



TIDES AND CURRENTS

October 2025 Newsletter

Oil Islands Showdown: Oasis V & VI Go Bow-to-Bow



COMMODORE'S CORNER

Autumn has arrived—and just as quickly, the first month has sailed by! While the season reminds us that change is in the air, one constant remains: the daily departures of OASIS V and VI.

When I share stories of our fall and winter sails with my “dry-docked” friends back East, I’m met with waves of envy. We truly are fortunate to enjoy year-round sailing weather and easy access to our beautiful offshore destinations. All it takes is a few extra layers—and of course, some stylish OSC apparel (right, Nancy?).

More than anything, I’m grateful for our members. You embody the spirit of adventure and generosity—always ready to lend a hand, share a laugh, and support both the **OASIS Sailing Club** and the **Friends of OASIS** on and off the water. Let’s make the most of this season together. Join us for our November and December sails, and don’t miss the final General Meeting of 2025 on November 19th.

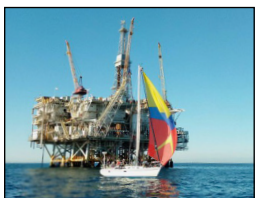
Let the wind fill your sails—every day!

—SKIPPER GREG

RACING LITE SCHEDULE

All members are welcome—let’s sharpen our skills and raise our game together! [Click here for more photos.](#)

- Match Race Practice: Wednesday, November 5
- Gennaker Race Practice: Wednesday, November 15
- Match Race Practice: Saturday, November 22



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: ALYC SAIL

OASIS V proudly participated in the American Legion Yacht Club’s Sail for the Visually Impaired, a cherished annual fall event. This year, skipper **Charlie Polce**, mate **Francisco Felix**, and member **Vic Paglia** welcomed their guests aboard for a memorable day on the water. Their hospitality perfectly embodied the spirit of community service that defines our club, and we couldn’t be prouder of our members who make it happen.



OASIS BOATS COMPETE IN “BCYC AROUND THE OIL ISLANDS” RACE #3 BY MARCO GAMBINERI



It was a warm October morning, and both crews rigged dockside with sweat and urgency. Headsails were swapped, 135s out, 155s in, gennakers flaked and ready. A light-air duel was brewing. At the helm of Oasis VI were skippers **Gerrit** and **Annette** with **Gunnar**, **Marco** (mate), **Robert**, **Steven**, **Fan**, and **Barnabas**. On Oasis V, **Don** and **Kathy** led **Francisco** (mate), **Matt**, **Mark**, **John**, **Shaheen**, and **Rae**.

With 2 knots of breeze the pre-start was lively in slow motion, boats ghosted back and forth to keep steerage, trimming in and out, counting down to the horn. Oasis VI had to give way to a boat from another class lingering over the line on starboard tack, losing precious time. Oasis V slipped through clean. Soon after, **Gerrit** called for an early tack, sending Oasis VI offshore in search of wind. **Don** kept Oasis V hugging the coast with the fleet. For hours, the boats vanished from each other’s view. Then two-thirds into the race, they reappeared, nearly bow-to-bow: VI on port, V on starboard. Different strategies converged in an uncanny crossing.

Oasis VI held port tack and lined up cleanly for the windward mark. Oasis V dipped low again and lost the edge it had briefly regained. That moment proved decisive: VI reached the windward mark, platform Edith, ahead by a good margin. Both boats executed clean gennaker hoists and sailed on a broad reach toward the shortened finish at the last platform, Eureka. Oasis VI crossed a few minutes ahead, a narrow win shaped by trim, tactics, and timing. Post-race takeaways revealed Oasis VI ran its fairleads further aft, adjusting them dynamically. Oasis V had theirs more forward. **Don** noted it may have given VI a slight edge. Another factor: VI’s prop was left spinning; V suspects theirs was locked, a drag in light air. Finally, **Gunnar** offered a local insight: on starboard tack in the San Pedro Channel, the swell can stall the headsail telltales. Port tack rides smoother and faster. [Click here for more photos.](#)

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Boo-Tiful Costumes: OSC's Halloween Recap

HALLOWEEN HIGHLIGHTS

OSC's Halloween Costume Contest was spooktacular! A big Thank You to all for the Halloween spirit at our October meeting! Your creativity and enthusiasm made the event!

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS to our Costume Contest Winners:

- Most Unrecognizable: Craig & Pat Rice
- Best Costume: Charlie Polce
- Honorable Mention "Seen but not recognized" at the El Cholo Happy Hour: Cynthia Priddy

From pirates to ghosts to mystery guests, everyone's costumes made for a frightfully fun afternoon. We kept the spirit alive at the El Cholo after-party with laughs and good company. [Click here for more photos.](#)



OSC COMMUNITY OUTREACH – HOLIDAYS

This holiday season, OSC members can help make a difference in two meaningful ways:



SAILING FASCINATION FOUNDATION:

This nonprofit offers free sailing lessons to students with disabilities and needs cash or gas gift cards to fuel their trips. Bring donations to the 11/19/25 Member Meeting.



SHARE OUR SELVES (SOS): Help local families in need by donating Thanksgiving-themed canned goods or non-perishable items at the 11/19/25 Member Meeting.

APPAREL CORNER

Show your OSC spirit in style! Grab an OASIS Sailing Club hat, t-shirt, or jacket—perfect for crisp fall sails and cool winter days on the water.

Happy Sailing, **Nancy LeGrand**
Check out the [product line sheet here.](#)



OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER HIGHLIGHT

**JOHN DOOGAN, FLOTILLA COMMANDER –
U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**

At our October meeting, OSC members were captivated by guest speaker John Doogan, who shared fascinating facts (and a few unbelievable tales!) from his experiences with the U.S. Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary. Did you know the 28,000-member organization responds to nearly 20,000 Search and Rescue missions each year—saving over 3,500 lives and recovering \$77 million in property? The Coast Guard's work goes far beyond rescues, too—they're on the front lines of port security, drug interdiction, vessel inspections, environmental protection, marine life protection, and more.

So next time you spot the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Narwhal or one of their rescue boats, give them a wave of appreciation for their vital service! The Coast Guard Auxiliary offers US Boating Card classes for anyone interested in boating safety. The next class is Nov. 15 at Bass Pro Shop, Irvine. Contact John Doogan at jdoogan7@icloud.com or (714) 913-3428 to register.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome aboard to new members Patrick Flynn, Dave Kilpatrick, and Donna Mallonee. 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 EVENTS

MONTH	EVENT
11/19/25	ALL MEMBER MEETING: 1:30 – 3:00pm OASIS Senior Center. Shop apparel, hear updates, meet fellow members, and bring donations.
12/7/25	CORONA DEL MAR CHRISTMAS WALK: 11:00am – 2:00pm Join us for this beloved community tradition! Stop by the OSC booth in front of Mother's Market on PCH to say hello, share some holiday cheer, and help spread the word about our club.
12/17/25	OSC HOLIDAY PARTY: 5:30pm – 8:30pm Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club, Newport Beach Celebrate the season with dinner, live music, dancing, and front-row views of the Newport Beach Christmas Boat Parade! Bring your favorite wine—OSC will cover the corkage fee. \$115 per person. RSVP to Newport633@gmail.com and send payment via Zelle to oasissailingpay@gmail.com