

B L U E W A T E R S A I L I N G

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Spring is in the air! The sailing days are getting longer and the weather warmer (and drier). Official opening day ceremonies recently occurred for the Marina del Rey Yacht Clubs. We hope that all of our friends have had a pleasant and safe new year, and are now ready to GO SAILING!

SAILING CLASSES SCHEDULED 2000

The following is our Standard Class Schedule for the next few months. Please remember that other classes may be added based on higher demand. In fact, our Basic Keelboat and Basic Cruising courses for March and April were sold out in January. As a result, we have continued to add more courses to our schedule. As always, private lesson classes also available. Class dates subject to change without notice. (Please call or e-mail for class times, prices and other details)

BASIC KEELBOAT: 3/25, 26, 4/1, 2 (Full); 4/8, 9, 15, 16; 5/6, 7, 13, 14;
5/27, 28, 29 (Intensive); 6/11,12, 18,19; 7/8, 9,15,16; 8/5, 6, 12, 13

BASIC CRUISING: 4/1, 2, 8, 9 (Full); 5/20, 21, 6/3, 4 ; 6/24,25, 7/1, 2;
7/22,23,29,30; 8/12, 13, 19, 20

BAREBOAT: Catalina Island April 5, 14, 15, 16 (Full); 6/14, 23, 24, 25; 7/5,
14, 15, 16 (provisional); 8/16, 25, 26, 27

COASTAL NAVIGATION: 6/6, 8, 13, 15; 8/15, 18, 29, 9/1

CELESTIAL NAVIGATION I 4/4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 18

ADVANCED COASTAL CRUISING: Fall, 2000

INSTRUCTOR CLINIC March 17-22; Spring, 2001

ENSENADA RACE: 4/16, 23, 28, 29, 30

BAREBOAT SPECIAL CLASSES AND ADVENTURE SAILING

We're off for fun and Bareboat 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 2000:

Channel Islands: March Completed

Chesapeake Bay, Maryland: October 16 - 20 Full

Australia Whitsunday Islands and Great Barrier Reef: December 29 - January 12

Please remember that these trips are on a first come, first served basis. The Chesapeake Bay "Let's Go Visit the Fall Colors" trip is already full and we are now taking reservations for our trip to Australia!!

FEATURED NEW BOATS:

We have just added two new boats into our continually growing fleet which now extends in size from 14' to 100'. "Golden Hind" is a beautiful Catalina 22 with carpeting, radio, anchor, head and galley area. Her sails are almost new and she handles wonderfully well, just like our existing Catalina 22, "Iris".

We also added a Soling 27, as yet unnamed, to our existing fleet of "Tethys" and "Speo". All three Olympic Class Solings will be available for the beginning of our summer racing season on 1 June. We are also working on arrangements for several additional boats ranging in size from 40 - 43'. We'll release more details when available. Please stop by to visit our new additions!

BOAT HOMECOMINGS and UPGRADES:

We are welcoming the return of "Happy", one of our two Catalina 36s. She has just returned from several months in the shipyard in order to have her bottom cleaned and painted (no rude jokes here please). In addition, she also had a radar and watermaker installed in addition to her existing stereo and CD system.

"Beare Essential", our other Catalina 36, has recently had a mapping GPS, new stereo system and 6 CD changer installed. She also received a new "Bluewater Blue" jibsail cover. We hope that everyone enjoys these improvements!

SOLING RACES:

Start planning ahead. Our Summer Soling Series is set to begin on Thursday 1 June. Continuing our long tradition, we will be racing every Thursday night in June, July and August starting at 6 p.m. each Thursday. Due to overwhelming demand, we have added additional races (and an additional Soling) for this season of exciting racing. We generally conduct 4 races from 6 - 8 p.m., rotating people from position to position such that everyone in the boat has the opportunity to perform all tasks. Then we collect our thoughts with beverages and sandwiches to discuss each race and learn about the special rules of racing. It's also a great way to learn about sail trim and improve your boat speed!! Please mark your calendar and call us for details!!

ENSENADA RACE:

We're racing to Ensenada on 27,28,29,30 April. This is the largest international boat race in the world. Space on board is limited, so contact us immediately if you are interested. Otherwise plan on heading south in 2001!

BLUEWATER CONDUCTS ASA INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATIONS:

If you have seen some strange people around Bluewater (possibly but not probably stranger than our current staff) it means that we have just conducted an American Sailing Association (ASA) Instructor Qualification Clinic (IQC). We recently had instructor candidates visit us from as far away as Alaska in order to have Bluewater evaluate and score their potential to become ASA instructors. You may not be aware that Bluewater is one of the few facilities in the country which is authorized to certify instructors as well as students. This allows us to bring in and evaluate instructor candidates from around the country. It also allow us to learn from their experience and skill!!!

BLUEWATER INSTRUCTORS / CAPTAINS / STAFF:

We would like to welcome Kathy Schwarz on board and into our Bluewater family. She comes from Hawaii, and has been with us for a few short, but hectic weeks. Kathy will be assisting in the office and we hope that you all get to speak with her in the near future.

Congratulations to Chris Adams and Peter Beale who both completed rigorous sections of the formal ASA Instructor Certification Program. We always knew that they were excellent sailors. Now they have the evidence in their written logbooks!

CREDIT CARDS

Thanks to all of you and your good credit records, Bluewater has now been approved to accept Discover and American Express in addition to Visa and Master Card for amounts over \$25.

GRATUITIES

Just a reminder: gratuities for classes or charters are always optional but always welcomed by our staff for exceptional service.

MANAGING DIRECTOR ON BOARD H.M. BARK ENDEAVOUR

Following a speech to the U.S. Guard Auxiliary regarding "Sailing in the 1700's" on May 4th, Captain Peter W. Damisch, our Managing Director, will once again sail on board H.M. Bark Endeavour, a three masted square rigger. As you may know, "Endeavour" is "the world's most accurate replica" of Captain Cook's vessel of exploration. Peter will assist on her homecoming voyage from New Zealand to Sydney, Australia across the Tasman Sea in the southern hemisphere winter. This voyage will mark the triumphant completion of a 4 year circumnavigation as well as being one part of the activities which lead up to the opening ceremony of the Olympic games.

BLUEWATER NEWSLETTER NOTES:

As you may recall we have eliminated envelope mailing, fancy graphics and e-mail attachments. This allows us to reliably communicate information to a greater number of people, more quickly and at a lower cost, thereby helping us hold the line on prices from 1999 into the beginning of 2000.

BEST REGARDS AND SEE YOU SOON OUT ON THE WATER;

All of Your Friends at Bluewater Sailing!!

Ben, Carl, Chris, Fred, Jay, Jim E., Jim H., Kathleen, Kathy, Pamela, Peter D., Peter B. and Stewart

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