



Commodore
Ron Orr

This Week At



SANTA MONICA WINDJAMMERS YACHT CLUB **March April 11th, 2016 - April 17th, 2016**

As you may have noticed, this "This Week" is WAAAY late, but with a good, not GREAT excuse.

I was in Brazil visiting the country and family. While there, I managed to find my way into the Rio Boat Show to check out the newest Brazilian Marina right in Rio being prepared for the Olympics.

I cannot believe how much time is spent bashing the waters of Guanabara Bay where the Olympics will take place. We were in the bay, by the Santos Dumont airport, and saw fishes jumping out of the water, birds diving, and no garbage in sight; much less than our own Marina, so I think the sailors in Rio will be safe...



But while I was gone, a lot of activities were going on in the club, such as the Paddle Board Poker Event this past Sunday. The best news is that the participants, Club members and non-members, collected and disposed of lots of trash and garbage floating in the Marina del Rey. This is one of the main purposes of this event, and our deepest gratitude to Erin Politz and her volunteers for once again making our marina water cleaner.

A lot of activities will be 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.

Since this bulletin in way late, I will just get to the important points to remember...

Looking Forward

Thursday, April 14th -Weight Watchers Meet
Getting people ready for their new body.

--Entrepreneur Event



in Regatta Room

A private event organized by one of our newest members just voted in this past Board Meeting. This is what the club is all about, using it and getting the most from your membership.

Friday, April 15th -- 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 16th -- April 16th - 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.



Here is your opportunity to try the really fun SUP boards taught by a club instructor. I will be there...

And you can also take a boat and learn more sailing and seamanship from professional instructors.



--Private Gala in Regatta Room

Our new member Alexsei Aleksandrov and his wife are hosting a gala for Marina Sailing Club in our clubhouse for their guests. They will be enjoying our facilities from 6 pm to 11 pm. We welcome this first event , and we hope they join us often in the future.

Sunday, April 17th-- --The Band is Rocking the House

The Road Gang

Yes. I am sure you will be receiving reminders from Lee Rhoads inviting you to come and dance to his great band tunes. I suggest you accept this invitation; they are fresh from playing in Santa Barbara and other places, so they will be ready with new material and new tunes to make us shake our feet and groove to his tunes.

They have a great following and their music is great, bring a friend and enjoy your club. A great mix of awesome songs easy to dance to, easy to listen and great for entertaining friends and relatives at our Open House Sunday.

Come by, bring a friend or bring your crew.

-- Come listen to the Music in our Bar area

This is the greatest time to get our Barbeque food started. You will be able to grill yourself one of our Third Pound Burgers with all the trimmings, enjoy the other great foods we offer and listen to our free "Concerts in the Bar" Series ☺.



Looking Further Forward

Wednesday April 20th -Orientation Dinner for ALL members

This is our once a month chance for you to get acquainted with ALL the procedures of our Yacht Club and be able to ask questions, volunteer, be recognized and enjoy REALLY GOOD FOOD, prepared by yours truly.

Do not miss this opportunity to meet other members and learn procedures in the club AND new members will get their membership packages

"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 16	Mike Leneman	Marc Levine
Sunday	April 17	Nancy Martin	William Willmot
Saturday	April 23	Suzanne Martin	Mark Olson
Sunday	April 24	Maria Meza	Fred Weinhart
Saturday	April 30	Pamela Morgan	Zack Morgan
Sunday	May 1	Steve Moses	Miriam Moses
Saturday	May 7	Cynthia Nibler	Michael Pitari
Sunday	May 8	Alleta Ojeda	Wayne Shook

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 Jr. Staff Commodore Themis Z. Glatman at 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