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News and Events around our Clubhouse

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The greatest news that gave us a boost in membership ranks has been our Food and Beverage Operation...

We still have the nicest sunsets in the marina!



Our Yacht Club has a National Dory Racer among its members!

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Not to mention our busy cruises we had including Easter, Outlaw, King Harbor, Isthmus and others





Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club's 75th Anniversary

In celebration of our Yacht Club's founding back in October 1941, we will be having a real extravaganza for a party that will last all day.

We are in preparations for a real grand event in the Clubhouse, Marina, Parking Lot and the entire marina Del Rey community.

Plans are for a Family Day in the morning with availability of paddle Boards, Kayaks, Small Boat Fleet, rides, etc for kids , Adults, Friends and Guests. This will be followed by a Marina Juniors Regatta and fun activities.



In the meantime, in the parking lot we will have a "Cars of Interest" Car Show displaying Classic cars, exotic cars and racing machines, with peer judging and prizes. We NEED you to bring your "Car of Interest" to the club so all other member can enjoy seeing it in our reserved parking Lot for this event.

Also in the meantime, our Food and Beverage Operations will be providing nourishment for our guests while in our premises. The fun will continue with Live music in the bar area since the patio will be taken over by the members who will present their Culinary Talents in providing us with a "Chilli Cook Off" competition, also with prizes for the best peer judged chilli.

The whole day will be an Open House and since we will be offering food specials, we will ask that you make a reservation and the first 75 reservations will receive a Commemorative Gift that will be our way of thanking the members and the Community for 75 years of great fun, camaraderie and great sailing adventures.

This will definitely be the one NOT to miss.

You will not have another chance for the next 75 years !





A Rewarding Bridge Position

It has been a very interesting and fulfilling first eight months of my tenure as Commodore of our Yacht Club. I must confess it is a bit more time consuming than I thought it would be, but time well spent. Through the efforts of many people, the number of active club memberships has grown by 30 % since the first of the year, and we continue to accept double digit new members each month since June. I am proud of the fact that we have added Junior Family and First Responder as new membership Classes as well as expanded the definition of people eligible to be Fleet members. We are continuing our efforts to build our membership and expand the membership demographics.

Our success in building the membership has been in no small part made possible by the success of our Junior Sailing Program, our ability to attract the parents of Junior Sailors and our now t hree month old expanded food and beverage operation which makes meals, snacks and beverages available to our members and their invited guest seven days a week in either the Regatta Room, the Bar area or the outside patio. Our thanks to Israel, Nick and Danny for giving us such great service and allow us to better enjoy the amazing view of the Marina del Rey from our Clubhouse.

I hope you have all noticed that we now have kayaks and SUP's available to our members to supplement our small boat fleet of sailboats available to members. We can even provide you with sailing lessons if you are just starting or want a few refresher lessons. Just reach out to our Port Captain Steve Potter at juniors@smwyc.com . At its last meeting, the Board voted make the SUP's, kayak's and small boat fleet boats available to Flag members at no additional charge, an additional benefit to being a Flag Member of the Club.

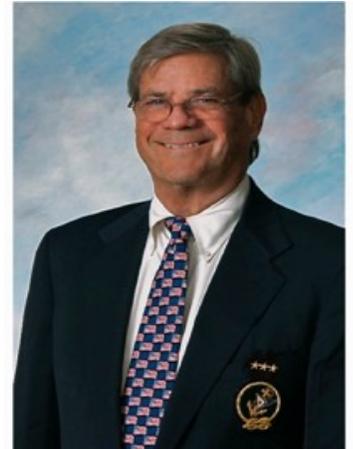
This is one of the few Club communications that come in the mail. Many of our members have not accepted the invitation to join the SMWYC Yahoo Group, which allows the Club to easily communicate with all its members by email. In order to be on the mailing list, you must accept the invitation I sent out when your membership was approved. This is a monitored Mailing List, so you will not receive spam or advertisements or other emails unrelated to Club activities and news. If you are not getting emails through the Yahoo Group, please email a request to be added to smwycfrontdesk@gmail.com . You will then be emailed an invitation which you must accept.

Last but not least, mark your calendar for the 75th Anniversary of Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club on October 16, 2016. We are planning Family Day activities, an Interclub Regatta, unique car show, live music, a special food and beverage menu and a commemorative gift to the first 75 people making reservations once reservations have opened up. Put it on your calendar to celebrate out club and enjoy the day.

Please stay current with what is going on with the Club by checking out This Week which we post to the www.smwyc.org website weekly. Also take a look at the Club calendar on that site for what Events are scheduled. Meanwhile, the other Bridge Officers, Directors and I will continue our efforts to improve the Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club experience.

Commodore Ron Orr

Commodore's Corner by Commodore Ron Orr



Officer and Director Nomination and Election News



Where has the time gone, since it is now that time of year again to start thinking about passing the baton, when we are required to solicit member's applications for the running of the club in 2017 and to make nominations with the help of the Nominating Committee comprised of John Brooks, Karen Cross, Staff Commodores Pat Salcedo and Besim Bilman, chaired by Jr. Staff Commodore Themis Z. Glatman.

Every year, two board members positions are replaced with two new members to serve in the board for a term of three years, therefore, if you have any inclination to become an integral part of our Yacht Club and to help resolve all its pressing issues, won't you let Themis know your acceptance? Another vacancy we currently have is for Rear Commodore, as you may know, every year the bridge officers usually move up "The Ladder" to one day becoming Commodore. Rear Commodore's duties involve being in charge of committees that will answer to you such as membership, port captain, etc. It is a very rewarding and necessary position, so whether you want to take on the position or you think a particular person would be a great fit for it, we are "all ears".

And last but not least, our Treasurer Mark Olson is finishing with his TWO year term and that position also needs to be filled. All that is needed is 100 word resume letting us know why you feel you should be appointed to the Board, to the Treasurer position or be nominated to become Rear Commodore.

The deadlines are fast approaching, we will need all the applications in hand by 5 pm on September 28th. The nominating committee will report the names of all candidates for all offices at the **Annual Business Meeting** this October 13th (Thursday). We will then mail out the ballots to eligible members allowed to vote on October 14th.

All ballots need to be in the office by 6 pm on Saturday November 5th. **The Elections and Awards Meeting Event** will be on November 12th and we will be announcing the new slate then.

This is a volunteer club and we are asking YOU to volunteer



A Word or Two... from The Membership Chair



A hearty Welcome Aboard is extended to all of our new members!

Over the last two months SMWYC has experienced double digit growth in our membership rolls. Rising membership numbers require an increase in Club activities and engagement and I have been appointed to spearhead fun times to float your boat and to enhance membership administration.

Please allow me to introduce myself to all of you as your Membership Chair. My name is Zna Portlock Houston. Along with my husband Cedric, we joined the Club several months ago as Flag Members. My days are spent recovering from the practice of law, reimagining myself, traveling and flexing my entrepreneurial wings in my travel business.

In the early 90s, I served as Director of Membership for the Pasadena Tournament of Roses, a paid management position. As a member of SMWYC and fellow volunteer I serve as your Membership Chair. My goal is to create a five star membership experience as we all work collectively to make our "little engine that could" a wonderful destination for members and guest alike.

If you missed our September **New Member Orientation**, look out for the next one in October. These orientations are a fantastic way to meet your fellow new members and to learn about all our Club has to offer. Did you know the Bar & Patio now offers a wine list? Have you tasted the delicious fresh squeezed green drink that is now available? If you are a Facebook user, like our SMWYC Bar & Patio and other SMWYC pages. We really want you to feel like SMWYC is part of your family and your home away from home. To that end, I am looking for ideas to acknowledge your birthdays and anniversaries.

Let me know of your special day so that I may compile a comprehensive list. If you want to share your birthday or anniversary or would like to join me in launching the Membership Celebrations' Subcommittee, please drop me a line. We would love to learn more about you. So look forward to Seeing Member Spotlights, announcements about SMWYC.

That's it for now... Hope to see you soon at the Club. You may reach me at livingtheheirlife@gmail.com text me at 310.702.7175

Cheers!
Zna



Membership Committee Report by Zna Houston Membership Chair



Networking Meetups
and a Jazz night



The Rivas are
getting married in
the club



Vice Commodore's Corner

by Vice Commodore
Mike Cross



Your Club, Your Place!

I have been your Vice Commodore for the past year and am honored to continue to represent this important position in our Bridge.

I have been very busy in running my business but always look forward to spending time in the club with fellow members and seeing the growth of our Yacht Club.

For starters, I have some exciting news - and believe me after jumping out of planes and going over 200 mph in just 6 seconds, it takes a lot to get me going! I had a business meeting last Saturday, so I decided to have it at our Club. Let me tell you, sitting on the balcony, having an awesome breakfast...yes if you didn't know, or if you haven't tried it yet, you owe it to yourselves. As we sat there with our food looking at all the boats in the channel, it made me forget I was here. I felt that I was on vacation far away and loving every minute.

We have had dinner on the patio, and it's really nice when compared to before. You really owe it to yourselves to enjoy your Club. We are open for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. Israel is the Food & Beverage chef and will try his best to accommodate your specific requests.



I know since we were there Friday night for a drink and said to Israel we were coming for breakfast the next day, and asked if they had chorizo and eggs, Israel said no, but he would make that happen. When we were served in the morning, to my surprise Israel did not forget.

Not only was the food delicious, but the care he puts into making us feel welcome at his tables, makes you feel appreciated that you are a member.

You should also check out the Seafood Buffet! It's the last Friday of the month, but check "This Week at SMWYC" that our Commodore sends out every week to keep us informed as to what's happening at our Club, and come down to enjoy your membership!



I am and I do appreciate all the benefits the Board and Bridge have arranged for all the members. Another example of that is the new and faster Internet services we have gotten in our clubhouse. We have actually two new routers one for the bar and Patio area and one for the downstairs section, so you can surf the waves and then surf the internet at the comfort of your club with a great drink and great food.

It is your club, make it your place



Value Added Membership

NEWS FLASH:

Last week the Board decided to accept a proposal from Port Captain Steve Potter (who runs our very successful Junior's Sailing Program) that all **Flag Members in good standing will be granted FREE access to the many boats that we have in our Small Boat Fleet Program!**

This means that the \$20 a month charge to maintain the boats is waved if you pay the full monthly \$110 a month for a Full Flag Membership or \$85.00 for an individual Flag Membership. So if you have a partner and both of you want to sail or SUP, it would be better to be a flag member, than a single mariner and have both of you paying \$20 a month for boat use. If you are already a Flag Member, let's get going!

Our Small Boat Fleet will include: our two Capri 22s, the Cal 20, the Hobie-16 and the smaller boats such as the many Sabots, CFJs, Optis and so on. The kayaks and Stand Up Paddle Boards are included in this new offer as well. However, **you must be checked out by one of our instructors** before launching into harbor! It is not a hard approval crash course, but we need to know you are able to take them out on your own. If you want to, but is not sure about it, why not take a course in Sailing by one of our many instructors, they are available for group lessons or individual lessons, just contact our Junior Coaches for dates and prices. 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.

Please consider this generous offer...we want to see more members on the water! It is just one of the many added value activities your officers have arranged for you, your family and your friends.

Race Committee needs volunteer help

Staff Commodore Besim Bilman, Steve Moses and the entire Race Committee and others put a lot of work during the year organizing races. **You do not need any knowledge of racing or rules to help us out. We have only two more races, one being the great fun one "OKTOBERFEST".**

Please contact Steven Moses at stevomoses@mac.com

Lee Rhoads
Fleet Captain

Fleet Captain's Report by Lee Rhoads



Still in Need of Volunteers





Jr. Staff Commodore's Corner

by Jr. Staff Commodore
Themis Z. Glatman



Helping Steer the Club on its 75th Anniversary

Two major duties become the responsibility of the Junior Staff Commodore, getting our Club's Opening Day Event planned, organized and properly produced and getting nominations for the next slate of officers, treasurer and Board Members.

Some of you older members, remember what a blast this last Opening Day was with the coronation of our new Commodore Ron Orr to helm our Yacht Club, specially with the "Breezeway Boys" being dressed as USC Cheerleaders, (Commodore's Alma Matter). Indeed it was a great party with lots of great food, our signature Bloody Mary's being served and great music to dance helping us show the dignitaries what a great club we have. All of this possible with the help of our volunteers.

Ask NOT what your club can do for you, ask instead what YOU can do for the club.

I am also supposed to fill in on all the duties that are lacking in the club. Most notably absent for a long time was our Ship Store Quartermaster position.

I agreed to fill it since it seemed to be a nice small endeavor with not much activity involved. BOY, was I wrong, in the first two months we already sold over \$1,500.00 worth of merchandise and in reviewing the members' special orders, that number is sure to increase. So if you have not yet seen the store or tried some of the articles for sale such as Hats, Polo Shirts, T- Shirts, Fleece Vests, etc, you are missing on a great way for you to look great, support your club financially and promoting it by just using our embroidered merchandise. Come by and pick up some merchandise and wear it proudly.



I was struck the other day on a Saturday seeing the club totally abuzz with the end of the Junior Camp celebration going on in the Regatta Room. I looked around to see happy parents, great kids running around, people being served food in the bar area, people on the patio enjoying a drink and lots of good conversation. The office opened downstairs on a Saturday staffed with a paid employee and I thought to myself, this has really become the place to be. Specially now with music on the first and third Sundays of the month, we are indeed on a path to making this club the Club of the Year for 2016.

Speaking on that, we are indeed on a path to become "Club of the Year" and with the help of our volunteers and great staff, we will hopefully get this prestigious awards come this November. I have been collecting information, we have been doing cruises, races, charitable events and hopefully will get the results we are looking for, let's keep our fingers crossed.



Junior Program Update

The Junior Program report in the last full edition of Sea Sounds noted that 2015 was a breakthrough year. It was to the extent it laid the foundation for a phenomenal 2016 thus far.

Winter and Spring included continued strength in our Open Sailing programs, our most successful learn to sail program with the Global Awareness Magnet School, highly successful Spring "Learn to Sail" classes, more of our students trying out regattas while some generous donations allowed us to complete some much needed upgrades to our fleet and acquire a Boston Whaler coach boat helping us prepare and set up for Summer Sail Camp.

Summer Sail Camp is an intense ten weeks to say the least. Demand was much higher than expected and we provided over 1,100 student sailing days. While there were certainly some growing pains as our resources were pushed to the limit a few times, there were almost always big smiles on the kid's faces. Each week brought in a new mix of students, which were generally split into three groups depending on age, size and ability meaning our dedicated teachers started over every Monday. Somehow students from New York, Colorado, Egypt and Turkey found us and attended camp.

Also over the summer we supported our sailors in weekend regattas at King Harbor, Westlake Village, Long Beach and Marina del Rey, made a deal with the Realm Academy to provide three, twelve week sailing programs for the students, gave away two scholarships, received the donation of a 14 foot RIB coach boat and a racing quality Laser. This has spurred increase in the Junior Parent Membership allowing the club to retain new members that have their kids in the sailing program.

The basic fall schedule is:

Mondays:	12:30 - 2:30	Realm Academy, ages 7-9
	3:00 - 5:00	GAMS After School Program
Wednesdays:	12:30 - 2:30	Realm Academy, ages 10 - 12
Thursdays:	12:30 - 2:30	Realm Academy, ages 13 - 15
	4:00 - 6:30	After School Sailing (Open)
Saturdays:	10:30 - 12:00	Learn to Sail, three classes per month
	12:00 - 3:00	Open Sailing (Open)

Port Captain's & Junior Program Coordinator's Report

by Steve Potter





Food and Beverage News By Food & Beverage Services operator Nick Kruithof



The SMWYC FBO would like to thank all the Members for their support and helping make the FBO very successful. We understand that change can be scary but change can also be great and great is what we want! We appreciate each and everyone of you that come visit us during the week and weekends!

Some very exciting events are happening in our Clubhouse and we want you all to enjoy them with us. Such opportunities will include upcoming events like the 75th Anniversary of our great Yacht Club, all day BBQ and Family Day on Oct 16th, as well as our first Annual Open House Halloween Party on Oct, 29th.

In the coming weeks, we will also be adding new Menu Items and Happy Hour food to the Bar and Patio Menus! Don't forget to come visit us Monday through Friday from 5PM to 7PM for Happy Hour and \$4.00 Drink Specials.

Have you experience the new trio of Wines we are featuring in our bar and patio areas? They are a real improvement and have received great reviews.

We also want everyone to know that we will be making improvements to the Bar and Patio Areas, such as adding Sails to the Patio to act as Canopies, recently we had an opportunity to host the Southern California Yachting Association and its members for a luncheon and rented a tent to cover the patio area. Many of our members really liked the idea and therefore we decided to proceed with the coverage of the area.

Another great improvement will be the addition of new Patio Furniture! We do not have the funds as of yet to purchase the furniture, but we will accept donations for such endeavor, here is a chance for you to really make a difference in the look of your clubhouse. With the Help of the Members and New Event Bookings we hope to make SMWYC the best Yacht Club in the Marina for Food, Drinks and Fun.

Don't forget to follow our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SMWYCBAR/. We also have an Instagram Page www.instagram.com/smwyc_bar_and_patio/.

Israel, Nick and Danny and the rest of the FBO Team all want you to know that every courtesy, comfort and convenience will be extended to you and your guests!

Thank you all again!
The SMWYC FBO TEAM



Proposed Bylaws Change Notification

By Commodore Ron Orr



Value added to Flag Memberships

Your Flag Membership can now be thought of as an “All-In” Membership. Flag Members may use the unreserved meeting rooms free of charge for groups up to 10 people, take advantage of our new fleet of kayaks and Stand Up Paddleboards and make use of our Small Boat Fleet Boats with no additional charges. Meeting Rooms need to be reserved using our online reservation system, you’ll need to be “checked out” on the kayaks and SUPs and you’ll need to be Certified on the Small Boats. Small Boat Certification will still cost \$50 so we can cover the cost of our instructors.

Access to information about these programs is found on the front page of our website or feel free to ask Luella or Deb for details during Office Hours.

Sea Sounds By-Law Amendment Notice

At its last meeting, the Board of Directors approved moving forward with an amendment to the By-laws to broaden the classes of members who are eligible to be elected or appointed as Club Officers. This is in recognition of the changing demographics of the Yacht Club and the hope that more members will be willing to volunteer their time to make your Yacht Club better and better.

Pursuant to Bylaw 10.1, notice is hereby given that at the next Board of Directors Meeting to be held on October 4, 2016, the Board of Directors will take up and vote on the proposal to amend Paragraph 2.5 B of the Bylaws to read as follows:

B. Each Collegiate, Mariner, Fleet, Racer, Junior Family and Affiliate membership shall have the right to hold office, make full use of all club facilities, race under the club’s burgee, and shall have one-half vote in the annual elections.

The amended Bylaw shall become effective immediately if two-thirds of the Directors vote to approve the amendment.



MEMBERS IN OUR EVENTS...

We are indeed a very busy club and from the looks of it, we will continue to be busy for the rest of the year and beyond. Won't you tell your friends about our great club and bring them around so they too can experience our fun events, parties, cruises and races.



Beginning in the New Year with our Cheerleading "Breezeway Boys" who delighted us with a great rendering of the USC Marching Song Then it was on to one of our parties in the Regatta Room with **Matt Clark** and others getting dressed for the occasion



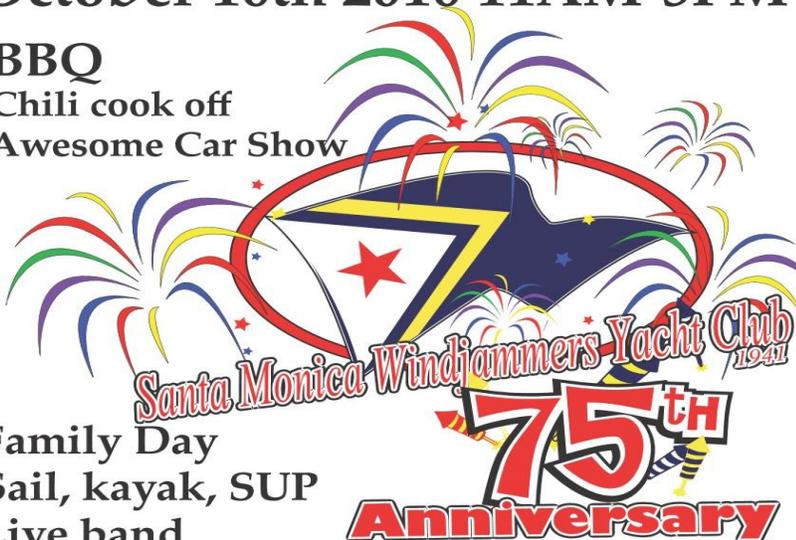
Forward to our second cruise to the **Isthmus for Easter** while decorating hats with the Corsair Club

Fast forward to our other cruises such as the **Diving cruise**, with the Rodriguez Family, followed by our Seal Beach **Outlaw Cruise**.



You're invited to our 75th Anniversary Celebration!
October 16th 2016 11AM-5PM

BBQ
Chili cook off
Awesome Car Show



Family Day
Sail, kayak, SUP
Live band
& more!

Membership specials
Contact for more info: Karen Cross (310) 430-3875



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