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## This Week At



### **SANTA MONICA WINDJAMMERS YACHT CLUB** **March April 4th, 2016 - April 10th, 2016**

For a quick recap of the week's past activities, who could not have enjoyed the FABULOUS Wednesday Night dinner provided by Mike and Karen Cross, as well as her very entertaining presentation of her journey to South Africa ( what about her riding on the back of an Ostrich, gasp).



Thank you so much to Gisele Ozeri and the Marina Venice Yacht Club for a really great event and for bringing all the celebrities to our clubhouse this past Thursday. One of our members, Linda Strick ,commented on how much fun she had and how we should have more of these events in the clubhouse

Another SUPER fun event was the **Race Clinic** we just hosted for the public in our clubhouse this Sunday



with over 60 people in attendance, not to mention many boats and a lot of fun on the water. I certainly enjoyed avoiding the race committee boat ☺.

A BIG thank you to all the volunteers who made this day possible including Besim Bilman, Peter Glick, Steve Potter, Denise George, Kevin Johnson, Lee Rhoads and our newest returning member, single handed racer Jerome Samarcelli. Their volunteer efforts, the efforts of the Junior Program instructors and all the members of our Race Committee are greatly appreciated.

A lot of activities going on in the clubhouse, and I really hope you are trying to become more involved volunteering for some of the activities. Remember, this is an all volunteer club and we need everyone to chip in from time to time.

I want to thank John Brooks for all the photos he sent to me from our Opening Day which I am adding to our compilation of photos.

Do you have any? Can you send them to me?

## Looking Forward



## Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> -- Toastmasters in the Club

They are there from 6 till 8 pm to enrich people's lives and perhaps yours? We are all invited.

## Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> --Board Meeting at 7:30 pm

This is a big one. We will be discussing budget issues, upgrades to our small boat fleet, delinquent memberships, and most important, approval of **7 NEW MEMBERS**. We are on a roll, and I cannot remember ever seeing the peg board so full of applications for membership. Really good momentum for our club. It must be because of our new Bridge and Board??? ☺ Just Saying...

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

## Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> - Annual Turkish Dinner, Staff Commodore Besim Bilman

**RSVP required by Sunday night, April 3** (So the food may be purchased and prepared in the traditional Turkish manner - NO late reservations)) [Reservations@smwyc.org](mailto:Reservations@smwyc.org) or Call [\(310\) 827-7692](tel:3108277692).

There MAY still be time if you contact Besim this morning before he goes shopping for the food to be prepared, no guarantees...

We know you won't want to miss out on this special night, **7:30 p.m. dinner with cocktails before at 6:30**, \$18.00 per person, includes dinner, salad, dessert and coffee.



"Besim cooks like his grandmother used to: preparing and simmering the food over 3 days, until the aroma takes you away and the meat is so tender and delicious it melts you!"

The menu is based on a traditional lamb stew with a complex spinach medley and bulgur rice and a traditional village salad with imported Turkish olives and feta cheese. The dessert will be a classic homemade "Revani" pastry topped with coconut and pistachio nuts.

Besim is donating ALL the proceeds from this dinner to the club. Here is your chance to make a difference and have a lot of fun at the same time. **DO NOT MISS THIS DINNER.**

All of this for the low price of just \$18.00 with reservations at [reservations@smwyc.org](mailto:reservations@smwyc.org) 20.00 for Non-Members). Cocktails start at 6:30pm, dinner at 7:30pm.

## 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. Maybe next will be asking the Historical Society to come and give a full presentation on Education night, the new Rules of Racing, 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](mailto:MikeVCSMWYC@gmail.com)

### **Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> -- Bar is Open**

Come to your Yacht Club after a long week of work (or play) and enjoy our friends and Danny's great libations from 4:30 until 8:30pm.

### **Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> --Our Junior program continues to dominate**

The Junior instructors are hard at work not only teaching the kids, but they are also ready to give you lessons on sailing to make you more comfortable on the water or in your spouse's boat.

Come take advantage of this program, tell your neighbor about our Junior sailing program and invite them for an afternoon of sailing.

## --Junior Program receives HUGE DONATIONS

The Junior Sailing Program received two significant gifts recently.

Five thousand dollars from Pedro and Patricia Rodriguez through the auspices of the Santa Monica Bay Sailing Foundation. In addition, Richard Windebank facilitated the purchase of a 13' Boston Whaler coach boat with a 50 hp motor and trailer at \$500 less than the fair market purchase price.

The SMWYC and its Junior Sailing Program are very grateful for the generosity of Pedro and Patricia Rodriguez and Richard Windebank.

### **--Fairwind Members meeting 10:30 am**

Their members will be in the Regatta Room meeting about their important issues. We have many members that are also their members, and we welcome them to our clubhouse.

## Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> -- POKER PADDLE

**And Earth Day Marina Clean Up...**

This is the PERFECT time to make use of your club and help the Marina environment.



This event will be held in 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 a card. The person with the best poker hand at the end will be declared the winner.

\*A prize will also be given to participants 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 • 1:15pm 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 April 6th • \$15 April 7th to 5 PM on April 9th •  
\$20 the day of the race-

Cash or check only. For Paddle rental options, contact PROSUPShOP at #213 787-4776 For registration, go to SMWYC.ORG

### **--Sunday Live Music at the bar/ Open House**

Come hear the great live sounds of The Towels, a new band gracing our Yacht Club beginning at 4:30 until everyone has had enough to drink ☺

## **THE TOWELS.**

The name sure sounds intriguing, so come and enjoy their lively beat; good to dance to and good to enjoy drinks at the bar with friends.

Danny will have great libations, and food will be made available for your enjoyment.

Do not miss their inaugural appearance at the clubhouse and be the first to tell your friends all about it.



## **Looking Further Forward**

### **April 16<sup>th</sup> - SMWYC Family Day**

Steve Potter is organizing a really fun Family day for our members and their families, specially the ones with Juniors

The day's agenda would look like this:

- Junior Sailing Program Open House, 1000 to 1300 hours
- Learn to Sail class, 1030 to 1200
- Junior Open Sailing, 1200 to 1530
- Paddle Boarding and Kayaking, 1300 to 1500
- Family sails with and instructor, 1300 to 1500
- BBQ 1530 to 1630



The 1600 dock will certainly be THE place to be! This is an event for members, their guests and extended families, and Junior Program families.

### **"Membership Cards are on the Way to Current Members"**

Those of you whose dues are current are still 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 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
Saturday	April 2	Kevin Johnson	Kelly William
Sunday	April 3	Sarah Kennedy	Brian Kennedy
Saturday	April 9	Gina Kraemer	Keith Kraemer
Sunday	April 10	Need Volunteer	Karen Kuchel
Saturday	April 16	Mike Leneman	Marc Levine
Sunday	April 17	Nancy Martin	William Wilmot
Saturday	April 23	Suzanne Martin	Mark Olson
Sunday	April 24	Maria Meza	Fred Weinhart

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](mailto:smwyc@yahoo.com). If for some reason you are unable to make a trade, please contact Jr. Staff Commodore Themis Z. Glatman at [TLadyManor1@aol.com](mailto:TLadyManor1@aol.com).

**I 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? 😊**

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