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City of Hope Crab Feast and Regatta

The 6th Annual City of Hope Race for the Cure Regatta and 13th Annual Crab Feast & Auction is gearing up for the weekend of May 18th and 19th. The Regatta, Crab Feast and Auction are hosted by SMWYC. Members and guests are invited to participate. This annual tradition raised over thirty-five thousand dollars for the charity last year.

13th Annual Crab Feast & Auction on May 18th

Reserve your table and bring your friends and family for a delicious crab feast and a raucous night of bidding during the live auction after dinner. Everyone is welcome to participate in this wonderful fund raising event for cancer research.

5:30 p.m. - Cocktails and Lucky Lady Raffle
6:30 p.m. - Crab Dinner & Live Auction

\$75.00 per person
To make your dinner reservation email
reservations@smwyc.org

6th Annual City of Hope Race for the Cure Regatta on May 19th

There are four great ways to participate:

- **CREW** on a Catalina 42 or PHRF boat with a \$25 minimum donation per person.
- **ENTER** your own boat/crew with a \$25 minimum donation per person.
- **BUY** a seat on the Race Committee boat with a \$30 minimum donation per person.
- **BE** a Corporate Sponsor for \$500. Includes a custom banner flown on a boat and hung at the Crab Feast & Auction during the awards presentation.

To sign up for the Regatta please email Norm Perron at race@smwyc.org

CLUB OPERATIONS

By Fred Weinhart, Vice Commodore

Turn, turn, turn...as with all things, our club's life seems to go in cycles, for better, for worse, some good news, some not so good. We have learned to live with these cycles over our 72 years of existence as a fine yacht club and we are maximizing our efforts to grow and prosper and continue to pursue our goals.

Thanks to our new Board of Directors, we just passed the long overdue **changes to our Bylaws** as published in last month's Sea Sounds issue that will provide for a more equitable and marketable membership class and dues structure. By the time you read this, you should have received a letter from Commodore Charlene Perron announcing the initiation of our Membership Drive and member rewards program along with a Membership promotion flyer and a new version of our Membership Application form reflecting the new classes of membership.

Below is a summary of the existing and new membership classes qualifying you for the \$50 dues credit awards as outlined in the referenced letter from the Commodore:

Flag Membership (Family or Couple) – Highest level of new membership. Enjoys all rights and privileges including voting, holding office, serving as a Director, making full use of all Club facilities and racing under the Club's burgee. Monthly Membership dues: **\$110.**

Individual Flag Membership – (Eliminates restrictions and replaces time limited individual Flag Candidate class and gives full voting and election to office rights) - Enjoys all rights and privileges of Flag Membership but is limited to qualified individuals age twenty-one (21) or over who have no co-applicant indicated on their application. Monthly membership dues: **\$ 85**

Mariner Membership – (Replaces Intermediate class) Available to qualified individuals between the ages of eighteen (18) years and thirty-five (35) years. Enjoys all club privileges but may not vote or hold office. Monthly membership dues: **\$ 65**

The new membership class information and application is now also available on our web site under the **Membership** tab.

MARKETING

We are developing additional **promotional materials and upgrading our web site** to make us more attractive to potential members. We have also **enhanced our telephone system** to enable us to direct outside calls to the proper person or department for live answering at their designated home, office, or cell phone numbers and the appropriate extension numbers are being assigned and provided in the initial announcement as well as under our Contact tab on the web site.

ADMINISTRATION

Thanks to the help of our new **Treasurer Mark Olson**, I have been able to dedicate more of my time to introducing several **enhancements to our accounting and billing systems** in order to make it easier for our members to pay their dues on line and eventually be able to see their payment and billing history without having to contact us. This will reduce the amount of labor intensive activities previously required to be performed manually. I hope that most of you will take advantage of these new features.

DINING

Although dinner attendance has been declining, we are taking a hard look at options that would possibly include fewer but higher quality dinner events and attract more current and prospective members and result in increased utilization and improved income

from the use of our club facilities. One consideration is to plan and publicize Open Houses in cooperation with the County Community Relations staff, offering **catered dinners on Summer Concerts Nights** on Thursdays and Saturdays in July and August. We will also be scheduling regular **Open Houses** as part of our Membership Drive on several upcoming Sundays which we intend to promote more effectively as well.

EVENTS

We are also increasing our efforts in contacting and utilizing **event and wedding planners** to book more private parties and business events and are investigating the possibility of offering food service and meeting space at our facility for some County summer youth programs that may enable us to provide more frequent food service to our members and potential members on an ongoing basis at least during the summer months.

FLEET

Now that we have more boats ready to use in our **Small Boat Fleet**, it will also give us a chance to bring more young people into our **Juniors Program** which we are also expanding and promoting with the help of **Steve Austin and Lars Radmill** along with contacts at several community organizations and other yacht clubs who do not have their own youth programs. We are also getting good cooperation from the County's Visitors Bureau staff in promoting our activities and our facility.

VOLUNTEER

All of these plans depend on increasing and revitalizing our **membership**. To accomplish these things without a paid staff **WE NEED YOU** to help by joining one of our committees or just letting us know when you

are willing to help. Make it your objective to **bring in at least one new member per month** and we will gladly reward you as promised. If you do your share, we can double our membership by the end of this summer and then celebrate our success.

BADGE

A friendly reminder that all members must wear their badge during club events and all guests must sign the visitors log and wear a visitors badge with their name and the name of the member who invited them and who must be present during the visitor's use of the club's facilities.

May fair winds and following seas be with us all!



Photo by Stacy Bach

Commodore's Corner

By Charlene Perron, Commodore

Hola Amigos!

I declare, there is nothing an eleven-day vacation to a foreign country can't cure. Norm and I recently had the privilege of driving from Manhattan Beach to La Paz, Mexico with yacht club cruising members Joe and Sharon Boyle. Joe and Sharon have been cruising around Baja for the past seven years on their Catalina 390, *Lucky Lady Too*, and it appears that they have no immediate plans to return to the states. We took our time driving down the Baja Peninsula for 1150 miles and stopped several times along the way. After a seamless border crossing in Tijuana along route 1, we were on our way down the coast.

Our first stop was El Rosario and from there we traveled south practically right down the center of the peninsula to Guerrero Negro, which is the separation point between Baja California and Baja California Sur. Here is where the countryside gets really beautiful. One minute you will see fertile land with crops on all sides for miles around and the next will be total desert with thousands of 100 year old cactus plants, then fields of huge natural boulders making all kinds of shapes and caves.

We drove west to east across the Peninsula, to San Ignacio to find whales. Although we were told that there were still around 140 whales in the bay, it was too windy for the pangas to go out.

Next stop was to the Sea of Cortez and Santa Rosalia, a former copper mining town. Unlike most construction in Mexico, and Southern California for that matter, the houses here are made of wood, and are very charming. Its streets and small bungalows reminded me of Avalon. Further south is Mulege, where we stopped at Hotel Solenidad. The hotel is located on the beautiful and well-protected bay, Playa Santispac, where celebrities like John Wayne often stayed.

We spent the night at Loreto, which was one of my favorite places. We are about three quarters of the way to La Paz now. The Marina here is very modern with several slips and lots of room for anchoring. This town is loaded with history, charm, and friendly natives.

To get to La Paz and *The Lucky Lady Too*, we turned and drove back from east to west through Ciudad Constitucion

before we could head south again. The *Lucky Lady Too* is docked at the Club de Yates, Palmira marina. This is a relatively new marina with all the comforts of home: nice concrete docks; a great restaurant and bar; clean laundry and shower facilities; a marine store, hardware store and mini mart where English is spoken; bottled water delivered daily; use of the hotel pool and spa; and good security.

We experienced sailing on the Sea of Cortez and anchored a couple of hours north at Caleta Lobos where I enjoyed my first swim in the Sea of Cortez in about 70 degree water.

The next morning we sailed to Caleta Partida. Starting early evening and into the night we had the local Coromuel winds which blow only in this area at about 18 knots, all through the night. With only one hook out in about 25 feet of water, and 15 boats in the anchorage, we spun around several times.

After spending a few days with Joe and Sharon, we took a bus to Cabo San Lucas, stopping along the way at Todos Santos where we had a taco from a local vendor along the road. This is the home of Hotel California, the inspiration for the famous Eagle's song. Todos Santos is an eclectic combination of the old

and new worlds. Colorful cafes and bars line the streets. Vendors sell arts and crafts to the drones of tourists. The city is lined with beautiful historic houses and shops, unique boutique hotels, green vegetation, and golden beaches.

Cabo San Lucas is everything everybody says it is: an active night life with crazy bars; a small marina filled mostly with huge fishing boats; a large harbor for anchoring; beautiful hotels and timeshares; white, sandy beaches; and lots of shopping. It is the Las Vegas of Baja without the lights.

It was difficult coming home after such a wonderful vacation. We jam-packed a lot of fun into eleven days. All in all, it was a once in a lifetime experience. And, just in case you are wondering, the best Margarita south of the border is at Catrinas in La Paz, just off the Malecon, where the photo above was taken.



RACE NEWS

By Denise George, Race Chair

Race Committee Meetings

The race committee meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 PM, in the Race Room, located on the bottom floor, past the trophy cabinets, and through the back door. Each month we debrief on previous regattas, discuss our strategy for upcoming events, and have a few laughs. Everyone who may be interested in spending volunteer time on the water running races, or would like to get involved in any of the many other ways is welcome to attend.

Recap of Previous Events

April 6 – Start Seminar

We had 30 people attend our morning classroom talk given by Denise George. Denise shared with the room of beginners and experienced racers some insight into how to get the best start and some things teams can practice to make them better. On the water was as beautiful a day as it gets in Santa Monica Bay and we had approximately 12 boats of all different sizes practicing start after start.

April 14 – BBQ Race #1

Vic Smith does it again with his simple and pleasurable BBQ Series. Or as Vic calls it “It’s a day sail with a purpose” So if you need a purpose to take your boat out join us June 2 for the next one.

Up Coming Events

May 19 – City of Hope Charity Regatta

All entry fees and proceeds go the City of Hope and may be tax deductible. Racers and Cruisers are encouraged to sail in this event and to invite guests along. The race is designed as a fun race with elements of a slalom course with multiple marks and interest for both Racers and more casual Cruisers.



SUN May 19	City of Hope Regatta
SUN June 2	BBQ Race # 2
SAT June 8	Cat Harbor Layover – Mac Jones # 2
SUN June 9	Cat Harbor Layover – Mac Jones # 3
SUN June 23	Stand Up Paddleboard # 1
SAT June 29	Channel Is. To Mdr – Mac Jones # 4
FRI July 5	MdR to San Diego – Mac Jones # 5
SUN July 14	BBQ Race # 3
SAT July 21	Stand Up Paddleboard # 2
SUN August 11	BBQ Race # 4
SAT August 17	Lido Jr. N. American Championship
SUN August 18	Stand Up Paddleboard # 3
SAT August 31	Outlaw Regatta – Mac Jones # 6
WED Sept 18	After Sunset #1
FRI/SAT Sept 20-21	Catalina Is. – Summer Splash
SAT Sept 21	Muddy Feet



Photos by Stacy Bach

AROUND *the* CLUB, ONE PARTY *at a* TIME

CLUB EVENTS



Celebration Night



Cinco de Mayo Party On!



Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, May 12th –BBQ Cook Out. Grill your own burger, hot dog or steak.

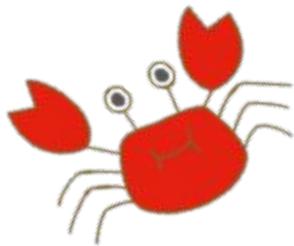
WEDNESDAY, May 15th – Education Night

SATURDAY, May 18th Santa Monica Bay Sailing Foundation, Ebay Day for SM Bay

The Foundation is accepting used marine equipment all day at Del Rey YC. You can drop off electronics, hardware, instruments, sails, gear, equipment, tackle, dinghies, engines, tenders, and other boat, water sport equipment, artifacts, awards...and more to this 501 (c). Donations are accepted year round. Contact Ed Gold at (310) 387-0747 or by email at donations@smbsf.org.

SATURDAY, May 18th
City of Hope Crab Feast & Auction

SUNDAY, May 19th
**City of Hope Regatta –
Race for a Cure**



May Band Lineup

SUNDAY MAY 12 – L.A. LOVE

SUNDAY MAY 19 – ROBERTO CORDERO JAZZ

SUNDAY MAY 26 – HARRY TRUMAN BAND



The Harry Truman Band

Photo by John Brooks

Officer of the Day Duty

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS: Please review the O.D. List each month to see if we have assigned you a date. If you see you have been assigned a date and you cannot do O.D. on that day, you should immediately try trading with another member by **posting your request to the club's yahoo group**.

If for some reason you are unable to make a trade, please contact our O.D. Chair, Constance Burge at 562-500-6705 or by email constance_comment@yahoo.com

If you fail to do your duty when assigned, you do not find a replacement or you do not contact us, **we will bill you \$50.00 per shift**.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Date	MORNING	AFTERNOON
5/18	Michael Leneman	Ken Liu
5/19	Jason Thorso	Jason Thorso
5/25	Michael Parker	Mitzie Parker
5/26	Steve Moses	Pat Salcedo
6/1	Stan Sharma	Sean Sharma
6/2	Charlene Perron	Charlene Perron
6/8	Bob Via	Dana Hutton
6/9	Bea Via	Betty Coppin
6/15	Marion Fiske	Rosemary DePauw
6/16	Warren Fox	Joyce Fox
6/22	Themis Glatman	Bruce Glatman
6/23	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
6/29	Craig Hunter	Martha Hunter
6/30	Al Kaufman	Need Volunteer
7/6	Brian Kennedy	Sarah Kennedy
7/7	Rick Shiffman	Kathy St. Amant



New Membership

By Themis Glatman

Our newest racing member, Ron Orr, comes with an extensive racing background having done the Transpac with his own boat and he has just become a certified Captain by the Coast Guard.

Ron has immersed himself into our club activities helping with the Small Boat Fleet, our Racing activities and he has come to many of our parties and events.

Ron is a retired lawyer who lives in Venice and is a dog lover with his Doberman Athena by his side. His beautiful boat "Fast Reorrg" an H/C 50 has just done the Ensenada race and he is looking forward to building a racing team and participating in many other races. When you see him at the club say hi and see how personable he really is...

Beyond the Call of Duty Thank you all for stepping up to help. - Charlene

We had such a busy week at the YC that required many volunteers to help with the planning and execution. Therefore, we would like to acknowledge several members who seem to always be willing to help each other, including myself, not just this past week, but quite frankly for years. On Wednesday **Norm Perron** diligently flipped burgers and hot dogs on the grill for our guests at Danny's birthday party so they could enjoy the party and listen to the Harry Truman Band. Thank you Norm.

Friday, May 3rd, we hosted a meeting and formal dinner for sixty SCYA members. **Pat Salcedo, Rosemary DePauw** and **Mary Hupp** worked several hours to set up the dining room tables for that dinner. We appreciate their help. The tables looked fabulous. After sending out an email blast requesting help in food prep, serving, and bussing tables on Friday night, I had four volunteers at the ready: **Viki Clark, Dana Hutton, Janie Frazier,** and **Mary Anne Mendel**. The food and presentation looked like it was professionally catered, even though it was not. My friend, Kent Adams, was our chef and cooked the entrees, while everyone else helped prepare and serve the food, bus tables, and clean. I really wanted to make a good impression on these particular guests, and the many compliments we received were proof that we succeeded. No sooner was that over when Rosemary and Mary, plus Betty Coppin and Viki DeLuca were in the galley helping Pat prepare for the Cinco de Mayo party on Saturday. Slicing, dicing, and preparing the many accompaniments that go along with a taco bar was the order of the day. The room, even with my underinflated, falling down balloons looked great.

Bar Opens
 5pm Wed & Fri
 3pm Sat & Sun

May 2013

O.D. Watch
 A Watch 9am – 1:30pm
 B Watch 1:30pm – 6pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 3pm - 8 pm Bar 4pm - 8 pm Music	29 7pm - ASMBYC mtg	30	1 5pm - Bar open 7:30pm - Dinner	2	3 4:30pm - SCYA Mtg 5pm - Bar & Food	4 Mac Jones #1 race 3pm - 10 pm Bar 6:30pm - Cinco de
5 3pm - 8 pm Bar	6	7 6:30pm - Exec Bd 7:30pm - Gen Bd	8 5pm - Bar open 7:30pm - Dinner	9	10 5pm - Bar open	11 9:30am - 12:30 3pm - 10 pm Bar
12 3pm - 8 pm Bar 4pm - 8 pm Music	13	14 6:30pm - WSA Mtg	15 5pm - Bar open 7:30pm - Dinner 8pm - Education	16	17 Crab Feast Set Up 9am - Private Party 5pm - Bar & Food	18 3pm - 10 pm Bar 6pm - Crab Feast &
19 9am - am City of 3pm - 8 pm Bar 4pm - 8 pm Music	20	21 6:30pm - Catalina 7:30pm - Sail Comm.	22 5pm - Bar open 6pm - House Comm. 7:30pm - Dinner	23	24 Memorial Day Cruise 5pm - Bar open	25 9:30am - 12:30 3pm - 10 pm Bar
26 Memorial Day Cruise 3pm - 8 pm Bar 4pm - 8 pm Music	27 Memorial Day	28	29 5pm - Bar open 7:30pm - Dinner 8pm - New Member	30	31 9am - 4 pm - Life 5pm - Bar open	1 3pm - 10 pm Bar 6:30pm - Birthday

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