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This Week At **2016 Club of the Year**

SANTA MONICA WINDJAMMERS YACHT CLUB
March 6th, 2017 - March 12th, 2017

As you are well aware, our **Opening Day** is this coming Saturday. We had such a great Saturday Cleaning Day last weekend by the volunteers that we did not need to do much on Sunday. Thank you all so very much for your hard work

Comments from members were that they have never seen the club so clean on Sunday. Many thanks particularly go to the Women of WSA who provided so many volunteers cleaning our club. Many club members pitched in, but it seems that we only have the same people volunteering. Remember, this is a VOLUNTEER club, and our dues are kept low because we are ALL expected to pitch in from time to time when asked. Many thanks go to Karen and Mike Cross, Ron Orr, Themis Glatman, Rick Toomim, Steve Potter and the other members who helped. Did you know the front door brackets were brass? Check it out Saturday at our Opening Day ceremony. Many thanks go to Israel, our FBO



operator, for providing our volunteers a delicious meal and his specialty Virgin Mojitos. He really has the best interests of the Club at heart and is always willing to help. Help him in return by coming to the Club at least once a week to enjoy his great food and beverages.

Since the Club is all spiffy clean, make sure you come to the Club this **Saturday for our Opening Day events.**

The ceremony starts at 0900 sharp with many flags and people dressed in their club uniforms. Come a little early, enjoy the ceremonies that will end around 10. Then join us in the beautifully decorated Regatta Room for drinks, food and much camaraderie while listening to the "Swinging In The Wind" Jazz band playing swing music with jazz undertones live for our pleasure.

You are ALL invited to bring your friends, drink champagne, enjoy great food and dance until 1pm when there will be an Open House for all to come and see our club in its best form.

This is a spectacle not to be missed. We have a great choir singing the National Anthem AND singing the hymns from each of the branches of the military. You don't want to miss this great event.

This is the day we get to show off the best of our club, the facilities, the great food and our membership. Join us and join our champagne toast to Opening Day.



We want to have as many of our members as possible at the Club not only to help out, but to look their best in White Pants and a Navy Blue Top or Blazer. Please plan on joining us.

Last Sunday was one of our Family Days; unfortunately, the weather started sunny but the clouds moved in and before long, rain soaked the boats and parking lot ruining our planned Family Day sailing adventures. Therefore, Port Captain Steve Potter postponed the date for our March Family Day until this coming Sunday, March 12th, the day after our Opening Day. Tell your friends since this is an opportunity for us to show off our club, enjoy the amenities and meet other members.



But Family Day was not a total loss since before the rain we were able to unveil the “new” Billy Goat instructor’s boat

for the club. It was in terrible condition before its renovation. But after 150 hours of hard work by our team led by Randy Steigely (our shipwright), it is ready for service and we are very proud of it. Check out the before and after photos.



There are many ways to enjoy your club and volunteer at the same time. Tell all your friends what a great Yacht Club we have, invite them for lunch, come have a sail on one of our Small Boats or take a Kayak out for a spin. Enjoy your club and your membership.

REMEMBER – Flag members get to use the Kayaks, Paddle Boards and Small Boats for FREE.

**Serving Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner 6 days a week
10am - 8pm on our Bar and Patio!
Enjoy the Beautiful Views of Marina Del Rey! Sunsets are amazing.**

Looking Forward

Monday March 6th - ASMBYC meets in our Club 7pm

They are the organization of all Santa Monica Bay sailing clubs, and have the privilege of hosting them at our Yacht Club this day.



Tuesday March 7th -- Board and General Meeting 7pm Conference Room

You are all invited to participate in this important meeting to learn ways of improving our club, increasing membership, increasing our visibility in the marina and organizing events for our members.

--Office Open from 1-7

This will be a great time to come in and ask about the new PARKING ARRANGEMENTS. You can now buy your parking passes for our parking lot. It requires a \$25.00 deposit for each one of them (refundable when/ if you return it). You will get a ticket without them... You will also get a chance to place a special order from the Ship Store since we now have new forms making it easier to get stuff ordered.

The Office will also be open Friday from 1-7, and noon to 4 pm Wednesday and Saturday.



DON'T FORGET TACO TUESDAYS, as the days warm up, get used to coming to the club and seeing your friends here. Also try our new menu items and the best drinks in town...

Wednesday March 8th - Sheriff's Meet in Clubhouse , The LASD EMT- 8am

They are the sworn officers in charge of our safety on the water and in the Marina Del Rey. They are one of the organizations we support through our Community Service. They will be training at our facilities. A very worthy cause indeed, and we thank them for their service.

OPENING DAY IS HERE

Saturday March 11th --
OPENING DAY at our Yacht Club -
- 0830 hours.

This is the time when we get dressed up and welcome dignitaries from all over the Southern California Coast to view our club, meet our members and enjoy our Hospitality.

We really want to engage the entire membership and hope MANY members JOIN US AND ENJOY THE DAY. There will



be great food, drinks and music for free with your participation. Dress up and plan on being there starting at 8:30am.

As an added bonus, after the dignitaries have left for other Opening Day Ceremonies, we will be having an **OPEN HOUSE**, and we are asking that you stay for the continuing celebration with free food and live music. Why not bring your friends and family to enjoy a great day in your club.



Sunday, March 12th -- Family Day

This is the event we cancelled last Sunday when it rained. We will have Kayaks, Paddle Boards, Sail Boats, instructors and much more to do. Mark this date, join us and bring friends. We have various boats that you can use and see if you may want to take them out by yourselves later after you qualify. Afterwards, come to the bar/patio where you can enjoy those great drinks and great food. Have tried a Panini? DELICIOUS



Looking WAY Forward

Wednesday March 15th - Sense the Wind Movie and Junior Fundraiser

You are all aware of our great Juniors Sailing Program and how it introduces many young men and women to sailing. You can show your appreciation for the program by attending this great movie. It is about Blind Sailors who venture out to sea. Not only will you be entertained, but you will be helping build up our Juniors Sailing Program with donations for this feature movie screening. For only \$20.00 you can see a different world out there of blind sailors that brave the elements with their other senses AND at the same time help improve our Juniors Program.

PLEASE make sure to attend this movie screening and help raise some needed funds for the great work our club does in teaching kids to become sailors.

WE NEED YOU THERE IN FORCE. Tell your friends and invite them to this great cause.



Sense the Wind

BLIND SAILORS RACE ACROSS OPEN WATER

Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club

A Fundraiser for the Junior Sailing Program

Wednesday, March 15th

Mix & Mingle 6pm, Intro & Film 6:30-8:00

Tickets \$20 Adults, \$10 Children

SMWYC Regatta Room-2nd Floor

13589 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292

RSVP and Payment: smwycfrontdesk@smwyc.org

More Info: 310.827.7692

Film Trailers & Info: SenseTheWind.com

Community Board / Must Read



VESSEL OPERATION CERTIFICATE

A law enacted in 2014 requires an individual to pass an examination and obtain a vessel operator card from the state's Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) in order to operate a motorized vessel on waterways.

DBW is required to develop the vessel operator card by January 1, 2018. The cards will be issued to individuals who provide proof that they have passed a Division approved examination.

The law allows DBW to charge up to \$30 per vessel operator card. A vessel operator card would be valid for the lifetime of the individual and would not need to be renewed.

The operator examination would be available on DBW's website, along with links to internet examinations from other providers that have been approved by DBW.

Any examination must contain elements consistent with the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators boating safety course standards.

Beginning on January 1, 2018, the requirement to possess a Division vessel operator card will apply to operators 20 years of age or younger with a staggered implementation date depending on the age of the individual until it eventually applies to everyone in 2025.

As of February 3, 2017 the status of the implementation of the law is as follows:

- * DBW is on schedule to roll out the program over a seven year period starting in 2018, beginning with the 18-25 year-old bracket.
- * The cost of the certificate should be between \$6-8.
- * The cost of the course was not included in the legislation. It is likely that the DBW will accept any NASBLA certified training, including BoatUS and other free online courses.

**Why not tell
a friend about
our great
club???** 😊😊



Make sure to attend our events, and support our Food and Beverage Operator.

P.S. Have you sponsored a member lately?

