



**This Week At
Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club
March 17 through March 23, 2014**

Our club is commissioned and shines on Opening Day!

“The Best Ever!”

“Loved your new bar colors!”

“You guys really know how to do things right!”

“What a great theme, honoring our Vets, and inviting the Challenges’ Foundation!”

“I thought your club was losing members and in big trouble, but I guess I was wrong”

These are just some of the many positive comments we received on our weekend long Opening Day visits to the other 5 clubs in the Marina. Our bridge officers **V/C Glatman, R/C Cross**, and yours truly as well as our spouses and guests attended ceremonies at all the other MDR yacht clubs.. A couple of clubs were hard to beat, but we indeed stood out among the best.

We are proud to have joined forces with the **Challenges Foundation**, a Marina based charitable Veterans support group whose 53-foot yawl **Emerald** was proudly docked at our end tie as a backdrop for the ceremonies. We have “adopted” each other and will work together to mutually promote our club and their cause. More to come on this later.

So again, lots of BIG thank you’s to our Bridge, Officers, Directors, Opening Day coordinators **S/C Perron and Mary Anne Mendel** and to all our member volunteers, Catalina Fleet volunteers, and WSA volunteers who made it all possible. I could not have asked for more or be more proud of our efforts and our achievements. And for those of you who may not have been able to attend, you must stop by soon to see the great paint job and decorating of the bar done by V/C Glatman – but I must warn you, it is bright, so wear shades just in case! And if you haven’t seen the Sabot in the lobby, don’t be shocked – it showcases our newest all-out effort to resurrect the **Juniors Program** with a professional team of instructors, coordinators, and fundraisers, not to mention many more boats. We will be posting much more information for you on our web site shortly so please check it frequently at smwyc.org.

Forward and onward – we’re getting better every day!

**Fred Weinhart
Commodore**

Now for this week's events:

Wednesday, March 19 – Wednesday Night Dinner

After the great Opening Day we had, with such great food prepared by our MANY volunteers, we are grateful to have yet another volunteer step up to prepare our food for your "non cooking Wednesday".

Our new member Keith Page is an accomplished chef who will provide us with: Beer Battered Beef (perhaps Short Ribs), accompanied by Brown Rice and assorted steamed vegetables to complement the meal. This will be followed by dessert with Cheesecake and fresh fruit to finish a great meal.

All of these plus coffee for the price of \$13.00 with reservations, \$15 without reservations if any left!. Come hungry and leave happy.

Reservations are of course a must: reservations@smwyc.org

or 310-827-7692 ext. 3

Thursday, March 20 – Weight Watchers meet 10am and 5:30pm

Weight Watchers are now meeting regularly on most Thursdays, except holidays, in our club house dining room. Registration and weigh ins are 30 minutes prior to meeting start times. Initial visits are free and special rates are being offered to our members. Please stop by the club at the above times to get more information from the program coordinators.

Friday, March 21 – Happy Hour Bar Specials

Bar opens at 5 pm as usual and S/C Perron will host the evening with her special appetizers.

Saturday, February 22 – Private parties all day - Bar Opens at 1 pm

A private business meeting is taking place in the dining room until noon followed by a private birthday party for the rest of the afternoon and evening. Members may share access to the bar but the dining room and patio will be closed to members all day.

Sunday, March 23 – 11 am - Northrup Grumman Brunch – Bar Open

Members and guests welcome, subject to food availability.

Sunday, March 23 – 1 pm Paddle Poker Event

Join us and Erin Politz for the SMWYC **Poker Paddle** Sunday, March 23, 2014

This event will be held on anything that floats and requires a paddle or an oar to propel it. We invite Kayakers; Stand Up Paddle Boarders, Rowers, and Dinghy Owners.

Participants in the Poker Run will stop at five checkpoints where they will draw one card. The person with the best poker hand after collecting 5 cards will be declared the winner.

*A prizes will also be given to the participant who plucks the most trash from the ocean along the way. The event will have a time limit, but players will not be timed.

Schedule

- 1pm Check in
- 2pm start time
- 4pm must be back at the dock of SMWYC for celebration and awards
- 4:30pm join us in the SMWYC Club House for happy hour and live music

Fees

- \$10 early registration- Enter by Wednesday March 19th
- \$15 March 20th to 5 PM on March 22nd
- \$20 the day of the race- Cash or check only

Registration is now open and available online via Regatta Network. Go to our web site

Race page at [smwyc.org](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/8053) or click the link below to begin your registration:

<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/8053>

Contact Erin Politz with questions at 310 920-0370 or Erin@kurmalliance.org

Sunday, March 23 – 4 pm

Zerimar & Fritz (guitarist)

More upcoming events:

Sunday, March 30

Lee Rhoads Road Gang Band at 4 pm

Sunday, April 5

"On-The-Water" Race Starting Clinic

Sunday, April 6 – Membership Promotion and Juniors Open Houses – 11 am to 8 pm

Friday – Sunday, April 18 – April 20 – Easter Cruise

Sunday, April 20 - Easter Brunch

Our celebration for **Easter Brunch** is shaping up to be a great one.

Start making your plans to bring your spouse, friend, co-worker, etc., to your club on Easter Sunday.

Ladies, start preparing your fanciest hats to be put on parade, we want you to WOW us with a look reminiscent of the 1940's with your fancy hats and colorful Easter clothes, so start preparing to win prizes and share in the fun, pass the word around town, SMWYC will be THE PLACE to be for Easter Brunch.

Officer of the Day Schedule

The updated O.D. schedule is now posted on our web site near the bottom of the Home page at www.smwyc.org so please check your assignments and if you have any questions, please contact **Rear Commodore Mike Cross** at rearcommodore@smwyc.org