



TIDES AND CURRENTS
March 2026 Newsletter



Whales, Winds, and Spring Sailing



COMMODORE'S CORNER

WHALES AND MORE WHALES!
March is living up to its reputation for incredible whale sightings as these magnificent creatures pass by Newport Beach on their annual migration north from Mexican birthing grounds. After missing sightings last year, I've been especially fortunate to experience six sightings over two sails this month—including several calves. Just a couple days ago, a large gray whale surfaced only 50 feet from **Oasis VI**. We quickly adjusted course for its safety, but it was truly a breathtaking moment.

At Oasis Sailing Club, we build sailing skills while creating unforgettable offshore experiences—from steady winds to encounters with dolphins, sea lions, mola mola, and seasonal whales. Every outing offers something special. And, as our recent St. Patrick's Day celebration proved, we also know how to have a great time on land!

With Opening Day on April 22 fast approaching, please RSVP and invite friends or prospective members to come see our fleet and learn about the many benefits of joining Oasis Sailing Club.

Let the wind fill your sails—every day!

—SKIPPER GREG

ALAMITOS BAY SAILS: MAY 4-8, 2026

Due to popular demand, we're expanding this favorite tradition to twice this summer—May and August!

OASIS VI will sail to Alamitos Bay on Monday, May 4, followed by 3 days of sailing (Tuesday–Thursday), and return to Newport on Friday, May 8. This is a unique opportunity to experience Long Beach sailing, strong winds, oil islands, container ships, the iconic “peppermint” cranes, and more. Reservations will open Wednesday, April 22nd, be sure to save the dates!

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RACING LITE SCHEDULE

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME

- Gennaker Practice: April 7th
- Match Race Practice: April 15th & 25th
- BYC 66 Series Race #1: April 18th
- OASIS V: Skipper Gerrit LeGrand / OASIS VI: Skipper Marc Branson

ST PATRICK'S CELEBRATION TO REMEMBER!

This year's celebration was a true rath ion tach—a great success! Hosted at The Village Inn, the cozy setting, festive décor, and delicious food made for a perfect afternoon. Members brought their Irish spirit with fantastic outfits, and the event was filled with laughter, friendly teasing, and great camaraderie. Highlights included a lively raffle (featuring Baileys Irish Cream, deck throw blanket, OSC logo'd hats and cash prizes) and entertaining trivia led by Friends of OASIS President Mike Zimmerman.

Congratulations to our winners: **Bonnie Wild, Estela Tejidor, Diana Lugo, Tami Stancil**, and more! A heartfelt thank you to **Mary Schultz** and **Nancy LeGrand** for organizing such a memorable event. We look forward to doing it again next year!



SAILING JOKE OF THE MONTH

Q: What did the girl wear when she went sailing to the beach?

A: A Bimini top





Safety Matters – Every Sail, Every Time

BOAT SAFETY TIP: VIC PAGLIA, SAFETY CHAIR

A recent local sailing accident serves as an important reminder—safety matters. During a race off Dana Point, a sailor was knocked unconscious by a swinging boom and fell face down into the water without wearing a PFD. His life was saved thanks to a quick-thinking crew member and the use of a Life Sling.



In response, our club has:

- Added new recovery equipment
- Increased training on Life Sling use
- Purchased 2 more PFDs for each boat

Key reminders:

- Always wear your PFD
- Some PFDs are designed to turn an unconscious person face-up
- Know how to use onboard safety equipment

Please review Safety Video #5: Life Sling & Throwable PFD in the members section of the [website](#): (password OSC801).

SEASICKNESS: WHAT EVERY SAILOR SHOULD KNOW

Seasickness is the most common onboard medical issue—and a real safety concern. It's caused by a mismatch between what your inner ear senses and what your eyes see.

Prevention tips:

- Stay on deck and look at the horizon
- Stay hydrated and eat light
- Get good rest
- Consider preventative medication (like meclizine)

If symptoms start:

- Get fresh air immediately
- Sip water and stay warm
- Stay lightly engaged

Both boats are stocked with meclizine and ginger tablets in the medicine cabinet inside the head. Don't hesitate to use them.



APPAREL CORNER

"Girls just wanna hat fun!" and Sail. New Ladies & Men's apparel featured in line sheet for Opening Day 2026. See you there! Questions or orders contact Nancy LeGrand at nancy@hannahcollections.com (310) 599-2503

Check out the [product line sheet here](#).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A warm OSC welcome to new members: **David Junkin, Gary Lobel, and Eric Magee!** We can't wait to see you on the water. Be sure to pick up your OSC name badge and claim your free OSC logo hat. Questions? Contact Membership Chair **Dorothy Ables** at (949) 400-6177 or oscmembership@oasissailingclub.org.

UPCOMING OSC EVENTS

MONTH	EVENT
3/25/26	ALL MEMBER MEETING: 1:30 – 3:00pm OASIS Senior Center. Join us to catch up on the latest club news, mingle with fellow sailors, check out the latest OSC apparel and learn more about our spring events!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026 YOU ARE INVITED OPENING DAY CEREMONIES

10:30am Registration | 11:00am Ceremony | 12:00pm Dock Party

All members, former members, and guests welcome!
Parking is limited—carpooling is highly recommended. Invite your friends and prospective members to join us for Opening Day!

Music, Food, Tours and Fun. RSVP: Newport633@gmail.com