

# Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club



Sea Sounds Volume 71

Special 2014 Year End Issue

## 2014 Club

### Officers

#### Commodore:

Fred Weinhart

#### Vice Commodore:

Themis Z. Glatman

#### Rear Commodore:

Michael Cross

#### Jr. Staff Commodore:

Charlene Perron

#### Treasurer:

Mark Olson

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## 2014 Awards and Trophies Presentations



Vice Commodore and 2015 Commodore-elect Themis Z. Glatman presenting the Excedrin Trophy to Commodore Weinhart



Commodore Weinhart hosting the 2014 Election and Awards Meeting held on November 15, 2014



Jr. Staff Commodore Charlene Perron accepts the Commodore's Trophy presented by Commodore Weinhart



### Election Results: 2015 Officers and Directors



The results of the elections were announced at the Annual Awards Banquet by Jr. Staff Commodore Charlene Perron, Nominating Committee Chair:



Commodore:	Themis Z. Glatman
Vice Commodore:	Hartmut Eggert
Rear Commodore:	Open
Treasurer:	Open
Fleet Captain:	Lee Rhoads
Jr. Staff Commodore:	Fred Weinhart

Re-elected Directors:	Al Kaufman
	Ron Orr

Directors Continuing:	Jerry Frank
	Gordon Hanson
	Ron Wood

Our club house is located adjacent to Burton Chace Park at 13589 Mindanao Way, MdR.



**Our club facilities are nestled among the trees of Burton Chace Park and surrounded by the blue waters of the Marina del Rey Main Channel**



## A bigger and better club, thanks to all of our members!

It has been a wonderful and busy year for all of us but it was certainly worth it. I won't repeat what was already said in articles throughout this special year end issue, you can draw your own conclusions about our success - more members and better financial condition than we've experienced since 2007. This is not an accident but has been achieved in spite of the difficulties that we have encountered, both the recession and the condition of our anchorage. Our persistent efforts to overcome these conditions have gained us the cooperation of Beaches and Harbors management in understanding our plight and providing operational and financial concessions as we renegotiate temporary extensions and amendments to our lease, and eventually a whole new long term lease on much more favorable terms.

This coming year will again present us with new challenges and new opportunities - the bills will still have to be paid, so we will continue our membership drives to grow our membership, increase our food and bar service revenues and invest in marketing efforts to promote club rentals to a greater extent.

The achievements of our Junior Program under the auspices of Steve Potter and the proposed adult sailing instruction program should further lead to membership growth and a solid foundation of younger and family oriented members to promote a secure future for our club.

The pending dock replacement project will be quite a challenge but we are forming a joint project coordination team with B&H to make it as expeditious and seamless as possible. New docks will bring in lots of new members, so thank you all for making it possible. It has been an honor serving as your Commodore and I will be there for all you in the many years to come.

**Forward and Onward !**

## Commodore's Corner



by Commodore Fred Weinhart



### Our partners and adopted charities:

The Kurmalliance turtle  
preservation group and  
their SUP program



The Santa Monica Bay  
Sailing Foundation for  
assisting our Junior  
Program



The Challenges Founda-  
tion - veterans support  
group

And special thanks to the  
management and staff of  
Beaches & Harbors for  
their support of our club





### **2015 Board of Directors elect**

Seated left to right: Vice Com. Hartmut Eggert, Commodore Themis Z. Glatman, Rear Com. Mike Cross  
(pending re-appointment approval)

Standing left to right: Director Jerry Frank, Director and Judge Advocate Al Kaufman, Director Gordon Hansen, Director Ronald Orr, Director Ron Wood, Jr. Staff Commodore Fred Weinhart



Newly elected 2015 Officers  
were given the oath of office by  
2014 Junior Staff Commodore  
Charlene Perron



**2014 Board of Directors (lest we forget!)**

Seated: VC Themis Z. Glatman, Commodore Fred Weinhart, RC Mike Cross  
Standing: Jerry Frank, Al Kaufman, Gordon Hansen, Ron Orr, Ron Wood, and Jr. Staff Commodore Charlene Perron  
Not pictured Treasurer Mark Olson and Director Jason Thorso



**2013 Board - BEFORE**

**AFTER !**



Photos by Martin McCarthy



## Vice Commodore's Corner



by 2014 Vice Commodore and  
2015 Commodore-elect  
Themis Z. Glatman



As 2014 comes to a close and this will be the last Sea Sounds for the year, it starts me thinking about the state of the club, the membership, not to mention the state of our docks. We started the year with new nominations and Opening Day, which brought a bevy of helpers from WSA as well as our loyal members who all pitched in to spruce up our clubhouse. I took it upon myself to paint the bar area and it really made a difference since all members really liked the color.

I was also entrusted with the rental program and it was apparent that it is a hard chore that Charlene Perron mastered last year, but with her guidance, I have been able to improve the rental income over last year and thanks to our Commodore's input, we have also improved our income from Movie Productions that have been using our club.

But the most difficult and rewarding of my new assignments was the overseeing of the food and events preparations. This is indeed hard work, but it actually gave me a chance to develop my cooking abilities, which I never knew I had. Advertising, shopping cooking and serving are all hard work, but thankfully the membership has come to recognize my efforts and is very verbal in thanking me for the hard work and for the "Gourmet Cooking" they have experienced.

I am only hopeful that in the next year the next Vice Commodore Hartmut Eggert is as well received and has the support of our members at large as I was and can count on their help.

As the new Commodore for 2015, I will borrow a line from a famous person in using it for my new motto:

***Ask not what your club can do for you, ask instead what you can do for your club.***



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What a year! I had no idea what I was getting into when I accepted this position. As Rear Commodore, I am in charge of several committees including Membership, Officer of the Day, and Educational programs. The Port Captain and Junior Program Coordinator report to me as well.

With the help and support of our Commodore Fred and other club officers and volunteers, I am proud to report that, in spite of the condition of our anchorage, we were able to bring in 40 new members so far in 2014. And even with a few losses, we have significantly increased our current total members to over 200. Please see the New Members report later in this issue.

I am especially proud of our success in restructuring and revitalizing the Junior sailing program, which has really taken off thanks to our Junior Program Coordinator Steve Potter. You can see the success as depicted in the pages dedicated to this program in this issue! We have added eight new boats to our Junior fleet, hired professional instructors and, with Steve's continued help and guidance, I am confident that the program and consequently our club will continue to prosper.

I would also like to thank our charismatic Vice Commodore Themis, for all of her hard work and dedication to our club.

As 2014 comes to an end, I would like to first and foremost thank all of our members for the contributions and events all of you have helped make fun and memorable. This year we opened our arms and doors to Fairwind Yacht Club members and to Women's Sailing Association members by offering a special Affiliate class of membership to them. As our club continues to grow, thanks to the hard work and dedication of 2014 Commodore Fred Weinhart, we are in a position to be adding more delightful events and activities to our roster in 2015.

Finally, this year has taught me a lot about the hard work that happens behind the scenes and how dedicated our staff is to our members and to our club. Thank you for the amazing year I have had working for all of you and I wish you the best in 2015.

Sincerely,  
Michael Cross  
Rear Commodore 2014

## Rear Commodore's Corner

by Rear Commodore  
Michael Cross



Some of our Education Nights events:



Marina del Rey  
**Historical Society**

Orientation Meetings for our new members:



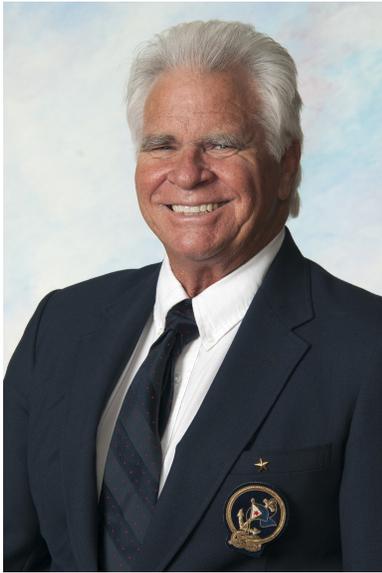
Our Port Captain's involvement in assigning and caring for dry storage and visitors slips is a big job as well





## Membership Report

By Michael Cross



We are proud of the success of our membership growth efforts and welcome all of our new members who joined during 2014 and those whose approval is still pending before the end of the year.

Please welcome them to our fold and greet them when you meet them at the club if you haven't done so already at one of our New Member Welcome and Orientation Dinners. We will have more regular Orientation dinners and training sessions in the coming year and we encourage those of you who have not attended previously to please make it a point to do so in the coming year.

Future issues of Sea Sounds and our web site will feature more information about these and other new members along with photographs of their involvement in club activities.

<b>Our 2014 New Members</b>	<b>Date joined</b>
Evelyn S Anderson	08/01/2014
Sam Aussi	07/01/2014
Ronald L Barker	03/01/2014
Elise Beane	07/01/2014
Eric Beane	07/01/2014
Besim Bilman (returning)	10/01/2014
Mark Boykin	07/01/2014
Shar D Campbell	07/01/2014
Katherine E Conway	07/01/2014
Hartmut Eggert	09/01/2014
Betty Ford	11/01/2014
Laurel Forrest	07/01/2014
Christine A Gebara	04/01/2014
Lennox Grasso	07/01/2014
Brian L Hendricks	08/01/2014
Marjorie Hendricks	08/01/2014
Glen Jagodzinski	07/01/2014
William P Kelly	07/01/2014
Karen Kirkendoll	01/01/2014
Karen C. Kuchel	08/01/2014
Marc Levine	07/01/2014
Betsy Lindsley	07/01/2014
Rick McLemore	07/01/2014
Cynthia Nibler	05/01/2014
Adrienne O'Donnell	07/01/2014
Michael S Petersen	07/01/2014
Karen Phillips	03/01/2014
Michael Pitari	07/01/2014
John Quickley	07/01/2014
Vicki B Rocco	07/01/2014
Ami Schneiderman	07/01/2014
Christofer T Serafin	07/01/2014
Matthew S Seymour	07/01/2014
Shaw Shahery	10/16/2014
Trevor Simms	06/01/2014
Jack R Vombaur	01/01/2014
Carole Walsh (returning)	07/01/2014
Julie Warnock	12/01/2014
Matt Warnock	12/01/2014
Thomas Weese	07/01/2014
Jason Wright	04/01/2014

## Junior Program

By Program Coordinator Steve Potter



In the Spring of 2014, our new Junior Sailing Program was reborn with a vision of providing a unique, affordable and community-based avenue for students to learn to sail and develop their skills in a fun, non-competitive environment.

Our growing fleet of boats consists of centerboard Sabot Prams, Optimist Prams, Lasers and a two person Club FJ. Ideal for the weather conditions typical to Marina del Rey, the centerboard Sabot is the “work horse” of our fleet and the Optis, Lasers and CFJ allow our students to pursue their dreams in these popular Junior boats.

During the school year we offer a Learn to Sail package, Saturday Open Sailing and support and coaching for regattas.

Be sure to follow the links to the rest of our webpages for more program information and a complete schedule of activities. To arrange a private tour or for more information please email us at [juniors@smwyc.org](mailto:juniors@smwyc.org) or call (310) 827-7692 ext. 122



New Learn to Sail package and November - December schedule announced

**New "Learn to Sail" package:** This is in response to the continued demand for beginning and novice instruction. We will limit class size to maximize results in this three session package with class dates **November 1, 8 and 15**. When students have completed this series, they will be fully equipped to join the Open Sailing sessions. Classes will run from 11 am to 12:30 pm. Cost is \$125.00 for all three dates.

**Saturday Sailing Schedule:** Dates for Saturday Open sailing for the remainder of the year have been set. Sailing Thanksgiving weekend may be added based upon demand. The dates are **November 1, 8 and 15** as well as **December 6, 13, and 20**. Cost \$25 per session.



## Junior Program By Program Coordinator Steve Potter (continued)

### *2014/15 Junior Sailing Programs*

Our Programs are frequently modified as the Program grows and demand for our instruction changes. Be sure to check our Calendar at [SMWYC.ORG/juniors](http://SMWYC.ORG/juniors) to see our current session dates and types. We ask that all students new to our program complete a Registration and Information package which is available on our web site at [smwyc.org/juniors](http://smwyc.org/juniors).

**Saturday Open Sailing** Wickedly fun sailing afternoons held most Saturdays during the school year. Supervised open format sailing in our fleet of boats. Students who have completed Summer Sail Camp, a Learn to Sail package or already have intermediate ability or better enjoy a fun filled three hours with lots of time on the water as well as focused on-the-water drills and onshore instruction.

#### **Learn to Sail Packages**

Scheduled three session packages with small class sizes designed to get our students up to speed quickly. These packages are scheduled during the Fall, Winter and Spring, generally starting on the first Saturday of each month. Class size is limited to three students and this small student to instructor ratio provides fast results. Students will move seamlessly into the Open Sailing sessions. Classes are held in our fleet of Centerboard Sabot Prams.

**After School Sailing Thursdays during Daylight Saving Time** Supervised open format sailing in our fleet of Sabots which will be particularly valuable for students that have participated in the Summer Sail Camp or Beginner's package. Opportunities are available for School Sailing clubs as well.

**Summer Sail Camp Weekly sessions** Instruction for students of all abilities aged 7 to 18 years taught by US Sailing certified instructors in the SMWYC fleet of US Sabot Centerboard Prams, Lasers and CFJ. Boats are provided by SMWYC at no additional cost.

We are committed to providing excellent and fun instruction to students of all levels of ability and ambition. Private lessons, individual coaching and customized programs to fit many needs can be accommodated by prior arrangement and dependent upon Instructor availability. Contact us with your wish list.

#### **Private Instruction, Coaching and More...coming soon!**

Questions or more information, please email [Juniors@smwyc.org](mailto:Juniors@smwyc.org) or call 310-827-7692 ext. 122.



## Our students attend their first Regatta

Four hearty students dragged their parents north to Westlake Village on November 16 to take part in the Turkey Day Regatta. Westlake Yacht Club graciously lent us boats, sails and bailers, which came in really handy. Mother Nature provided gusty and shifty Santa Ana winds to further challenge the competitors.



## What a Great Fall so far!

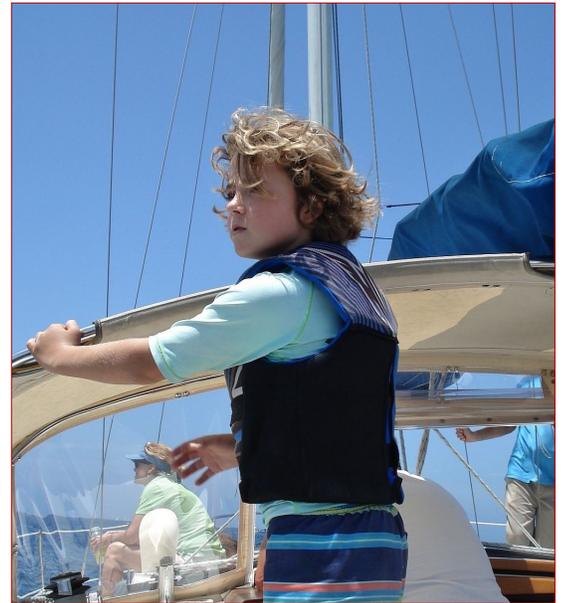
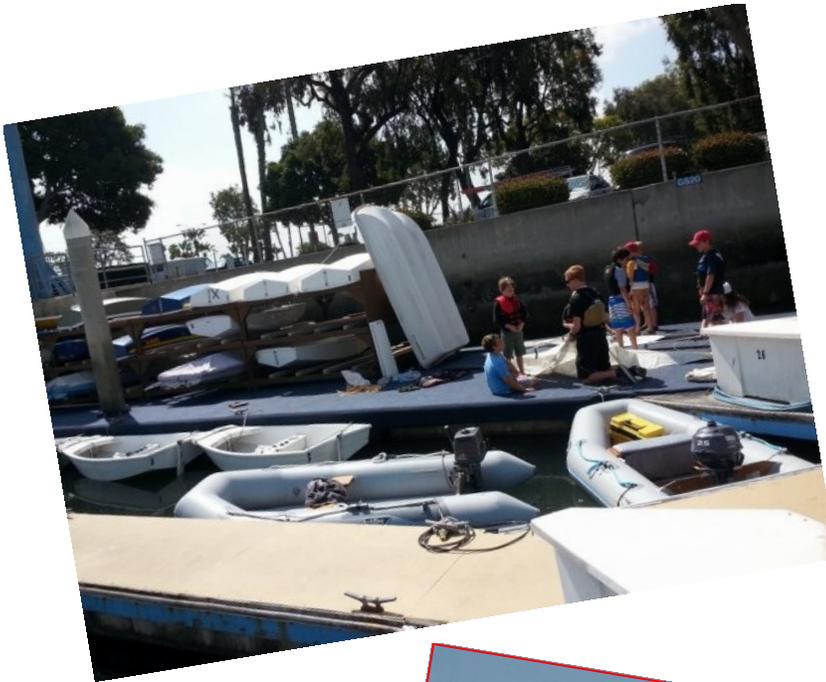
When this program was resurrected this Spring, we started with open houses, introductions to sailing on Thursdays during the Spring, then the Summer sessions hoping to continue through the Fall with Thursday after school sailing. Here's a photo from the final Thursday After School sailing for 2014.

Along the way we added Saturday Open Sailing and private lessons for first time sailors. They have been a great success so we've added more Saturdays and a Learn to Sail package. Not only that, we are planning for the future acquiring our first two-person CFJ for the program. The CFJ is the most widely used two person boat in programs like ours, as well as, High School and Collegiate Sailing. Now with the Centerboard Sabots, Lasers and the CFJ we can offer a broader array of instruction.



## Friday, July 25, 2014 Field Trip

What a wonderful Field Trip. A group of students, parents and friends motored out to watch some of the racing in the Optimist Nationals regatta and the CFJ National Championship. Afterwards, we hopped in the instructors' dinghies and took in the Sailing through STEM exhibits and CYC.



## Our Mission

To provide sailing opportunities for the next generation in affordable, safe and fun programs tailored to the community and driven by the desires of our students





## Race Committee Meetings

The race committee meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 PM, in the Race Room. Each month we debrief on previous regattas, discuss our strategy for upcoming events, and have a few laughs. Everyone who may be interested in spending volunteer time on the water running races, or would like to get involved in any of the many other ways is welcome to attend.



## Small Boat Fleet

Now that we have more boats ready to use in our Small Boat Fleet, it will also give us a chance to bring more young people into our Juniors Program which we are also expanding and promoting with the help of Steve Potter and Mike Cross under the leadership of Commodore Weinhart along with contacts at several community organizations and other yacht clubs who do not have their own youth programs. We are also getting good cooperation from the County's Beaches and Harbors staff in promoting our activities and our facilities. Our fleet is a valuable asset for our Yacht Club and will be used to attract new members, parents with children and younger members so our club will continue to thrive in the coming years, specially once our anchorage improvements have been completed. Let's make **Santa Monica Windjammers** not simply a yacht club, but also a true **sailing club!**

## Adult Sailing Instruction Program

Based upon the success of our Junior Program, Steve Potter is now developing an adult sailing instruction program for our current and future members which will be implemented in early 2015.

## Fleet Captain's Report

by Lee Rhoads



### SMWYC 2015 RACE CALENDAR

Jan 25* Sunday	Super Bowl Regatta (Charity)	Lido 14, Harbor 20 Laser, C15, Opti
Feb 22* Sunday	SCYA Midwinter's	CRUISER
Mar 07 Saturday	Opening Day	SMWYC
Mar 22 Sunday	Poker Run	SUP (Stand Up paddleboards)
Mar 29* Saturday	Start Clinic	Keel
Apr 26* Sunday	Barbecue Race #1	Cruiser
May 24* Sunday	Barbeque Race #2	Cruiser
June 7 Sunday	Scavenger Hunt	SUP
Jun 14* Sunday	Barbeque Race #3	Cruiser
Jun 27 Saturday	Ch Isl to MdR/wChIYC MJ #1	PHRF/CR/ORCA
Jul 19* Sunday	Barbecue Race #4	Cruiser
Aug 09* Sunday	Barbecue Race #5	Cruiser
Aug 16 Sunday	SUP Event	SUP
Sept 05 Saturday	Outlaw Regatta w SIBYC MdR to Seal Beach/MJ#2	PHRF/CR/ORCA
Sept 16 Wednesday	After Sunset #1	PHRF/CR
Sept 18 Friday	Summer Splash Cat	MultiHull
Sept 27* Sunday	Waynes Great Circle Barbeque Race #6	Cruiser
Sept 30 Wednesday	After Sunset #2	PHRF/CR
Oct 4 Sunday	City of Hope Regatta	PHRF/CR
Oct 11* Sunday	Oktoberfest/MJ #3	PHRF/OD/CR



## Jr. Staff Commodore's Corner

by Jr. Staff Commodore Charlene M. Perron



## Are we having fun yet ? Our Social Side....



One of the most enjoyable aspects of being Commodore of any yacht club is that you get to know your members on a more personal basis. Sometimes by just socializing at various events, and sometimes in a formal capacity discussing club issues. I had that pleasure last year. I thank our Club members for that experience. Meeting my counterparts at other ASMBYC yacht clubs was educational, and afforded me the opportunity to discuss elements of yacht club management that we all share.

Also, hand-in-hand with those pleasantries, comes the responsibility of trying to balance what is best for the Club with what is in the best interest of an individual member. This position is not a popularity contest. As Commodore, we lose supporters as quickly as we gain new friends. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish Commodore-elect Themis Glatman and her Board the best of luck in 2015. May they have the wisdom to identify issues facing SMWYC, the knowledge to understand options, and the clarity to think outside the box. Next year will be very challenging for them as we enter into lease negotiations with the County, consulting with them on re-building the docks, and slip assignments.

The path has been forged over the past several years (S/C Besim Bilman's dock construction proposal, and Commodore Weinhart's current discussions with the County representatives). I hope my successors continue to build upon the strong relationship already established resulting in a beautiful and mutually successful future.

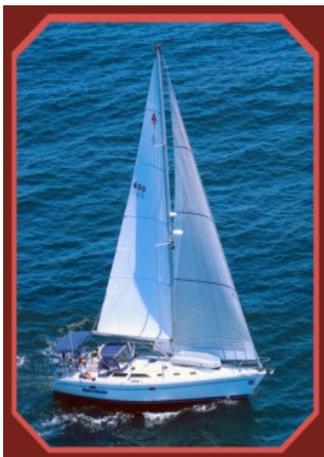
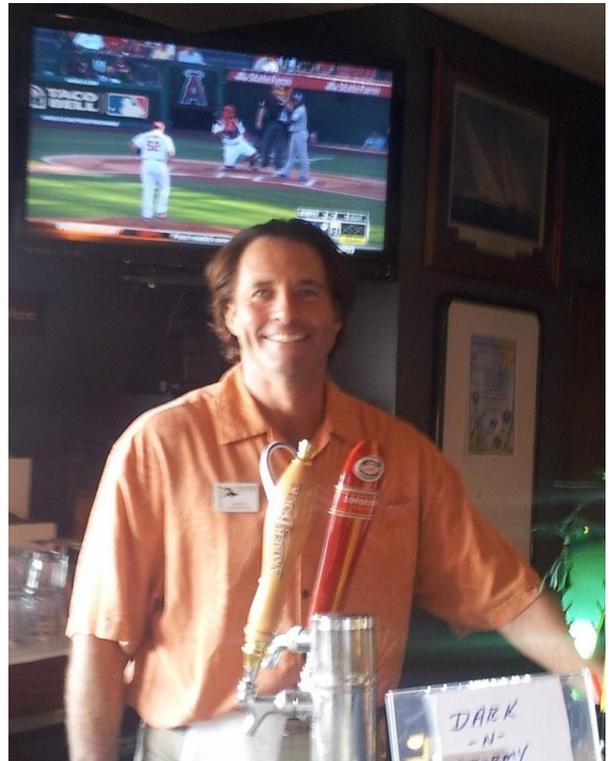
Being a small, and mostly volunteer yacht club, our Board of Directors and Members often take on several responsibilities at once - sometimes to the extent that the work becomes overwhelming. As a result, details may get overlooked, programs not realized to their full potential, or just no time to do it all. Jr. Staff Commodore, on the other hand is a much more relaxed job. One in which you can delve into the areas that most interest you, and consult on others.

As I wind down my formal responsibilities on the Board, I think about the advantages we have with membership at SMWYC: the best view in all of MDR; a friendly atmosphere among members; if you choose, a voice in how your club is managed - none of that 'red tape' that some clubs have; and the opportunity to offer your unique ideas for the betterment of the Club.

It is up to all of our Members to do their part to assure a strong and vibrant future for SMWYC. Volunteer, even for just one event. Offer to help whenever you have time. Don't be shy, even if it's a last minute opportunity, call whoever is in charge of that area and offer your help. I can admit, first hand, that your membership at SMWYC will be more fulfilling because of it, and you may even make everlasting friends.



# Yes, we are having fun !!!!!



**Upcoming Events:**

- December 10 - Wednesday Night Dinner with guest speaker Mr. Gary Jones, Director of the L.A. County Department of Beaches and Harbors
- December 13 - MdR Holiday Boat Parade
- December 14 - Holiday Boat Parade Awards Ceremony
- December 17 - Lee Rhoads Pig Party
- December 31 - New Years' Eve Party
- January 25 - Super Bowl Regatta
- March 7 & 8 - Marina del Rey Yacht Clubs Opening Days
- April 10 - 12 - MdR 50th Anniversary and MarinaFest



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Bar is open to members, prospective members and invited guests on most Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings and other nights for special events

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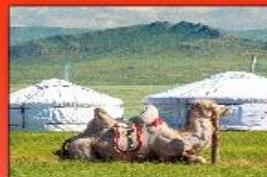


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