

# *Coming Events*

July 12	Board Meeting	SMWYC	7:00 p.m.
June 12	General Meeting	SMWYC	8:00 p.m.
July 17	Malibu & Return		11:00 a.m.
Aug 9	Board Meeting	SMWYC	7:00 p.m.
Aug 9	General Meeting	SMWYC	8:00 p.m.

General Meeting monthly on the second Monday at 8:00 p.m.  
upstairs (use outside steps) at Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club  
13589 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey, CA  
(All welcome – bring a friend)



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### **Inverted Start**

Recently my wife & I set a line for the inverted start and it was a pleasant change to see the racers through a more relaxed lens. One of the things I have noticed over the years is the improved quality of our fleet and the improved skill level of the participants. It was truly a pleasure to see each boat go through separate start maneuvers and hit the line, hard on the wind and at full speed. We as an organization have come a long way.

I say through a more relaxed perspective because the racing has become most competitive and few if any mistakes are made while out on the course. To prove my point examine the finish results, there were 4 boats that finished within 10 seconds of each other, 5 boats within 1 minute and half of the 16 boat fleet was within a four minute span. That is close racing folks!

**RMP Editor**

### **Hawaii Bound**

Past Commodore Frank Ross and long time PSSA member Brian Rademaker have set sail and are well positioned within their fleet at the time of this writing. Follow the action at <http://www.ionearth.com> as they make their way to Kaneohe Bay aboard Frank's Olsen 30 Prankster. Also keep an eye on PSSA member Brack Duker in Holua when he starts his SC 70 later in the week.

### **Our Next Meeting**

Pacific Singlehanded Sailing Association is pleased to be featuring Mark Michaelsen as its guest speaker at PSSA's general membership meeting on Monday, July 14, 2010 at 8pm at the Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club on Mindanao Way in Marina del Rey. Mark will be discussing modern marine clothing and foul weather gear for offshore cruising and racing and will also discuss weather forecasting for short handed offshore racers and cruisers. Mark is a well known Southern California racer known for his exploits as a helmsman, navigator and tactician on some of the hottest racing yachts, including record setting races on Afterburner. Mark is the former owner of Sailing Pro Shop. He is also considered a top notch weather guru and is sought after by offshore racers and cruisers for his weather predicting/prognosticating skills. Mark is a frequent contributor to Sailing Anarchy and other sailing publications.

It should be an interesting and entertaining evening. Please join US

## Malibu & Return

From the starting line located approximately 1.0 NM on 164°M from the south end of the Marina del Rey detached breakwater, leave "DD" mark to starboard (33° 56.647N, 118° 30.899), leave Santa Monica buoy to port, leave Malibu buoy to port (located approximately 400 yards from the Malibu pier, at approximately 34°02.00N, 118°40.346W). Finish between racing mark "SS" (33°57.58N, 118°28.09W) and the flagpole on the Marina del Rey detached breakwater with the flagpole bearing 235°M from the helmsman's position. The skipper shall take his own finish time. Handicap distance 26.1 NM.

## Inverted Start Results

### Singlehanded Division

Place	Yacht	Skipper	Boat Type	PHRF	Start	Finish
1	Janina	Mark Keller	Santa Cruz 27	138	12:22:10	15:07:09
2	Sunny Skies	Greg Rosenkrans	Olson 30	96	12:33:26	15:07:12
3	Scallywag	Marty Hameline	Islander 37	150	12:18:57	15:09:37
4	Miss Demeanor	David Angers	J80	108	12:30:13	15:12:55
6	Evening Tide	Ken Muther	Dana 24	240	11:54:48	DNS

### Doublehanded Division

Place	Yacht	Skipper	Boat Type	PHRF	Start	Finish
1	Critter	James Baurley	J24	174	12:12:30	14:56:59
2	Twelve Bar Blues	Chuck Spear	J105	84	12:36:39	14:57:24
3	Runaway	Eric Lambert	S&T 36	126	12:25:23	14:57:30
4	Sunshine	Lenny Gordon	Columbia 26 MkII	228	11:58:01	15:06:20
5	Slacker	Whitall Stokes	Tartan 10	126	12:25:23	15:07:03
6	Thriller	Brian Hobin	Tartan 10	126	12:25:23	15:07:10
7	Spitfire	Larry/Norm Sloan	J/109	69	12:40:41	15:09:21
8	Stardancer	Ron Van Heel	Davidson 30	75	12:39:04	15:09:40
9	Redline	Derek Heeb	Santana 30/30GP	120	12:27:00	15:10:06
10	First Berth	Alex Shekhtmeyster	Sun 27	213	12:02:02	15:45:52

### Mariner Division

Place	Yacht	Skipper	Boat Type	Mariner Handicap	Start	Finish	Corrected
1	Training Wheels	Victor Kofahl	F27	57	12:43:54	14:46:50	14:47:38
2	Critter	James Baurley	J24	154	12:12:30	14:56:59	15:03:10
3	Twelve Bar Blues	Chuck Spear	J105	49	12:36:39	14:57:24	15:07:36
4	Sunny Skies	Greg Rosenkrans	Olson 30	96	12:33:26	15:07:12	15:08:00
5	Sunshine	Lenny Gordon	Columbia 26 MkII	220	11:58:01	15:06:20	15:09:17
6	Scallywag	Marty Hameline	Islander 37	150	12:18:57	15:09:37	15:10:25
7	Stardancer	Ron Van Heel	Davidson 30	75	12:39:04	15:09:40	15:10:28
8	Slacker	Whitall Stokes	Tartan 10	113	12:25:23	15:07:03	15:11:21
9	Spitfire	Larry/Norm Sloan	J/109	62	12:40:41	15:09:21	15:12:02
10	Runaway	Eric Lambert	S&T 36	70	12:25:23	14:57:30	15:13:20
11	Janina	Mark Keller	Santa Cruz 27	110	12:22:10	15:07:09	15:15:28
12	Thriller	Brian Hobin	Tartan 10	94	12:25:23	15:07:10	15:16:34

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14	Miss Demeanor	David Angers	J80	81	12:30:13	15:12:55	15:20:58
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### What not to do on “*The Midnight Watch*”

Our recently departed member Tom Kirschbaum stated that he was motivated to take up singlehanded sailing by that great American adventurer Joshua Slocum. I think it true that we all have a little Slocum in us.

It reminds me of an evening on the edge of the Indian Ocean nearly 25 years ago when making landfall with the African continent. Fatigued by some rough and arduous sailing in the Madagascar current as we crossed the equator, crewmember Jane, & I looked for some refuge in an open bay to get a good nights sleep. Soon after we dropped anchor about ¼ mile from shore we noticed some smoke rising from a small Somali-an village comprising of a few thatched huts amongst the coastal foliage. Despite my curiosity to go ashore, I thought it safer to stay put as I really did not want to be any part of their evening’s menu, and instead started in on my chores with the remaining hour of sunlight.

As it turned out the Somalians must have had a similar level of curiosity because before too long a small flotilla of canoes was headed our way. Self preservation mode kicked into overdrive and I told Jane to stay below, but make like there were multiple crew members aboard. Seems they were very interested in having a tour of my vessel because they made repeated attempts to board. I rebuffed all requests as I was extremely concerned of being overwhelmed on my own boat once they were topside. Eventually I passed them a couple of cans of food and sent them on their way.

When darkness approached I could not rest, the story of Slocum and the early warning device of thumb tacks on deck, as used to repel the natives in the Straights of Magellan kept recurring in my mind. What should have been an evening of slumber turned into a sleepless night of vigilance, as I was convinced we were in for a nocturnal visit from our local village dwellers. Thankfully we never received that visit, and pulled anchor at first light to continue on our adventure.

Keep the swim ladder in the stowed position when the natives are restless.

**RMP Editor**