

Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club



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2015 Club

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Commodore:

Themis G. Glatman

Vice Commodore:

Hartmut Eggert

Rear Commodore:

Michael Cross

Jr. Staff Commodore:

Fred Weinhart

Treasurer:

Ron Orr

Club Happenings



SOME of the fun we had at the 2014 Marina del Rey Holiday Boat parade



Commodore Glatman, Treasurer Ron Orr, and Norm Perron receiving the Best Sailboat Category Award.

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MDR Fire Department Personnel receiving our gracious donations of toys for the needy children over Christmas



Yes, our club is once again full of Juniors in the record Breaking Super Bowl Regatta



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

Opening Days for all Marina del Rey Yacht clubs - Saturday and Sunday, March 7th & 8th



50 *Marina del Rey*

FIFTY & FABULOUS

Today's Marina del Rey community continues to thrive on its sparkling waterfront. Although recreational boating still reigns, modern hotels, new tech-savvy luxury apartment communities, exciting water sports, popular outdoor concerts, and current trends - like beachside food trucks and a farmers' market - all showcase the Marina's evolution. Ongoing redevelopment, new amenities and recreational programming continue to enhance the community, attracting visitors from far and wide, and making this LA's Marina.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS
Marina del Rey
LA's Marina
1965-2015

Here's to the next 50 years and the things that are yet to come in Marina del Rey!



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



2015 Board of Directors

Seated left to right: Vice Com. Hartmut Eggert, Commodore Themis Z. Glatman, Rear Com. Mike Cross
 Standing left to right: Director Jerry Frank, Former Director and former Judge Advocate Al Kaufman (retired), Director Gordon Hansen, Treasurer and Judge Advocate Ronald Orr, Director Ron Wood, Jr. Staff Commodore Fred Weinhart.

Not pictured here are Fleet Captain Lee Rhoads and Directors Mark Olson and Pedro Rodriguez

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





**Commodore's
Corner**
by Commodore Themis
Z. Glatman



A real bright future for our 75th Boating Season

Here we are already on our third month and our club has not looked this prosperous for a few years now.

I was honored to have been asked to volunteer my boat "The Lady Themis" for the Christmas Parade and even more honored to have been blessed with tremendous hard working volunteers (too numerous to mention) that made it possible not only for our club to be represented in the water, but also to win THE BEST SAILBOAT award, a real accomplishment.

By now you all have noticed the improvements around the club, whether in the Lobby area, in the Restrooms, in the Bar area or even in the Dining room, our club is really poised to enter the 21st century with a lot of improvements and with a lot of energy from the new Board and Bridge.

As you may have noticed, our anchorage's landside improvements have started and with good luck we should start seeing the improvements on the waterside very soon giving us the new look our club is getting from inside and which will be visible from the outside as well. We have in the County and in Beaches and Harbors Director Gary Jones, willing partners to help us achieve this bright outlook by being willing to work with us in the development of the new slips and listening to our needs going forward as what activities, we as partners, can accomplish together.

Specially now that we look forward to the 50th anniversary of the Marina Del Rey Harbor and it's festivities coming up and for our club's 75th boating season.

Our membership has grown consistently last year due to the efforts of Junior Staff Commodore Fred Weinhart and the inclusion of many Fairwind Yacht Club members who now call our clubhouse their home as well. We are very happy for that and welcome all of them with open arms, as they are bringing a lot of enthusiasm to our activities. We have arranged for a new membership structure in order to attract additional members and to better accommodate existing ones within this structure.

But there are things we are still missing, I am always puzzled by what kind of events would the membership like to see and I am torn between more water activities and more social ones, so the next time you see me in the club, let me know what you would like us to implement and how we can accomplish it.

As my motto for this year says "Ask not what your club can do for you, but what you can do for our club" we need volunteers, you are the ones that will continue to make this a great club and truly carry us to the bright future ahead.



Commodore Themis and First
Mate Bruce Glatman





Vice Commodore's Corner

by Vice Commodore
Hartmut Eggert



Being part of the board of directors in this fantastic yacht club is a very exciting and challenging journey. The past and current officers and board members have done a tremendous job and are working VERY hard to keep the club running smoothly.

We've had some great events with good attendance in the first few weeks of 2015 with many more to come. One of our recent Wednesday night dinners had about 90 people in attendance, and we served everyone of them without a hitch. When would you like to cook and share your favorite recipe with your fellow club members?

Just email me at hartmutsmwyc@gmail.com to put you on the schedule.

Moving forward, we are planning on bringing back certain events from the past, such as education nights during our Wednesday night dinners. How about game night? Do you remember how fun it is to play a variety of board games in good company?

Of course, the "usual" events like Sunday music/open house are ongoing...

Let's not forget about sailing. After all, this IS a Yacht Club. King Harbor, Cabrillo Beach, or Catalina Island are always a great destination.

Let's also not forget about our quarterly celebration nights to celebrate the birthdays of our club members during the quarter and other special events.

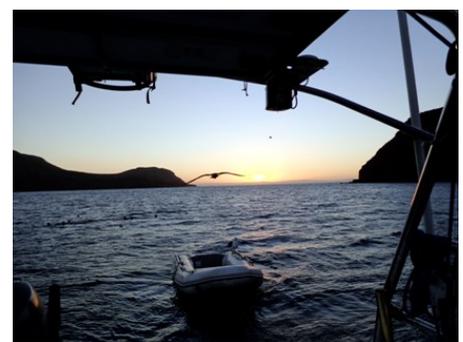
None of these events however would be possible if weren't for the hard working and dedicated club members who volunteer their time and in some cases money to make the club what it is.

You may ask yourself how you can help and participate in these activities. We are always looking for volunteers to help with certain events and tasks. Just contact me or any other board member and we will find a way for you to help and participate.

I am looking forward to serving as your Vice Commodore for this year.



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Now that I have been your Rear Commodore for the past year, I am honored to continue to represent this important position on our Bridge.

I have witnessed the continued growth of this club as far as membership, along with improvements to our club house and expansion of our activities, and all along have tried to help organize all dry storage rentals and programs being created.

But none of them have given me such pride as has our new Junior's program currently spearheaded by Steve Potter, who after initial prompting, help and support from Jr. Staff Commodore Fred Weinhart, yours truly, and our entire board of directors, pretty much single handedly, took upon himself to create the program, implement it and keep it running.

We already even had our first award presented to us by ASMBYC, winning the Diane Armstrong award by Junior program participant Miles LaViolette. With the new club improvements and future construction of the new anchorage, it becomes easier to recruit new members, to have Open Houses and to retain members who are happy to see the new face of our clubhouse.

My time spent at the club has been shortened due to work impositions, unfortunately that is what happens when you are not retired, but I have been able to help get the new Officer of the Day schedule up and running and really hope you all adhere to it. The only imposition when you join is for you to do your O.D. Duty once a year. Many members have not been paying attention to the schedule in the past, and that has hurt our ability to be welcoming on the weekends. It is not fair to those that do their shift, so we will be more strict this year in charging a fine for missing your assigned shifts.

With the new construction going on in the parking lot, I am helping Jr. Staff Commodore Fred Weinhart who is our liason with the County and the contractor on this project, to keep a closer eye on the vehicles and boats parked in our lot. We will be issuing new window stickers to members so that the County cars not belonging to us being left in our lot for extended periods can be more easily distinguished from members' vehicles. It is important for you to notify one of us if you plan on keeping a vehicle in the lot for more than 3 days straight in order that we can either notify you if it needs to be moved for construction purposes or to prevent from having you towed by the County.

Our new improvements, along with the soon to be constructed new slips, reflect our outlook for our club this year and in future years and I hope you share this excitement as well.

P.S. Have you sponsored a new member lately?



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



Junior Program

By Program Coordinator Steve Potter

Junior Program Surges into 2015



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



Last President's Day weekend culminated with students sailing our CFJ, an Optimist and several US Sabots. Since the first of the year, our students have been on the water every weekend day plus Martin Luther King and President's Days!



Three types of Junior boats work a short course

At press time we are looking forward to our students competing in the Marina as well as Westlake Village. Just as exciting is the addition of **Alexa Rodriguez** to our instruction staff. She has quickly become a student favorite and is now our acting CFJ specialist.

We offer a number of programs. Each month we have a Learn to Sail package where three first time student attend three Saturday sessions with instructor Kirby. This has been a great success and almost all of the students can immediately join our Weekend Open Sailing sessions which feature a combination of fun drills and lots of free sailing. We are also in the middle of an after school program for the Westside Global Awareness Magnet school with classes every other Thursday afternoon.

Looking forward we will start Open After School Sailing when daylight saving time begins and, of course, Summer Sailing Camp starting June 15. We will greatly expand the Summer Camp, it will run Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 3:30pm. Pricing is affordable and a very substantial discount is offered to Club members. Be sure to check our web pages to stay up to date as we grow. Better yet, stop by most any weekend day and see us in action or support us by sponsoring a boat name.



Junior Program By Program Coordinator Steve Potter (continued)

Super Bowl Charity Regatta a huge success!

On January 25, SMWYC hosted the 2015 Super Bowl Charity Regatta flyer suggested Marina del Rey would be flooded with sailors aged 7 to over 70 in small boats and that is exactly what happened on January 25. Ninety-five boats in eight different classes entered to race on two separate courses to raise money for the Santa Monica Bay Sailing Foundation.

Ten SMWYC junior racers competed in Optimists and Sabots while **Steve and Kristina Potter** and **Warren Fox** were aboard Lido 14s and **Matt Warnock** was aboard a Laser. Some 35 volunteers contributed to making everything happen and run smoothly.

The Outer Channel course featured Coronado 15s, CFJs, Lido 14s, Lasers and the Optimist Race classes. The Race Committee was challenged by fickle Santa Ana winds which created unique racing conditions to say the least. As the wind tried to shift to the southwest it lost virtually all of its velocity and only three races were completed.

The Super Bowl Charity Regatta was the first race in the Southern California Lido 14 District Championship series, which featured a formidable group of 18 teams in Class A. The brother and sister two-time class champion team of Mark and Sarah Ryan (Long Beach and Santa Barbara, respectively) showed off their speed and won the day with three solid races. Ryan Cox, 1995 Collegiate Sailor of the Year, from Ventura won the Laser fleet. Ryan's son Carter and Carter's best friend Sydney sailed in Optimists. Marina del Rey sailor Barrett Sprout, a past class champion, won the C-15 class. Steve and M'Liz McJones (San Pedro) won Lido B. Local Junior sailors Grant Janov and the team of Keiran Shocklee and Preston Zeigler won in their Optimist and CFJ fleets.



The inside course fared better with the wind and was able to square up the course to the unusual direction. Five races were held for junior sailors in the Optimist Green and Lite Green classes.

After racing the junior sailors enjoyed pizza and handmade cake pops at Burton Chase Park where winners were announced for the Optimist Race class and all Green fleet sailors received participation trophies.

Finally a raffle of prizes provided by numerous sponsors and trophies were presented in the SMWYC clubhouse with activities wrapping up around 6:00pm.

Net proceeds from the event benefit the Santa Monica Bay Sailing Foundation which provides assistance to young sailors and youth sailing programs in the Santa Monica Bay.

Race volunteers included **Commodore Themis Glatman, Mike and Denise George, Steve and Miriam Moses, Julie Warnock, Ron Orr, Vicki LaDuca, Al Berg, Besim Bilman, Lee Rhoads, Matt Clark, Matt and Julie Warnock.** Our junior instructors **Gavin Abraham, David Kirby and Alexa Rodriguez** put in long hours on race day and in preparation and are a great asset to the club.



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The Small Boat Fleet Going Forward

With the start of the year, we already held our extremely successful *Racing Calendar*:

Super Bowl Regatta expertly run by Steve Potter which broke all records of attendance for the regatta, our club was full of juniors and our Juniors were stellar.

Now we look forward to our club holding additional races in the coming months, see the schedule in this page, I would like to have more participants from our club in these upcoming events and will be contacting those that shown interest in the past to come out and join the events and see what all the fun we are having is all about..

We are blessed to have a fleet of smaller boats that were donated to the club for the Junior program, but also available for members, when not in use.

The fleet includes: Two **Capri 22's** (lightweight keelboats), One **Cal 20** (pocket cruiser Catalina ready), along with a **Hobie 16** (catamaran) being commissioned. The Junior Program fleet consists of 12 – **8' Sabot Prams**, 2- **8' Optimist Prams**, two **Lasers** and a **14' Club FJ** (the nation's most popular two person training boat).

The Capri 22's have been retrofitted to give you a great start in sailing, and hopefully into racing. Especially now that Steve Potter has started the Learn to Sail program with professional instructors for juniors and adult members. He said recently;

Adult sailing instruction is definitely a growing phenomenon among yacht clubs as well as community run programs. Not only that, it appears to be sustainable at least for the foreseeable future. I hear from parents how they "used to sail and would love to get back into it" or "would love to learn to sail". Time and convenience are keys to this. Providing a very good alternative to boat ownership can offer something to our members that other local clubs do not!"

We have had the boats available for a number of years, but these assets are underutilized! SMWYC is now offering instructors to teach and certify adult members. In the coming weeks, we will start setting one dedicated weekend every month for members to come down to the docks, go for a sail, and see what the program is all about.

Let's make **Santa Monica Windjammers** not just a yacht club... but a true **sailing club!**



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



Anchorage 47 Slip replacement Construction Progress

As you probably know by now, the dock replacement project for Anchorage 47 has been fully approved and funded and a contract has been signed with Bellingham Marine Industries as the primary contractor on this project. The chain link fencing and trenching is proof that it is actually starting!

The time frame to complete all phases of construction has started and the entire project is expected to be substantially completed by June, 2016. In summary, it will be done in 5 phases for landside construction and 3 phases for the dock work. The landside improvements will include upgrading of the boater rest rooms in our parking lot near the G1400 gate as well as temporary parking lot reconfigurations for contractor equipment and work areas and some employee parking. To minimize the reduction of parking space availability in our parking lot, the primary equipment and materials storage area will not be in our parking lot but rather in the boat launch ramp parking lot adjacent to the mast up storage area.

While there may be some impact on slip tenants during the land side improvements construction and construction of the ADA required handicap ramp to the docks near the current G800 and G1000 gates may impact access at several gangways. Some boater relocation from G200 – G1000 slips has already started and all slips in this phase must be vacated by August 1. Slip removals will start around August 3 to allow for pile driving starting about September 4. County notices to slip tenants have already gone out.

The availability of slips in the anchorage is currently very limited but I am having discussions with Beaches & Harbors staff at the highest appropriate levels of authority to find the best possible solution for our members requiring temporary relocation of their boats during all phases of construction and will be communicating with each affected member directly as soon as solutions are found. I certainly hope that all members whose boats currently occupy slips in this anchorage will be able to find temporary slips and will want to return to one of the new slips as soon as construction is completed.

Club House Lease

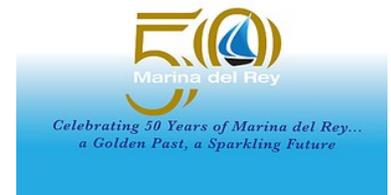
We are now in our final year of the current 8 year lease for our club house and parking lot spaces. Thanks to the efforts of Staff Commodore Besim Bilman, the Director of Beaches and Harbors has been granted authority to extend our lease past the March 24, 2016 end date for up to 3 more one-year increments without additional approval by the County Board of Supervisors. The renewal is not guaranteed and we must show that we are financially capable of continuing to occupy our facility.

To assure our ability to continue meeting our obligations and to remain in our club house, our board has asked me to act as liaison with the County staff to seek short term relief from some of our rent obligations during the construction period and to begin the process of negotiating a new longer term lease and avoid the need for the above mentioned one year extensions. While we are receiving unprecedented cooperation from County staff, especially from Director Gary Jones, this will nevertheless not be an easy exercise and our future will depend not only on their willingness to assist us in accomplishing this goal but also in our ability to effectively manage our financial affairs, to make greater and more effective use of our facility through better attendance at more events in our club house, to be more involved with boating community and other local community activities, and to increase our membership now and especially when the new slips are completed.

It is going to be another challenging year but as I said all of last year "Forward and Onward!" and under the leadership and inexhaustible energy and dedication of our new Commodore Themis Z. Glatman, I know we will accomplish these goals.

Jr. Staff Commodore's Corner

by Jr. Staff Commodore
Fred Weinhart



Beaches and Harbors
Director Gary Jones



Celebration Night Come Party Like you are Irish March 14, 2015



ST. PATRICK'S
DAY
CELEBRATION



FABULOUS FOOD, GREAT MUSIC, DANCING AND FOR THOSE WITH A CELEBRATION, IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH. A BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE TO SHARE WITH FRIENDS. COCKTAILS AT 6:30PM DINNER 7:00PM. GET READY TO BE ENTERTAINED BY THE AMAZING VOICE OF DIANA DRAKE AND CELEBRATE YOUR SPECIAL EVENT WITH US. ALL FOR THE LOW PRICE OF \$25.00 WITH RESERVATIONS AT RESERVATIONS@SMWYC.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT SMWYC.ORG





Upcoming Events:

Saturday, March 7	Opening Day
Sunday, March 8	Juniors Open Sailing - Noon—3 pm Unkle Monkey Band in bar 4 pm to 8 pm
Monday, March 9	Toastmasters meet in dining room
Tuesday, March 10	Women's Sailing Association meeting
Wednesday, March 11	Dinner at 7:30 pm
Thursday, March 12	Weightwatchers meet at 10 am
Saturday, March 14	Celebration Night Dinner at 7:30 pm
Sunday, March 15	Marina Jazz band in bar 4pm - 8 pm
Tuesday, March 17	Catalina Fleet meets
Wednesday, March 18	Turkish Dinner Feast at 7:30 pm
Thursday, March 19	GAMS After School Junior Sailing



Please check our web site regularly for updates at smwyc.org

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

Open House Live bands most Sundays at 4 pm

Dinners and special programs on most Wednesdays at 7 pm

Now accepting new membership applications with special reduced introductory rates, preferred slip assignments and learn to sail programs

For more details and updates to all our events, please visit us at smwyc.org or call us at 310-827-7692 to speak to a club representative or to advertise in this publication or on our web site.

Officer of the Day Duty Schedule for March:

A-Shift is from 9:00 am-1:30 pm; B-Shift is from 1:30 pm-6:00 pm. To make it a little more interesting, the names in bold indicate that there is an event or private party that day, so you may expect more activity which makes the day a little less boring, and we have music almost every Sunday at 4:30. Plus we are offering a new incentive: after your shift, you are invited upstairs for a beverage on the house (draft beer, house wine, well drink, or soft drink) as a 'thank you' for participating in the O.D. schedule. For those shifts that the bar is not yet open, just bring your O.D. log to the bartender which shows that you did your shift, and he will honor the incentive. I gave the chance for everyone to contact me regarding their preferred dates, I assigned the ones that requested and have consequently gone down the line alphabetically with the other assignments.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>A Shift</u>	<u>B Shift</u>
Sunday	March 8th	Chet Brown	Bobbie Brown
Saturday	March 14	Sarah Burns	Steve Klink
Sunday	March 15	Cathy Cahill	Cristopher Evans
Saturday	March 21	Ralph Cooley	Susan Edmunson
Sunday	March 22	Paul de Luca	Vicki de Luca
Saturday	March 28	Hartmut Eggert	Marion Fiske
Sunday	March 30	Betty Ford	Laurel Forrest

Upon becoming a member of SMWYC, you agreed to perform at least one shift per year. Unless you contact us with a preferred date, one will be assigned to you. If you have been assigned a date that you cannot fulfill, you should immediately find a replacement by trading with another member. You can post your desire to trade by sending an email to the club's yahoo group email which is smwyc@yahoogroups.com. If for some reason you are unable to make a trade, please contact Commodore Themis Z. Glatman at TLadyManor1@aol.com.

Please check our web site regularly for updates and the most recent information on all activities at smwyc.org