



Channel Islands Women's Sailing Association
Update for Winter 2022

Ahoy and Happy New Year, CIWSA Members!

Welcome to new members Lisa Hopper, Gina Marcaccio, Tina Todd, and Marisela Hancock, who joined CIWSA in December! And special thanks to those of you who have renewed and paid your 2022 dues early! This really helped us cover our significant expenses due at the end of the year. In January, half of our insurance bill (our largest annual financial obligation) is also due. If you haven't already renewed your membership, please consider doing so this month, if possible.

I am happy to announce that we finally have a candidate for 2022 Rear Commodore - Tracie West! In the next few days I will be sending out an anonymous ballot (in a Google Forms document) for ratification of the 2022 Officers and Board of Directors by our voting members! Based on interim responses to the member survey last Fall, we may consider bylaws revisions to streamline the Board and Officer transitions from year to year. However, less than half our members have responded to the anonymous survey, so I will resend it to all and encourage anyone who hasn't responded to the survey to do so now! This is your organization and we value your opinions, so please give us your input at your earliest convenience!

Although COVID has sent us back to mask-wearing indoors again, we'll start our monthly, 2nd Thursday evening meetings *outdoors* in February with a hybrid of live and Zoom attendance. (Our January meeting will be Zoom only.) In the hybrid format the host and others 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.

Daysails are still planned for the 2nd Thursday and 4th Sunday each month, and additional daysails are encouraged whenever individual skippers plan to go out and have room for their CIWSA sailing sisters. Let me know the details and I'll spread the word.

Check your emails for further info and the Google Forms invitations to meetings and daysails. Non-members are welcome to attend a daysail and 2 shoreside events to get to know us before joining.

UPCOMING CIWSA ACTIVITIES

- **MONTHLY MEETINGS** – Copy & paste this link to attend CIWSA meetings via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3996134278?pwd=YlVJcENmNDc4S1hYOVFVWm11MkZKQT09> You can also access the meeting through www.zoom.us.com, select Join a Meeting, and when requested, enter Meeting ID: 399 613 4278 and Passcode: 9Lfakk
 - **Thursday, January 13 - 6:30PM to 8:00PM, Zoom Only (I'm out-of-country) - Program: Rhett Mauck, Sr Director of Philanthropy, National Disaster Search Dog Foundation** - SDF is a Santa Paula nonprofit organization founded in 1996 and is the only group in the US that recruits rescued dogs, gives them ongoing professional training, and partners them with firefighters and first responders at no cost to their communities. They have trained 222 teams that have responded to more than 200 disasters and missing person searches. Currently, 75 SDF-trained teams are located in 9 states and Baja California.
 - **Thursday, February 10 - 6:30PM to 8:30PM, CIYC patio - Hybrid (Live + Zoom) - Guest Speaker, TBD**
 - **Thursday, March 10 - 6:30PM to 8:30PM, CIYC patio - Hybrid (Live + Zoom) - Guest Speaker, TBD**
- **DAYSAILS** - Sailors of all skills levels are welcome to attend our Keelboat Daysails, usually held the 2nd Thursday and 4th Sunday each month, weather-permitting. 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.
 - **2nd Thursday Keelboat Daysails:** Thursdays, January 13, February 10, March 10, approximately 12:00pm - 4:00pm to align with CIWSA Meetings beginning at 6:30pm
 - **4th Sunday Keelboat Daysails:** Sundays, January 30, February 27, March 27, 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 developing a small boat sailing program with Fairwind Yacht Club (FYC) for CIWSA members.
 - If you know how to sail and want to become an Authorized Laser Skipper, attend the Laser practice days (to be announced) or contact me to arrange for a coach for practice in our rig and de-rig procedures, time on the water, and verification of your solo sailing abilities. Authorized Laser skippers may check out a Laser at their convenience.
 - If you know how to sail and run an outboard, the J24 checkout process for Authoring skippers is nearly final. Currently, only 1 boat is ready to sail. The other 2 need a little TLC. J24 workdays will be scheduled over the next few months, and we hope to begin authorizing

additional J24 Skippers soon. Candidates must be CIWSA or CIYC members who can demonstrate proficiency in all requirements listed for ASA 101 & ASA 103 certification as well as familiarity with our procedures for boat launching, outboard & fueling, rigging, unrigging, and returning our J24s. Racing skippers must also be proficient in all aspects of spinnaker sailing on a J24. If you are interested in helping, sailing, and/or skippering one of the J24s, please contact me. Donations for maintenance and repair are also welcome!

- Lauren Copus is a lifelong sailor, CIWSA Board member and past CIWSA Rear Commodore. She recently joined FYC and hopes to add small boat daysails (inside the harbor) with multiple CIWSA/FYC skippers to the CIWSA calendar. More details will be provided when available.

- **OTHER CIWSA EVENTS** - We have a few things in the works, which we'll announce as plans are finalized. For now, I've included a Harbor Cleanup on "Earth Day" this year. Please let us know if you have any additional ideas!
 - **"Earth Day" Harbor Cleanup** - Saturday, April 23, approximately 10:00am - 1:00pm, followed by a group lunch (optional); details to follow.

○ **NON CIWSA SAILING-RELATED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

- **Sailing Convention for Women** (<https://www.sailingconventionforwomen.com>) will be co-hosted by Gail Hine and Lisa Cullinane (WSA-OC), Saturday, February 5, 2022, at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club (BCYC), Newport Beach. Contact me regarding CIWSA carpool & lodging options. Fabulous coaches will lead a wide range of sailing-related workshops, on and off the water. During the happy hour before dinner, CIWSA members usually congregate for a group photo on the stairs from BCYC to the docks.
- **Marine Weather University: Fundamentals Course - 8 Sundays, 5:00 - 6:00PM, 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.

I purchased this Marine Weather University series for my personal edification, which I will share with interested CIWSA and CIYC members on the big screen at CIYC. There is no charge for attendees, although donations will be gladly accepted for CIWSA's Youth Sailing Scholarship Fund and/or the CIYC/CIWSA J24 & Laser Expense Fund.

Planned dates and topics:

Jan 30	Clouds & Marine Weather
Feb 27	Clouds & Winds Around Them
Mar 20	Assessing the Wind
Mar 27	Mid-Latitude Weather
May 15	Satellite & Radar Interpretation
Jun 5	Local & Regional Winds
Jun 26	Weather Models
Jul 24	Internet & Marine Weather

- **Channel Islands Maritime Museum (CIMM, 3900 Bluefin Circle, Oxnard)**
Museum hours: **Monday 10:00am - 4:00pm, Thursday - Sunday 12:00 - 4:00pm**. Free to CIMM members, \$7 for Adults, \$5 for Seniors, and \$3 for Youth (6-17 years old). For more information check out the CIMM website: <https://cimmvc.org>

Happy Sailing!

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