

THE WYL

JANUARY PROGRAMS

LUNCHEON, 11:45AM | SPEAKER, 12:30PM | Q&A, 1:15PM

By Ron Young, Wednesday Yachting Luncheon Chair



January 15: Cleaning Our Oceans—A Joint Meeting with the CCA & WYL

Joint Luncheon with **Mary Crowley**, CEO, Ocean Voyages Cleanup and **Cruising Club of America**

Sailor and ocean advocate, Mary has logged 115,000 miles at sea since she learned to sail as a child on Lake Michigan in 1979. She's also founded two organizations: Ocean Voyages, Inc., a global yacht chartering business, and Ocean Voyages Institute, a non-profit 501(c)(3) foundation committed to preserving the ocean environment, maritime arts, sciences and island cultures. Mary's passion for sailing and our oceans has fueled her dynamic actions to stop plastic proliferation and remove toxins from the sea, preserving the "Blue Heart" of our planet. Hear how her team removed 42 tons of ghost nets and consumer plastics in 2019 and plans to clean up more oceans in 2020.

UPCOMING



January 22: Recognizing and Learning from the Ocean's Best Protected Places

Lance Morgan, PhD, President, Marine Conservation Institute—Creators of the Blue Park Initiative

Dr. Morgan is a marine biologist and President of Marine Conservation Institute. He has explored the ocean to 150 feet as a scuba diver, lived under the ocean for weeks as an aquanaut and piloted deep-sea submersibles to 3,000 feet. During their research expeditions Lance and his team have uncovered dramatic evidence of an accelerating, worldwide loss of marine biodiversity, due to simultaneous overfishing, habitat destruction, climate change and other manmade impacts. To address this existential challenge to our oceans, Marine Conservation Institute has created the Blue Parks Initiative to recognize, learn from and grow a worldwide system of strongly protected and sustainable marine reserves and best practices.



January 29: The Power of Storytelling: Saving Our Oceans, One Film at a Time

Ana Blanco, Founder and Executive Director, International Ocean Film Festival, March 12-15, 2020

Oceans cover 70% of earth and serve as the lungs of our planet. Yet, only 5% is legally protected. One-third of all humans—about 2.4 billion people—live within 100 miles of an ocean and depend on it for their economic survival. Our oceans are too big to damage, ignore or not fix. The International Ocean Film Festival uses the power of independent films to communicate how we humans depend on the oceans and are uniquely positioned to save them. Ana will review and sneak-preview the trailers of some of the award-winning films to be featured at the 17th Annual International Ocean Film Festival at the Cowell Theater, Fort Mason Center, March 12-15, 2020.



February 5: Almost A Century of Winning on the Water and in The Artist's Studio

Jim DeWitt, Sailmaker, Mallory Cup Winner, America's Cup Artist in Residence, 90th year Birthday Boy

Born in Oakland, California, on February 13, 1930—90 years ago—Jim's paintings are collected by sailors and art enthusiasts around the world. His paintings are in private and corporate collections, including many of the finest yacht clubs in the world. In the 1930s, while his father ran races upstairs, 5-year-old Jimmy was playing around the StFYC docks. In the 1940s, StFYC matrons gave a teenaged Jimmy coins for the slot machines that used to be in the clubhouse. All through the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s and 00s Jim won races as a sailmaker and awards as an artist of growing acclaim. Come celebrate a Happy 90th Birthday with our own home-grown celebrity sailor and artist!