



*Channel Islands
Women's Sailing Association*

October 2022

Ahoy CIWSA Members and Friends!

Welcome to new members who joined in September - Magida (Maggie) Stevens, Melanie Kemmann, and Laura Elmore! We are now at 54 members - the most since 2012!

Here's a summary of our plans for the rest of the year. We welcome your ideas for additional sailing-, nature-, and ocean-related speakers, places, opportunities, and online resources that might be of interest for a CIWSA meeting, event, adventure, field trip, or party!

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 very end of this newsletter.)

Upcoming Activities On the Water

- **CIWSA DAYSAILS** - Our Keelboat Daysails are usually held the 2nd Thursday and 4th Sunday each month, weather-permitting. Sailors of all genders, skill levels, and ages 9 and above are welcome to attend. We appreciate our members and friends who volunteer their boats and their time to host CIWSA daysails, and we 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, October 13, November 10, and December 8, approximately 12:00pm - 5:00pm, at the discretion of the daysail skippers and their crews. Sign up for the daysail on Thursday, October 13 here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekhQDLvZ9RjSIYTiCyktXKjpGqTX3VVfZbei5mt27eNGkDjA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>
 - **4th Sunday Keelboat Daysails:** Sundays, October 23 and November 27, approximately 12:00pm - 4:00pm, at the discretion of the daysail skippers and their crews. Sign up for the daysail on Sunday, October 23 here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdAt1KOP3Vz0IQy1s00Cy3ssJqfslLMtd02BuwgtddBMWTamg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>
 - **5th Sunday Small Boat Daysails:** The Small Boat Daysail last Spring was success, so Lauren Copus, CIWSA Director, and Michele Ackerman, CIWSA Director/Treasurer, have teamed up again to host several small boat daysails for

local youth and members of Fairwind Yacht Club-Channel Islands (FYC-CI) and CIWSA. Weather-permitting, we are planning to offer Small Boat Daysails on October 30, 2022, and in months in 2023 with a 5th Sunday, ie, January 29, April 30, July 30, and October 29. When feasible, FYC-CI Catalina 14s may be sailed in the "pond" behind the Vons shopping center at Wooley and Victoria or Catalina/Capri 22s or other small keelboats may be sailed in the harbor and on the ocean. Small boats are great for learning to sail. They are quick to react, simple to manage, and easy to rig and unrig. Here's the link to sign up for the 5th Sunday Small Boat daysail, October 30, 2022:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf86ESVdFscwDxTXVODlhBztivuOnNVXUUIldDGHdILZR6OEcA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

- **SAVE THE DATE - CIWSA Holiday Party, Sunday, December 18** - Back by popular demand! Our holiday get-together venue will be the Island Packers' Ventura Harbor Holiday Lights Cruise! As we've done in past years, we'll meet at the Boatyard Pub prior to the cruise (4:30-6:00pm), then congregate at the Island Packers docks (6:00-6:15pm), cruise through Ventura Harbor and Ventura Keys (6:30-7:30pm), and meet again at the Boatyard Pub after the cruise. Watch your email for an invitation and more details.
- **OTHER SAILING ADVENTURES**
 - **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.
 - **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/program and usually offer a takeout dinner option for purchase from a local restaurant.
 - **Thursday, October 13 - 6:30-8:30PM**, CIYC Patio (link to sign up: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeagOhlgkkX6GxLOsV16MMT5- evcddownQeyu8GhXQpXns--g/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>) - **Recent Updates in the Channel islands National Park**, Speaker Ethan McKinley, Superintendent, Channel Islands National Park Service - Channel Islands National Park encompasses 5 remarkable islands and their ocean environment, preserving and protecting a wealth of natural and cultural resources. Isolation over thousands of years has created unique animals, plants, and archeological resources found nowhere else on Earth, and helped preserve a place where visitors can experience coastal southern California as it once was.

Ethan McKinley grew up in Littleton, Colorado and has a bachelor's degree in international business and French from the University of Denver. He is an Eagle Scout and takes any opportunity to play in the great outdoors (hiking, camping,

mountain and road biking, climbing, and mountaineering), frequently exploring national parks in his free time. He is a self-professed history buff and enjoys photography.

"Ethan is one of the few National Park Service superintendents who has experience building a new national park from the ground up," said Stan Austin, regional director for the National Park Service's Pacific West Region, when Ethan transferred here a few years ago. "With this unique perspective and his passion for building strong relationships with community stakeholders, I am confident he is the right fit for Channel Islands."

- **Thursday, November 10 - 6:30-8:30PM, CIYC Patio - Program/Speaker TBD**

○ **OTHER LAND-BASED EVENTS**

- **Sailing-Related Webinars, Videos, and Movies** - We will resume streaming a variety of video programs on the big screen at CIYC. We don't send invitations or reminders for video streaming, and no RSVP is necessary. Check the public CIWSA Google calendar to see what's playing:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=Y2l3c2EubWVtYmVyc2hpcEBnbWFpbC5jb20>

We can change the calendar and add more webinars and movies. If the Google streaming schedule doesn't work for you, let me know when and what you'd like to watch, and we'll try to work something out. Unfortunately, these programs don't Zoom well and live attendance is required (at CIYC or WiFi elsewhere with my computer). Currently available for 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!
- **ASA/PredictWind: Departure Planning and Weather Routing** - Whether you are a daysailer or passagemaker, weather routing and departure planning remains an important factor. Learn how to use PredictWind for planning your passage and for weather routing while underway. This 1.5hr online session with Nick Olson covers setup and step by step instructions for using the PredictWind Offshore App. Nick has been sailing for 40 years, from dinghies, to Olympic classes and double-handed offshore racing. He has worked at PredictWind for 8 years in software development and customer education for the PredictWind Offshore App.
- **ASA/North U: Sail Trim Bundle** - This on-demand, online bundle consists of 3 subjects presented by Bill Gladstone - Upwind Sail Trim (approx 3.5hrs), Symmetrical Spinnaker Trim (approx 1.5hrs), and Asymmetrical Sail Trim (approx 2hrs). Each subject has multiple segments of variable duration (15min-1hr), which we can parse into 1-2hr intervals.
- **ASA: Introduction to Marine Diesels** - Presented in two 2-hour sessions this on-demand online course provides an overview of the mechanism of marine diesel operation as well as practical aspects in their use.

- **ASA/Cruising World: Docking Made Easy** - This 25min guide with Peter Isler gives practical pointers for docking under sail and power, upwind and downwind.

Community Boating Information

- **Channel Islands Maritime Museum** - Thursday - Monday, 12:00PM - 4:00PM, 3900 Bluefin Circle, Oxnard (<https://cimmvc.org>) - Admission free with CIWM [Membership](#) and for those under 18; otherwise, \$10 Adults and \$5 Seniors, Active Military, and College Students.
- **Channel Islands Boating Center** - CIBC (<https://www.ciboating.org>) is staffed by students and faculty from CSU Channel Islands. When adult courses are offered, they teach small boat sailing, kayaking, and standup paddleboarding (SUP).
- **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, Trailing, Anchoring, Seamanship Information, Safe Boating Practices and Much More. If you need your California Boaters Card, this class will qualify you. Contact Bob Stine at bobstine@verizon.net or 805-458-2491. This course is already underway!
- **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. *Prerequisite: The ABC Boating Class (above) or a California Boater ID.* If interested in the class, contact Bob Stine at bobstine@verizon.net or at 805-458-2491. This course is already underway!

Happy Sailing!

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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: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJ2HzTRxHdHYJVDPJcuIXPI6cPG4PCBiR4zvYHoUGSVRqPtA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>
- To Renew and Update your Personal Information, complete this form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScEIXadaP3dDPEgBtbC2F036xIw44GQsGLPG-BT002U_P0sg/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 cash to a Board Member, or pay with Zelle (sunlade@prodigy.net). Regular member dues are \$100/year. Associate/Cruising member dues are \$50/year. Dues at either level are reduced by 75% in July and August, 50% after September 1, and, if paid before January, dues are discounted by 5% and valid for the remainder of 2022 and all of 2023!

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

- ***Where is the CIWSA Calendar?***
<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=Y2l3c2EubWVtYmVyc2hpcEBnbWFpbC5jb20>
- ***How do I RSVP?*** We use **Google Forms** to sign up for CIWSA meetings, daysails, events, food options, and field trips. If you're not getting our emails, please send your email address to sunlade@prodigy.net and set your email preferences to accept emails from me 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. We usually congregate on the downstairs covered patio, but we may move inside and upstairs if the weather is inclement or the fireplace room or dining room will be empty.
- ***What is our ZOOM link?*** Whenever a **CIWSA Zoom** is planned, go to this 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**