



*Channel Islands
Women's Sailing Association*

September 2022

Ahoy CIWSA Members and Friends!

Welcome to our new members who joined over the summer - Krista Harris, Deb Coss, and Diana Weynand! With their memberships we are now over 50 members for the first time in many years.

Here's a summary of our plans for this fall and the rest of the year as well as a follow-up to my report from early June! Feel free to forward this newsletter 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 newsletter.)

We welcome your ideas for sailing-, nature-, and ocean-related speakers, events, and online resources that might be of interest for a CIWSA meeting, event, sailing adventure, field trip, or holiday party!

Upcoming Activities On the Water

- **CIWSA DAYSAILS** - Our Keelboat Daysails are usually held the 2nd Thursday and 4th Sunday each month, weather-permitting, and sailors of all skills levels are welcome to attend. We appreciate our members and friends who volunteer their boats and their time to host CIWSA daysails. We also try to assure that each boat has a capable skipper and first mate before they leave the dock. We welcome your candid feedback afterwards.
 - **2nd Thursday Keelboat Daysails:** Thursdays, September 8, October 13, November 10, and December 8, approximately 1:00pm - 5:00pm, at the discretion of the daysail skippers and their crews. Note - these dates coincide with our monthly CIWSA Get-Togethers in the evening at CIYC (see below).
 - **4th Sunday Keelboat Daysails:** Sundays, September 25, October 23, November 27, approximately 12:00pm - 4:00pm, at the discretion of the daysail skippers and their crews.

○ OTHER SAILING ADVENTURES

- **SCYA Women's Boating Event** (<https://www.scya.events/womens-event/>) - Friday, September 16 - Sunday, September 18, California Yacht Club, Marina del Rey - Friday - US Sailing, International Offshore, Safety at Sea Seminar; Saturday - Coastal Piloting, Cruise to King Harbor, Lunch on a Mooring, Return; Sunday - Wide Variety of Classroom and Dockside Workshops; and Great Meals & Opportunity to Network with and Learn from other Women Sailors
- **Sailing between Channel Islands Harbor and Marina del Rey** - I am planning to sail my Tartan 10 WAILANI to and from Marina del Rey for 2 weekend events in September. We'll practice GPS navigation and maintaining a cruising log while underway.

Up to 6 guests are welcome to sail along and up to 3 guests may stay aboard while in MdR for one or both legs of either trip. Contact me directly if you're interested in sailing one or more of the legs.

- **Thursday, September 15 & Monday, September 19** - This trip is scheduled for WAILANI to participate in the SCYA Women's Boating Event (see above). The best times to travel will likely be mid-morning departure from Channel Islands to Marina del Rey on Thursday and early morning from Marina del Rey to Channel Islands on Monday, depending on weather and sea conditions. It's not a race, so we have the option to motorsail. If we leave early, travel time is approx 8hrs.
- **Saturday, September 24 & Monday, September 26** - This trip is scheduled for WAILANI to participate in the Channel Islands to Marina del Rey (CI2MdR) Race - The starting line will be set northwest of Channel Islands Harbor's detached breakwater, and the first class will start at 11:00am. Boats will sail around Gina before heading to MdR to finish just outside the entrance (approx 45nm). Experienced racers are preferred crew for the race going down, but anyone is welcome to make the trip back (same trip as Monday, September 19, above).

With nearly 40 boats - 24' to 80' LOA - participating in this race last year, it resumed its place as one of the largest races in Ventura County. If you're not racing, try to get to Hollywood Beach or out on the water to watch them start. If you're on the water, please stay away from the boats that are racing and especially near the anchored power boat flying a CIYC burgee and RC (Race Committee) flag.

- **Cruising on a Catamaran** - Theresa Madden lives in Olympia, WA, but she visits Ventura Harbor often to spend time on her Leopard 40 catamaran, TEEKLA II! She is looking for local crew to sail with her to the islands. Contact Theresa directly at finetunehealth@yahoo.com.
- **Small Boats** - Through Fairwind Yacht Club (FYC) Lauren Copus, CIWSA Director, and Michele Ackerman, CIWSA Treasurer, have teamed up to create a small boat sailing program for local youth as well as for FYC and CIWSA members. Small

boats are great for learning to sail, simple to manage, and quick to rig and unrig. Watch your email for another Small Boat Daysail soon!

- **Shared Boats** - We share 2 Laser sailboats (13') and 3 J24s (24') with Channel Islands Yacht Club (CIYC). Contact me for more information about access and usage and to volunteer to help with their ongoing maintenance.

Upcoming Activities Ashore

- **CIWSA GET-TOGETHERS** - We get together on the 2nd Thursday of most months for a speaker or program and usually offer a takeout dinner option for purchase from a local restaurant.
 - **Thursday, September 8 - 6:30-8:30PM**, CIYC Patio, Hybrid (Live + Zoom, link below) - **North America's Best Kept Secret - the Apostle Islands, Speaker Capt Robb Rice** - The stunning archipelago of 22 islands off Wisconsin's northern tip in Lake Superior is a boater's paradise in summer. The Apostle Islands National Lakeshore is located near Bayfield, Wisconsin on the largest, cleanest, and coldest of the Great Lakes. It is known for its collection of historic lighthouses, sandstone sea caves, old growth remnant forests, and natural animal habitats. Capt Rice grew up in Milwaukee, is a USAF veteran, attended the University of Hawaii, and has 50-years sailing experience around the globe. He captained a 44-foot sailboat on a trans-Atlantic crossing, part of a 13,500 nautical mile journey from Los Angeles to Greece, holds a 100-ton USCG Captain's License, and recently retired from a 35-year career in public affairs and political campaign management. He lives in Goleta, CA.
 - **Thursday, October 13 - 6:30-8:30PM**, CIYC Patio - **Recent Updates in the Channel Islands National Park, Speaker Ethan McKinley, Superintendent, Channel Islands National Park Service**
 - **Thursday, November 10 - 6:30-8:30PM**, CIYC Patio - **Speaker TBD**
- **OTHER LAND-BASED EVENTS**
 - **Sailing-Related Webinars, Videos, and Movies** - We will stream a variety of video programs on the big screen at CIYC during October and November. We don't send reminders or invitations for video streaming, and no RSVP is necessary. Check our Google calendar to see what's playing:
<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=Y2l3c2EubWVtYmVyc2hpcEBnbWFpbC5jb20> Current options for video streaming:
 - **Marine Weather University: Fundamentals of Marine Weather & Wind Shifts** - Meteorologist, pro sailor, and America's Cup veteran, Chris Bedford, presents the 8-part "Fundamentals of Marine Weather," akin to a college-level, introductory meteorology course. Each lesson builds on the last, so it's helpful to see them in sequence and multiple times! Bedford's 2-part **Wind Shifts** will also be shared.
 - **ASA Intro to Marine Diesel** - Each of the 2 parts is 2 hours long and covers the history, theory, and practical aspects of modern marine diesel engines.

Additional webinars and movies may be added to the calendar or substituted at the request of attendees

- **CIWSA BOOK CLUB - Wednesday, September 28, 7:00pm - 8:30pm** (Zoom link below): [Two Years Before The Mast, A Personal Narrative](#), Written by Richard H. Dana, Jr. - Director Lauren Copus, Director, will lead this discussion through Chapter 24 of Dana's memoir after a 2-year sea voyage from Boston to California on a merchant ship (1834-36). His great detail about the coastal cities of San Diego, Capistrano Mission, Dana Point, Los Angeles, San Pedro, Santa Barbara, and San Francisco makes it a special treat for those of us who live along the California coast. This book is a classic, worth a re-read, and available in your favorite format. If you use Audible, their version read by Bernard Mayes is highly recommended by Staff Commodore Sarah Freifeld.

Recent CIWSA News

- **AdventureSail® Day Channel Islands - August 13, 2022** - We held our first AdventureSail® Day for underserved girls (9-14 years old), as a new community service event in partnership with Channel Islands Yacht Club (CIYC) and other local individuals and organizations. The National Women's Sailing Association (NWSA, <https://womensailing.org>) created AdventureSail® Day decades ago "...to enrich the lives of America's young underserved girls through sailing, with an emphasis on diversity and inclusion" and "to open girls' eyes to a multitude of life's positive possibilities.."

Our event was a great success with much help from CIYC for providing and preparing all the food as well as the CIWSA, CIYC, and sailing community volunteers who helped in so many ways! The September CIYC "Currents" newsletter (<https://ciyc.com/101444/Documents/en-us/eba177af-25f6-43fc-b1cd-6382a19fe75c/1/>) contains numerous pages of pictures and text devoted to the event. Our event was also mentioned in a recent report on AdventureSail® Day from NWSA. And s/v KANANI, skipper, and crew made the cover! <https://mailchi.mp/womensailing/more-for-girls-gailing-more-for-women-sailors-9248965?e=54e2cd66c1>

Community Boating Information

- **Channel Islands Maritime Museum** - Thursday - Monday, 12:00PM - 4:00PM, 3900 Bluefin Circle, Oxnard (<https://cimmvc.org>) - Admission free with CIMM [Membership](#) and for those under 18; otherwise, \$10 Adults and \$5 Seniors, Active Military, and College Students.
- **America's Boating Course (ABC)** - Mondays, October 3 - November 14, 7:00-9:00PM, Ventura Yacht Club, 1755 Spinnaker Dr, Ventura. Topics include: Safety Equipment, Navigation Rules, Navigation Aids, Light and Sound Signals, Current Regulations (Local, State, and Federal), Water Sports Safety, Trailering, Anchoring, Seamanship Information, Safe Boating Practices and Much More. Each topic will be presented by instructors with experience on boats and in local waters.

This class is for the beginning boater, first mates, and anyone who helps crew on a boat. If you need your California Boaters Card, this class will qualify you. To reserve a place in the class, email Bob Stine at bobstine@verizon.net or call him at 805-458-2491. The cost of the class is \$55, payable either by check made out to "VSPS" or by cash, which you bring with you on the first night of class.

- **Boat Handling and Seamanship (ABC)** - Tuesdays, October 4 - November 15, 7:00-9:00PM, Ventura Yacht Club, 1755 Spinnaker Dr, Ventura. This new course emphasizes the basic skills that are required to operate a power boat (*or sailboat under power*) in our local waters. Topics include: Rules of the Road, Confidence in Docking and Undocking, Boating with Confidence while Underway, Anchoring with Assurance; Emergencies on Board, and Knots and Line Handling. The instructor has over 20 years of practical experience in skippering her trawler within the Santa Barbara Channel. This class is for boaters seeking to improve their boat handling skills and understanding of essential rules for navigation in inland and coastal waters. This is an interactive class, so be ready to ask questions and meet other boaters from the local area. *Prerequisite: The ABC Boating Class (above) or a California Boater ID.* If interested in the class, attend the first night and bring cash or a check to "VSPS" for \$55 if a VSPS/USPS Member or \$100 for Non-Members. To reserve your place or ask questions, email Bob Stine at bobstine@verizon.net or call him at 805-458-2491.

Happy Sailing!

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<p>HOW DO WE RSVP? We use <i>Google Forms</i> to sign up in advance for CIWSA meetings, daysails, events, food options, and field trips. If you're not getting our emails, please send your email address to me (sunglade@prodigy.net) and set your email preferences to accept emails from me and CIWSA (ciwsa.membership@gmail.com).</p>	<p>WHERE DO WE GET-TOGETHER ASHORE? Channel Islands Yacht Club (CIYC, 4100 Harbor Blvd, Oxnard) graciously allows us to hold many of our activities on the premises. When at CIYC, we usually congregate on the downstairs covered patio, but we may move upstairs if the weather is inclement or the fireplace room or dining room will be empty.</p>
<p>WHERE'S OUR CALENDAR? https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=Y2I3c2EubWVtYmVyc2hpcEBnbWFpbC5jb20</p>	<p>WHERE DO WE ZOOM? Whenever Zoom is planned: 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</p>

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

- **To Join:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJ2HzTRxHdHYJVDPJcuIXPI6cPG4PCBiR4zvYHoUGSVRqPtA/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
- **To Pay your Dues:** Mail a Check to CIWSA, 3600 Harbor Blvd PMB 268, Oxnard, CA 93035, or pay with Zelle (sunlade@prodigy.net). Regular member dues are \$100/year. Associate/Cruising member dues are \$50/year (25 or younger or live outside Ventura, Santa Barbara, or LA counties more than 6mos of the year). Dues at either level are reduced by 75% in July and August, 50% after September 1, and, if paid in December, dues are valid for December (holiday party) and discounted 5% toward the next year.