



Commodore
Ron Orr

This Week At



SANTA MONICA WINDJAMMERS YACHT CLUB February 1st, 2016 - February 7th, 2016

A really great meeting on Wednesday of the Women of SMWYC organizing Opening Day; a really great first dinner by Karen and Mike Cross with Tropical Chicken and side dishes; a super nice Orientation Meeting with our newest members; and that was just in one day. This is the pace that Commodore Ron Orr has set up for us in moving forward, and he wants us all to come aboard and help make this the Club's best year ever.

We have gotten on track for the Opening Day events (even though we did not have the help of Betty Coppin who is recuperating from a fall), and we will be asking all of you to help out. We really need the club to shine on March 12th; mark your calendars.

The great news is that Bellingham Marine and the County finished work on the 1600 dock just in time for us to use the dock and hoist for the Super Bowl Regatta. We really appreciate their extra effort to get it done in time for use by the racers and members.



The Juniors have great new vests which are really easy to spot on the water, check it out.



We started the Super Bowl Regatta on Sunday dreading the weather, but relying on Steve Potter's preparations for over 70 people checking in at the club. Unfortunately, mother Nature decided to

unleashed winds topping 37 knots IN THE CHANNEL.

As the rain came and the winds strengthened, boats dropped out until only four intrepid kids took to the water aided by our race committee volunteers. We completed 1 race with 3 finishers. The good news is that Steve Potter decided to restart the event on the 13th of February, just before Valentine's Day. With the help of our volunteers, we will be sure to put on an even better race then.



Looking Forward



Monday, February 1st--Toastmasters meet in our Regatta Room

They will be meeting and honing their public speaking skills.

--ASMBYC meets at SCCYC

Our officers will get to meet their new officers including our own Fred Weinhart who has been elected their Rear Commodore; GO FRED ☺

Tuesday, February 2nd -- Board Meeting starting at 8pm

Our Bridge and Executive Board will meet earlier, but members are invited to join starting at 8pm while they discuss finances, By-laws, events and other agenda items.

They will also be voting on terminating members whose dues are seriously delinquent.

--Office opens at noon till about 6pm

These are the best times to come and deal with any issues you may have concerning your membership, especially if you have any billing issues. We are continuing collection efforts to get our membership dues current, and new membership cards will only be issued to members who are current. We MAY also start posting delinquent member names on the bulletin board at the entrance, so PLEASE bring your account current.

Wednesday, February 3rd - Super Bowl 101 Class

Just kidding, but we will have Charlene Perron in the house talking about Football and its rules so you will be better able to understand, enjoy and participate in this great American Tradition next Sunday. Come to the Club and learn more about Football with your friends.

--“No Cooking Wednesday” Dinner 7:30 pm

We will be serving:

Danny’s famous Polish Kielbasa

Green Salad with Various Dressings

Warm Bread with Butter

Decaf and Regular Coffee and Desert too

All of this for the insanely low price of just \$10.00 with reservations at reservations@smwyc.org before Wednesday noon.

So come and learn about Football, get some great food and meet your fellow members.



Thursday, February 4th --Weight Watchers in the Dining Room

New Weight Watchers leader Hillary Miller will be bringing foods and information to help us lose the holiday weight and keep our resolutions going for just a little longer specially after the Polish Kielbasa ☺

Friday, February 5th -- Bar Open 5-8pm

Our scheduled Cruise to King Harbor has been postponed until February 19-21st. So, enjoy libations at the bar and get to know your fellow members.

Saturday, February 6th --WHALE WATCHING EXCUSION, 12 noon

We heard from our friends at the Kurmalliance Organization that the cetaceans are right now cruising in our area. We will meet anyone interested at the club at noon and go check them out. Let me know if you are interested in coming aboard one of our boats to enjoy a great day on the water. Bring your friends, but just let us know so we can set up people with boats.

ANY SKIPPERS INTERESTED IN TAKING OUR MEMBES OUT PLEASE LET ME KNOW SO WE CAN ORGANIZE A GREAT WHALE WATCHING OUTING.

--Bar Open 5-8 PM

After a great day of sailing and checking out the whales, or working on your boats, come and enjoy a nice drink and watch some sports with our Bar Manager Danny.

Sunday, February 7th—Super SUPERBOWL PARTY

This will be the culmination of all those Monday night games you have been watching and cheering for your favorite teams. We will again have Danny's Super Bowl pool running during the game, a great food menu and the biggest Game of the season on all the club screens. Come dressed to cheer for your favorite team or just be with friends.

For the low price of \$15.00 you will get:

Dry Rubbed Pork Ribs
Burgers (Beef and Veggie)
Brats and Hot Dogs
Salads and Cole Slaw
French Fries, Potato Chips and the like
Lots of Desserts
Decaf and Regular Coffee with Flavors.



Looking Further Forward

Saturday 13th - AFTER SUPERBOWL REGATTA

This is the restart of our rained and blown out January 31st event. This is the biggest race our Club sponsors and perhaps the biggest race in the Marina del Rey. We anticipate close to 100 boats, and we REALLY need you to volunteer. There are all kinds of things that

need to be done. Our club is party central for everyone who will come to enjoy the race, the food and the after race awards party. Raffle tickets from this weekend will be honored and the prizes given out. Come and help or cheer for our skilled juniors and adult racers.

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



This will be the first Social party of the year. Please, everyone mark your calendars and plan on joining us for this fun night with fellow members and their guests. We are your friends, and who better to spend Valentine's day with?

Our Vice Commodore is working hard on planning a great event. We already have the food, the Band and the good vibe in our Dining room with full decorations, party favors on all tables plus dancing before and



after a great meal. Do not miss this party. Tell your friends and bring them with you; it will be the best party yet for just \$20.00. Where else could you get a five course meal for that price on Valentine's Day??? Make your reservations now at reservations@smwyc.org

February 19-21 -Game Challenge Cruise to King Harbor YC



Cruisers: Matt Clark has arranged a party with King Harbor so we can join them on their game weekend. As on past cruises to KHYC, the plan is to sail to and med-tie at their Club on Friday/Saturday, enjoy an appetizer dinner there Friday evening, dine at a RB restaurant Saturday night, and have Sunday brunch at KHYC before departure.

Let Matt Clark know if you're interested and would like to participate. This is one the best cruises all year; easy and super fun.

March 2nd -- DSC Radio Communications Seminar

Have you ever wanted to better utilize your VHF radio? Thinking of upgrading your radio with state of the art Digital Selective Calling?



Norm Perron will lead the seminar, demonstrate, and explore: Features of a VHF radio with Digital Selective Calling using MMSI numbers; transmission of your GPS data to the Coast Guard and other boaters in an emergency; and selective calling of other boaters individually or as a group

Bring your fully charged DSC hand held radio if you have one. Be sure your MMSI number has been entered.

This great presentation will be given following our Wednesday Dinner put on by none other than our Fabulous Past Commodore Charlene Perron. If you have not seen her in a while, come say hello and enjoy her fabulous meal.

"Membership Cards are on the Way to Current Members"

Those of you whose dues are current are now receiving your 2016 Membership Cards which grant you Reciprocal Membership Privileges at many other Yacht Clubs. Commodore Ron Orr sent more cards out last Tuesday, and he will send 2016 cards out each week as, but not before, dues are brought current. On February 2nd the Board of Directors will be voting to terminate chronically delinquent members.

Any Program Ideas for Wednesday Nights?

As many of you know, Pedro and Patricia Rodriguez facilitated a spectacular presentation about 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 dates in **bold** indicate that there is an event or private party that day. You may expect more activity which the day more interesting. We are offering OD's 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 serving as OD. For those shifts where the bar is not open, just show your OD log to the bartender and he will serve you a beverage.

I gave the chance for everyone to contact me regarding their preferred dates, assigned the dates requested and then went down the membership list alphabetically with the other assignments.

Day	Date	A Shift	B Shift
Saturday	February 6	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please
Sunday	February 7	Chet Brown	Bobbie Brown
Saturday	February 13	Matt Clark	Vicki Clark
Sunday	February 14	Ralph Cooley	Susan Edmunson
Saturday	February 20	Katherine Conway	Betty Coppin
Sunday	February 21	Mike Cross	Karen Cross

Saturday	February 27	Paul De Luca	Vicki De Luca
Sunday	February 28	Hartmut Eggert	Marion Fiske

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 Jr. Staff Commodore Themis Z. Glatman TLadyManor1@aol.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 OD log book located in the right hand lower desk drawer for flag etiquette, and please remember that 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 available for members that did not get them or for full flag members with a spouse who only got one. A 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 help you be OD. Our Rear Commodore Michael Joy will contact you the previous week of your assignment. If you do not do OD, absentees will be charged \$50.00 per no show, but we MUCH prefer to have the club opened and attended.

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