

# BLUEWATER SAILING

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## SPRING, 2001 NEWSLETTER

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

We've had great sailing weather since the holidays with Bareboat Charters and Basic Keelboat Classes going out left and right ( or perhaps that should be port & starboard ).

Over the past month or so there has been a few whale sightings or whales but the largest groups have been seals and dolphins. Some of the best news is that we have now returned to a population of 4 seals inside Marina del Rey, up two from last Fall and a whale was spotted just one mile off of the breakwater!

We have a full calendar of interesting activities coming up. Hopefully you will find something interesting that encourages you to get out and relax on the water.

### SAILING CLASSES SCHEDULED 2001

The following is a listing of our Standard Class Schedule for the next few months.

Please remember that more classes may be added based on higher demand.

As always, private lesson classes are also available. Please stop by, call us at 310-823-5545 or e-mail us at [Bluewater@earthlink.net](mailto:Bluewater@earthlink.net) for class times, prices and other details.

Please note that the "intensive" classes are indeed intensive. Please come prepared for a fast paced program.

#### BASIC KEELBOAT:

February 17,18,19 "Intensive"  
March 3, 4, 10, 11  
May 5, 6, 12, 13  
June 2, 3, 9, 10

Please call for any additional course opportunities.

April 7, 8, 14, 15  
May 26, 27, 28 "Intensive"

#### BASIC CRUISING:

February 17,18,19 "Intensive"  
April 21, 22, 28, 20  
June 16, 17 23, 24

March 17,18, 24, 25  
May 26, 27, 28 "Intensive"

#### BAREBOAT:

February 16, 17,18 “Intensive”  
March 20 (evening planning), 30,31 and 1 April ( Catalina )  
May 9 (evening planning), 18, 19, 20 ( Catalina )  
June 6 (evening planning), 15, 16, 17 ( Catalina )

#### ADVANCED COASTAL CRUISING

March 7 (evening planning); 16, 17, 18, (19 optional) ( Channel Islands )  
October 17 (evening planning), 27, 28, 29, (30 optional) ( Channel Islands )

#### COASTAL NAVIGATION:

February 21, 23, 28 and March 2      April 18, 20, 25, 27  
Course materials are available at Bluewater. ( chart, plotter, divider, textbook, etc. )

#### CELESTIAL NAVIGATION I: ( Sun, Moon, Local Apparent Noon )

March 14, 17 (mid-day sextant shot of sun ), 21, 22, 28, 29  
( all evenings except 17 March )

#### CELESTIAL NAVIGATION II: ( Stars, Planets, Polaris )

October 11, 12, 18, 25, November 1,2

#### INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATION CLINIC :

March 23, 24, 25, 26, 27  
November 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14  
Bluewater is always looking for experienced, high quality instructors. Please contact us for details.

#### SOLING RACES RACES:

May 17 - August 16 (every Thursday)      Marina del Rey Summer Soling Series Begins!!!

SPECIAL CLASSES      Please mark your calendars for these newly developed classes!

WEATHER      April 6 ( evening )

What is going to happen? When? Will it be nice or naughty sailing? With a little bit of knowledge and experience, you can often do a much better job forecasting the atmosphere than your local paper. Please join us to learn how it all works.

CREW OVERBOARD      April 22 ( day )

Need to polish this critically important skill? This is the place to do it. Course is limited to a maximum of 8 students and will be taught by two instructors who participated in the National Crew Overboard Testing program in San Francisco. (out of only 20 people in the country)

ADVANCED SAIL TRIM      May 11 ( evening )

Let's tune your skills for speed. This will be a comprehensive review which focuses on how to achieve your maximum velocity for fun and profit!! ( mostly if you are betting on the outcome of races )

DIESEL ENGINE      June 8 ( evening )

Making friends with that big hunk of iron. We want to get you comfortable with the proper care and feeding of this important piece of equipment. This is a class to deal with normal operations, modest maintenance and minor repairs. We're not trying to make you diesel engine mechanics.

#### SPINNAKER SAILING

TBD

We've just completed two of these seminars. It was great fun to fly that big parachute and really pick up the speed. This course has been quite popular. Please let us know if you are interested in having us schedule another session.

#### ADVENTURE SAILING:

TIME IS APPROACHING TO SIGN UP!!

New Zealand's Bay of Islands

January, 2002 - February, 2002

We're off to visit one of the truly great sailing areas in the world with more than 150 islands to tempt us. Arrangements for this trip must be made in the near future since we want to ensure that we can get the boats and times that we want in this lovely location. Don't forget that it will be the middle of summer during those months and please remember that these trips are on a first come, first served basis. Call us immediately and put your name on the list if you might be interested in sailing south of the equator. (doesn't gravity work the other way in that hemisphere?) We hope to fly to Auckland and then sail for 10 days at a currently estimated price of \$ 200 per day per person.

#### NEW "CLUB" RATES

SAVE SOME \$\$\$\$\$\$\$

January saw us roll out another program designed to save people money on bareboat charters. In addition to our already low rates that don't require monthly dues or long term membership, we have developed 6 and 10 day block bareboat packages which provide opportunity for additional savings. These prices are especially designed for people who expect to sail at least this many days in the year and would like to benefit from discounts associated with longer term commitments. Please contact us for details which includes a payment plan.

#### CORPORATE DISCOUNT PROGRAM

BIG COMPANY MIGHT = BIG DISCOUNT!

Bluewater has worked with large corporations to provide sailing and charter services as employee benefits for people associated with those companies. These services can be greatly discounted based on the volume of business and, in one case, the corporation also provides employee subsidies in order to further reduce the costs of courses, rentals or charters. We now a comprehensive package which details this wonderful program. Please contact us if you think your company would like to participate and provide you with a little more fun in life!!

#### UPGRADED WEB SITE COMING SOON

[www.bluewatersailing.com](http://www.bluewatersailing.com)

Within the next month, we'll be loading up a newly improved version of our web site for all of you to surf. It will have even more information and links as well as a photo album of Bluewater activities.!

## FEATURED NEW BOATS:

President 52: We have now added a luxurious power yacht to our fleet, complete with many wonderful amenities. "Sea Scape" is beautiful and available for skippered charters or large powerboat instruction. She will soon be on of the very few vessels in Marina del Rey certified to carry 12 passengers.

Catalina 30: We have now added our first new boat in Redondo Beach! "Valkryie" is in bristol condition (nautical term for excellent), This now gives everyone a choice between two different locations.

## SEEKING NEW BOATS

## PUT YOUR BOAT TO WORK!

We continue to look for high quality 30 - 50' boats to add to our Charter Management fleet. Like most things in life, condition is more important than age. We have a detailed Charter Management Program package for those people who might be interested in earning income from their boat.

## SOLING RACES

Congratulations to ROSIE, WINNER OF OUR YEAR 2000 SOLING REGATTA. Amazingly enough, we raced in May, June, July, August, October and there were still eight people in the running to win during the final race in January. Rosie pulled out a win after some tough competition. She takes over the victor's position from Suzanne, our 1999 champion. Final standings were as follows:

First: Rosie ( in her first full year of racing ! )

Second: Tim

Third: Suzanne

Fourth: Tom.

Please mark your calendars for May 17, 2001 for the start of our Summer Soling Series. We have Marina del Rey Sheriff permit # 1, continuing our long standing soling regatta. We'll race on Thursday nights with a combination of hot competition and cool instruction as well as beer, soft drinks and munchies after each race. We'll have more fun than allowed by law. Please let us know if you want to participate!! Our only pre-requisite is that you have completed the Basic Keelboat course or have equivalent experience.

## SPINNAKERS

Yes, that was us tearing up the Marina with our newly configured Solings with spinnakers!! We've run spinnaker classes on two separate weekends so far and will be doing more later on in the Spring with the intention of running a set of "spinnaker" optional races during our Summer Soling Series. Watch out, we'll be sailing in your direction with that big piece of nylon!!! This is the place to learn this somewhat tricky device in a fun, supportive environment.

## BLUEWATER AND SUNSAIL

Did you know that Bluewater is an authorized broker of Sunsail charter vacations and that Sunsail is the largest yacht charter organization in the world? Bluewater is also one of the few members of Sunsails instructional sailing school network.

Our 2001 Sunsail brochures have just arrived with access to over 900 yachts in 35 locations. Please let us know if you would like to sail off in some exotic location ( other than Marina del Rey ).

## BLUEWATER INSTRUCTORS / CAPTAINS / STAFF:

We would also like to welcome Michael into our Bluewater family. He just recently joined our office staff after time with a number of entertainment and recreation companies. Michael will primarily be available to help everyone on Saturday and Sunday. We hope that you'll get a chance to say hello!

Hopefully you'll get a chance to sail with Clark, one of our newer ASA Certified Instructors. He's been out on the water for more time than anyone will ever admit. In addition to his sailing wanderlust, he climbed Mount Kilimanjaro last year. He said that there wasn't much water up there so he now wants to spend more time teaching on the water.

## ASA INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATION CLINICS ( IQC )

Our Spring IQC is coming up for all of you instructor "wannabees"!! This program fills quite rapidly with people from all over North America, so contact us soon if you would like to participate. As you know, Bluewater is one of the very few facilities authorized to certify instructors as well as students with on-site staff.

## BLUEWATER HIRING

We continue to look for outstanding sailors, preferably with a U.S. Coast Guard and/or ASA Instructor Certificates. Please let us know if you are interested or if you know of an experienced professional who is interested in pursuing this fun, and enjoyable task; either part or full time.

## UPGRADED OFFICE AND COMPUTER SYSTEMS

Please also note that we have added a new fax line: 310-823-5728. The previous line is still valid but our new number will provide faster service.

Come on in and see the results !!

**GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE!!!**

BEST REGARDS AND WE'LL SEE YOU SOON OUT ON THE WATER;

All of Your Friends at Bluewater Sailing!

Ben, Bob H, Chris, Clark, Darryl, Fred, Jay, Jim E., Jim H., Kathleen, Michael, Oscar, Peter D., and Peter B.

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We appreciate the newsletter feedback, and look forward to hearing any comments or suggestions you may have.

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