



Fourth of July BBQ & Fireworks

Wednesday, July 4, 2012



Join us on the holiday for food and the fireworks extravaganza over Marina del Rey. The fireworks are sponsored this year by LA County Department of Beaches & Harbors and a host of community supporters. They will launch the fireworks from a floating barge located in the waters of the main channel between Fisherman's Village and the Breakwater. The fireworks will start at 9:00 p.m. and will last approximately 20 minutes. Our club BBQ will include hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans, fresh fruit and dessert.

Parking is available in our club parking lot for club members and marina tenants. It fills up early so arrive early.

Bar opens at 5:00 p.m.
Dinner at 7:30 p.m. Cost \$15.00

Make your reservations **before 9:00 a.m.** Tuesday, July 3 by email to reservations@smwyc.org or call (310) 827-7692.

San Diego Return Cruise July 2nd to July 8th

After the trophy presentations at the Southwestern Yacht Club in San Diego, we will work our way up the coast and then cross over to Catalina Island.

We plan on arriving at the Isthmus on Thursday, July 5 or Friday, July 6. The activities continue when the non-racing club members join us at the island for the weekend. They will depart from the marina on Friday and meet up with us at the island for the fun and relaxing weekend.



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Sunday Jazz Bands

Enjoy the Sunday Band each week, our BBQ and a drink or two:

- Sunday, July 01 – R. Cardero Jazz Quartet
- Sunday, July 08 – La Jazz Quartet
- Sunday, July 15 – Westside Band
- Sunday, July 22 – Sunday Specials
- Sunday, July 29 – Westside Band

Friday Night Rocks

By Pat Salcedo



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

- Friday July 06, Guitarist Zerimar & Fritz
- Friday July 13, Unkle Monkey
- Friday, July 20, The Eleventh Hour
- Friday July 27, West Coast Band

Reservations required. Call (310) 827-7692 or email reservations@smwyc.org. Watch for the dinner menus in This Week.

Commodores' Corner

By Pat Salcedo, Vice Commodore



It's hard to believe we are already half way through the year and into summer full swing! We had a great Celebration Night Luau celebrating June and July special occasions. We enjoyed a Hawaiian feast and danced to the popular Womblooza Band! Our new members **Mark Olsen** and **Suzanne Martin** were the lucky winners of the prize for the best dressed in our Hawaiian theme.

To end the month of June, our **Fleet Captain Themis Glatman** planned a great San Diego Pre-Race Party with a fantastic BBQ and a great band to entertain us and send off our racers. After the race, the return cruise will start off the month of July.

I believe SMWYC is one of the busiest yacht clubs in the Marina. Our members who volunteer really do know how to make it happen! We have lots more fun still coming this summer. Please come, bring your friends and have dinner with us on Wednesday nights. If you can't make it on Wednesday night, invite your friends to dinner and enjoy our open house every Friday evening with live music. Don't miss out on our fantastic Sunday BBQ's with great Jazz groups entertaining us every week. Come enjoy your club!

I would like to thank two of our members who have really stepped up volunteering their time to help out when needed. My thanks go to **Marti McKinley** for her help on our Education Nights by planning and cooking a delicious dinner. Also to **Mike Cross** who has helped in the kitchen many times on Wednesday nights. Volunteers really do make it happen!

Thank you to those of you who have expressed kind words to me at the club. The resounding expression of appreciation and support is heartwarming. I look forward to seeing you all more often!

New Member Report

By Betty Coppin, Editor

We welcome the following member who was approved by the Board of Directors at the June board meeting:

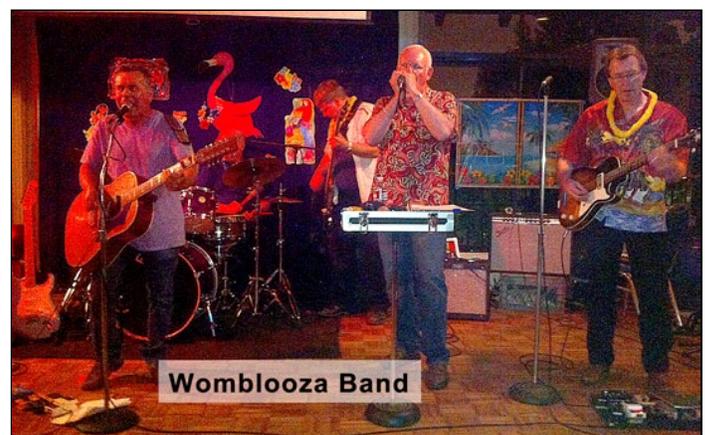
Ms. Laurie Gilson Deel – Flag Candidate

Laurie, who lives in Beverly Hills, is in property management. She loves parties and is interested in assisting with table décor and set-up at the club.

Photo by Norm Perron



Photos by Greg Bloomfield



Women of SMWYC

By Jackie Stern, Acting President



We had a fun day at the Races on June 16 with a great lunch and a little betting. All of us went to the rail to watch the race named after our Club. We also had a group picture taken. I believe a good time was had by all. A BIG THANK

YOU to **Bonnie Berson** and **Viki Clark** for all the work they did to make this a successful event.

July brings us the return cruise for the San Diego racers, the 4th of July fireworks and lots of boats going over to Catalina to meet up with the racers at Catalina Island. We wish all a safe journey.

Norm Perron is chairing our Parking Lot sale scheduled for July 28th. This sale is to raise funds for our Club and it is the only fundraiser we have planned for this year. We have people with items to sell and would appreciate any help with this event. Please email **Norm Perron** at thecaptain101@gmail.com if you can volunteer or want to rent one of our tables.

It is the cruising season and it is time for the ladies to keep their logs for the awards we will give out in November. We need the number of miles for the period of November 1, 2011 to October 31, 2012 for the following:

The Joey Portz Memorial for the lady who does the most cruising on her own boat in local waters. Two trophies are awarded, one for a sail and one for a power.

The Cathy Weden Catalina Trophy for the lady who logs the most trips to Catalina on her own boat.

Women of SMWYC Cruising Trophy for the lady who does not have her own boat and who does the most cruising in local waters on another member's boat.

Watch the Sea Sounds newsletter for more information and date to turn in your logged miles to the Women's president.

To all our members, I wish you a wonderful and safe 4th of July holiday.

Cocktail Hour at SMWYC

**Wed
Fri at
5 p.m.**

**Sat
Sun at
3 p.m.**

Parking Lot Sale

Saturday, July 28 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Join us for the biggest SALE event of the year. Buy or sell both boating and non boating items.

- Table rentals \$30 member/\$35 non-member to sell those items that clutter your garage/closet or you have created.
- Donate your items to the club.
- Purchase that just something special that you have always wanted.

This event is open to all members and the public. To donate or reserve a sales table, contact **Norm Perron**, thecaptain101@gmail.com, cell (310) 346-9206 or **Pat Salcedo**, patriciasalc@aol.com, telephone (310) 578-9912. Hurry, space is limited.

SMWYC is on Facebook



Norm Perron launched our Facebook page in early May of this year, www.facebook.com/Smwyc and Race Chair, **Denise George** did one for race, www.facebook.com/SmwycRacing in mid May. We are hoping this will help attract attention to our club and bring in more members to enjoy our social activities, club cruises and racing program. Please visit us on Facebook and post any comments you might have. Also, be sure to *like us* while you're there at both Facebook pages. Helps our ratings.

Race News

By Denise George, Race Chair



The month of June set out to be extremely busy for the Race Committee (RC) at SMWYC. We attempted to organize and run a total of 5 races that were scheduled, one every weekend! Unfortunately the Channel Islands to Marina del Rey race was cancelled due to the low number of entries and the Stand Up Paddle #1 was postponed until the following month.

June 3, Barbeque Race #2 (Cruiser) - An excellent turnout of SMWYC members for these events, see the website for detailed results and standings.

June 9/10, Catalina Layover/w DRYC (PHRF) - Battling it out for first and second place in PHRF C was long time member **Lee Rhoads** in his Santana 30/30 *Crimson Star* and brand new member **Lars Randall** in his J24 *That Blue Boat*. Lars and his team prevailed in corrected time.

June 30 Mdr to San Diego PHRF/CR/ORCA - Watch for the results for this event on our website under the racing calendar.

Upcoming Events:

July 15 - Barbecue Race #3 Cruiser

July 22 - Standup Paddleboards Race.

August 18 Training Seminar - As I mentioned previously, our goal this year is to increase our list of race committee volunteers. So, we are going to hold an afternoon-long seminar on all the moving parts of running a race. This is not your typical sit and listen seminar, but rather a get involved, hands-on learning program on all the various positions of the race committee. Some of the things that we will cover are timing of the starts, scoring, signal flags, driving the mark set boat and deploying the marks of the course. You don't need to be a racer, sailor or even a member to attend this seminar and to help on race committee. Please join us and bring a friend on *August 18th*. More details to follow.

Club Owned Boats - Did you hear we have club-own boats for members to use? There is a comfy Capri 22 for day sailing, Capri 15's for Thursday night dinghy racing and now 3 Lasers! Member **Scott Fish** enters the Capri 22 in the Sunset Series on Wednesday nights. Go Scott!

Look for us on Facebook - Because social media has become such an important way to reach out to the sailing community, we have launched a Facebook page dedicated to our races at SMWYC. Check out our page to keep up with the latest racing news. Post photos if you'd like and feel free to comment or ask questions. Link to it is

www.facebook.com/SmwycRacing

Ensenada Race 2012

A Night to Remember

By Lee Rhoads, *Crimson Star*

NOSA is assisting the investigation of the April accident and so I thought it appropriate to share our experience. This year's Newport to Ensenada Race will stand out as one of the more memorable for a variety of reasons.

Crimson Star had a good start just behind *Shockwave*, a fellow Santana 30/30. Following all weather predictions we had agreed to *go out*, meaning head for the seaward side of the rhumb line which would carry us outside the Coronado Islands, where heavier wind was predicted.

Morning came and we were discouraged. We couldn't see another boat in our class, which meant we were either doing well and leading, or doing lousy and trailing everyone. All this was put aside when we became aware of a field of boat debris strung out over several miles of water SE of South Coronado Island. Our initial reactions were interesting...after seeing a toilet seat float by, someone recalled thinking, "Well this is Mexico and they're not recycling." After spotting a life-jacket someone suggested maybe illegal immigrants from China came in a cheap boat. Third possibility, after seeing a 4' piece of a cabin top with 2 port-holes was there was an explosion on board that tore the boat to shreds but there were no burn signs.

After finding the wreckage, we hailed Vessel Assist to report what we had witnessed. They asked if there were remains that might ID the boat. The answer, as you now know, was the boat was identified as the Aegean but the explanation for its condition was unknown!

At 1:30 AM Saturday, a 37' sailboat boat, raced by an experienced skipper, disappeared from the race-tracking system. Search helicopters were dispatched, but all 4 people were lost.

As you can imagine the mood at the finish line was subdued with crews from over 200 boats trading opinions and awaiting details. This was the 65th running of the largest international, offshore sailing race in the world, and there has never been a race-related death!

However GPS tracking shows the boat motored at 6 knots for several hours straight toward the rocky cliff of the North Coronado Island. As the rhumb line would intersect the Coronado Island, perhaps the sailboat was going to skirt it but was hit by a ship as she was attempting to round it but there was no evidence that the Aegean altered course before the tracking stopped.

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Officer of the Day Duty

July 2012

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS: Please review the OD List each month to see if we have assigned you a date.

	A Shift 9-1:30	B Shift 1:30-6
Sun. Jul 1	Keith Kraemer	Gina Kraemer
Sat. Jul 7	Eric Kirven	Stephen Klink
Sun. Jul 8	Mary Anne Mendel	Jim Mendel
Sat. Jul 14	Darrell Steffey	Luz Bernal
Sun. Jul 15	Ron Wood	Marlene Wood
Sat. Jul 21	Al Kaufman	Jane Cohen
Sun. Jul 22	Brian Kennedy	Sarah Kennedy
Sat. Jul 28	Tom Kennedy	Syd Kennedy
Sun. Jul 29	Scott Kenning	Sheila Horner

If you see you have been assigned a date that you 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 Pamela Morgan, pamelapamela8388@sbcglobal.net as soon as possible. If you fail to do your duty when assigned, 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. Aug 4	Carol Walsh	Mark Sands
Sun. Aug 5	Melinda Lerner	John Powell
Sat. Aug 11	Denny Lyons	Farah Eftekhari
Sun. Aug 12	William Wilmot	Nancy Martin
Sat. Aug 18	Michael Parker	Mitzie Parker
Sun. Aug 19	Harold Pruet	Judy Pruet
Sat. Aug 25	Kaleb Nelson	Sharon Taylor
Sun. Aug 26	Stan Sharma	Sean Sharma
Sat. Sept 1	Kenneth Lange	Albert Miller
Sun. Sept 2	Joan Osborn	David Osborn
Sat. Sept 8	Tiffany Castro	Laurie Deel
Sun. Sept 9	Scott Fish	Rosemary DePauw
Sat. Sept 15	Emmanuel Rerolle	Delphine Rerolle
Sun. Sept 16	Craig Hunter	Martha Hunter
Sat. Sept 22	Suzanne Martin	Mark Olson
Sun. Sept 23	Jan Frazer	Dana Haynes
Sat. Sept 29	Mike George	Denise George
Sun. Sept 30	Ken Gillet	Cynthia Huffman

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Crimson Star had no idea the remains of the boat were from a competitor and we continued sailing. But, as the sun goes down, as any mariner can tell you, the wind also drops. So our anticipated dinner in Ensenada was moving from 4, to 8, to 11 o'clock Saturday night!

Finally at 7 PM, the wind died entirely and we found ourselves doing between "0" and .3 knots with 6 miles to go, and an ETA of arriving the following day. After many bracing drinks to prepare ourselves for the ultimate embarrassment, we considered retiring.

7:05 we discovered the charger failed (when power cord went in water) our backup electric motor was on reduced battery power and the boat could only make 1 knot. Then my tactician got a message from his wife who had driven to Ensenada meet us saying, "Don't worry, we met some nice guys in the hot-tub and they've been buying us Tequila shots!"

With no trophy in sight and his marriage in jeopardy, the crew voted 5-to-1 for early retirement and radioed to get assistance before the hot-tub party went too deep

After many lost calls, it was **9 PM** before the Mexican Coast Guard showed up with a 3-story cutter to offer a tow, but they had not a clue how fragile a 6,000 lb sailboat was. When they called, "Capitan del *Princess Star* al radio por favor," I climbed topside when the tow rope snapped tight throwing me chest first into the companionway, which nearly broke a rib. Two of our crew then volunteered to take up slack when our boat repeatedly caught up with the cutter, but the shocks were so strong the bow pulpit was bent when a finger was caught between the towline and the metal.

In the end we spent an hour in tow, and skulled into the slip, then raced up to the spa area only to find the friendly gentleman had puked into a trash can and left.

Retiring to our bunks at 2 AM, (about when we would have arrived if we had stayed in the race) we wondered if the race justified the pain and do all sailing trips have to be on the edge of a disaster to be an adventure.

Post Script: we later discovered we probably would have trophied as the entire fleet had the same wind. My first mate and his wife are still together, but Aegean was lost...the circumstances is still under investigation.

I would add that the race was well run, and Ensenada as less dangerous than the sail; tourists filled the shops, and margaritas were still \$3.50 at Hussongs. I guess as soon as I recover, I will make plans for our 13th Ensenada race...this time with a commitment to experience the entire adventure, no matter how long or painful.

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
July 1 Sunday BBQ 3-8 Live Music 4:00	2 SD Return Cruise	3 Women's Mtg 6:30 Gen Brd Mtg 7:30	4 Bar Opens 5:00 4th BBQ & Fireworks	5	6 Bar Opens 5:00 Dinner & Live Music	7 Bar Opens 3:00
8 BBQ Race #2 Sunday BBQ 3-8 Live Music 4:00	9 PSSA Mtg 7-11	10 Sail Com Mtg 7:30 WSA Gen Mtg	11 Bar Opens 5:00 Wednesday Dinner	12	13 Bar Opens 5:00 Dinner & Live Music	14 Bar Opens 3:00
15 BBQ Race #3 Sunday BBQ 3-8 Live Music 4:00	16	17	18 Bar Opens 5:00 Wednesday Dinner Education Night	19 House Com Mtg 7:30	20 Bar Opens at 5:00 Dinner & Live Music	21 Bar Opens 3:00
22 Paddleboard Race #1 Sunday BBQ 3-8 Live Music 4:00	23	24 WSA Brd Mtg	25 Bar Opens 5:00 Wednesday Dinner	26	27 Bar Opens at 5:00 Dinner & Live Music	28 Bar Opens 3:00 Parking Lot Sale 9 am to 3 pm
29 Sunday BBQ 3-8 Live Music 4:00	30	31 Exec Brd Mtg 7:00	Aug 1 Bar Opens 5:00 Wednesday Dinner	2	3 Bar Opens 5:00 Dinner & Live Music	4 Bar Opens 3:00
5 Sunday BBQ 3-8 Live Music 4:00	6	7 Women's Mtg 6:30 Gen Brd Mtg 7:30	8 Bar Opens 5:00 Wednesday Dinner	9	10 Bar Opens 5:00 Dinner & Live Music	11 Bar Opens 3:00
12 BBQ Race #4 Sunday BBQ 3-8 Live Music	13 PSSA Mtg 7-11	14 Sail Com Mtg 7:30 WSA Gen Mtg	15 Bar Opens 5:00 Wednesday Dinner	16 House Com Mtg 7:30	17 Bar Opens 5:00 Dinner & Live Music	18 Bar Opens 3:00 Race Training Seminar

Sea Sounds Deadline: SMWYC Board Meeting

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