

SEARCHLIGHT



The Monthly Newsletter of Southern California Yachting Association

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UPCOMING MEETING

**Saturday, June 11th
General Membership and
Board Meeting**

Live and on Zoom

Board Meeting 10:30 am
General Membership Meeting and Luncheon at noon
Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club

Click [HERE](#) for Registration
Guest Speaker: Captain Holly Scott

**2022 Tentative Meeting Dates
(Some Venues TBD)**

February 6, 2022 - Board meeting only via Zoom

March 5, 2022 - Installation Dinner and Meeting
(by invitation)

April 9, 2022 - General Meeting, South Shore Yacht Club

May, 2022 - no meeting

June 11, 2022 - General Meeting SMWYC

July 9, 2022 - Board meeting only SLBYC

August 2022 - no meeting

September 2022 - Commodores' Cruise

October 8, 2022 - General Meeting - Oldtimers Luncheon LBYC

November 12, 2022 - General Meeting - Elections ALYC

December 10, 2022 - Transitional Board meeting

From the Helm



Anne Eubanks

Commodore
SCYA

Congratulations to Long Beach Yacht Club for hosting another successful Congressional Cup and to five-time winner Ian Williams. Very impressive!

Newport Ocean Sailing Association also had tremendous weather for the Newport to Ensenada, Newport to San Diego, and Newport to Dana Point races. It appears the racers enjoyed the venues and had a great time competing. Congrats to NOSA for a great event.

SCYA wants to highlight and promote our racing fleets so please email your contact information and highlights of your races to our Fleet Captain, **Lee Coller**, khyc@lscuba.com. Let's flood the next few issues of the *Searchlight* with recaps of your races. We want to showcase our impressive fleets and premiere west coast racing.

Our next General Membership Meeting is June 11th at Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club at noon. Please plan on attending because we will be voting on important amendments to SCYA's Bylaws and want you to participate in the process.

As Opening Days are winding down this month it might be wise to take a few moments and remind your members of annual items they should consider. This is not an exhaustive list, but it does include helpful reminders many of us forget about.

CA Boater License: January 1, 2022 – Persons 45 years of age

or younger must have the license. The BoatUS Foundation's Online Course is the only FREE Online Boating Safety Course approved by the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways; boat.us.org/California/

Fuel Reminder: Recreational vessels are never compatible with E15 (15% ethanol). It is not permitted by federal law to use E15 fuel in boats (as well as motorcycles, off-road vehicles and power equipment), voids the engine warranty, and it has been proven to cause damage to marine engines. It also causes engines to run hotter and contains less energy than E10. Recreational vessel engines may only use gasoline containing no more than 10% ethanol (E10).

USCG Certificate of Documentation: The National Vessel Documentation Center launched an expanded online ordering system in April 2022. The new eStorefront, accessible through NVDC's website [ORDER PRODUCTS ONLINE](#), provides customers with an efficient means to electronically apply for products directly with the USCG NVDC. Customers can securely apply for a multi-year (one, up to five year) Certificate of Documentation (COD) for recreational vessels, one-year CODs for vessels with commercial and/or registry endorsements or request an Abstract of Title (A/T) and/or Certified Copy of COD (CCOD).

Annual Sport Fishing Licenses: Though the 365-day license is definitely part of California's angling future thanks to AB 817, there are some further steps needed to bring the option online. CDFW's goal is to have that option and other electronic licensing improvements available in 2023.

Responsible Beverage Training Act: Beginning July 1, 2022, any alcohol server and their manager must have a valid RBS certification from an ABC accredited RBS training provider and pass an online ABC administered RBS exam within 60 calendar days from the first date of employment: <https://www.abc.ca.gov/education/rbs/>

RBOC: Plan a donation drive for this very important organization advocating on the behalf of CA recreational boaters.

Don't forget to submit articles of interest to our *Searchlight* editor at scyanewsletter@scya.org. Let us hear what is happening in your club!
Enjoy everything boating,

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PRESS RELEASE



LBYC Hosts 57th

Congressional Cup

Williams Triumphs And Evens The Score With His Fifth Congressional Cup Win At Long Beach Yacht Club

Williams finishes 3-1 over Canfield, matches him with most Crimson Blazers in history

LONG BEACH, CA 23 April 2022 - Ian Williams (GBR) and Team Gladstone's Long Beach have won the 57th Congressional Cup - and a fifth iconic Crimson Blazer - toppling defending champion Taylor Canfield (USA) and Team Stars+Stripes 3 to 1 in the final matches of this thrilling five-day regatta. Sailing with Williams were: Matt Cornwell, Andrew Estcourt, Jon Gunderson, Steve Mitchell and Richard Sydenham.

In the petit final it was Chris Poole (USA) and Riptide Racing who captured third place over Johnie Berntsson (SWE) Sailing Team, in this legendary match racing event at Long Beach Yacht Club.

"This is what Congressional Cup is all about! Champagne sailing and the most exciting match racing in the world, with Ian Williams and Taylor Canfield battling it out again for the Crimson Blazer in the finals!" exclaimed Congressional Cup Chair Lisa Meier. Winners of the Congressional Cup receive the Crimson Blazer - a symbol of yachting excellence akin to The

Masters' Green Jacket, in addition to honors and prize money.

"They have a long history and rivalry: Ian was first to win in 2011 and 2012, then Taylor took the Cup in 2014, 2015 and 2016. But Ian stole it back in 2017, and then they traded wins in 2018 and 2019 again! These two have been at it for two decades!"

But in 2021 Williams was unable to compete due to pandemic restrictions; Canfield swept in and captured his fifth title. "And this year Ian came back with fury to win the 2022 trophy!" Meier said. "So now the score is tied with five each: the greatest number of Congressional Cup wins for any skipper in history. What a thrill and honor for Long Beach Yacht Club to host the 57th running of this well-fought and iconic regatta."

Today's final stage took place beneath sunny skies with moderate breeze that built throughout the afternoon. 'Not so for Days One through Four, when a brisk westerly swept the Congressional Cup Stadium racecourse with winds consistently in the high teens and 20s. Conditions were testing for the crews; every tack and jibe that much more difficult in the heavy wind and chop.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the rest of the press release and see the final results and photos of the event.



N2E Recap

April's Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race saw records set and records fall. Racers on all three courses called 74th N2E the windiest race in decades with many reporting personal best times.

Although there was a huge win – the setting of a new elapsed time record of 7:02:17 for a monohull by *Rio100* – there was also a big loss.

For the first time in nearly two decades, Dana Point Yacht Club did not take home the South Bay Yacht Racing Club Trophy for the most entries from a yacht club. Instead, the Cortez Racing Association unseated the long-time winners with a total of 9 boats entered. Meanwhile, the Spirit of Ensenada and Jeff Deaver trophies went to San Diego Yacht Club for being the yacht club with the most winners and the most primary firsts & second perpetual winners with 7.

Team NOSA had a particularly good race. Staff Commodore Bill Gibbs set a personal best and swept the top three trophies -- for the fifth time with his Schionning GF 1400 Catamaran, *Wahoo*.

In the CRUZ classes, NOSA Director David Normandin sailed home with all four trophies. Flying an SDYC burgee, the sweep

was yet another for *Freedom*, a Beneteau 550C.

Meanwhile, the smallest boat in the fleet, the 16-foot modified Venture RS 4U from California Inclusive Sailing, braved the elements Friday to set a personal best on the sprint to Dana Point.

“It blew and we flew,” said skipper Christian Buhl. Facing adversity is familiar to those living with disabilities every day – conditions also met with bravery and determination.



The Committee Boat *Warrior II* and race committee braved the high winds and seas at the start of N2E 74. Here, they are dwarfed by the new record-holder *Rio100*. Photo Credit: Laurie Morrison.

For more information visit the [NOSA website](#).

NOSA UPDATES



2023 Dates Announced

With N2E 74 now astern, the official countdown to the 75th annual Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race is officially on; the iconic regatta is officially scheduled for **April 28, 2023**.

NOSA hopes that the Southern California sailing community, individuals and fleet captains, race chairmen, and women, will put this regatta on their calendars early and plan to sail, as is tradition, on the last full weekend in April and honor this historic race.

Safety at Sea



Upcoming Safety at Sea Courses:

5/28/22 - 5/29/22 Channel Islands - [PCYC REGISTRATION](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION [CLICK HERE](#)

US Sailing has recently made changes to requirements for renewal of US Sailing Sanctioned International Offshore Safety at Sea Certificates and US Sailing Sanctioned Hands-on Only upgrades to Offshore Certificates. The new requirement includes having completed the US Sailing Online Chapters 11-15 (e.g., Part 2) Offshore Training. The link to that program is: <https://www.firsttack.org/courses/SASPart2>

COMMITTEE REPORT - Kathy St. Amant Women's Boating Event Chair

2022 Women's Boating Event

**SCYA WOMEN'S BOATING 3 DAY EVENT UPDATE
September 16, 17 and 18, 2022**

PLEASE consider volunteering for one of the committees, email me or call me and we can figure out what interests you. I also need volunteers to help me with the logistics of event control with over 100 people.

Thank you all in advance, I hope to see you there!

Kathy St. Amant

2022 Rear Commodore, WBE Event Chair

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SCYA ADAPTIVE BOATING UPDATE



Community Update

Adaptive Boating in our Communities

Submitted by Peter Phillips, Adaptive Boating Chair

Orange County

Based on a great effort involving many organizations and people that started back in July of 2021, Newport Beach will be installing a lift for disabled boaters at Marina Point. A small informal event will be held with Mayor Muldoon on May 12, with the press to publicize the event. Advocates who helped to move this initiative forward include California Inclusive Sailing and SCYA's Adaptive Boating Committee.

California Inclusive Sailing's (CIS's) RS Venture 4U (Top photo below) participated in the Raced4Parkinsons on Earth Day. With 20-30 knots of wind and 6-8' seas, they "flew" down the 16 mile course in 2 hrs. 12 minutes, beating their 2021 record by one hour and won the Portsmouth Perpetual Trophy. At 3:00 pm, they had to gybe after surfing past the Dana Point buoy in a 30 knot gust. "Ready to Gybe?"

May 11, CIS will sail with veterans from the Long Beach

Veteran's Administration Spinal Cord Injury Department.

San Diego County The Coronado Yacht Club held the 8th in a series of Kyle McArthur Memorial Regattas April 29 – May 1, 2022. The regatta included three classes with seven Martin 16s in two classes, 3 Hansa 303s and 3 Harbor 20s. Practice was held Friday, 4/29 with racing all afternoon on Saturday and Sunday. A fundraiser was held Saturday night benefitting Challenged Sailors San Diego and the KMAC Foundation. All donations and sponsorships support adaptive sailing program for kids, adults, and veterans with disabilities. SCYA's Chair of Adaptive Boating, and President of Challenged Sailors San Diego, **Peter Phillips**, took home first place in the Martin 16 A Fleet.



California Inclusive Sailing and Lido Isle Yacht Club Junior Group organized a Day of Sailing on Harbor 20s and a BBQ for 14 Intrepid Sailors. (Photo Credit on Right: Laurie Morrison)

SCYA INCLUSIVE BOATING UPDATE



Following a Vision

SCYA Inclusive Boating Committee member, Baxter Smith shares his inspirational interview with Donald Lawson, Owner of Mighty Merloe.

1) Talk a little about yourself. How did you get into sailing and how did you set your goals?

Hello everyone! My name is Captain Donald Lawson and I am on a quest to help diversify the sport of sailing by using my world record campaign as both an example and proof that sailing is for everyone!

I started sailing at a young age, 9, and have followed my dream of sailing around the world. I spent about 20 years as a sailing instructor, delivery captain, and a professional racer.

I have been fortunate to work at some of the coolest places (i.e.

Naval Academy), do passages to different parts of the world (running joke is as of right now the, only place left to go is Antarctica!) and race with some of the best sailors in the world (here's looking at you Bruce Schwab, and the Frenchman Jean-Philippe Chomette).

My sailing career was based on the advice I got from a legendary sailor, Dame Ellen McArthur. She suggested the type of boat, the type of sailing and the place to sail to become who I am 20 years later!

2) You recently acquired Mighty Merloe in San Diego, an ORMA 60 trimaran with a distinguished racing record not only globally but here in Cali. What are your plans for it?

As most people know now, I was within a hair of getting her directly from Groupama in 2011 but the deal fell through and I had to wait until the legendary sailor Howard Enloe was done with setting and breaking every record on the West Coast he possibly could.

The boat's nickname "Magic Carpet" was given by the Groupama team because she leaves so little wake as she sails and is as smooth of a ride as you will ever experience.

When Frank Cammas built her, it was the height of ORMA 60 racing and if Groupama was going to continue their success they had to do a detailed R&D plan. What came out of their R&D work was the fastest 60-ft sailboat ever built!

To this day, she is unmatched for speed by any other 60-footer

globally.

My plans are to continue the legacy but with a twist -- instead of focusing on races, I am focused on records.

For the next 10 years I plan to challenge for 33 solo world records starting with the Transpac Solo Record this fall.

3) You plan to break several solo sailing records with Mighty Merloe, which you've renamed Defiant. What's involved in trying to do that as a solo sailor? What kind of training and preparation is involved?

The main focus is to modify the boat back to a shorthanded configuration vs. the full crew work that Enloe and his team were doing.

The focus, methods and mindset for attacking records is different than for racing against people. You can't sail both the same way and be successful.

The focus for records lends itself to a more passage-making mindset and survival vs. making the most of the situation you are put in by the race committee.

This spring and summer we have a jammed packed West Coast tour where we will visit most of the major cities on the West Coast. During this time, the boat will continually be modified and prepped for my solo world records.

4) What's your timeline for doing this?

We are on a 10-year plan and our scheduled records are already known internally (sorry readers!). But I can say the first one up is Steve Fossett's old record for the Transpac and we will go from there.

5) How is your campaign being received in the sailing community and what kind of support have you garnered so far?

Most of the sailing community has been shocked. We did a great job playing smoke and mirrors to keep others off our scent of acquiring my boat. If people had known what we were up to, the whole plan would have been in jeopardy.

Since then, a lot of amazement for obvious reason as most people didn't know the history of the ORMA 60s and that the granddaddy of them all had been here for longer than a decade!

Now that we are in the world record "league" under the World Speed Sailing Record Council (WSSRC), we are not only competing to set world records, but we are representing the USA on this level, as the last Americans to field world record breaking campaigns were Steve Fossett and Rich Wilson.

I always tell people, our work is a ladder with tiers: Top = World, fastest any person has ever gone; 2nd = Country, USA, getting us back in the fight and representing us proudly; 3rd = My culture, African American, no African American has ever done solo world records before -- especially on this level; and finally 4th = Personal, this is a dream of mine from my childhood and I have worked nonstop for almost 20 years to get

to this point and I want my records!

6) How can those who are interested help you achieve your goals?

The easiest and fastest way to help is to donate to our 501(c)(3) program, Dark Seas Project at this link here: <https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLCCX6SQYXT41/checkout/BOLW2BO3NRT7TTWGW4ITXEK>

From there, join our Facebook and Instagram pages: Captain Donald Lawson and Dark Seas Project to stay up to date on the latest news from our program.

As I mentioned before, we are always evolving so the only way to know the latest is to stay connected!

Thank you Donald. Good Luck!





FROM CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION



New Podcast Launched

Introducing "DOCKSIDE"

DOCKSIDE is a new education and outreach project the CCC is developing with the San Francisco Estuary Partnership and the Boating Safety Unit. It is partially funded by the Division of Boating and Waterways Clean Vessel Act Education Program and the Federal Clean Vessel Grant Act Program.

The Podcast goal will be to showcase several topics to promote clean and safe boating practices. The first episode "Meet your

Local Harbor Master", interviews three harbormasters (from Marina del Rey, Bay Area and Delta) and talks about what it takes to manage a successful marina in California. Click [HERE](#) to listen to Episode 1.

The second episode "Caring About Oil Spills: What You Need to Know" launched on April 27th and is available [HERE](#). This episode interviews Bob Chedsey, Oil Spill Prevention Specialist at the CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Office of Spill Prevention and Response. Discussions include the recent Orange County spill in Huntington Beach, and some important information about oil spills in our state plus tips on what to do if people witness an oil spill.

Please take some time to listen to both Episodes and share it with other Yacht Club members.

This podcast is also available in all the following streaming platforms Spotify, Apple podcast, iHeartRadio, Amazon music, and Pandora.



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*Episode 2:
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Listen to Bob Chedsey (Oil Spill Prevention Specialist California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Office of Spill Prevention and Response)



HARBOR ASSOCIATION NEWS

Hardworking ASPBYC Volunteers at Work



Every year race marks frequently need to be taken out in the late fall to avoid winter storms. These two marks were taken out in November after 8 months in the water. There was about 4" of baby clams on the chain which makes them really heavy!! After a lot of scraping with shovels, marks are redeployed in the spring.

Thanks you guys!

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