



This Week At **SANTA MONICA WINDJAMMERS YACHT CLUB** **February 23rd - March 1st, 2015**

Here we are already getting ready for the 7th edition of “This Week” at your club and the good news just keeps on coming.

I trust we all had a really great President’s Week and enjoyed the holiday, but that was besides the contractor that is going to be doing the Landside Improvements to our anchorage.

As many of you have noticed, while the improvements keep happening in our clubhouse, the outside now is being demolished by the way of the parking area that is the center of attention for the start of the construction. They have taken many of the parking spots and we had to move many of our member’s boats to make room for the trenching going on.

But the good news is that they are trenching to bring High Speed Internet to all the new slips when they become available, doing a new Walkway, new gates, new restrooms and repaving the parking lot when they are done. So not only we will be looking good on the inside, but also good on the outside (eventually) ☺



As I mentioned before, this is a volunteer club and there have been MANY volunteers that have stepped up to the plate and they come from various walks of life, for example:

Here is my new assistant hard at work while I prepare the “This Week”.

But make no mistake, we will be needing volunteers for this weekend’s clean up event.

I am not kidding, we REALLY need to make our club look great for this year’s festivities as this will be our year to shine in the marina with all the construction and our new improvements, such as: Modern Leather Couches, New Rugs and New Lamps for the lobby area



So PLEASE let me know when you can come and lend a hand, many hands make light work, There will be shifts on Saturday 28th from 9am till 5pm, and Sunday from 10am till 4pm. Pizzas will be served and a good time will be had by all.

A lot of these improvements have been made possible by the kindest donation by our own **“Women of SMWYC”** who have worked tirelessly for the benefit of our club and have contributed \$1,500.00 for the remodeling effort. Upon hearing this, **The Rodriguez Family** has decided to start a “donation matching contribution” program and they will match all contributions to the club remodeling up to \$1,500.00 as well. This has opened all kinds of possibilities and I am hopeful that many of our members will want to contribute to the beautification of our clubhouse, I have donated \$100.00 already, and have commitments for \$200.00 more, can you step up and donate some of your treasure? You will not regret it.



Recap of our sailors in the Midwinter Regattas: **Sebastian and Miles** competed in the Del Rey Opti Midwinters both Saturday and Sunday. Both had very respectable finishes. There was good breeze on both days which made the races quick and fun. The race committee threw in three quick races on Sunday in order to beat the rain so it turned out to be a pretty short afternoon. **Andrew and Mikko** braved the elements to race in the US Sabot Midwinters in Westlake Village on Sunday.



They were not so lucky with respect to the weather as a good downpour hit us for about five minutes during the first race. It passed quickly and when it did, the wind got much more variable with typical Westlake lulls, puffs, dead spots and big changes in direction. The boys were quickly befriended by Aidan, a Westlake local who may very well be coming down the lake side by side and at the trophy podium afterwards. and sailing with us on weekends in the near future. Here they are charging down the lake side by side and at the trophy podium afterwards.

In Looking Forward...



Monday, February 23rd --Toastmasters Meets in Dining Room

Once again our own Hartmut Eggert is having this organization meet in our Dining room.

Tuesday, February 24th --WSA Board Meeting

We are really glad to have them join our clubhouse for their meetings and hope to see lots of their members in Norm Perron's VHF and DSC Seminar coming up February 25th and for our clean up days.

Wednesday, February 25th --DSC Radio Seminar and VHF Usage

We have been very lucky to have arranged for this most important seminar on how to properly use, rely on and disseminate information on this new technological wonder.

Norm Perron will explain how to make group calls, relay messages to Coast Guard and much more information that can save your boat and your life in an Emergency. This will be an Education night dinner, so make your reservation early.

Here is the link to the flyer...

http://www.smwyc.info/pdf/vhf_dsc_radio_seminar.pdf



MAKE SURE TO ATTEND!!!

The menu will be Tri-tip Beef with Brussel Sprouts, Baked Potato, Spring Green Salad with Almonds and Cranberries and Red Velvet Cake with Coffee. All of this for the delicious price of just \$16.00 with reservations (\$18.00 without) at reservations@smwyc.org before Wednesday noon.

Thursday, February 26th --Weight Watchers in the dining room all day

Come once again to check out Judy's deal for us club members.

Friday, February 27th --Join Danny for his special drinks.

Come by and see the newer announcements in the SMWYC TV Channel and some of the new furniture.

Saturday, February 28th and 29th -- Clean Up Day at the Yacht Club



PLEASE, you cannot miss these important days to make our club shine like a beacon.

We will be entertaining numerous dignitaries from all over the coast in our Opening Day.

We will need MANY volunteers as last minute touches are put on our yacht club. Whichever one of the two days you can help, make yourself available for a couple of hours, *if not I will be calling on you in person* 😊



Looking Further Forward...



**Saturday, March 7th-
Opening Day for
our beautiful Yacht
Club**

Male sure you have contacted Mary Ann Mendel to let her know of your availability to help this MOST IMPORTANT day in our club's calendar. Get your spiffy looking blue blazers out and come down for a "Brazilian Carnival" style party.

**Santa Monica
Windjammers
Yacht Club**

Brazilian Carnival

1941 - 2015

Opening Day
75th Season, March 7, 2015

**Celebration
Night
Come Party
Like you are
Irish
March 14,
2015**



**ST. PATRICK'S
DAY
CELEBRATION**



FABULOUS FOOD, GREAT MUSIC, DANCING AND FOR THOSE WITH A CELEBRATION, IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH. A BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE TO SHARE WITH FRIENDS. COCKTAILS AT 6:30PM DINNER 7:00PM. GET READY TO BE ENTERTAINED BY THE AMAZING VOICE OF DIANA DRAKE AND CELEBRATE YOUR SPECIAL EVENT WITH US. ALL FOR THE LOW PRICE OF \$25.00 WITH RESERVATIONS AT RESERVATIONS@SMWYC.ORG

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT SMWYC.ORG

You will not want to miss the dancers, the food, the decorations, etc. Also, I want to ask ALL of our members that have boats to decorate their boats with the nautical flags. A special price for them can be had thru me for \$11.00.

Invite your friends and help us shine

**Saturday, March 14th --Celebration
Night AND St. Patrick's Day**

This is a combined event that will feature many green people dancing and gyrating to the awesome sounds of Diana Drake, enjoying Irish food and Danny's special drinks for us to celebrate our special events that have happened in the last three months, such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, etc.

Be ready to party and to receive a bottle of champagne if you are celebrating an event from January, February and March.

New Officer of the Day Schedule 2015

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, so you may expect more activity which makes the day a little less boring, and we have music almost every Sunday at 4:30. Plus 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, just bring your O.D. log to the bartender which shows that you did your shift, and he will honor the incentive.

I gave the chance for everyone to contact me regarding their preferred dates, I assigned the ones that requested and have consequently gone down the line alphabetically with the other assignments.

Day	Date	A Shift	B Shift
Saturday	February 28	Luz Bernal	Darrel Steffy
Sunday	March 1st	Susan Bonner	Need volunteer
Saturday	March 7	Joe Boyle	Sharon Hickey
Sunday	March 8	Chet Brown	Bobbie Brown
Saturday	March 14	Sarah Burns	Steve Klink
Sunday	March 8	Cathy Cahill	Cristopher Evans
Saturday	March 21	Ralph Cooley	Susan Edmunson
Sunday	March 22	Paul DeLuca	Vicki DeLuca

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 Commodore Themis Z. Glatman TLadyManor1@aol.com .

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 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.

I have made arrangements with someone to cover your OD shift if you cannot make it for \$40.00 per shift instead of charging you \$50.00 and no one is here.

We do not want to charge you a fee for missing this important duty, but WE NEED to keep our doors open in the weekends.

If you cannot do your OD duty, please let me know ahead of time and I will give you the person's information and you would then pay her directly for the services.

Another way of skipping your OD duty is to volunteer to cook for our Wednesday Night Dinners, if that is an option, you need to notify us WAY ahead of time.