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Ron Orr

## **This Week At**

### **2016 Club of the Year**

**SANTA MONICA WINDJAMMERS YACHT CLUB**

**April 3rd, 2017 - April 9th, 2017**

We just finished a really great week, and we are getting better and better with more events, more members, more clinics, racing activity, wait ... it must be because Spring is in the air and Summer is just around the corner.

**We start this bulletin with a question... are you clicking the This Week link every week? It takes a lot of time, consultation, pictures, calendar consultation and cooperation to inform all of you of upcoming events. Please make sure to click on the link every week to get all the news. It appears that only about 30% of the membership open the email announcement and only about 13% click on the site to see the news fit to print.**

We have welcomed the Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 12 in our clubhouse to host their meetings. They provided the Color Guard for our Opening Day celebrations.



On Thursday we hosted the GREAT presentation of the Vendee Globe single



handed round the world race by our racing member Jerome Samarcelli. He was inspired by these fearless sailors who cross the globe in pursue of the title of the fastest single handed world rounding sailor.

Although well publicized, the program attracted only about 30 people to this great video and slide presentation. Thank you Jerome. This was the first of a series of presentations design to enhance our participation in club activities, our sailing knowledge and awareness of issues around us. For example, the next one will be a presentation by the Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC) to talk about proposed laws governing OPEN CONTAINERS in our boats, the effects of Copper anti-fouling paint in our Marina Waters and other laws and regulations that will affect all boaters. Do not miss this one on **THURSDAY April 20<sup>th</sup>**; it will affect YOU and YOUR BOAT.

The latest big event held yesterday at the Club was the participation of over 40 sailors and 17 boats on the water for our Race Start Clinic coordinated by Lee Rhoads and assisted by of all our Race Committee personnel including Denise George, Greg Rutter, Kevin Johnson, Matt Clark and many others. This is what is great sailing event put on by our volunteer members. Thanks.

Here is little blurb about it.

**“Big thanks to Greg Rutter for his Chalk Talk, and Steve Moses who signed up as a mentor, but helped on the Race Committee Boat all afternoon due to the**

challenging conditions.

Also to **Denise George** who entrusted her chase boat to **Kevin Johnson** and **Lee Rhoads** to set marks on the course.

We had our biggest turnout ever with 18 novices looking for rides on 17 boats who entered the On-The-Water Clinic (a couple of boats could not find the practice area in the fog). We had every conceivable starting situation, including several "over early" calls for boats ahead of the gun, a general recall when more boats were "over early" than starting legally, and what would have been a protest against one boat on port, when the rest of the fleet were on starboard. Everyone agreed it was a very helpful event, and several stated they are willing to enter races as a result of the practice we offered in the clinic."



Last but not least, we had a great SALSA band in the bar that attracted many members and guests as well as many who had finished the Race Start Clinic. This live music was one of the twice monthly Sunday afternoon entertainment provided by the FBO for our benefit. Come and join other members for a meal, a drink or just to enjoy the music.

As we are all aware, sailing has its dangers. there was a frightening accident of the Redondo Beach Pier that destroyed a Martin 242 . All the crew survived, but there were injuries and the boat was a total loss. Check out the video link here provided by Norm Perron.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdYTGre3fAA>

Back at our club, we hope all the Flag members have been using their new benefit of unlimited use our Small Boat Fleet, our Kayaks or Stand Up Paddle Boarding at no additional charge. Get checked out, sign up and enjoy a day on the water.

## Looking Forward

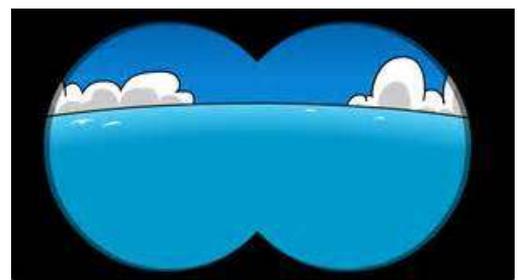
**Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup> -- Club Closed**

**Tuesday April 4th - Board Meeting 7-9pm**

Come and see your board addressing issues that improve our membership and ways of providing benefits and events to the whole membership.

**--Office Open from 1-7**

***You need to get the new FREE stickers for 2017 from our club to affix to your parking passes.*** 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 from 10am to 2pm Thursday. On Saturday and Sunday we are open 10-4pm

## **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...**



**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.**

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

**Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> Juniors Open House 10-1pm**



A great time to tell your friends and family about our Junior program and invite them for the only Open House scheduled this Spring. They can learn about Summer Sail Camp, our year 'round Open Sailing sessions and even what we might be able to put together for their school.



**Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> - Family Day 12-3pm**

These are the best activity filled days on our calendar. Members get to use the club boats, paddleboards, kayaks and such and just have a great time doing it. We meet at the 1600 dock at noon and go until about 3:00pm. This month we plan to introduce two "Adult Friendly" Sabots to our fleet. Invite your family and friends for a day of fun on the water!

Remember that on the first and third Sundays of the month, there is LIVE MUSIC in the club for our enjoyment. Bring your friends and family to enjoy not only our views, but our great food and drinks.

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# Looking WAY Forward

## April 15-16<sup>th</sup> SMWYC and Corsair Easter Club Cruise

This is one of our fun our cruises. We go to the Two Harbors on Catalina Island, make Easter hats, enjoy great food, dancing, awards and have GREAT time in the island.

**The Corsair**  
Yacht Club

April 15 / 16, 2017

**Join the Corsairs  
this Easter at Two Harbors**

**SATURDAY**

Hat Decorating 10 am-12 pm

Hat Parade 3:30 pm

Punch Bowl 4:30 pm

MAKE A HAT!

BE IN A PARADE

TWO HARBORS  
SANTA CATALINA ISLAND COMPANY

Plan on attending on a boat or by the Ferry as this will be a great time to be in the island.



## April 22<sup>nd</sup> EARTH DAY Paddle Board Clean Up Event

Here is the best way for you to do something good for the Earth, for the soul and good for your social life ☺

Meet us at the 1600 dock to go out in the marina, collect trash and debris and help us catalogue all this to help prevent this

trash from going into the ocean.

Click here for the link to the event.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/earth-day-paddle-board-clean-up-2017-tickets-32368198152>.

# EarthDay

**If you take your photo with our Sea Sounds magazine or in any place exotic, make sure to send it to us and we will publish it in the This Week and maybe in the Sea Sounds☺**



**Here is our Commodore Ron Orr Crossing the Golden Gate Bridge on his way to beautiful San Francisco**

**You can see yourself here also, just send us a photo with a caption.**

**Also, we will start doing Officer of the Day duties on Sundays beginning in April, so check the This Week for your assignments, if you prefer any specific date, please let us know and we will arrange for you to do that date's duties.**

**At [TladyManor1@aol.com](mailto:TladyManor1@aol.com)**



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