



These Weeks At Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club June 2 – June 15, 2014

Here we grow again....

Your officers and board really have been busy these days. And with the **Gourmet Chef Themis** still prancing along the western Atlantic helping to deliver a boat from BVI up the eastern coast, the rest of us (and we aren't many!) had to pitch in and do all the "House" work too. Thanks to **S/C Charlene, R/C Mike Cross, and members Steve Potter and Keith Page**, we got through the last couple of weeks of club events, dinners, and private parties. Not to mention **Danny and Lyly!**

And even though our new Membership Chair **S/C Patricia Salcedo** is recovering from emergency appendectomy surgery - we are thinking of you and praying for your speedy recovery, Pat - our membership by some miracle grew by **26 members** whom we approved at last Tuesday's Board meeting - the largest number approved in a single month in our history! Twenty of these applicants are also **Fairwind Yacht Club** members and joined as a result of our board's approval of the proposed bylaws change to reinstate the **Affiliate Class** of membership.

Thanks to the completion of our negotiations with our member and Fairwind Yacht Club's 2013 Commodore and current Fairwind Southern Area Port Captain **Richard Windebank** and with the grateful cooperation of our new permanent Beaches and Harbors **Director Gary Jones**, we were able to accommodate the move of the Fairwind Yacht Club boats from Bar Harbor Marina to our G1600 area and adjacent slips. All their members are active sailors and eager to get involved in volunteer activities. They already helped us refurbish our dinghy dock rack and recarpet the hoist dock area. We will soon have a special welcome and orientation dinner for them and all the new members and encourage many more Fairwind members to join our club.

Speaking of the **hoist**, it is limping along while awaiting repair parts and lights to be installed by a professional hoist maintenance company and I am after them to expedite the process.

We were also honored by a virtually impromptu visit to our Board Meeting by **B&H Director Gary Jones** who gave us as detailed as possible explanation and projections for the replacement of our docks which may start by September with some preliminary land side infrastructure construction followed by phase 1 removal of pilings in the G200 - G800 dock areas in the October to December time frame with dock replacements in the early part of next year followed by phase 2 which will include docks G1000 - G1600. But we all know nothing is for sure until after it happens!

Mr. Jones also addressed the concerns directly affecting the future of our club that **S/C Charlene and I** have been discussing with him for the past 9 months, both logistical and financial, and he assured us that his intent is to do all he can to speed up the **slip construction**, to allow us to keep our home for the long term, to consider financial relief in the short term during the construction period, and to renegotiate a more favorable long term lease for us in the very near future. The increase in activities at our club has played a major role in prompting his support of our plans.

The **Juniors Program** is exceeding our best expectations. Steve Potter held Juniors Open Houses on May 31 and June 7 and more participants signed up. We now have 12 Sabots in excellent condition ready for the Summer Program which starts June 16 and we will soon be adding a second instructor. Please respond to Steve Potter's plea for help at the two work parties he is planning this Thursday and Sunday.

Sunday...Funday – by S/C Charlene Perron

Erin Politz and her Kurmalliance team set up a wonderful **Scavenger Hunt Paddle event** last Sunday. Great for a family to enjoy. All you needed was any hand powered watercraft. We had canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards participate.

We had six stops throughout the Marina to pick up an item and get points for each one. You were also encouraged to help clean the bay if you had room in your vessel for a bucket.

Extra points were given for retrieving unusual debris from the water: most unusual was a package of smoking tobacco; I got extra points for retrieving fish bait - a Three Musketeers candy bar that **S/C Tom Kennedy** threw at me from his boat, *Foggy Notion* (one of our stops), and landed in the water. Best costume went to a young lady who wore a mermaid outfit.

Denise George and Kevin Johnson set the props for the six stops we went to, including two sabots each anchored at the end of E and F basins. It was really challenging to kayak down the three basins directly into the wind. The wind waves created some chop, and plowing through them was exhausting. Only club member **Janie Frazier** and I actually went down every basin to all the stops in our inflatable kayaks.

You can tell that a lot of thought and effort was put into this event by **Erin and her many volunteers**. There were even some fabulous prizes awarded like restaurant certificates and a ride on one of our Small Boat Fleet boats. It was a great day for everyone who participated and a great boost to kick off our summer fun at SMWYC.

I hope to see more members out on the water next time.

Forward and onward, I am proud of us!

Fred Weinhart

Commodore

Now for this and next week's events:

Wednesday, June 11 – Sunset Series Races and Dinner

Since “**Gourmet Chef**” and V/C, **Themis Z. Glatman**, is still playing along the Atlantic coast delivering a boat from BVI as crew and galley chief on board for skippers **Ron Orr and Rick Griffin**, our new chef Keith Page will be preparing our dinner consisting of mixed sausage grill, German baked beans, German potato salad, cornbread and butter, blackberry cobbler with Vanilla ice cream, all for just **\$12 with reservations, \$15 without**. Reservations@smwyc.org

Thursday, June 12 - Junior Program - Spring After School Sailing

The program continues every Thursday at 4 pm, see JUNIORS at www.smwyc.org for more information.

It's hard to believe that **Summer Sailing sessions begin June 16** and space is almost sold out for the first three week module. Our approach of creating a Community based program that is accessible, affordable and focused on fun appears to be very attractive and has already resulted in at least one new family membership.

However, there are still a number of things we need to prepare by next Monday. These include organizing the classroom, washing boats, making and attaching bow painters, making bailers, prefabbing some mainsheets and other running rigging, some back patio clean up and some rearranging of boats on the dinghy rack.

Steve Potter and his team could use a handful of help this **Thursday afternoon** and **Sunday morning** the 15th! If you can volunteer some time, please let us know at juniors@smwyc.org.

Weight Watchers meet every Thursday, 10am and 5:30pm

Weight Watchers are now meeting regularly on most Thursdays, except holidays, in our club house dining room. Registration and weigh ins are 30 minutes prior to meeting start times. Initial visits are free and special rates are being offered to our members. Please stop by the club at the above times to get more information from the program coordinators.

Friday, June 13 – Bar opens at 5 pm

Saturday, June 14 – Bar Opens at 3 pm

Sunday, June 15 – Sunday Cook it Yourself BBQ & Lee Rhoads Band

Our Open House Sundays with live entertainment will continue with entertainment in our bar 4pm – 8pm.

More upcoming events:

Monday, June 16 – Junior Program Summer Sessions begin

Summer Sessions include instruction Monday – Thursday mornings beginning June 16, 2014. Full sessions are in three week modules so we can present the entire curriculum. We understand three weeks might not be possible for everybody so sessions may be selected in weekly increments. Special pickup and drop off time may be arranged based upon existing demands and instructor availability. Be sure to contact us with your specific needs.

To arrange a private tour, for more information or to discuss donations to help us build a better program, please email us at juniors@smwyc.org or call 310-827-7692 ext. 122

Monday, June 23 – Life Line Screening

We are pleased to offer this preventative health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 6/23/2014. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

Saturday, June 21 – Summer Solstice Party with Uncle Monkey

See www.smwyc.org for flyer and details on this event being organized by former Vice Commodore Vicki DeLuca. Thank you Vicki! And please start working on the Chili Cookoff too – maybe for August 2nd!

Saturday, June 28 – Channel Islands to MdR Race

NOR, SIs, and Entry Forms at www.CIYC.com and www.SMWYC.org

Officer of the Day Schedule

The **updated O.D. schedule** is now also posted on our web site. Use the link in the OFFICER OF THE DAY button about a third of the way down in the right column of the Home page at www.smwyc.org so please check your assignments and if you have any questions, please contact **R/C Mike Cross** at rearcommodore@smwyc.org or see below:

To make it a little more interesting, the names in bold indicate that there is an event or private party that day, so you may expect more activity which makes the day a little less boring, and we have music almost every Sunday at 4:30 pm.

Plus we are offering a new incentive: after your shift, you are invited upstairs for beverage on the house (draft beer, house wine, well drink, or soft drink) as a 'thank you' for participating in the O.D. assignment. For those shifts that the bar is not yet open, just bring a copy of your **completed O.D. log page** to the bartender which shows that you did your shift, and he will honor the incentive.

A—Shift is from 9:00 am—1:30 pm

B - Shift is from 1:30 pm—6:00 pm

14-Jun		Brewster, Jimmy		Via, Bea
15-Jun		Page, Keith		Lentz, Blaine

More to come soon – please check for update by this Thursday.