



This Week At



SANTA MONICA WINDJAMMERS YACHT CLUB **March 30th, 2015 - April 5th, 2015**

Yes, I am BAAACK, fresh from sailing in the Sea of Cortez, diving and holding hands with baby seals, going into wrecks, swimming with Whale Sharks and touching Gray Whales in Laguna San Ignacio.

Although not all of our trip from La Paz to Ensenada was smooth sailing, we had sustained 30 knot

winds with gust of 34 knots that ripped our main sheet releasing the boom completely (off course at night, what do you think) and then ripping all of the reefing points in the sail. Thankfully **Ron Orr** was able to address the situation and we continued sailing on a third reef point for two days.

But we had a great time and I am glad to be back in the club I love surrounded by friends and sailors alike.

Yours truly actually touching a baby Gray Whale



Specially when I hear what fun was had at the St Patrick's day Celebration Night with Diana Drake and the huge success of the Paddle board event ran by our own **Erin Politz** that is even featured in the new Mariner courtesy of Pat Reynolds.

Revelers celebrating their milestones: Betty Ford, Mark Olson, Matt Clark and Bob Via being hosted by our own Staff Commodore Pat Salcedo.



Speaking of articles, I really hope you all have had a chance to browse through the new Argonaut and see what a HUGE success our Opening Day celebration was, deserving of many quotes by yours truly AND pictures of our breezeway boys led by **Norm Perron** (what a figure he has ☺).

They quoted us as setting the tone for the celebrations and mentioned the bottomless well of Bloody Mary drinks. Yes, a real good time was had by all .

We now move into the next set of events that continue to make this a great club to belong to and be part of it.

We just ran a VERY successful racing clinic in association with WSA with a record attendance of almost 60 people in our Banquet Room all eager to hear what **Steve Potter** had to say about his experiences in racing, starting, getting to weather first and winning races, he is truly deserving of much praise for his success with the juniors and our racing program as well Thank You Steve (once again).



Our club is looking really sharp these days thanks to the efforts of the **Women of SMWYC and Pedro and Patricia Rodriguez** with the help of many members that have already made small donations towards the new lobby.

We are still in need of one additional chair and would ask the membership to help with your donation, this is a club of volunteers and I ask you to be part of it by contributing what you can to help improve it.

Let me know what you think should be added, taken out or repaired or??? This is your club and we all need to be involved.



In Looking Forward...

Monday, March 30th --Club is closed

Tuesday, March 31st --Fred is back from Arizona, Yeeeah...

Wednesday April 1st --Fabulous “No Cooking Wednesday” by your Commodore

I am sure you all enjoyed **Besim Bilman’s** famous Turkish Dinner and also the first time cooked meal by **Elise Beane** in our Banquet Room, thanks to you both for your continued volunteering.

And now comes your Commodore again with a new dish for your pleasure . This time it will be Crispy Pork Chops.

Starts with a delicious Deviled Eggs with Turkey Bacon Bits.
Followed by Spinach and Lettuce Santa Fe Salad.
Crispy Pork Chops dressed in Panko Crust.

Green Beans Vegetable in Caramelized Onion and Olive Oil
Assortment of Desserts you will love. And all of this for still the lowest price of just \$16.00 with reservations

at reservations@smwyc.org (\$18.00 without) by noon on Wednesday.



Thursday, April 2nd --Weight Watchers in the dining room midday

Come once again to check out Judy's deals for us club members in their special foods. She will help us lose all the weight we gained from Besim and Elise's cooking and their desserts.

GAMS Education Program Also Steve is continuing his program with the juniors with his GAMS program after school in our docks. Tell your neighbors about this program and encourage their kids to attend our junior classes.

Friday and Saturday April 3rd and 4th -Bar will be closed for Easter.

Since most members will be going to the Easter Cruise to Catalina and we are not having an Easter Brunch this year, the bar will be closed on Friday and Saturday.

Sunday, April 5th- Happy Easter

We will be welcoming the Sea Naval Cadets in the afternoon for a week of training in our clubhouse. I REALLY hope the ENTIRE membership makes an attempt to greet and meet them sometime during their breakfast or dinners while they are training to become officers. This is a great opportunity for us to show our pride in our military forces that battled all foes to keep us safe and prosperous in our great Country.



Looking Further Forward...

Pamela Silver will be bringing the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps to our club all week
LCDR Pamela Silver, NSCC Regional Director – PSW Region 11-2

U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps.

They will be eating breakfast and dinners at our club while doing their training at sea, PLEASE make an effort to find out when they are in the house and come and greet them.

SPECIALLY next Wednesday when they are going to make a presentation to us as a thank you for hosting them in our clubhouse. A great way to show our pride in our military.

Marina Del Rey's 50th Anniversary

Friday April 10-12th -

We will be celebrating our Marina's Birthday with parties in the park, Three Dog Night concert, cake and Tall Ship displays. We need volunteers to man our booth in the park and I ask that you REALLY make an effort to help out. This is our chance to recruit new members and show our club in the best light possible.

New Officer of the Day Schedule 2015

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 names in **bold** indicate that there is an event or private party that day, so you may expect more activity which makes the day a little less boring, and we have music almost every Sunday at 4:30. Plus we are offering 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 participating in the O.D. schedule. For those shifts that the bar is not yet open, just bring your O.D. log to the bartender which shows that you did your shift, and he will honor the incentive.

I gave the chance for everyone to contact me regarding their preferred dates, I assigned the ones that requested and have consequently gone down the line alphabetically with the other assignments.

Day	Date	A Shift	B Shift
Saturday	April 4	Warren Fox	Joyce Fox
Sunday	April 5	Roger Gaefcke	Volunteer Needed
Saturday	April 11	Christine Gebara	Kenan Gillet
Sunday	April 12	Denise George	Michael George
Saturday	April 18	Lennox Grasso	Sharlyn Harley
Sunday	April 19	Danna Haynes	Mason Hohl
Saturday	April 25	Bob Hayward	Cheryl Hayward
Sunday	April 26	Ron Barker	Karen Phillips

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 Commodore Themis Z. Glatman TLadyManor1@aol.com.

If you fail to do your duty when assigned, you do not find a replacement, or you do not contact us, YOU will be billed \$50 per shift.

Please refer to the blue O.D. log book for flag etiquette, and remember when an Officer is on deck, hoist their flag. Flags are in the office closet and labeled. Thank you.

I have made arrangements with someone to cover your OD shift if you cannot make it for \$40.00 per shift instead of charging you \$50.00 and no one is here.

We do not want to charge you a fee for missing this important duty, but WE NEED to keep our doors open in the weekends.

Your Membership packages will be issued very soon along with your beautiful new Club Sticker.

