



TIDES AND CURRENTS

September 2025 Newsletter

Burgers, Brats, and a Burst of Sunshine: OSC Picnic 2025



COMMODORE'S CORNER

We often remind ourselves that OSC has the busiest non-commercial boats in the harbor. In September alone, we scheduled 65 sails—day sails, sunsets, races, Catalina trips, and training sessions—plus our 35th annual picnic and monthly meetings. None of this happens without passionate volunteers. This past week, members also rallied to support the Friends of OASIS Annual Boutique & Rummage Sale,

donating countless hours to collect, sort, and price items. I'm proud of our partnership with Friends of OASIS to make this fundraiser possible.

Congratulations to **Dorothy Ables**, our 3rd Quarter Helm Award recipient, for her many years of service and leadership of the Membership Committee. And a heartfelt thank-you to Skipper **Will Hanson**, now Skipper Emeritus, for his many contributions over the years. Thank him when you see him.

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!

- Match Race Practice: Wednesday, October 8
- Gennaker Race Practice: Wednesday, October 15
- BCYC Around the Oil Islands Race: Saturday, October 18
- Match Race Practice: Saturday, October 25



AT THE HELM OF MEMBERSHIP: HONORING DOROTHY ABLES

At the September Member Meeting, Commodore Greg Ibsen proudly presented the 3rd Quarter Helm Award to **Dorothy Ables** for her exceptional contributions to OSC. Dorothy has been Membership Chair since 2020, welcoming prospective members with professionalism and warmth. She also

supports check-in at meetings and Opening Day, represents OSC at community events, and contributes regularly to the newsletter. She truly embodies the volunteer spirit the club cherishes.

Originally from Royal Oak, Michigan, Dorothy moved to California in the early 1980s and launched a 42-year career in real estate. Her sailing roots trace back to Michigan lakes, and her love for the sport rekindled after a client—OSC's first Commodore, John Kraus—invited her aboard OASIS V. She joined the club that very day and has been a proud member since 2016. We're grateful for Dorothy's energy, dedication, and passion. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!

ON THE WATER: OASIS VI COMPETE'S IN "BCYC AROUND THE OIL ISLANDS" RACE #2

On September 20, OASIS VI set sail facing light winds and fog at the start, heavy winds and swells mid-race, and light winds and fog again at the finish. Skippers **Marc Branson** and **Kathy Panzl** described the race as both humbling (ask them about the currents) and exhilarating.

Key Lesson: always double-check the headsail—this time an older 135 went up instead of the usual 155. The team adapted quickly, turning it into a valuable learning day.

Congratulations to our Skippers mentioned above and the crew for a second-place finish: **Cade Snider**, **Linda Kiernan**, **Matt Humphrey**, **Laura Alterman**, and **Mark Fulgenzi**.





Moonlit Seas and Pirate Drinks – Mate Sail to Catalina



MATE'S LOG: CATALINA TRIP BY MATE MARCO GAMBINERI

As a newly appointed Mate, I was thrilled to join Skippers **Andy McVay** and **Kathy Panzl** with crew-mates **Melissa Taylor Chong** and **Mark Rohling** for a two-night September sail to Catalina. We loaded OASIS VI bow to stern

before departure, then set off under hazy skies. Past the oil islands, winds built to 20 knots, the boat heeled, we reefed, and laughter carried us across. By evening we were snug on a mooring at 4th of July Cove, emerald water beneath us and a glowing full moon above—though the howling wind made for a restless night. Day two brought a hike to Banning House Lodge, snorkeling among Garibaldi, and even a close-quarters pump-out at Two Harbors that tested both seamanship and humor. Evening spirits stayed high with “pirate drinks” courtesy of Mark and Kathy. Our return was a long, breezy broad reach, Catalina’s dramatic cliffs sliding by like a geology lesson in motion. Back in Newport, we gave OASIS VI her spa treatment—gear stowed, lines flaked, decks rinsed—closing the trip as we began, with teamwork and good cheer. A voyage of wind, laughter, moonlight, and my first Catalina crossing now in the logbook.

OSC ANNUAL PICNIC

This year’s picnic gave us a true taste of unusual Southern California summer weather—humidity, brief showers, dramatic clouds, and sunshine by afternoon. On September 18, hearty and weather optimistic members and guests gathered at Corona Del Mar State Beach for laughter, games, and great food. Grill Master **Dennis Ring** and Skipper **Larry Torres** and MC **Stephen Graeber** kept burgers, brats, and dogs sizzling, with sides from Old Globe Deli. A passing storm from Mexico brought a quick shower that only boosted comradery under the apparel tent before skies cleared for the main event. Members enjoyed great food, music, cornhole competitions, mini golf, checkers, and plenty of catching up.

Lawn Game Winners:

- Cornhole Champs: **Tim & Linda Kiernan**
- Runners-Up: **Vic & Harela Paglia**
- Golf: **Josie Alvarado**

Huge thanks to Social Chair **Mary Schultz**, coordinators **Colleen Pilz** and **Kim Francis**, MC **Charlie Polce**, and all our volunteers for making the day a big success.

SAILING SAFELY BY SAFETY CHAIR, VIC PAGLIA

Ahoy! Warm weather is still with us, so keep safety top of mind. All our skippers and many mates have completed the CA Boater’s Safety course—worth a look if you haven’t yet. Each boat now has updated first aid supplies, located in the head behind the mirrored vanity, along with instructions for handling basic emergencies. On my last three sails, nearly everyone wore PFDs—let’s keep the streak going. For safety questions, text me at (845) 896-9326.

APPAREL CORNER

Grab an OASIS logo hat, t-shirt, or jacket—perfect for Indian summer sails! Happy Sailing, **Nancy LeGrand** Check out the [product line sheet here](#).



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome aboard member **Jill Boag**. We look forward to seeing you on the water. New members: visit oasissailingclub.org to learn more. 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
10/03/25 - 10/04/25	OASIS BOUTIQUE AND RUMMAGE SALE: 9:00 – 2:00pm Sale: 9:00am – 2:00pm Collections: 9/22, 9/29 – 10/1 (8:00am – 2:00pm) Set-up: Oct 2 (strong volunteers needed!). Volunteer, donate, or shop Contact Nancy LeGrand for more details: nancy@hannahcollections.com
10/29/25	ALL MEMBER MEETING & HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST: 1:30 – 3:00pm OASIS Senior Center. Shop apparel, hear updates, meet fellow members and dress up in your Halloween best! We’ll head over to El Cholo immediately following the meeting for a no host Happy Hour 3:00 – 5:00pm