

ADVANCED COASTAL CRUISING: March 7 (planning), 16, 17, 18, 19 (optional)
October 17 (planning), 27, 28, 29, 30 (optional)

INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATION CLINIC: March 23, 24, 25, 26, 27
November 9,10,11,12,13, 14

SOLING RACES RACES: January 21 Santa Monica Bay
May 17 - August 16 (every Thur.) Marina del Rey Summer Soling Series Begins!

SPECIAL CLASSES Please mark your calendars for these new classes!
ADVANCED SAIL TRIM for Racing December 8 1800
SPINNAKER & Rudderless Sailing December 10 or 17 0900

BAREBOAT SPECIAL CLASSES AND ADVENTURE SAILING

We're off for fun and advanced classes in many exotic locations during the year! Please sign up early to avoid being left out. The following is a current list of destinations for 2001:

New Zealand's Bay of Islands December, 2001 - January, 2002

Please remember that these trips are on a first come, first served basis. The details of our New Zealand trip are still being worked out. Call us 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?)

Our apologies for those of you who missed our October Chesapeake Bay trip! We had a great time with tremendous sailing weather. The days were warm and sunny with absolutely wonderful wind. Perhaps even better was the fact that the migrating geese and ducks were honking almost everywhere and the trees had just started to change colors about the day before we arrived. We're hoping for equally good luck in New Zealand next year!

HOLIDAY SAILS (and sales!)

Just a reminder: there is a 20% discount on all bareboat charters for boats in excess of 30' between 4 December and 15 March. Come on in and enjoy the savings!!

WHALE WATCHING

We saw our first whale of the migration season on 19 November. That seems a little early to us but then again, the whales seem to have their own schedule. We keep sending them e-mails asking them to show up at a particular time and date but they don't always log on to check their messages. In any event you might try your luck at searching for whales, dolphins, seals or pelicans during a holiday bareboat or skippered charter for yourself, with friends or perhaps a fun workplace outing. Hopefully you'll get to see a spout!!

UPGRADED OFFICE AND COMPUTER SYSTEMS

In order to provide better service, Bluewater will be implementing a large number of improvements over the next month. These will include installation of a computer network and another work station with Local Area Network (LAN) capability. This should allow us to improve the processing of your requests to go sailing.

We'll also be painting the office, installing new carpeting, adding tile to our front entrance and new charts to the bulkheads (walls for you landlubberly types). As they say, please excuse any dust and confusion during the upgrade process.

Our new and improved web site continues to receive rave reviews. If you haven't taken a look, please jump on over to www.bluewatersailing.com and give it a try.

FEATURED NEW BOATS:

Catalina 42: Our newest "new" boat is a Catalina 42: "Beare Essential". She's comes fully loaded with furling headsail, dutchman mainsail flaking, CD player, radar, autohelm, etc.

Her interior is set up with two cabins, two heads and the larger galley configuration with plenty of room in the main salon. "Beare Essential" sails like a dream and you'll really enjoy everything about her! Please also stop by to visit our new baby!

Soling 27: We have also formalized the addition of "Chaos", a Soling 27 into our fleet. She will again be actively participating in a wide range of activities, especially our very successful fleet Soling Races in January as well as the Summer Soling series starting in May.

As more of you get to know Bluewater's reputation for providing the highest quality of boat charters and sail education, we are continually looking for more, high quality 30 - 45' boats to add to our Charter Management fleet. ==>>> If you are interested in earning income from your boat or know someone who is, please contact us. <<< ==

BOAT UPGRADES:

As part of our long-standing improvement program, you will soon see full spinnaker operations on our Solings as well as completely redone woodwork on Iris, our Catalina 22. We hope that you'll be able to enjoy the changes!

BLUEWATER STILL IN THE ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESS

Bluewater recently assisted in the filming of a new television pilot. We'll let you know when it takes to the airwaves.

BLUEWATER AND SUNSAIL

Bluewater continues to book international sailing vacations with Sunsail, the world's largest international yacht charter organization. Our two professional organizations work together to provide a wide range of services.

We have access to over 900 yachts in 35 locations within 17 countries with more options coming in 2001. Please contact us for details so we better help you to get out of town!!

SOLING RACES:

Please mark your calendars for May 17, 2001 for the start of our Summer Soling Series. We'll continue our Thursday night racing with a combination of hot competition and cool instruction as well as beer, soft drinks and munchies. We'll have more fun than allowed by law.

BLUEWATER INSTRUCTORS / CAPTAINS / STAFF:

We are pleased to welcome Jim Heffelfinger to our full time staff! Jim is a U.S. Coast Guard licensed captain who has been sailing for over 30 years (I don't think he'll tell us actually how many past 30 years).

Jim is an outstanding sailor and teacher who has already contributed major improvements to our team. Prior to Bluewater, Jim was the National Sail Education Coordinator for the American Sailing Association and we were quite fortunate to have Jim tack over in our direction. Please welcome him on board!

We would also like to welcome Rania into our Bluewater family. She has just recently joined our office staff and is still undergoing all of the training necessary to supervise our wide range of office activities. We hope that you'll get a chance to say hello!

Our congratulations also to Chris, one of our USCG Captains / ASA Certified Instructors. He and his wife recently welcomed a baby girl into their family! We're anxiously awaiting to see the first pictures but by all accounts, we're told (by the proud father) that is quite beautiful!!!

ASA INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATION CLINICS (IQC)

Bluewater just recently conducted one of the largest IQC's in the United States. As you know, Bluewater is one of the very few facilities in North America authorized to certify instructors as well as students. This allows us to bring in and evaluate instructor candidates from around the Country and Canada. It also allows us to learn from their experience and skill!!!

BLUEWATER HIRING

We are always searching for high quality people who want to have some fun "messing about with boats" as quoted from Wind in the Willows. We are always looking for outstanding U.S. Coast Guard licensed Captains with sailing endorsements as well as superb sailing instructors, preferably with 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, enjoyable but demanding occupation on both a part or full time basis. If you or anyone you know fits this category, please have them give us a call!!

FROM ALL OF US AT BLUEWATER, WE HOPE YOUR HOLIDAYS ARE FILLED WITH
HAPPINESS, FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS.

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

All of Your Friends at Bluewater Sailing!!

Ben, Bob H, Chris, Fred, Jay, Jim E., Jim H., Kathleen, Oscar, Peter D., Peter B., Rania and Woody

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