



Commodore  
Ron Orr

## This Week At



### **SANTA MONICA WINDJAMMERS YACHT CLUB** **May 29th, 2016 - June 12th, 2016**

This will be the second time that I will be combining two weeks of "This Week" into one bulletin. So we will also call this one "Last Week" and "This Week" for 2016. I am doing this so there is a record of ALL the activities happening at the club. We combined the two "This Week" since SOOO many new changes have been taking place in our club, clubhouse and club personnel that it was a moving target.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of May, we had our much anticipated and last "No Cooking Wednesday" where yours truly was asked to prepare appetizers, and more importantly we participated in an informative forum (and lots of us came by), where Commodore Ron Orr spoke about the proposed changes in the membership classes going forward. He also discussed the exciting new good and beverage service at the Club house that will serve Members and their guests Breakfast, Lunch and Dinners from Wednesday to Sunday in both the Regatta Room and the Bar area service 7 days a week in the bar area from 8 am till 10pm, Mondays and Tuesdays



we will be able to use the Regatta Room for some of our community based events such as WSA, Catalina Fleet, Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Sheriff's meetings and so on.

What a FABULOUS opportunity to be able to just come out to your club, have someone check you in, have a meal, meet people, and bring your friends. If you have not experienced this new service, you are really missing out. Be sure and try the unique "Avocado Ice Cream" prepared fresh daily by our FBO

chef Israel. With this great, full time meal service we will be less dependent on volunteers and can dine and enjoy our Club atmosphere whenever we like. This new food and beverage service will allow us to increase our membership by adding new categories including "First Responders" in our Community such as Police, Firefighters, Coast Guard and all Active Duty Military personnel.

These new programs are exciting, and we should thank our Bridge for getting this accomplished and propelling us into a brighter future. If you remember our Commodore's speech on Opening Day, get ready to wear your shades since our future is indeed bright...



Speaking of Military personnel, did you enjoy the Memorial Day Parades around town? I certainly did and we honor them by becoming active in showing our appreciation, I was asked to bring my 38 Buick to the Topanga Days Parade by our Fleet Captain Lee Rhoads and had a great time with all the commotion and patriotic displays in the parade.

We hope that more of you ask your neighborhood police, firefighter or ACTIVE military personnel to join us since we will be offering a new class of membership to them for a super discounted price of just \$300.00 per year. This will increase our membership, make us more visible in the Marina and secure our future with many new programs, experiences, benefits and such.

Let's not forget our Barbeque Series race number 2 which happened on Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> just ahead of the kitchen closing to member use, and we were still able to cook our own burgers and enjoy a nice bottle of Barbeque sauce as a prize for the winners (thank you race committee).

Wednesday saw our first actual full service restaurant meals prepared for us, and our Commodore was the first paying customer as he came down early in the morning to experience the great breakfast variety of foods; definitely worth a try. Many of came for the dinner program and were delighted by the great variety of menu items and the low prices for great food. Chef Israel is a health conscious cook who prides himself in tastyt meals that are great for you. Definitely try his famous and very healthy "Jugo Verde."



This past weekend it was on to our Marina Fest event where we were the silver sponsors giving all our volunteers full access plus a great location for our booth in the promenade with great visibility and a great opportunity to promote ourselves and our new programs, not to mention a gathering for the sponsors our Commodore attended aboard "Bill of Rights," the Tall Ship on the docks. I really hope you had a chance to visit it after its long voyage



from Chula Vista just for this event. I do know that many members joined our party party afterwards in the bar 😊 We not only were visible in the water area, but we worked out a VIP party afterwards for all participants and sponsors in our Yacht Club with who enjoyed



music, food and great camaraderie arranged by our new Rear Commodore, Saman Seneviratne. When you see him, please thank him for all he is doing in his new position. He is a very enthusiastic promoter of our club and has plans to double our membership in the coming months.

**Let's all lend a hand and come together in these efforts. Tell a friend about our great club, bring a friend to one of our meals any day of the week, participate in one of our races or our events. Make sure to sell them about our new free two week membership Trial memberships.**

Now on a more personal note, I want to congratulate Ron and Marlene Wood on celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary this past Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>, and to Pat Salcedo for celebrating her ?? birthday on the same day.



And as always, I want to talk about our cherished and hugely successful Juniors Sailing Program which is the pride of the Marina.

Less than a week to Summer Sail Camp and the excitement is building! In the meantime, though, we have a fun week planned for everyone planning on attending



*Phillip and Miles in the pre-start of one of the Shallow Water Series races.*

**Don't forget to come by tomorrow evening June 8th for our Pre-Sail Camp Party.** The time is 6pm to 7:30pm and it will be an informal affair with some light food and friendly people! By the way, it's not just for folks doing Sail Camp!

**Thursday After School:** The last one until August so come on out for an afternoon sail starting at 4 with pickup at 6:30. [Please RSVP here.](#)

**Saturday Open Sailing:** Normal Saturday fun and also the last regularly scheduled weekend sail until August! [Please RSVP here.](#)

**Family Day Sunday June 12th!** Come out and enjoy all sorts of ways to get on the water. Paddleboards, kayaks and, of course, sailboats. Invite some friends along to join the fun. The fun starts at noon and runs to about 3:00pm. No RSVP necessary.

**The Olympic Gold Regatta at Westlake Yacht Club Sunday:** Word is out that there will be another good group of Optimist sailors visiting Westlake Yacht Club Sunday. Racing is also available in Lasers, Sabots (maybe) and often as a crew for a local member on a Capri 14.2 or Capri 18. [RSVP here.](#)

Now for the events coming up THIS WEEK, let's agree that we all will try and come by the club at least once this week and experience the new Restaurant?

We have lots of activities to be entertained by and lots of new members to be introduced.



## Looking Forward

### **Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> -- Open Board Meeting 7-9pm**

Our members are invited to participate in these meetings and listen to our hard working board that does so much to advance our goal of having a great club and to increase membership. Come see that the new programs are approved, ask questions and GET INVOLVED...

**While there, you can experience our new food offerings and Danny's great libations.**

**--Office will be open 1pm-6pm**

Come discuss any issues with your membership, fees, input on the club running's and maybe get a word with your Commodore who is always hard at work for our benefit.

If you have issues with your dues, this is the best time to address them since we are cleaning up our books and will be posting delinquencies up on the board and will be checking current memberships to gain access to the yacht club.

### **Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> -- Dory Day Races at the Santa Monica Pier**

Come and Cheer our own club member Dane DeBoer who is fighting to be the Regional Champion for this incredible display of strength and agility as he battles waves, other racing boats and the cold to win this prestigious event.

He was first last year and fourth in the nation, now he is fighting to be first in the nation, Come one come all and let's cheer him on.

**--Bar is Open 5-10pm**

Come and enjoy the day and the evening with the best views in the marina from our bar area complete with libations expertly prepared by our own Danny and enjoy the sunsets and enjoy the food from our new restaurant whether you want to eat in the bar or in the Regatta Room.

### **Sunday SMWYC Family Day, June 12<sup>th</sup>**

Due to the great success of our last Family Day in our newly designed docks, we will try and make this a monthly event during the summer months. Our Junior Program Guru Steve Potter is hard at work coordinating with Erin Politz



many really fun events for those members that want to enjoy the water, meet new members, learn to sail and just plain have fun while learning new tricks.

This is for members and their guests, NOT an Open House. Come bring your kids, or come with a friend and get on one. Please try and find some time to volunteer for the best event in the marina for the entire year. Our past events have been so

well attended, why not come and participate and see for yourself?

I will try the Laser boats this time around, but Kayaks, SUP's , Sabots, FJ's and the like will be available for riding and learning how to have fun in the water. Invite your friends and tell them about our new memberships.

## **"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	June 11	Jerome Sammarcelli	Mark Sands
Sunday	June 12	Chris Serafin	Matthew Seymour
Saturday	June 18	Michael Rynkiewicz	Wendy Sarnoff
Sunday	June 19	Amiran Schneiderman	Lisa Marie Schwab
Saturday	June 25	Sean Sharma	Stan Sharma
Sunday	June 26	John Sheridan	Bridget Smith
Saturday	July 2	Clara Silverman	Jack Silverman
Sunday	July 3	Brian Sullivan	Mary Beth Sullivan
Saturday	July 9	Linda Strick	Rick Toomim
Sunday	July 10	Carole Walsh	Thomas Weese
Saturday	July 16	Julie Warnock	Matt Warnock
Sunday	July 17	William Wilmot	Nancy Martin

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.



We will now have the gate working, so  
MAKE SURE you know the new code as the GOLD CARDS DO NOT WORK IN  
IT ANY LONGER

**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? 😊**