

21st Annual - February 6, 2010
Southern California Yachting Association's

Women's Sailing

CONVENTION



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The Southern California Yachting Association, will hold its 21st Annual Women's Sailing Convention on Saturday, February 6, 2010 at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club, Corona del Mar. Primary sponsors are BoatU.S. and West Marine. This event is open to all women interested in sailing from novice/beginner to expert.

This year's event maintains its multi-workshop format: Attendees select a combination workshops in areas that best fits their interest and ability, such as: Welcome Aboard (for beginners), Diesels, Going Up the Mast, Basic Racing Rules, Tactics, Docking, Overboard Procedures, Suddenly Singlehanded Interactive, Weather, Sail Trim, Basic Navigation, Safety, Marine AC/DC Systems, Hassel-Free Heads, Spinnaker Rigging, Offshore Cruising, and Introduction to Sailing. All of the workshops are presented by top women sailors from all over Southern California, many of whom are USCG Licensed Captains.

To top off the event in the evening, U.S.C.G. Captain Patricia Garfield will be the featured speaker. She is a blue-water sailor who doubled handed the 2005 Transpac on her Catalina 47, *Charmed Life*, with Captain Diane Murray. Patty also owns her own yacht brokerage with offices in San Francisco, San Diego and Newport Beach.

According to producer/director **Gail Hine**, "This event gives women an opportunity to meet many other women sailors, find out about existing women's sailing organizations in their area, instructional programs available, and many other areas of interest for those who would like to do more — racing, cruising and day sailing. We'll have something meaningful for everyone. For those who are already involved but desire more, we will offer some new areas of inspiration and instruction along with excellent networking opportunities."

Attendees have reported that this convention was one of their most rewarding boating experiences and the very best-organized event they have ever attended. It's a sell-out every year. Rain will not cancel or diminish this event.

To obtain a reservation form (prepaid-registrations are required as space is limited to approximately 275), write Gail Hine, SCYA Women's Sailing Convention, 23414 Mt. Ashland Ct., Murrieta CA 92562; 951-677-8121; email: hine@scya.org or on the web at www.scya.org (available after 12/20/09). The convention fee of \$165.00 includes workshops, breakfast, lunch, dinner, souvenir and handouts.