



Our Big Football Party

Sunday, February 6 at 2:30 p.m. - Kick Off 3:30 p.m.



This is one of the big events of the year. Come and join everyone at the club to watch the big game, with great drinks, tasty appetizers and a wonderful time. We will serve appetizers throughout the party. Add to your fun by getting into one of the pools. See Rosemary DePauw to buy raffle tickets or to sign up for a pool. A donation of \$12.00 in cash for the food or a check please payable to the Women of SMWYC.

Reservations required by **February 3** by phone (310) 827-7692 or email reservations@smwyc.org.

Valentines Wine Tasting Party

Friday, February 11, 2011



Taste your way through a fabulous evening. We will have a great sampling of various white and red wines for your tasting pleasure along with some delectable finger food. Merrill Sharpes from Classic Wines of California is our sommelier (wine steward) for this festive evening. We will have wines available for purchase at the tasting and picked up at the Club when they arrive. Please invite your friends to share an intimate and wonderful evening at SMWYC.

Tasting starts at 7:00 pm, and the cost is \$20.00

We are requesting your reservation to insure that we don't run out of food or wine, so please make your reservations at the usual place: reservations@smwyc.org or call (310) 827-7692 by Wednesday, **February 9th**. Hope to see you all there.

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Wii Game Night

Friday, March 4, 2011



Norm and Charlene Perron are organizing this fun night. They will have the overhead projector hooked up to play games and sports like tennis with four players. Also available, the big dining room TV with other Wii games.

Cocktails 6:30 p.m.
Taco Bar at 7:00 p.m.
Games to follow
Cost \$10.00 per person

Reservations please by email to reservations@smwyc.org or call (310) 827-7692 by Wednesday, **March 2**.

Commodores' Corner

By Vicki DeLuca, Vice Commodore



Is it really February? I still have some Christmas decorations that need to be boxed up, and we're having Opening Day meetings at the club. Time keeps going by faster and faster (I know it sounds cliché).

I'm hoping to see all of our members out for Santa Monica Windjammers 71st Opening Day (yes, 71st!) on Saturday, March 12th, at 9AM. It is such a special event, steeped in tradition and ritual. Every yacht club member should attend at least one Opening Day ceremony. We will kick off Marina Del Rey's Opening Day weekend with our big, parking lot celebration, followed by a fabulous brunch in our main dining room. We'll even throw in some live, festive music. We'll rest up in the afternoon and come back for a wonderful dinner and even more music and dancing. Don't miss out!

I am particularly excited about our new kayak and paddle boarding program being coordinated by R/C Fred Weinhart. We're making room on the docks for kayak and paddle board storage. We've signed up several new members, with more in the pipeline. There are plans for safety and instructional clinics, with opportunities for current and new members to "rent" equipment and get out on the water and have fun. You can keep posted by reading Sea Sounds and "This Week". Or better yet, stop by the club on a Wednesday or Friday night for a great, reasonable dinner. Wednesday nights will be focusing on educational programs and Fridays will be devoted to live music. We have a great line-up for February. You can look for me in the kitchen almost every Friday if you'd like more information about something or would like to offer a suggestion or register a complaint.

After Opening Day, it's time to think about getting out on the water. No boat? No problem. Race committee is always, always looking for volunteers to help out on their Race Committee boats. And then there's the Cal 20 program. SMWYC owns a Cal 20 (generously donated by Bev Wright in honor of her late husband Jim) which is stored in the parking lot. For a nominal fee, members can take her out sailing. We'll even offer informal lessons - just ask! And in a few months, we'll be looking for adult volunteers to help out with our Junior Program - the best kept secret at SMWYC. We even have a few dinghies for members to tool around in. If you have any questions, track down my kitchen assistant, SC Paul DeLuca at a Friday night dinner, or just show up at a Sail Committee meeting, held the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month.

I don't want to be redundant; there are so many activities at the club and most of the information about them can be found in this issue. Hope to see you soon!

New Member Report

Fred Weinhart, Rear Commodore



Welcome to our new Corporate, Flag, and Kayaking members:

Action Watersports - Russ Carrington – Corp: Russ owns and operates his company in Marina Del Rey and is providing leadership for our kayaking and paddleboarding program and membership drive.

James "J.P." Hamill – FC: J.P. lives in Venice and is a paddleboard owner and an overall water sports and outdoor enthusiast. He has previously operated both power and sail boats owned by his family who have been members of the Annapolis Yacht Club for over 20 years. He has joined our club as Flag Candidate and is looking forward to our kayaking program.

Dennis M. Murphy - FC: Dennis has joined us as a kayaking Flag Candidate. He lives in MDR and owns About Time, a Hunter 42 sloop and is joining to participate in kayaking program and to use our storage facilities.

Kaleb Nelson – FC: Kaleb resides in Los Angeles. He has a son Stephen and daughter Danielle. He is semi-retired from land development planning business. His interests include kayaking, rowing, inline skating, biking and skiing. Previously he has owned a J 24, raced a Laser, owned a Penyan 26 and ocean kayaks. His racing experience includes San Francisco and San Diego Bays.

John P. O'Rourke & Cathy L. Quain – FC: John and wife Cathy reside in Manhattan Beach and have joined as Flag Candidates. Professionally, he is an investment banker and active in surfing, snowboarding, and fishing and is an avid reader. He belongs to the American Australian Association, Surfrider Foundation, Heal the Bay and the Venice Boys & Girls Club. He has moderate sailing experience, having previously owned a 9.2m S2. They are looking forward to participating in all our on and off the water fun activities - kayaking, food, wine, music, and more.



Women of SMWYC

By Jackie Stern, President



February is here and we have a busy month ahead, but first I wish to thank our Commodore for a fun New Years Eve Party.

At our January meeting, we discussed activities for this year: the Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 6th and the Valentine Wine Tasting on Friday, February 11th hosted by **Norm and Charlene Perron**. The Academy Awards Party scheduled for February 27th has been cancelled due to a club rental. We also are setting up some special outing events for the year. **Bonnie Berson** has again agreed to be our Activity Chair. Bonnie has given us a list of activities to consider and we will be making our choices for our quarterly excursions.

We plan to make cookies for the troops again this year. We hope more of our ladies will donate their time and also some of the ingredients for the cookies. **Marty Offerman** has been delivering the cookies to LAX USO and also to the Ontario Airport USO. Please watch "This Week at SMWYC" and the "Sea Sounds" for dates. The Troops who are coming home and have to change planes in LA love to have a taste of our homemade cookies.

In March, we have our Opening Day Ceremony and Opening Day Dinner, **Mary Anne Mendel** has volunteered to chair the hospitality for this event. We need a lot of volunteers on this day. Please call Mary Anne if you can help at (562) 694 3205 (Home) or (310) 993 2278 (Cell).

Other events at the Club are the Annual Crab Feast, Women's Tea Party, 50's Sock Hop, Annual Business Meeting Dinner, Awards Night, Halloween Party, Installation Dinner and Trim the Tree Party. We hope to add more activities during the year.

I hope to see all our members at the Club and at our events this year. You can enjoy wonderful Wednesday night dinners and dinner with live music for your dancing pleasure every Friday night. Please join us and support your Club's activities. Our women's meeting is the first Tuesday of each month. Please join us and help us plan our events.

Cruise to King Harbor

Friday, February 4 to Sunday, February 6

By Matt Clark, Event Chair



Sign up and plan on joining us for a fun and entertaining short cruise to King Harbor. Come by boat or land yacht. You'll get back to the marina in time for the big Super

Bowl Game Party in our clubhouse.

Agenda

Friday: Appetizer dinner at KHYC.

Saturday: Brunch: at KHYC 0900-1400.

Dinner: Potluck or local restaurants, your choice.

Evening: Board games, karaoke or what-have-you.

Sunday: Sunday brunch at KHYC. It starts at 0900. We will then break up the raft-up and depart for MdR by 1100.

The cost per boat is set by KHYC at \$20.00 per night. You pay the KHYC dock master. Additional information with raft up instructions is available at our club web site under this link:

<http://www.smwyc.org/SuperbowlCruise.html>

We hope to see you there!

Education Night

Wednesday, February 9



Our February speaker is **Oliver McCann** of UK-Halsey Sails. He'll cover kinds of sail materials and applications for high end racing, cruising plus extensive cruising wear and tear issues. We will have time for lots of Q & A.

Oliver started in sail making 32 years ago in Marina del Rey. He has logged close to 20,000 nautical miles in long distance races and has many years of experience in One Design and buoy racing. He has been with UK-Halsey Sailmakers since 1999. Since joining UK-Halsey, Oliver has focused on getting his racing customers the sails they need to consistently win races and provide his cruising customers the sails they need for strength and durability. His vast sailing experience provides a resource for his customers and excellent customer service.

Our program will start immediately following the Wednesday night dinner.

Race News

Paul DeLuca, Race Chair



And we are off and running. At press time **Steve Potter** is putting the finishing touches for the Super Bowl Regatta on **January 30** and it looks like it is going to be a lot of fun. If you have a chance, drop by, grab a Tex-Mex meal and see what all the excitement is about when the trophies are handed out.

February 26: Fleet Captain Themis Glatman and **Lee Rhoads** are putting on the SMWYC Race Start Clinic. If you've always wondered why the start is so important, you should plan to spend the day. In the morning, there are talks explaining the different starts then later attendees will take their boats out to practice starts. After, all of us will meet in the bar to critique the starts. If you are into racing, this is for you.

For those of you who are the slightest bit interested in sail boats, I would like to encourage you to volunteer to help out the Race Committee. Race Committee is one of the best kept secrets in the marina. Ninety percent of all the racing action happens on the Start/Finnish line. The RC Boat is the best seat for the action. You learn a lot; meet great people (who know a bit about sailing); get a free lunch and have a great time. Also, our Race Committee meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

So let us all get together and have a great time.

From the Fleet Captain

By Themis Glatman, Fleet Captain

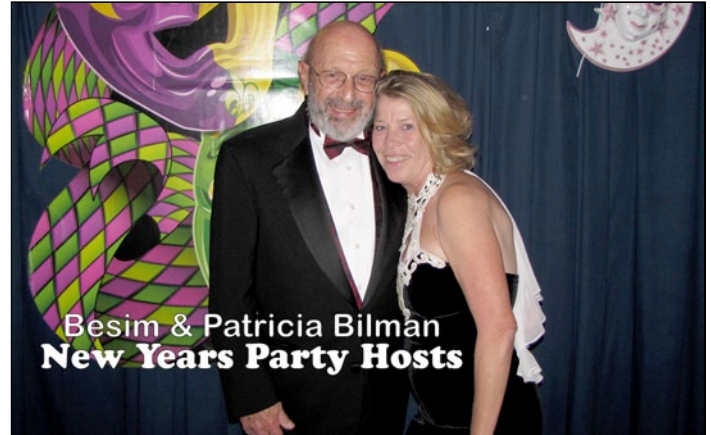
I am happy to report that we have now filled all the positions for the Fleet Captain's committees with the addition of **Carole Walsh** as our Cruise Coordinator for this year.

We have tried to coordinate our cruising events with WSA and Fairwind Yacht Club plus some with PMYC so that participation is increased and a good time should be had by all with the added boats and participants.

Our first event is coming up February 4th - 6th, The Cruise to King Harbor where we will enjoy the hospitality of King Harbor Yacht Club. **Matt Clark** is organizing this event. See details elsewhere in this issue.

Do not miss this fun cruise – you snooze you lose.

Photos courtesy of Norm Perron – Cont'd Page 5



Besim & Patricia Bilman
New Years Party Hosts



Officer of the Day Duty

February 2011

	A Shift 9-1:30	B Shift 1:30-6
Sat. Feb 5	Paul Deluca	Vicki DeLuca
Sun. Feb 6	Victor Eysselein	Zoe Eysselein
Sat. Feb 12	Warren Fox	Joyce Fox
Sun. Feb 13	Gordon Hansen	Irene Buckner
Sat. Feb 19	Clint Roberson	Rosemary DePauw
Sun. Feb 20	Rick Toomim	Vikki Lam
Sat. Feb 26	Norm Perron	Charlene Perron
Sun. Feb 27	Scott Kenning	Shelia Horner

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS: Please review this list each month to see if you have been assigned a date. In the event, you see you have been assigned a date and cannot do O.D. on that day, you should immediately find a replacement by trading with another member. If for some reason you are unable to make a trade, please contact Fred Weinhart, email, FredSMWYC@aol.com as soon as possible. If you fail to do your duty when assigned, or you do not find a replacement or you do not contact us, you will be billed \$50.00 per shift.

LOOKING AHEAD:

	A Shift 9-1:30	B Shift 1:30-6
Sat. Mar 5	Bob Mimura	Lois Meiser-Mimura
Sun. Mar 6	Rick Little	Renee Little
Sat. Mar 12	James Hamill	Dennis M. Murphy
Sun. Mar 13	Kaleb Nelson	Suzanne K. Taix
Sat. Mar 19	Terry Lavery	Dennis Lavery
Sun. Mar 20	John P O'Rourke	Cathy Quain
Sat. Mar 26	Steve Schiff	Marci Schiff
Sun. Mar 27	Dana Haynes	Cynthia Huffman
Sat. Apr 2	Bob Hayward	Cheryl Hayward
Sun. Apr 3	Michael Parker	Mitzie Parker
Sat. Apr 9	Ken Liu	Pat Eastman
Sun. Apr 10	Staness Jonekos	Michael Becker
Sat. Apr 16	Brian Kennedy	Sarah Kennedy
Sun. Apr 17	Randall Krause	Elise Krause
Sat. Apr 23	Jay LaPlante	Julie Parrino
Sun. Apr 24	Dave Osborn	Joan Osborn
Sat. Apr 30	Ken Lee	Corky Lee



Advertise in our Sea Sounds

For as little as \$75.00, you could have a card ad in our newsletter for 3 months telling the members of your special services. Ad forms available on the club lobby counter behind the extra copies of Sea Sounds. Pick up one today! ,

Friday Night Rocks

By Pat Salcedo

Join us on Friday nights for a great dinner and musical entertainment.

Feb 4th - Sonny (of US99) and The Killer Bees playing a little rock and roll

Feb 11th - Valentine Wine Tasting - no music

Feb 18th - The Twist-Offs playing lively mix

Feb 25th - Guitar duo Zerimar and Fritz

**Cocktails 6:30 p.m. - Dinner at 7:30 p.m.
Cost \$20.00**

Reservations required. Call (310) 827-7692 or email reservations@smwyc.org. Watch for the menus in This Week. (A two-drink minimum is required if not having dinner.) **Don't miss out on lots of fun!**

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Bar Opens

Wed. 1700 Sat. 1500
Fri. 1700 Sun. 1500

Calendar**O.D. Watch**

A Watch 0900 – 1330
B Watch 1330 - 1800

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		February 1 Women's Brd 6:30 Gen Brd Mtg 7:30	2 Wednesday Dinner Bar Opens 5:00	3	4 Super Bowl Cruise Bar Opens 5:00 Dinner & Live music	5 Super Bowl Cruise Bar Opens 3:00 Private 6:30-12
6 Super Bowl Cruise Super Bowl Party Bar Opens at 2:00	7	8 Sail Com Mtg 7:30 WSA Gen Mtg	9 Wednesday Dinner Open Day Mtg 6:00 Education Night Bar Opens 5:00	10	11 Valentines Wine Tasting 7:00 Bar Opens 5:00	12 Bar Opens 3:00 Fairwind YC 10-12
13 Open House 11-4 Happy Hour 3-8 Private Patio 4-6	14 PSSA Mtg	15 Catalina Fleet Mtg	16 Wednesday Dinner Bar Opens 5:00 Membership Mtg 6	17 Cal 20 Group 7:00	18 Dinner Bar Opens 5:00	19 Bar Opens 3:00
20 Open House 11-5 Happy Hour 3-8	21	22 Exec. Brd Mtg 7:00 WSA Board Mtg	23 Wednesday Dinner Bar Opens 5:00	24	25 Dinner Bar Opens 5:00	26 Private Party 8-5:30 Bar Opens 3:00
27 Private Party 8-5 Happy Hour 3-8	28 Private Party 8-5	March 1 Private Party 8-5 Women's Brd 6:30 Gen Brd Mtg 7:30	2 Private 8-5 Wednesday Dinner Bar Opens 5:00	3 Private 9-1:00 p.m.	4 Wii Game Night Bar Opens 5:00	5 Club Clean up Day Bar Opens 3:00
6 Happy Hour 3-8	7	8 Sail Com Mtg 7:30 WSA Gen Mtg	9 Wednesday Dinner Membership 6:00 Bar Opens 5:00	10	11 Opening Day Set up Dinner in bar Bar Opens 5:00	12 Opening Day Opening Day Dinner Private 6-12
13 Day Light Savings Happy Hour 3-8	14 PSSA Mtg	15 Catalina Fleet Mtg	16 Bar Opens 5:00 Wednesday Dinner	17 Cal 20 Group 7:00	18 Dinner Bar Opens 5:00	19 Bar Opens 3:00 Private 6 to 12 a.m.

Sea Sounds Deadline: SMWYC Board Meeting

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