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Jr. Staff Commodore
Fred Weinhart

News and Events around our Clubhouse



Our club can go from being the center of the Marina to the WOW/WAH (Women on the Water/Women At the Helm) Regatta with over 100 people in attendance,



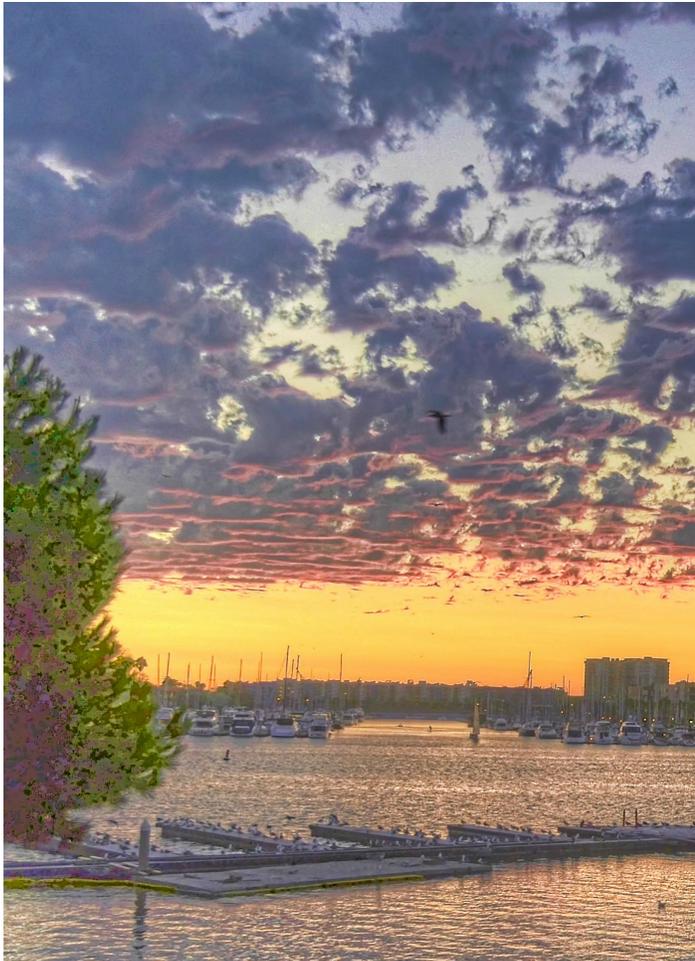
...to a private wedding venue for up to 150 people,

..to having real celebrities in the house such as Flip Wilpon, owner of the NY Mets, to Sandy Koufax (baseball hall of famer) to Jerry Rosendorf (owner of the Chicago Bulls, and White Sox) and Bruce Glatman with friend Bob Bro





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



We are just lovely by day.....but spectacular evenings and nights!

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

Photographs courtesy of Staff Commodore Besim Bilman



More upcoming events...we are committed to making our club house available for events benefiting our local boating, non-profit, and general MdR community



HOPE FLOATS WEEKEND REGATTA FOR HOPE

Benefiting City of Hope

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2015

DEL REY YACHT CLUB AND
SANTA MONICA WINDJAMMERS YACHT CLUB

Day-of registration begins at 9 a.m. at Del Rey Yacht Club, 13900 Palawan Way, Marina del Rey;
skippers meeting at 10 a.m. sharp

Enjoy a beautiful day on the water and help save lives!

Join us for this unique opportunity to crew aboard a racing sailboat around the buoys of Santa Monica Bay. Experienced and nonexperienced crew welcome.

Seats on our luxury yacht observation boats are also available for those who prefer to watch rather than race!

Regatta for Hope is designed as a fun race with elements of a slalom course with multiple marks.

OPEN TO PHRF, CATALINA 42'S, ONE DESIGN, ORCA AND CRUISER/NOVICE CLASSES

- Minimum tax-deductible donation of \$35 from the skipper and for each crew member
- Minimum tax-deductible donation of \$45 for each seat on the observation boats
- Skippers please register your boat at www.regattanetwork.com/event/10531
- Donations from skippers and each crew member can be made at www.cityofhope.org/regattaforhope
- Reservations for seats aboard the luxury yacht observation boats can be made by calling (626) 218-6563

TROPHIES — The boat raising the most money for City of Hope will be awarded the Lois Yudovin Perpetual Trophy. Class trophies will also be awarded for each class based upon entries.

TROPHY PRESENTATIONS AND AFTER-PARTY — All racers, family and friends are invited to take part in the Trophy Presentations and the After-race Hospitality at Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club, 13589 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey, California

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Norm Perron, Regatta Co-chair, at thecaptain101@gmail.com or (424) 222-9206

Tucker Strasser, Regatta Co-chair, at rtswoodworking@gmail.com or (310) 821-8100



Real changes for our Marina and for our Yacht Club

It is always easy to be reflective when writing these columns for our Sea Sounds and to look back on the day when I took office and the improvements we have seen in just the past few months.

For one thing, has anyone seen our docks? In the matter of two weeks, they cut them all up and off they went never to be seen. But good things are in the future as we enjoy our beautiful summer season here in Marina Del Rey, our membership ranks have not been this healthy in 5 years, we have had the least drop off rate in years and we have been honored to be able to welcome Marina Venice Yacht Club into our clubhouse. Some of our members do not yet understand what this means to the future of our club, but their membership, their commitment to some of them becoming full flag members and having one of them already accept a position in our Board of Directors speaks volumes to their commitment to this club and its future. Bear with us and you will see the results of this affiliation in our increase participation, increase exposure to their events and added benefits to our treasure.

I speak so much of the future since I am very proud to have taken the leadership of this venerable Yacht club when we were still uncertain about its direction, but now with our added membership numbers, our better financial position, our increased participation in community based events and charities as well as non profit events, we are starting to address our lease negotiation for the real future of our Yacht Club.

My sincere thanks to Jr. Staff Commodore **Fred Weinhart**, Judge Advocate **Ron Orr**, Director **Pedro Rodriguez** and Treasurer **Mark Olson** for forming a committee to start discussing our wish list to present to the County when the time is right for doing so.

For out of their work and our collective involvement, we will discuss what needs to be asked for of the County in securing the 76th boating season for this yacht club as well as the 86th and further.

This past year I have retained the position of control over the rentals in our Yacht Club and of our Banquet Hall and have been amazed at what possibilities there are to really make a difference in our bottom line by arranging to have events in our club house. No less than 6 weddings will have taken place in our club and two are already in the schedule for next year as well as very profitable conferences, birthdays and parties in general, I appreciate the patience our membership has shown during these events and thank you all and our excellent Bar Manager **Danny Stefanowicz** for his commitment to our club and it's events.

So for now, I just hope you are all enjoying our beautiful clubhouse, our beautiful summer in California, have taken your boats out to Catalina or have really enjoyed some of our House events.

We can just sit back and watch the progress of the new docks and the new promenade coming together, the super looking railings already installed, our parking lot finally being rid of all this construction equipment and our membership growing all the time thanks to our volunteers and their efforts in recruiting members and making our members feel part of our family. Until next time, remember:

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

Commodore's Corner by Commodore Themis Z. Glatman





Vice Commodore's Corner

by Vice Commodore
Hartmut Eggert



Making your club the place to be!

Time flies, Summer is almost over, and before you know it another season has gone by. We have had some great Wednesday night Dinners, and some not so well attended ones. Remember, it's every Wednesday night, rain or shine and all of you are welcome to attend, specially our new members, this is a great chance to mingle with other members and get involved in your club

Our Monday night happy hour from 5-7 pm, which started in June continues as well. \$1 off on Well Drinks, Beer, Wine, Margarita and Dark & Stormy, specially now that our Monday Night Football season is starting, so why not invite your friends to come over and have some cold ones with them and with your other members?

Our Celebration Night, covering members' birthdays, anniversaries, and other events to celebrate for last 2 quarters (April-September) was held on Saturday, August 29th. Pat Salcedo stepped up (again) to organize this memorable event. If you have, or had a birthday or anniversary, keep an eye out for the announcement for the next Celebration Night this Fall. And if you are a member celebrating an occasion, you will receive a bottle of Champagne on the house!

We are also planning a wine tasting event towards the end of the year and are in the process of lining up speakers for our Wednesday night dinner series.

Also stay tuned for the upcoming Chili cookoff coming up on October 10. See updates and entry information in our weekly e-newsletter "**This Week at SMWYC**" and on our web site at smwyc.org. It was hugely successful last year and we are looking forward to another exciting cookoff this year.

We are always looking for members who would like to volunteer and help us cook and setup for the Wednesday night dinners. This is a great opportunity for you to cook your favorite dish with and for your fellow club members.

If there are any specific activities, and/or events you'd like to see us put on, please reach out to us. Also, if you would like to see specific speakers for our Wednesday night education nights series, send us your suggestions — what about any movies? Games?

We are all here to create a great club atmosphere for you.

Looking forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming events.





A view from the Rear

It has been quite a year already. There is no way to top Opening Day! Betty Ford had her son's wedding reception at the Club. I must say the Club never looked better as you can see in the photo on the front page. Great job Betty!

Let's all welcome our new Affiliated Members from Marina Venice Yacht Club, they bring a lot of new energy into our club. With more membership participation, especially with Marina Venice Yacht Club members making our club their home as well, our bar is now open on Monday evenings, please check our dynamic calendar on smwyc.org for more details.

New Membership recruitment is a bit of a challenge, with all the construction going in our parking lot, promenade and most of all of those empty slips waiting to be demolished and replaced, and having to say this is just temporary. Of course, it is only temporary, and it will be beautiful when it is completed it is always darkest before the sunrise, so even though our Marina has lost its slips, we will be rewarded with much better and bigger slips and hopefully that will attract newer members to our family.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out with membership recruitment, processing, and welcoming, it is just a matter of following procedures for new members, getting their packages together, name tags, card, etc, but it is just too much for just a few people to do it with a very limited staff. Especially now that we have welcomed Marina Venice Yacht Club into our Family, there are tons of work that need to be done. So if you can spare a day or a few hours, contact us and we can surely use the help. See the **CONTACT US** tab at smwyc.org to see our contact information.

We would like to invite all members and their family and friends to come down to the Club and experience the most incredible sunsets in the marina, along with one of Danny's Tropical drinks.

If you have ideas you would like to see at the club, please let us know, we welcome your ideas, especially the ones that will attract new members as well as Juniors for our super successful Junior program. We have committees where you can bounce your ideas off other members, get their feedback, and then present it to the board and maybe see your idea become a reality.

For those of you who may not know, Rear Commodore's responsibilities include appointment and supervision of the Membership Committee, Junior Program Coordinator, the Port Captain, Education Program Chair, Hospitality Committee, and other functions as assigned by the Commodore or by the Board of Directors.

Also please start thinking of what positions you may want to assume next year in leading this great club into the future, Real Commodore? Board Member, Race Chair? Leading a Committee? Let us know so we can contact you and see how we can have your involvement in the future of the club.

Well that's it for now, hope to see you at the club soon.

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

Rear Commodore's Corner

by Rear Commodore
Michael Cross



Here we are celebrating our Veterans by having a day sail specially for them. All of this done by the sheer dedication of our volunteers. They sure are appreciated.





Junior Program & Sailing Instruction

By Program Coordinator Steve
Potter

Junior Program Update

This is Jack. It was suggested to Jack to sit on the rail of his Sabot on his third day of sailing and he took to it immediately showing pretty ideal form and hiking with all his 50 lbs or so.

Jack is just one of the many kids that have been through Sail Camp this year and certainly is one of the faster learners we have encountered but he is not alone. With the exception of one week in July we have run at or near capacity. As of the writing of this article, we have had kids sailing at least one day per week for 57 weeks in a row! This summer has been made all the more exciting with many intermediate and advance students participating so we often have three groups of different levels out at the same time. This is what it looks like at the dinghy dock at lunchtime.



This is Optimist Prime (on the left) returning from a sail in the ocean with one of the four original Sabots we started with sixteen months ago. Optimist Prime was built by **Vic Smith** and **Steve Potter** with the help of a few folks along the way. We used the original Clark Mills plans for the Optimist Dinghy. The interior is clear resin over a plywood shell with a white painted hull. Making it extremely durable and easy to maintain and yet is nearly as responsive as our fiberglass racing Optis. Templates have been made and some minor changes have been integrated into our construction plans and production will begin on three more right away. Sail Camp runs through August 21 and then we'll return to our schedule of Thursday and Weekend Open sailing, attending regattas and implementing sailing programs for some local schools.



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**





Junior Program & Sailing Instruction By Program Coordinator



Our Adult Sailing Education Program

We offer sailing instruction to SMWYC members and their guests that is customized to each individual of any ability and on a variety of different boats. One and a half hour lessons are designed to get you on the water quickly so you may confidently make use of our fleet of boats. The cost is \$50 per lesson for one person and \$60 for two. Additional half hours can be added at the rate of \$10 each.

Brand new to Sailing?

We teach you the basics on our Cal 20 which is stable and comfortable. An intimate cockpit ensures easy communication with the instructor, perfect for the beginning sailor.

Want some adventure?

Check out sailing on a Laser. These are fourteen foot, one-person planing dinghies that are fast, wet and lots of fun. These boats are a bit physical so an exhilarating day on the water is also a great workout.

Intermediate to Advanced Keelboat

Our two Capri 22s are a lightweight design that is very responsive. These have a longer cockpit than the Cal 20 for cruising with more friends and with enough experience make a nice little racing boat.

Two person Dinghies

Learn to sail with a friend on the most popular two person training boat in the country, the CFJ. These fourteen foot centerboard boats are quick and responsive and can be as athletic as the sailors want to make it.

Want to win more races?

We can provide coaching to your existing team and improve your results on the course. We'll help you improve your starts, sail trim, mark roundings, communication, tactical decision making and general execution. Committed teams will see immediate results. Pricing is based on your program.

Lessons are taught by our professional instructors and we hand pick the one that will be best for your needs and desires. As you progress, we certify that you are ready to sail on your own and the Club's boats become available to you. For more information on instruction contact us at juniors@smwyc.org. Also, check the Club's website and click on the Small Boat Fleet tab for more information regarding Small Boat Fleet participation.





Our Race Program and Small Boat Fleet

Fleet Captain's Report by Lee Rhoads



Racing: The club has a very active race program: with just-for-fun **BBQ races** once a month; several **After Sunset Races** in September; and our **Oktoberfest**, the final PHRF race of the year, in October. Please check our web site at smwyc.org, **RACING** for most recent race calendar updates.

But the most popular race is **MDR to SEAL BEACH**, known as the **OUTLAW REGATTA!** Held over Labor Day weekend, it attracts 40 to 50 boats, and if you average 5 sailors per boat, it makes for a great party! With a pirate theme, trophies are given out for best race finishes for both pure race, and cruiser boats, as well as best costumes.



The party at Seal Beach YC: Following the race is always a blast with a sellout roast-pork dinner, a live R&R band, and every skipper is required to speak like a pirate when he receives his trophy!

Small Boat Fleet: We acquired a number of boats for our junior program, but the boats are available to all members after a simple qualification checkout for a small monthly maintenance fee. They can be reserved on-line at smwyc.org, **SMALL BOAT FLEET**, and instructors are available to do boat check-outs, and to teach sailing basics!

Fleet includes a **Hobie16**, two **Capri 22s**, a **Cal 20**, a **Capri 15**, 2 **Lasers**, 2 **CFJ's**, several **Sabots**, and **Opti Sailboats** for kids in our **Junior Program**.

If you want to learn racing, upon proper certification, a Capri 22 can be reserved with an instructor to help beginning sailors learn the ropes of competitive sailing and with the many races provided not only by our club, but also by other Yacht Clubs, this is a great opportunity for members to get into racing and not have to own a racing boat..

See our web site at smwyc.org, **SMALL BOAT FLEET**, for more information and who to contact.

We are a yacht club that features **lots of on-the-water events!**



Nominating Process for Election of 2016 Officers

According to our club Bylaws, the election process is defined as follows in **Article 4, Part C:**

Nomination, Election, and Installation:

4.13 Nomination and Elections Committee: The Nomination and Elections Committee shall be chaired by the Junior Staff Commodore and shall have four additional members, two of whom shall be Staff Commodores appointed by the Commodore, and two of whom shall be appointed by the Board of Directors from the general membership of the Club, provided that no member who is not in good standing and no current member of the Board of Directors, or non-resident members shall be appointed to the Committee. Appointments to the Nomination and Elections Committee shall be made and announced at the August meeting of the Board of Directors.

A. Nomination Procedures: The Committee shall nominate candidates as required by the by-laws, and, in addition, at the request of the Commodore or Board of Directors, the Committee shall supply lists of possible candidates for other positions, including vacancies on the Board of Directors. The Committee shall supervise elections, and shall review election and nomination procedures and make recommendations to the Board for changes as needed. The Committee shall meet and consult with the Commodore at least once before developing its slate of nominees for elected positions.

B. Publication of Election Process: The Jr. Staff Commodore shall publish an article in the September Sea Sounds that lists the members of the Nomination and Elections Committee and describes the process for nominating and electing candidates for office, including the relevant dates.

4.14 Nominations. A. Elected Officers: Candidates for Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Fleet Captain, and Treasurer shall be nominated by the Nomination and Elections Committee. The Committee shall prepare a brief statement, not to exceed 100 words, of each candidate's qualifications and interest in serving.

B. Directors at Large: 1. Any Voting member in good standing may stand for election as a Director at Large by delivering to the Jr. Staff Commodore, no later than the date of the regularly scheduled September board meeting, a statement that the member wishes to serve as a Director at Large, together with a brief statement, not to exceed 100 words, of the person's qualifications and interest in serving.

2. Any member of the Club may nominate a Voting member in good standing for election as a Director at Large by delivering to the Jr. Staff Commodore, no later than the regularly scheduled September meeting of the Board of Directors, a written nomination, signed by the person to be nominated, agreeing to serve if elected, and including a statement not to exceed 100 words of the candidate's qualifications and interest in serving.

3. As soon after the close of the regularly scheduled September meeting of the Board of Directors as possible, the Junior Staff Commodore shall convene the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall make such additional nominations as are necessary to fill all vacant positions, and may, in its discretion, nominate additional candidates for Directors at Large providing for each candidate a statement not to exceed 100 words of the person's qualifications and interest in serving.

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Jr. Staff Commodore's Corner

by Jr. Staff Commodore
Fred Weinhart



Beaches and Harbors
Director Gary Jones



Nomination, Election, and Installation (continued):

Report of Nominating Committee and Additional Nominations: The Nominating Committee shall report the names of all candidates for all offices at the Annual Business Meeting. Additional nominations for any office may be made at that time by any member, with two seconds, each of whom must be a member entitled to vote. Brief statements (not to exceed 100 words) of the candidate's qualifications and interest in serving shall be submitted to the Jr. Staff Commodore by each candidate nominated at the Annual Business Meeting not later than 2 days after the Annual Business Meeting. Candidates for whom a statement has not been received by the deadline shall not be included on the ballot.

4.16 Candidate Statements and Ballots: The candidate statements shall be included with the ballots mailed to the voting membership. Names of candidates for offices shall be listed alphabetically. No indication shall be made of who nominated the candidates.

4.17 Elections: Officers and Directors shall be elected by a mail ballot. Ballots shall be mailed to all members entitled to vote, no later than the Friday following the Annual Business Meeting. Only voting members in good standing on October 1 are entitled to vote. To be counted, ballots must be received at the Clubhouse no later than 18:00 hours on the Saturday before the Election and Awards Meeting. The Nominating and Elections Committee shall supervise the election and counting of the ballots. The Jr. Staff Commodore shall announce the results at the Election and Awards Meeting (date to be determined and published in This Week at SMWYC as soon as known)

4.18 Runoff Elections: In the event of a tie vote, a runoff election shall be held between 18:00 and 19:00 hours at the Election and Awards Meeting, and the results announced at that meeting. Only those persons eligible to vote in the original election are eligible to vote in the runoff election, which shall be by secret ballot. 4.19 Installation: Elected and Appointed Officers and Directors shall be installed at the December Installation Meeting of the Members and their terms shall commence on January first of the following year.

The following members are serving on the 2016 Nominating and Election Committee

Junior Staff Commodore Fred Weinhart - Committee Chair per bylaws
Staff Commodore Besim Bilman - Appointed by Commodore
Staff Commodore Bob Via - Appointed by Commodore
Flag Member John Brooks - Appointed by Board of Directors
Individual Flag Member Richard Windebank - Appointed by Board of Directors

Submission of nominations for Director at Large Positions

As provided in Paragraph 4.14 B. "1. Any Voting member in good standing may stand for election as a Director at Large by delivering to the Jr. Staff Commodore, no later than the date of the regularly scheduled September board meeting, a statement that the member wishes to serve as a Director at Large, together with a brief statement, not to exceed 100 words, of the person's qualifications and interest in serving. 2. Any member of the Club may nominate a Voting member in good standing for election as a Director at Large by delivering to the Jr. Staff Commodore, no later than the regularly scheduled September meeting of the Board of Directors, a written nomination, signed by the person to be nominated, agreeing to serve if elected, and including a statement not to exceed 100 words of the candidate's qualifications and interest in serving.

The deadline to provide the above statements has been extended by the Board of Directors to Wednesday, September 16 at which time the Committee will meet to begin the nominating process. Such statements should be submitted to the Committee Chair at fredsmwyc@aol.com or to any other Committee member by email, by U.S. Mail, or by personal delivery **no later than 5 pm of September 16**. Late submissions cannot be officially considered.

This Sea Sounds article fulfills the publication requirements of our bylaws.

Forward and Onward!



Upcoming Events:

Please check our dynamic calendar on Home Page of our web site at Smwyc.org for latest event schedules.

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

Membership Opportunities:

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:

A-Shift is from 9:00 am-1:30 pm; B-Shift is from 1:30 pm-6:00 pm.

Day	Date	A Shift	B Shift
Saturday	September 26	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed
Sunday	September 26	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed
Saturday	October 3	Ron Orr	Intake Pedroarena
Sunday	October 4	Florian Frin.	Michael T. Joy
Saturday	October 10	Mike Mccollough	Paul Wineman
Sunday	October 11	Peter Griswold	Carolyn Griswold
Saturday	October 17	Robert Lee	Deborah Lee
Sunday	October 18	Scott Cartier	William Overton
Saturday	October 24	Jim Barber	Jose Manaiza
Sunday	October 25	Warren Fox	Joyce Fox
Saturday	October 31	Shar Campbell	Michael McKinsey
Sunday	November 1	Lisa Marie Schwab	Need Volunteer
Saturday	November 7	Michael Rynkiewicz	Linda Strick
Sunday	November 8	Pedro Rodriguez	Patricia Rodriguez
Saturday	November 14	Janet Adams	Sam Aussie
Sunday	November 15	Themis Glatman	Bruce Glatman

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