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Hi everyone!

Hope all is well and that you are enjoying the summer despite the circumstances! We have lots of good stuff going on:

**Upcoming event- Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>- 5.30pm- A Virtual Trip to the Vineyards of the Mediterranean**

Since most of us cannot travel this summer, please join us for a virtual trip to the Mediterranean with sommelier Anna Maria Kambourakis, owner of Chania Wine Tours in Greece. Anna Maria will teach us about some of the varietals/ regions of the Mediterranean while also highlighting women owned vineyards. If you would like to pick up your favorite bottle to taste as Anna Maria walks us through the different characteristics of the region please do, but the event will be general enough that it is not necessary. It should be a lovely way to start the weekend and close out August. Invitation will be sent via Paperless Post for easy RSVP and the Zoom link will be sent closer to the event.

**Save the Date- Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>- Seasteading with Author Joe Quirk**

Please join us for a very interesting talk by Joe Quirk on his book, *Seasteading: How Floating Nations Will Restore the Environment, Enrich the Poor, Cure the Sick, and Liberate Humanity from Politicians*. Joe Quirk is an “aquapreneur,” President of The Seasteading Institute and co-founder of Blue Frontiers. Joe leads a team of lawyers, engineers, business leaders, artists, and investors to establish the first floating community with unprecedented political autonomy in the waters of a host nation. This event will be organized in conjunction with our sister chapter WISTA FL. Invitation to follow.

**UPCOMING SERIES- A View from Our Chapter**

We are organizing a series of events where members will update us on the current issues in their corner of the maritime industry. If you would like to participate in this series, please reach out and let me know.

**Remote School Visits**

Our chapter will resume our school/ academy visits but this time we will be remote- which will hopefully make it easier for people to participate. This is a low commitment but very impactful way to introduce students to careers in the maritime industry and also support the young women who have decided to follow this path. More info will follow soon. Thank you to Samantha Cibelli for taking the lead on this project for our chapter!

**Featured Member: CHRISTIANA VASILAS**

Christiana Vasilas is currently an Assistant Underwriter at the American P&I Club in New York. Her family has been in the shipping industry for three generations beginning with her grandfather - Captain Kirk Vasilas, onto her father – Chris, and now Christiana. She is proud to continue the legacy and be the first woman to enter into the industry from her family!

Christiana has been honing her skills in photography for nearly two decades; studying under top photographers at NYU as well as the National Geographic, Nikon USA, and Olympus USA schools of photography. Christiana has traveled extensively throughout the United States and Europe, always with a camera in hand. Her use of sharp contrast and shading help illustrate the moment in time that she has chosen to capture. She hopes you glean as much joy from her photography as she does!

In 2014, Christiana founded her own photography and web-design consultancy company: Christiana V. Photography. She has held residencies at The Fiedler Gallery, Greenport, NY and The Studio at 3 Elements, Bayside, NY. Her work is currently on permanent display at The Muses - The Dormition Of The Virgin Mary Church, Southampton, NY.

Apart from designing her own website, she has designed websites for various NPOs in the Greater New York Area. If your website is in need of a refresher, please do not hesitate to reach out!

For all WISTA Members who are interested in artwork, please email Christiana directly at [photographybycv@gmail.com](mailto:photographybycv@gmail.com), and a special discount will be applied.

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Hope all is well!

With many thanks & best regards,  
Christina

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