Coastal Deliveries** - s/v WAILANI (33' Tartan Ten) plans to compete in the Newport to Ensenada Race again this year, and I'm looking for a few sailors who would be willing to spend a few days in April to help get her to Newport before the race (2-3 days between **April 15 & 19**) and back to Oxnard after finishing in Ensenada (up to 4 days between **Apr 25 & May 1**). The schedule and stopovers will be flexible for weather and crew changes. Contact Cap'n Jane (415.518.4046) if you might be interested.
  - **Saturday, April 23 - Earth Day Harbor Cleanup** - Approximately 9:30am - 2:00pm, with a group lunch (optional)
  - **Sunday, July 10 - Summer Splash Party & BBQ** - Approximately 2:00pm - 5:00pm - BYOB, a dish to share, and your PFD with a replacement cartridge! CIWSA will supply the BBQ, and Karen Branch will provide the pool and patio.

- **Baja HaHa 2022** - s/v TURTLE DOVE's (38' Hans Christian) owner, Debbie O'Hare, will be retiring soon and plans to sail her boat to Mexico in the 2022 Baja HaHa. She is looking for crew to begin sailing in June and getting to know TURTLE DOVE before the HaHa. Contact Debbie directly ([pjodao@me.com](mailto:pjodao@me.com)) or Cap'n Jane (415.518.4046) for more information.

## Happy Sailing!

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PS: Want to join CIWSA, renew your membership, and/or pay your dues?

- **To Join:**  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJ2HzTRxHdHYJVPDJcuIXPI6cPG4PCBiR4zvYHoUGSVRqPtA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>
- **To Renew and Update your Personal Information:**  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScEIXadaP3dDPEgBtbC2F036xIw44GQsGL\\_PG-BTO02U\\_POsg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScEIXadaP3dDPEgBtbC2F036xIw44GQsGL_PG-BTO02U_POsg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0)
- **To Pay your Dues:** Mail a Check to CIWSA, 3600 Harbor Blvd PMB 268, Oxnard, CA 93035, pay with PayPal ([https://paypal.me/CIWSA2022?country.x=US&locale.x=en\\_US](https://paypal.me/CIWSA2022?country.x=US&locale.x=en_US)), or pay with Zelle ([sunlade@prodigy.net](mailto:sunlade@prodigy.net)).