



Commodore
Ron Orr

This Week At



SANTA MONICA WINDJAMMERS YACHT CLUB February 8th, 2016 - February 14th, 2016

Another week gone by, and we just finished our Super Bowl Celebrations.

But, first things first; we need to mentioned a great day when our club went out to look for whales, and sure enough they were there. We could see several of them pretty far out in the channel. Then, as we were just about to the 2 ES buoy on our way back to the Marina, we saw a huge spout 200 yards off our stern followed by two whales coming to the surface. A great day to live and sail in Southern California.



As you probably know, the Broncos, led by their 39 year old quarterback, beat the odds and won Super Bowl 50. We had a great event at our Club house. Many members and



guest attended, and we thank the many volunteers who made it possible. More than generous portions of delicious food were prepared by JSC Glatman and RC Cross and consumed by the raucous group, including: Ribs, Chicken, Salmon Burgers, salads, French fries and desserts. The big winners were Mike Cross, Pat Salcedo and Rosemary Depauw who

won the bonus pools by guessing the right scores at the end of quarters and the game. A good time was had by all. Now we can argue about which was the best commercial, and marvel at the AMAZING voice of Lady Gaga singing the National Anthem.



This is what makes a great time at the Club, when our members come and enjoy their eat and drink, visit with fellow members, meet new people and enjoy a great American spectacle.

A bit of good news: the **1600 dock is finished and open for business. Key cards for the 1600 dock and restrooms will be given out to dry storage contract members in return for \$50 deposit starting Tuesday afternoon at the club.** The whole construction project is moving steadily ahead, and it will not be too long before it will be finished and they will be out of the parking lot. One more thing; **the Club has contracted for periodic maintenance of the hoist**, and the first visit was last Friday. Hopefully, the hoist will operate much more smoothly now.

Looking Forward



Tuesday, February 8th - Race Committee Meeting starting at 7pm

Our dedicated volunteers will meet and decide on steps to better help our racing program, organize the After Super Bowl Regatta next Saturday and plan other racing events. If you have ANY interest in helping our race program, come over and volunteer.

--Office open from noon until about 6

These are the best hours 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 dues paid up to date, 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.

--WSA meets in our Dining Room for their monthly meeting

This great organization will be meeting to plan future events, get organized for their speakers and have a great meal in our Regatta Room.

Wednesday, February 10th - Dawn, Our Visiting Chef, will be in the house.

Just in time for the follow up to the great meal we had on Super Bowl Sunday, Dawn will be creating some culinary delights starting with cocktails at 7pm and dinner served promptly at 7:30pm. We will be serving...

Appetizer of Crab Triangles
Caesar Salad with Dressing
Beef Stroganoff
White Basmati Rice
Vegetable Medley
Warm Bread Pudding With Bourbon for Dessert
Decaf and Regular Coffee with flavorings
All of this for the low member price of just \$16.00 with reservations at reservations@smwyc.org before Wednesday noon (\$18.00 after that or for Non Members).

Join us for a great meal prepared by a great professional cook who has delighted us in the past.



Thursday, February 11th --Weight Watchers in the Dining Room

New Weight Watchers leader Hillary Miller will be bringing foods and information to help us loose the extra pounds we got from being couch potatoes enjoying the Super Bowl game.

Friday, February 12th -- Bar Open 5-8pm

Come and enjoy libations at the bar, mingle with your fellow members and get ready for the After Super Bowl Regatta.

Saturday, February 13th -- AFTER SUPERBOWL REGATTA



Saturday is the resumption of our January 31st event that was rained and blown out. It is the biggest race our Club sponsors and perhaps the biggest race in the Marina del Rey. This is one of our Charity Events and counts towards being Club of the Year.

This Year we anticipate over 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.

Come and help or just cheer for our skilled juniors and other racers. Hopefully we will have better weather this time around.

This is a CHARITY event for Santa Monica Bay Sailing Foundation that

does so much for youth sailing right here in our home marina.

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 being here for this fun night with fellow members and their guests. We are your friends, and who better to spend Valentine's day with?

We will be nestled in our Dining Room with full decorations, party favors on all tables and a great dinner in between two sets of music for our dancing pleasure.

Where else could you get a five course meal for just \$20 on Valentine's Day???

Make your reservations now at reservations@smwyc.org

Valentine's Day Party and Dancing



A Surf and Turf Dinner Feast

Come spend that special day with us this Sunday February 14th in the Regatta Room for a real great time.

We will have a great menu of fish and Tri tip together with your favorite vegetables, great appetizers and delicious desserts, all for the lowest price in town of just \$20.00 for a five course meal. We will have the first musical Sunday in the club with the same band that rocked us in the New Year's party. Make you reservations now at

reservations@smwyc.org

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LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

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



Cruisers: Matt Clark has scheduled a weekend with King Harbor Yacht Club to participate in their game weekend. So, we have been challenged to beat them at their own games. As on past King Harbor cruises, the plan is to sail to and med-tie at KHYC on Friday/Saturday, enjoy an appetizer dinner at their club Friday evening, dine at a RB restaurant Saturday night, and do 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 did vote 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 13	Matt Clark	Vicki Clark
Sunday	February 14	Ralph Cooley	Susan Edmunson
Saturday	February 20	Katherine Conway	Betty Coppin
Sunday	February 21	Karen Cross	Mike Cross
Saturday	February 27	Paul deLuca	Vicki deLuca
Sunday	February 28	Hartmut Eggert	Marion Fiske
Saturday	March 5	Betty Ford	Laurel Forrest
Sunday	March 6	Warren Fox	Joyce Fox

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. **I just instructed our Bookeeper to look up the OD Log Book and see who has or has not filled their assignment and for her to bill the fine accordingly. 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? 😊