

September 2009

Women's Ocean Racing Sailing Association

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September General Meeting

WHAT IS HAPPENING TO DANA POINT HARBOR?

Bruce Heyman [bruceheyman@cox.net] - after leaving Motorola three years ago where he was Vice President of Product Development, Marketing and Sales he has focused most of his time dedicated to working issues confronting boaters in Dana Point Harbor and Southern California.

In October 2006 he helped form the Dana Point Boaters Association in which he actively participated in until September 2008. To insure that focus remained on boater advocacy he created Boaters for Dana Point Harbor (www.boaters4dph.com)

and is currently working with most of the former board members from the DPBA at the National, State, County and City level.

Bruce will explain where we are and what can be done to preserve recreational boating in Dana Point Harbor and California.

Bruce will be followed by a short presentation on the recent Pilgrim sail to Catalina and other upcoming events at the Ocean Institute. The meeting will be held at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club in the Lounge, 7 pm, Wednesday, September 9th.



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www.worsa.org

Upcoming Events

Monthly meetings are the **second Wednesday** of the month at **7 pm**, alternating between Newport and Dana Point Harbors.

September 9—Wednesday WORSА

GENERAL MEETING—Update on DP Harbor and the Ocean Institute at BCYC, 9/9, 7 p.m. in the Lounge.

October 7—Wednesday WORSА GENERAL

MEETING—Captain Holly Scott - topic to be announced.

October 17, Saturday, Sail for the Visually Impaired.

If you would like to help, email Annette Cook, CaptainCookRN@cs.com

Call for Nominations

Nominations are open until October 1 for the 2010 Board and Directors. We need your help! Please nominate yourself for a position by mentioning it to any Board member or emailing worsamail@gmail.com. Available positions are Commodore, Vice Commodore, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Chair, and (two) Directors. If you can't commit to a position on the board, volunteer for one of the committees. Get involved!

WORSА Salutes Breanna Hite

Breanna Hite, WORSА's youngest member, began sailing at age 8 with Susie Campbell and crew on a nine day tour of the Channel Islands. After that, she took Aventura's advanced sailing class taught by Mark Howe, with her mom, TC, and Susie Camp-



bell. This led to a love of sailing. As soon as she was of age she joined Sea Scouts in Dana Point. Through this program she improved her sailing skill and advanced in rank to **Quartermaster**. Last spring, she was **Bosun** of the whole Mariner ship and led a team at the Ancient Mariner Regatta that won "Clipper," the highest award.

Throughout the years Breanna continued to sail with an all women's crew on Campbell's Sloop. She participated in the Newport to Ensenada race for the last three years. In addition she was honored as **Scout of the Year** in Laguna Beach and Orange County, and awarded first alternate for Scout of the Year for the state of California.



Currently, Breanna is a 4/c Cadet at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT. She has twice had the opportunity to sail on the Eagle, the Coast Guard's 295 foot barque and training vessel. At the Academy she participates in the intercollegiate sailing program.

From her journal aboard the Eagle:

Today is my 18th birthday and I must say, it's been pretty awesome spending it aboard Eagle. Last night my division had the 2000 to 0000 helm and lookout watch. It was raining the whole time and the dark sky was lit up by occasional flashes of lightning. The whole four-hour watch was spent dousing and furling sail. By the time we were relieved from standing watch, we were more than ready to go to bed! This morning, reveille sounded at 0630, and I came on deck only to find it was still raining. At the time, we were approaching Niantic, Connecticut, and our anchorage site. My division had helm and lookout watch again at 0800. It was pretty windy standing lookout on the bow. After a short time, we were relieved so we could participate in the ship's field day, cleaning every nook and cranny we could find in preparation for returning to port.

I think I speak for all my classmates when I say that I'm a little nervous about returning to Chase Hall. Until that return, though, we have a lot to look forward to. The ship ordered pizza for everyone, using the small boat to go ashore to pick it up, and there have been rumors of a karaoke night! At any rate, it's been an awesome week and I'm sad it went by so quickly. It was definitely a huge bonding experience for all of us swabs. We've also learned a lot about what it's like to be on a cutter. I am really looking forward to next summer when we will be able to spend six weeks onboard Eagle as 3rd class cadets.

Swab Hite



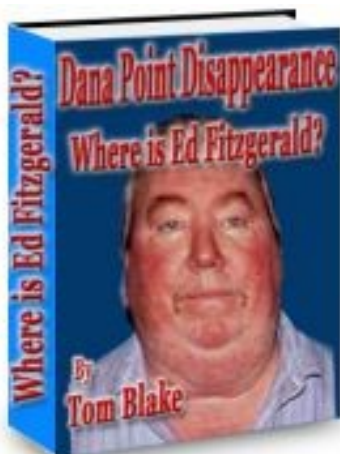
Dana Island Yacht Broker Ed Fitzgerald Still Missing

Owner of Dana Island Yachts, broker Ed Fitzgerald disappeared in mid-July and lots of people's money (reportedly over 2 million dollars) is missing.

Tom Blake, owner of Tutor and Spunky's deli in Dana Point is writing a book about the case. He and Ed opened their businesses around the same time 20 years ago and Ed was a trusted friend.

Tom also writes about *Finding Love After 50* for the **Orange County Register** and the **Dana Point News**.

You can read Tom's ebook entries on Ed's disappearance at Smashwords.com. Go to: <https://www.smashwords.com/books/view/3193#download> and click on the desired format.



Maritime Terminology

Slush Fund -

A slushy slurry of fat was obtained by boiling or scraping the empty salted meat barrels.

This stuff called slush was often sold ashore

by the ship's cook for the benefit of himself or the crew. The money from the sale became known as a slush fund.



Bokoo -

Often an old salt will boast that he has had bokoo this or has done something bokoo times during his seafaring years. The picturesque sound of the word "bokoo" may cause one to wonder how it came to mean "many" or "a lot."

Actually, bokoo is a legitimate French word, "beaucoup," meaning "very many." Americanization changed the spelling and pronunciation but the meaning remains unchanged. Like many foreign terms that have crept into our nautical lingo, "bokoo" is the inevitable product of generations of American seamen meeting peoples of other nations and adopting bokoo phrases from their languages for everyday ship-board use.

WORSA's Race to benefit the disabled sailors' group, Challenged America, was held on August 22. Challenged America sent eight representatives from that organization: the Director, Carolyn Sherman, four disabled sailors, 2 drivers, and one canine assistant. Each guest went out on a boat as crew (except for the Dog and her driver). Participants in the race were Rich Bennett on **Cloud Chaser** Tracy LaBolita on **Darkstar**, Jim and Cynthia Tredyte on **Sugar Lips**, Vickie Sweet on **Le Laveer**, and **Reggae**. **Cloud Chaser** took first place by 9 minutes, **Reggae** took second place by 19 seconds over Sugar Lips who finished 3rd. It was an absolute delight to hear how the sailing went and how adept the two visually impaired sailors were during the race.

The quilt opportunity drawing was completed, won by Peter Cabral, and WORSA donated \$1000 to Challenged America. Thanks go to Maggie Bell who made the quilt for us. The quilt alone brought in about \$600. Thanks to the entrants who donated their \$40 entry fees and to all the helpers to put on this event. **Aventura Sailing Association** donated the facility, use of their scoring program, and food for the group following the race. A special thanks goes to Aventura for their continued support.

If you have family or friends who are disabled, contact Challenged America for an opportunity to learn to sail on boats outfitted for various disabilities.

www.Challenged America.org

Welcome New Member

Louis Kuntz, a

retired professional from Fullerton, comes to WORSA with over 10 years' experience and a love of cruising. He owns a Catalina 30, *Nazdrowie*.

Welcome aboard, Louis!



Join Captain Holly Scott on the Baja Ha Ha

There are two spots left aboard Holly Scott's Cal 40 Mahalo for the Baja Bash from Cabo San Lucas to Long Beach. As the return from the Baja Ha Ha, this trip will be full of opportunities to tune up your cruising skills, learn some new ones, take part in running a vessel at sea. It might even change your life!

The all woman crew will leave Cabo November 8th and head north 850 miles to Long Beach returning in time for Thanksgiving. This will be a leisurely trip with a few overnight legs, lots of stops at interesting places and towns, many chances to explore secluded spots, and terrific marine life. This route up the coast of Baja done at this time of year, can be the best.

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*To encourage women in the participation
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To provide educational opportunities

*To support community service sailing
programs*

To enhance networking opportunities.

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