



Commodore
Ron Orr

This Week At



SANTA MONICA WINDJAMMERS YACHT CLUB **April 25th, 2016 - May 1st, 2016**

Since this "This Week" is a bit late due to another trip I had to take out of the Country, I will just mention some of the recent events . I know many of you enjoyed the Family Day last week and the 1st Barbeque Race Sunday.



Barbecue Races are a great way to get your feet wet (not literally) in the racing scene, since this is just a "day sail with a purpose". Not to mention the great sounds of our "Concerts at the Bar" Series which will continue for the summer days.

Now for the ongoing events, your Commodore has been super busy working with our Lease Committee and the County to agree on

new terms for our rental of the facility. When you see him, thank him for he is really doing an yeomen's job at working with the County. So to ease his burden, he will be delivering a Jeanneau 57 from San Francisco to Marina Del Rey starting Wednesday. Wish him luck.



What a windy week we had and it certainly impacted our Juniors sailing and their program, here is an excerpt from Steve Potter's report.

We certainly are in a windy weather pattern. Records fell in the Newport to Ensenada Race, which Kirby and Alexa participated, four of our students were challenged by the breeze in tight racing conditions at the Ken Hoover Memorial in Redondo Beach (see recap below), the Open Sailing group was worn out by the breeze Saturday and we had to cancel our GAMS After School class yesterday. Big winds last evening even blew one of our boats over!



Winds moderate today and return on Wednesday according to the weather prognosticators and should linger long enough so we have fresh breeze Thursday and pretty ideal sailing conditions Saturday.



Tristan navigating in a tight back this weekend. Photo by Bert Tietje

It was a busy weekend with a number of firsts for our program - Sebastian and Madoka pitched in to help John on Saturday, four of our sailors traveled to a major, two day Opti regatta, Lynne ably assisted Steve on the coach boat which we finally got to tow to a venue to support our team. Things return to the normal schedule this week with After School Sailing Thursday from 4:00 to 6:30 and Open Sailing Saturday from noon to 3:00. [Visit our website to RSVP for either or both days.](#)

We've updated the [Calendar](#) for May to include regatta opportunities for Sabots and Lasers in Westlake Village on

the 15th, Optis in Cabrillo Beach (San Pedro) on the 21st and 22nd, and Optis and Lasers in Alamitos Bay on the 28th and 29th. In addition, we will be adding a Family Day to the May mix, stand by for the date.



Our team in formation. Photo by Madoka

May Learn to Sail Classes: With a surge in interest after our April Family Day, we will be holding two May Learn to Sail sessions. One on Saturday mornings and another on Sunday mornings. There may be one space available in the Saturday sessions so tell a friend and thanks to all of you for the referrals.

Time to reserve a space for Summer Sail Camp: Sign ups for Sail Camp have been very active and five of the weeks are already half full so look at your summer calendar and reserve a week or two or three now. Last year we sold out four of ten weeks and this year we expect to be at capacity every week. Capacity changes based on the combination of beginning, intermediate and advanced students so early signups help us plan how to gear up. You can sign up [here](#).



Talia approaches the weather mark. Photo by her proud mom.

Ken Hoover Regatta Recap: As mentioned above, having four of our sailors participate in a two day Carrie Series event out of town was a first for our program. So were the logistics of getting the coach boat, boats, gear

and ourselves to the event and back. We loaded two boats in a truck, two on cars and "Swamp Goat" on it's trailer filled with spars and gear Friday night, met early Saturday for the 25 minute drive and staked out our own little corner of the landside set-up area. Rigging on land was a new experience for the sailors and parents both along with how to launch four boats with two dollies.

The racing was challenging in a number of ways. The course was really tight so it was hard not to sail in a crowd and the breeze was up. Saturday they ran seven races and when they were done everybody was quite happy to be heading in. With a day of getting used to the conditions, our team was much better prepared to deal with the really breezy start to Sunday. We watched numerous near capsizes and at least four boats struggling when their sprit poles blew away. Thankfully, we suffered no breakdowns. After two races the breeze moderated and started to shift pretty widely which made for a different challenge as one side of the course would become heavily favored and then it would switch to the other side.



After four races the fleet headed back and we all learned the routine of tearing down and packing up together. Awards were presented to all participants of the Green Fleet and they were all well deserved. Here's our team after the Awards Ceremony.

Tristan, Phillip, Talia and Lucas, Photo by Madoka.

So for now, let's get some more attractions in this week and the following ones.

Looking Forward



Tuesday, April 26th -Catalina Yachts Meeting

This was your chance to see the camaraderie of Catalina Yacht owners and the fun they always have getting together once a month, and I am sure you will be able to catch them next month. They meet always on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

Wednesday, April 27th—NO COOKING WEDNESDAY

This is a late announcement, but I hope all of you can attend this great meal prepared by our now resident chef Dawn. She is making:

Appetizer of Bruschetta flatbread Pizza
Navy Bean Soup (very Nautical)
Stuffed bell Peppers (Dana Hutton's favorite)
Meatballs and White Rice entrée
Dessert is Pound Cake and Ice Cream
Coffee and Decaf with Flavorings and Cream

All of this for the low price of just \$16.00 with reservations at reservations@smwyc.org before Wednesday noon (18.00 after that or for Non-Members).

Cocktails start at 7pm, dinner at 7:30pm.



Thursday, April 28th - Venture McGregor in the clubhouse

If you like racing, this is the group for you to meet since these guys love the sport and want to help others race and enjoy the art of sailing. They meet from 7-9pm in the Regatta Room.

Friday, April 22nd -- 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.

--Fairwind ASA Class in the Regatta Room

Dave Lumian uses our club to teach this very important class to help people learn how to sail and enjoy our sport. They are in the clubhouse from 6-9pm.

Saturday, April 23rd --Fairwind ASA Class in Clubhouse 6-9 pm

But the bar will be open for members and their guests after a great day on the water or on the town. Come and relax and enjoy our fabulous sunsets.

Sunday, April 24th—Sunday Music and Open House

Here is the band that has been rocking our club for many events now.

The Brothers of the Supreme Groove

They have finally qualified to be one of our fixed bands due to the talented ear of our Bar Manager Danny.

Our bar is open, the sounds are great, there will be lots of people, food to grill and lots of conversation, so come and be part of it, it is your club.

"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 **EXTENDED**

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 30	Pamela Morgan	Zack Morgan
Sunday	May 1	Steve Moses	Jeff Butterworth
Saturday	May 7	Cynthia Nibler	Michael Pitari
Sunday	May 8	Alleta Ojeda	Wayne Shook
Saturday	May 14	Michael Parker	Mitzie Parker
Sunday	May 15	Karen Kutchell	Ron Orr
Saturday	May 21	Lars Radmall	John Quickley
Sunday	May 22	Steve Potter	Jason Seal
Saturday	May 28	Lee Rhoads	Cheryl Rhoads
Sunday	May 29	Pedro Rodriguez	Patricia Rodriguez
Saturday	June 4	Inaki Pedroarena	Vicki Rocco
Sunday	June 5	Tom Rowe	Susan French

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? 😊