



This Week At

SANTA MONICA WINDJAMMERS YACHT CLUB

January 4th, 2016 - January 24th, 2016

I AM BAAAACK, BIGGER AND BADDER 😊

Yes, I guess by popular demand, or plain demand, I was asked to continue posting our This Week. I guess Commodore Ron recognized writing talent by getting used to reading our past issues of "This Week".

And speaking of Commodore, what a great job **Ron Orr** is doing. In just a few weeks, he has already had his first board meeting, helped SC Fred Weinhart and Danny get the Point of Sale system working, attended Marina Construction Meetings, helped arrange for a hoist access solution, met with County staff about water and electricity shut offs, etc, etc. Thank you Ron for stepping into this great leadership position.



Just never call him Commodorable.

Most members say we had the best **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

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and others, and it was a REALLY great happy start on the New Year at the



in a long time. Kudos to Scott and Sheila Horner along with Lyly, **Karen Cross**, Ron, me event. A great way to get a Clubhouse.



Lots of people made mandatory reservations and were very happy to have been there including SC Pat Salcedo. Treasurer Mark Olson, Matt and Vicki Clark (who took to heart the dress code of Beach Style Sophistication). The event was a complete pre-paid sell out.

All of this marks a great year in which I was Commodorable. With the help of the entire membership, we had a lot to celebrate. We have more members, better docks, better promenade, soon a better parking lot, a Great Juniors Sailing program and a great group of members; we really need to take a collective bow and appreciate our club.



Our members are so giving that Commodore Ron and I had to take my truck to deliver two boxes and a huge plastic bag of toys to the County Firehouse to be distributed to needy children. Thanks to ALL of you who donated toys.

Now let's talk about the happenings at the club. As you have noticed, we have been pretty much closed since the New Year. Since just after the New Year's Eve dancing, Danny's knees gave up, and he was forced to have them operated on. We wish him a fast recovery and pray for him. He was back at the club the Monday of the College Football Finals, so he is recovering slowly but steadily.

We had our first Board Meeting for the year under Ron Orr's governance. We have not had a Wednesday Dinner at the club so far, and the Club had very limited activity this past Saturday and Sunday due to a seminar being held at the Club. So this will serve as the first This Week notifications for the first THREE weeks of club activity.

For the third week of 2016, I want to inform you of important upcoming events:

Looking Forward



Monday January 18th --Dr. Martin Luther King Day

A bank Holiday to celebrate a real fighter for the great cause of equality for all peoples independent of race, color or creed.

■ **Toastmasters meet in Regatta Room**

They are at it once again teaching people how to better themselves.

Tuesday, January 19th --Office opens at noon till about 6pm

This is the time to come and deal with any issues you may have with your membership, especially if you are having billing issues. The Bridge has started a new collection effort to get our members paid up to date, and new 2016 membership cards will not be sent to members until they are current. Also, we MAY start posting delinquent account member names on the bulletin board at the Club entrance, so PLEASE bring your account current.

Wednesday, January 20th -- Wednesday Night Dinner

Come experience the new Lords of the Galley (Vice Commodore Mike Cross and his wife Karen). They will delight us with their first meal prepared for the New Year. We should all come to thank them for stepping up to get this important social function going once again.

Thursday, January 21st --Weight Watchers in the Regatta Room

The new Weight Watchers leader Hillary will be bringing food and information to help us lose any holiday weight gain and keep our resolutions going for just a little longer.

Saturday, January 23nd from 10 to 1130 - Race Clinic in our Clubhouse with WSA.

This is the chance all you racers have been waiting for to attend a real racing clinic specifically designed for beginner thru mid level racers. You can sharpen your skills and become the top notch racer we all want to be. Steve Potter and his great crew will present this SUPER informative race clinic that EVERYONE should attend. Do not miss this great opportunity; it is free and will be held at our clubhouse in the bar area.



Sunday, January 24rd—Bar is open

Our Clubhouse is finally open for business, and we welcome all of you for a great time after a good day of sailing with friends. Come join us as we wait in anticipation for the bands to start in February once again...

Looking Further Forward



January 31st—Super Bowl Regatta



This is the best, most attended event in our entire racing calendar with over 90 participants last year. Especially gratifying is the fact that it is run for a charity and benefits Santa Monica Bay Sailing Foundation which in turn benefits all of us in the bay.

Steve Potter is organizing the event with the help of our VC Mike Cross and Karen Cross; as usual, the work load is huge and we REALLY could use volunteers to help in various positions. Get involved with this event and feel good about doing it.

February 5-7th --Super Bowl Cruise to King Harbor Yacht Club

Cruisers, we are working with KHYC to schedule the Super Bowl Cruise for the weekend of Feb 5-7. Plans are so far only tentative because of concern about safe dock space arising from high tide activity around Redondo Beach/King Harbor. We expect to get approval from KHYC by Jan 26. As in past cruises, the plan is to sail to King Harbor, med-tie at KHYC on Friday/Saturday, enjoy the appetizer dinner in the club Friday, have dinner at a RB restaurant Saturday and enjoy brunch at KHYC Sunday before departure. Please let us know if you're interested and planning to attend if we can put it together by contacting Matt Clark to reserve your spot ASAP...

February 14th-- Valentine's Day Party with Dancing

This is the first party of the year. Please mark your calendars and plan on being here for this great event with your fellow members. We are your friends, and who better to spend Valentine's Day with? Our Vice Commodore is working hard on planning, and he will let me know really soon about the details. Just put it in your calendar now.



"Membership Cards are on the Way to Current Members"

Those of you whose dues are current should be receiving your 2016 Membership Cards which grant you Reciprocal Membership Privileges at many other Yacht Clubs. Ron Orr sent them out last Tuesday, and he will send more membership cards out each week as, but not before, dues payments are received. Our Treasurer Mark Olson also sent letters to those Members who are substantially delinquent on their dues. The Board of Directors will be directing termination of chronically delinquent members.

Any Program Ideas for Wednesday Nights?

As many of you know, Pedro and Patricia Rodriguez facilitated a spectacular presentation on the Galapagos Islands by one of their citizen guides. It was very well attended and enjoyed by members and guests. I urge all of you to think of interesting presentations that we could schedule at the Club around the Wednesday night dinners. Please send your suggestions to MikeVCSMWYC@gmail.com

New Officer of the Day Schedule 2016

A-Shift is from 9:00 am-1:30 pm; B-Shift is from 1:30 pm-6:00 pm. To make it a little more interesting, the names in **bold** indicate that there is an event or private party that day. On those days you may expect more activity which makes the day a little less boring.

We also have music almost every Sunday at 4:30. In addition, we are offering a new incentive: after your shift, you are invited upstairs for a beverage on the house (draft beer, house wine, well drink, or soft drink) as a 'thank you' for participating in the O.D. schedule. For those shifts that the bar is not yet open, next time you are at the Club just bring your O.D. log to the bartender which shows that you did your shift, and he will honor the incentive.

I gave everyone the chance to contact me regarding their preferred dates. I assigned the requested dates and thereafter went sequentially down the line alphabetically with the other assignments.

| Day | Date | A Shift | B Shift |
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| Saturday | January 23 | Volunteer please | Volunteer please |
| Sunday | January 24 | Luz Bernal | Darrel Steffey |
| Saturday | January 30 | Mark Boykin | Jim Calfas |
| Sunday | January 31 | Sarah Burns | Steven Klink |
| Saturday | February 6 | Volunteer please | Volunteer please |
| Sunday | February 7 | Jim Calfas | Sharlen Campbell |
| Saturday | February 13 | Matt Clark | Vicki Clark |
| Sunday | February 14 | Ralph Cooley | Susan Edmunson |

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@yahoo.com. If for some reason you are unable to make a trade, please contact Rear Commodore Michael Joy at joylife281@gmail.com

If you fail to do your duty when assigned or if you do not find a replacement, **you will be billed \$50 per shift.**

Please refer to the blue O.D. log book for flag etiquette, and remember when an Officer is on deck, hoist their flag. Flags are in the office closet and labeled. Thank you

PLEASE display your window decal prominently in your car so we know you are a club member in good standing.

NEW DECALS ARE NOW

AVAILABLE. They are available for

members that did not get them or only got one even though they are a full flag member with a spouse. The new addition is a bumper sticker style sticker to also put in the windshield; better looking than the first one with a white background. THESE CAN BE PURCHASED FOR \$1.00.



IMPORTANT:

We are starting a new system to get you to do OD.

Our Rear Commodore Michael Joy will remind you the previous week of your assignment, if you do not do OD we will charge absentees \$50.00 per no show, but would MUCH rather have the club opened by an OD.

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