



Commodore
Ron Orr

This Week At

2016 Club of the Year

SANTA MONICA WINDJAMMERS YACHT CLUB

March 6th, 2017 - March 12th, 2017

WOOOWWW what a GREAT **Opening Day** we just had! Afterwards, we were often thanked for a great Opening day event while attending other Yacht Clubs' ceremonies this last weekend.

With so much preparation during the week before, it



was hard not to have a great day.



Beginning with all the volunteers who showed up for Cleaning Day all the way to the those who pitched in to move the chairs and decorations out of the clubhouse, a REAL club effort that we should all tap ourselves on the

shoulder for making the day a success.

So many pictures to share of all the people who helped us out.



SOOO many people to thank
We begin with our Master



of Ceremonies Jr. Staff Commodore Themis Z. Glatman and supported by Vicki and Paul de Luca who stepped up immediately to manage the preparations. They had a lot of help from:

Mary Ann Mendel, Kevin Johnson, Charlene and Norm Perron, Matt and Vicki Clark, Commodore Ron Orr, Rear Commodore Zna and Cedric Houston, Vice Commodore Mike and Karen Cross, Fleet Captain Denise George, Port Captain Steve Potter and the Juniors, WSA and their many members, Warren Fox, Israel and Patricia(FBO), Richard Windebank, Danny and Lyly Stephanowicz and sooo many others who helped with being host, hostess, greeters, Breezeway Boyz. To ALL of you, our biggest THANK YOU.

We will try and put all the Opening Day photos in one place and send a link for all to see it. In the meantime enjoy these pictures.



From the dignitary and guest sign in process, to the presentation of the colors done BEAUTIFULLY by Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 12 and assisted by the Boy

Scouts Thunderbird Division who also lead the Pledge of Allegiance, to the singing of EACH military service Anthem, to the presentation of so many trophies (did we mention we won **SCYA Regular Club of the Year?**), to the great speech by our Commodore, to the decorations in the club AND the GREAT food our Food and Beverage Operator served with the help of many volunteers. And, let's not forget the great 7 PIECE BAND "Swinging in the Wind" our bartender Danny found for our entertainment. They even walked through the parking lot New Orleans Style.

A great day indeed. Those of you who missed it, put it on your calendar for next year.

This was the day to show off the best of our club, the facilities, the great food and our membership, and we certainly fulfilled those expectations.



Also in the news was the meeting last Monday of the Association of Santa Monica Bay Yacht Clubs in our Regatta Room to discuss ways of improving sailing and boating experiences in the Marina. They were NOT disappointed as our FBO Israel provided appetizers that had them all talking about how good our Yacht Club food was. He put out Shrimp cocktails, finger foods and desserts; 8 dishes in total. Thank You Israel; rest assured it is appreciated.



Sunday between 25 and 30 folks, mostly newer members with their families, had fun on the water putting our boats, SUPs and kayaks to good use during Family Day. At one point there were four kayaks, two SUPs, three Optimists, one of our Capri 22s and the Juniors new Santana on the water. Don't miss the next one, which is scheduled for April 9!

In addition to our GREAT Opening Day and Family Day, part of our voluntary service to the Community was hosting "Row LA" in our Conference Room. These are women from the inner city learning to row together and receive college entrance advice and tutoring in how to prepare for college entrance examinations. A worthy cause we support with our clubhouse facilities.

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 in our Bar and Patio! Enjoy the Beautiful Views
of Marina Del Rey and amazing Sunsets!**

Looking Forward

Office Hours this Week:

Tuesday - 1pm to 7pm

Wednesday - 12pm to 4pm

Friday - 1pm to 7pm

Saturday - 12pm to 4pm



Tuesday March 13th -- WSA General Meeting 6:30pm

You are all invited to participate in this important meeting as they talk about ways of improving sailing and share their love for the sport.

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 15th - Sense the Wind

Movie and Juniors 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 (kids \$10) you can see a different world out there of blind sailors who brave the elements with their other senses AND at the same time help improve our Juniors Program.



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

Sunday, March 19th - Stand Up Paddle Event 12pm-3pm

Another great way for you to enjoy your club.

We will have the SUPs in the water and ready for you to take them for a spin in the Marina and help collect some floating debris while having a great time. The weather is getting really warm and this is a great way to do your body some good.



“Jump on board” with the SMWYC event sponsored by the **Kurmalliance** crew! Armed with trash buckets and nets, we will paddle to an area where trash is known to collect in the marina and pick it up into buckets. No experience is needed. Each participant will get a lesson in paddling and have time to feel comfortable balancing on the board. All the trash collected will be sorted and documented.

This will count towards our Club of the Year points, so PLEASE be sure to come out and help support this worthy event.

-- Music at the Bar:

Laure Z Jazz Trio 4:30- 7pm

If that was not enough activity or a reason to come to your club, what about LIVE music by a superb group.

The Laure Z Jazz Trio will entertain us from 4:30 – 7:30 pm playing the American Songbook, French Chanson and some of their original work. In addition to Laure Z, Gary Solt will play Guitar and Brian Cassier will be on Bass.



Join us for some great music.



Looking Way Forward

Spring Speaker Series - The Vendee Globe - March 30th



This is a series of speakers who will come to the club to talk about issues of interest to sailors, boaters, cruisers, socialites and the like; in essence EVERYONE. DON'T miss the first installment in which you will learn many interesting things about the single handed, nonstop race around the world known as the Vendee Globe.

SMWYC member and renown sailor Jerome Samarcelli's father used to take him to witness the starts of this epic race where truly amazing souls race single handed and non stop around the world in wickedly overpowered boats. Jerome will put on an extremely interested presentation with all sorts of great stuff about this one of a kind race.

April 2 – Our annual Starting Clinic

Lee Rhoads and the Race Committee put on this informative and fun clinic each year featuring a morning chalk talk then matching up of mentors, skippers and crew for multiple on the water practice starts followed by a “debrief” in the bar!

14-Mar	Tuesday	WSA	6 - 9 pm
15-Mar	Wednesday	LASD EMT training	8 am - 12
15-Mar	Wednesday	Sense the Wind movie fundraiser	6 - 9 pm
17-Mar	Friday	Zna private mtg	7 - 9 pm
18-Mar	Saturday	RowLA	11:30-3:30
19-Mar	Sunday	SUP Event	12 - 3 pm
19-Mar	Sunday	Band plays in Bar - LaureZ	3 - 7 pm
25-Mar	Saturday	RowLA	11:30-3:30
25-Mar	Saturday	Janet Ramirez	10 - 2 pm
31-Mar	Friday	Seafood Buffet	6 - 9 pm
28-Mar	Tuesday	Membership Mixer	6 - 8 pm
30-Mar	Thursday	Spring Speaker Series - Vendee Globe	7 - 9 pm
1-Apr	Saturday	RowLA	11:30-3:30
2-Apr	Sunday	Starting Clinic	10 - 11 am
2-Apr	Sunday	Band plays in Bar	3 - 7 pm
4-Apr	Tuesday	SMWYC Board mtg	6 - 9 pm
5-Apr	Wednesday	Movie Night	7 - 9 pm
7-Apr	Friday	Faiwinds ASA 201 course	6 - 9 pm
8-Apr	Saturday	Faiwinds ASA 201 course	9 - 1 pm
8-Apr	Saturday	Open House	10 - 1 pm
8-Apr	Saturday	RowLA	11:30-3:30
9-Apr	Sunday	Fairwinds ASA 201 course	9 - 1 pm
9-Apr	Sunday	Family Day	12 - 3 pm
11-Apr	Tuesday	WSA	6 - 9 pm



Also, just wanted to share a photo of our member Sonjia Gust's boat in our anchorage she sent to us. As the days get warmer, let's get our boats out in the water and take some of our fellow members without a boat out for a spin on the beautiful Pacific Ocean.

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





This might as well be our new club Motto 😊

