



Commodore
Ron Orr

This Week At



SANTA MONICA WINDJAMMERS YACHT CLUB February 15th, 2016 - February 21st, 2016

What a Sunday we just had with GREAT dancing (especially the antics and dance moves of Scott Kenning), plus a fantastic Surf and Turf menu by yours truly Jr. Staff Commodorable.

Now, let's recap the FABULOUS Super Bowl Regatta Part Two.

The day could not have been nicer. The wind was just fine with light to moderate conditions, and the sailors, young and older, were ALL SMILES.

Port Captain Steve Potter sent out this announcement.

Take two of the Super Bowl Charity Regatta took place Saturday and was a great success due to the efforts of SMWYC members as well as some help from our other friends from around the Marina. While weather was the big story this year, blowing out take one and surprising us with a cold and foggy day Saturday, the event was a still a great success on both days. Volunteers are too many to name in "This Week," but the collective effort resulted in great races on the water, spoiled guests with concierge service launching their boats, lots of great warm food and drinks. Another feather in the hat of the Club and our Juniors program.



PRO Steve Moses, Staff Commodore and Race Committee Chair Besim Bilman, Commodore Ron Orr and Jeff Butterworth ran the outside racing.

Three of our junior sailors, Lucca, Finley and Talia, with Head Coach David Kirby

This is what makes a great time at the Club when a lot of our members come and enjoy it, visit with fellow members and volunteer to get things done. Come and be part of it, meet new people and enjoy your membership.



Just look at the new 1600 dock which is finished and open for business. Key cards for the 1600 dock will be given out to dry storage contract members in return for \$50 deposit. Yeah, this is where the kids will be able to launch their dinghies from. The whole process is moving ahead and we will finally be finished with the construction sometime soon.

And now for the **Valentine's Day Party**, although once again poorly attended. I don't understand why members don't take the time to participate in these great parties



your **HARD** working volunteers provide for our members. I want to

personally thank those that came and had a good time dancing, gyrating, and clapping. Then there was the **FABULOUS** Tri Tip, Fish, Vegetables,

Desserts, Appetizers and special table service provided by help from Lyly and other volunteers.

A wonderful band played two sets for our enjoyment and put us in a great mood as we celebrated Valentine's Day.



Looking Forward



Monday, February 15th -- President's Day.

I wish none of us need to work today, but I know that is not likely. Either way, enjoy the day and be happy you live in this Great Country of ours.

-- Lifeline Screening

Our friends from Lifeline Screening will be doing great work for the community by providing this valuable service in protecting our health and providing us peace of mind. They are pretty booked up and will be at the Club from 8-5:30 pm.

Tuesday, February 16th --Office opens at noon till 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 membership dues current, and new membership cards are only being 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 17th - Our Great cook Rick Toomin will delight us.

Once I was in Japan and was able to experience Shabu Shabu in its country of origin. Now, for our feasting pleasure, Rick will be providing it for us right here. You will have a GREAT experience not to be missed.

He will serve: Appetizers,
The Shabu Shabu Experience (can't wait) plus his famous Fruit Desserts,
Decaf and Regular Coffee with flavorings
All of this for the low price of just \$16.00 with reservations at reservations@smwyc.org before Wednesday noon (\$18.00 after that or for Non Members). A great exotic meal prepared by a cook that knows about Oriental food; a dining experience not to be missed.



Thursday, February 18th --Weight Watchers in the Dining Room

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.

■ The Coast Guard Auxiliary will be in the house

The recently formed 12-76 Auxiliary will be practicing in our Dining Room. We thank them and look forward to their help at our March 12 Opening Day.

Friday, February 19th -- Bar Open 5-8pm

Come and enjoy libations at the bar, mingle with your fellow members and get ready for the next day's activities.

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



Cruisers, Matt has scheduled a party with King Harbor. We will participate in their game weekend, and we have been challenged to become winners in their games.

As on past cruises there, 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 to do and super fun.

You can drive and meet us there, or you can sail on Friday or Saturday. However you do it, just get there and enjoy a great time.

Saturday, February 20th - MIDWINTERS REGATTA BY SMWYC.



87th ANNUAL FEB.13-14 & 20-21 2016
SCYA MIDWINTER REGATTA



This Year we anticipate over 30 boats competing in ALL PHRF divisions A, B, and C as well as TWO days of cruisers events. All this is happening at our Club.

Go to our Website www.SMWYC.org and enter via Regatta Network (really easy now). And this year, since we are REALLY trying to win Club of the Year, we need AS MANY OF OUR RACERS as we can to enter the midwinters. We will get a point for each one of the participants that register under our burgee and compete in the event. Please help our club win this prestigious title and have a great time doing it.

The Club will be hosting the racers on Saturday and on Sunday. We will be having a band, great food, dancing, lots of drinking and many tall stories about who almost won the events.

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, and be sure your MMSI number has been entered.



Marine VHF DSC **Radio Seminar**



Wednesday, March 2nd, 8:00 pm

Have you ever wanted to better utilize your VHF Radio?
Thinking of upgrading your radio with Digital Selective Calling?
Norm Perron will conduct a very informative seminar to help make these decisions.

Features of the VHF radio with Digital Selective Calling using MMSI numbers:
Transmission of GPS date to the Coast Guard and other boaters in emergency;
Selective calling of other boaters individually or as a group.

Virtual AIS will also be discussed.

Bring your fully charged DSC hand held radio if you have one. Be sure MMSI entered.
This seminar will be presented following our Wednesday Night Dinner.
Attendance to the seminar is not limited to dinner participants, but is encouraged.
Cocktails: 7:00 pm; dinner 7:30 pm; Norm's exciting presentation 8:00 pm.
Reservations are required for dinner at reservations@SMWYC.org by noon on
Wednesday March 2nd.

Aperitivo: Roma Tomatoes with Feta Cheese Bruchetta

Antipasto: Classic Caesar Salad

Primo: Lasagna Rollups Loaded with Meat and Cheeses

Dolce: Tiramisu

Price for dinner will be \$16.00 for members, (\$18.00 for non-SMWYC members).

Norm Perron is a member of DRYC, the Catalina Fleet, Fairwind YC, is an avid sailor and owner of a Catalina 42. He holds a General Class ham radio license and has extensive knowledge in marine electronics and computers.



Do not miss this opportunity to learn how to use this recent technology. It could save your boat and could save your life.
For additional information, go to SMWYC.ORG

Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club

13589 Mindanao Way, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292

This informative presentation will be given following our Wednesday Dinner presented 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 have been 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 voted to terminate chronically delinquent members and will do so again March 1st.

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 will make 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 everyone the 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 20	Katherine Conway	Need Volunteer
Sunday	February 21	Karen Cross	Mike Cross
Saturday	February 27	Paul de Luca	Vicki de Luca
Sunday	February 28	Hartmut Eggert	Marion Fiske
Saturday	March 5	Betty Ford	Laurel Forrest
Sunday	March 6	Warren Fox	Joyce Fox
Saturday	March 12	Jerry Frank	Roger Gaefcke
Sunday	March 13	Kenan Gillet	Kenan Gillet

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 Bookkeeper to look up the OD Log Book and see who has or has completed their assignment and asked her to bill any fines 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? 😊

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! OPENING DAY IS UPON US. NEXT “THIS WEEK”, I WILL BE ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR CLEAN UP DAY ON SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH...