Commodore
Ron Orr

# This Week At

## SANTA MONICA WINDJAMMERS YACHT CLUB
## March 14th, 2016 - March 20th, 2016

# OPENING DAY

The anticipation did not kill me, and I am very proud of what our club did this past weekend in getting our Opening Day off to a flawless start.
Your bridge has gone to all the other opening days and from a missing cannon fire, missing entire page of names of dignitaries, to forgetting to bring in the Bridge before commencing the ceremonies, there were a few mistakes at all the other Yacht Clubs. BUT, we ran a flawless event with everyone telling us what a fun day they had and how great our opening day events have been for the past couple of years. This COULD NOT be possible without the help of our MANY volunteers, and the dedication of all those that served and participated in this most rewarding event.

To name all the volunteers would take many pages in this bulletin, but I MUST thank Commodore Ron Orr for inspiring us to greatness and for being the inspiration for our breezeway boys antics. They are our trademark now, and I think we have set a bench mark for next year's Opening Ceremonies. ☺

**Some names MUST be mentioned, such as Mary Ann Mendel, Vicki Clark, Matt Clark, Betty Coppin, Warren Fox, Danny and Lyly Stephanowicz, Mike and Karen Cross, Charlene and Norm Perron, Steve Potter and SOOO many others, and A BIG THANK YOU to all and to the Women of SMWYC.**

I would like to get as many photos as possible and put them on Dropbox so that our members can see themselves and their friends at the event. PLEASE, send them me as many as you have, and I will collect them, share with all of you and continue to put them in some of my future This Week bulletins. But now that our Club is OPEN… we will be celebrating the next event. Speaking of Celebration, do not miss our St Patrick's Day event this Saturday; see below.

Plan on participating in more club events. Join a Committee or come to our events. Also, make sure you are getting our announcements. We hope to see you often in the clubhouse.

# Looking Forward

## Monday, March 14th -- Club Closed

We will be recuperating from the festivities and getting back to more normal stuff…

## Tuesday, March 15th --Office opens at noon till about 6

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 paid up to date, and new membership cards will only be issued to members who are current. We MAY start also delinquent member names on the bulletin board at the entrance, so PLEASE bring your account current.

## Wednesday, March 16th -- NO COOKING Wednesday

After the fabulous meal Dawn cooked for us on Closing Day Ceremony Wednesday Dinner, she has agreed once again to cook us another variety of her great cooking.
This week will be:
Her special appetizers ( she always out does herself)
Garden Vegetable Salad
Sizzling Pork Chops

Homemade Mashed Potatoes
Green Bean Vegetable
And dessert

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).
Cocktails start at 7pm, dinner at 7:30pm and good conversation until 9pm or later ☺

Do not miss this opportunity to experience this great meal for this amazing low price. Let's come together and enjoy our membership.

# Any Program Ideas for Wednesday Nights?

What would it take to get you to come to our Wednesday Dinners and enjoy your club with a special program???
We are planning on getting speakers to come and talk about various topics of interest such as The Coast Guard Commanding Officer of the "Halibut" and learn about her mission. Also, I spoke yesterday with the Historical Society and asked them to come and give a full presentation on Education night. Maybe some educational movies from the library? What are YOUR Ideas???

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

## Thursday, March 17th --Weight Watchers in the Dining Room

New Weight Watchers leader Hillary Miller will be bringing foods and information to help us lose any extra pounds gained during our great Wednesday dinners.

## Friday, March 18th --Bar is open 5-8pm.

You work all day, but then afterwards come and enjoy libations at the bar, get to know your fellow members and get ready for the Saturday activities. We hope you will come and enjoy your friends after a great day either of the water or on land.

# Saturday, March 19th -

## PARTYYYYY

# ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY MARCH 19TH

We will party like we are Irish seeing everything green, and enjoying Celebration Night at the same time.
Come on come all and bring your friends.

Pat Salcedo is promising a fabulous time with Great Food, Super dancing and Live Music, Great Door Prizes and even Champagne Bottles to members that are the lucky revelers celebrating Birthdays, Anniversary or REALLY special occasion.

Menu will consist of
Garden Green Salad, Corn Bread
Traditional Irish Corn Beef
Irish Potatoes
Carrots and Cabbage
Dessert and Coffee
All for $25.00 . The fun will start at 6pm for cocktails followed by Dinner and Dancing. All this for the great price of $25.00 , so make your reservations at reservations@smwyc.org or go to our website at www.SMWYC.org.

Do not miss this green entertainment ☺

**Sunday, March 20th -Music at the Bar**
Our Concert Series continues with great sounds and festivities worthy of the best Opening Day in the Marina.

Come and enjoy the sounds of **The West Side Band**
**--"Concerts at the Bar" Series**

**THE WEST SIDE BAND**
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**will truly Rock the House**

For those that have heard them before, this is another treat for you. They always delight us with their old standards and great new songs.

Bring a friend and enjoy your club. A great mix of awesome songs easy to dance to, easy to listen to and great for entertaining friends and relatives at our Open House Sunday. Come by, bring a friend or bring your crew.

# Looking Further Forward

**Wednesday Evening, March 23rd - Steve Napolitano, Senior Deputy to L.A County Supervisor Don Knabe in the House…**
As head of the Torrance Field office with jurisdiction over the Marina del Rey, Steve will be talking about the present and future of our Marina. And, we all know that the Marina del Rey

is the Crown Jewel of Los Angeles County. Come and find out what the plans are for our Marina and what they have in mind. This will be an Open House Event, so all are invited. Your Jr. Staff Commodore will be preparing a Fabulous Salmon meal, (dinner purchase not necessary) but I ask that you invite ALL your friends, members or not, to come and listen to this exciting, informative and very timely presentation.

## March 25th-27th --EASTER CRUISE is hoping our way

We will be going to The Isthmus on Easter Weekend and taking part in the Corsair Yacht Club festivities. We will take over the beach and celebrate Easter with their Bonnet decoration contest.
Norm Perron is organizing it with the help of your Jr. Staff Commodore and Matt Clark.
Let us know of your plans, and we will have a great time there. Plan on attending and get the summer cruising season started.
Contact me at Tladymanor1@aol.com for reservations

## "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, and he will send 2016 cards out each week as, but not before, dues are brought current.**

# New Board Member

Indeed we are VERY proud of Sean Sharma who has been a Full Flag Member for many years and has now decided to participate more actively in help run this great Yacht Club.
He has taken over the seat left empty by Michael Joy resignation as Rear Commodore because he moved to Palmdale and could not attend our board meeting regularly.

Sean has also agreed to participate in our Membership committee and is looking for volunteers. I have some names for him to go over, so if you are asked to participate please agree. Remember, this is a club of volunteers and many hands make light work

## 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. 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 |
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| **Saturday** | **March 19** | Lennox Grasso | Sharlyn Harley |
| **Sunday** | **March 20** | Dana Haynes | Mason Hohl |
| **Saturday** | **March 26** | Sheila Horner | Scott Kenning |
| Sunday | March 27 | Craig Hunter | Martha Hunter |
| **Saturday** | **April 2** | Dana Hutton | Bob Via |
| Sunday | April 3 | Glen Jagodzinski | Judy Jensen |
| Saturday | April 9 | Kevin Johnson | Kelly William |
| Sunday | April 10 | Tom Kennedy | Sydney Kennedy |

**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@yahoogroups.com. If for some reason you are unable to make a trade, please contact Jr. Staff Commodore Themis Z. Glatman at TLadyManor1@aol.com . I just instructed our Bookkeeper 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. A Bridge Officer will contact you the previous week of your assignment.**
**If you do not do your 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? ☺**

**Thank You ALL for a GREAT OPENING DAY. It will go down in history as one of the best because of all of you.**

**Volunteering is what makes it even more special, giving of yourself for the benefit of others and serving our community at large.**