



Commodore
Ron Orr

This Week At



SANTA MONICA WINDJAMMERS YACHT CLUB June 13th, 2016 - June 19th, 2016

Now that we are back on track for the "This Week" bulleting to actually cover this coming week, I have so many things to report (once again).

For starters, another great Family Day was held 1600 dock under the watchful eye of our Junior Director Steve Potter who has been promoting our Juniors Sailing Program at all events, Camps, schools, etc. When you see him, thank him for his hard work on our juniors' behalf. Family Day is the best way to try out our new boats, new sails, new equipment and have fun on the water with your family, your friends and other members without owning a boat or having to pay for your own slip fees. Steve Potter and Commodore Ron Orr were even seen together rowing the Club's Klepper kayak, somewhat unsteadily this afternoon. ☺ What a deal...



For those that still have not had a chance to experience the fantastic new **Food and Beverage Service** we are now providing to our members and their guests, you are really missing out. The votes are in: the food is great, the prices are great, and the ability to have breakfast, lunch and dinner at the Club any day of the week is a much needed benefit to being an SMWYC member. Each day more members have tried choices on the menus and they are all talking about how good the food is and how affordable it is. So come on down and see what the talk is all about. (have you tried the avocado Ice Cream?)

And just this weekend, on Saturday, our Club representatives were active participants in the Paddleboard Race & Ocean Festival event the Santa Monica Pier. SMWYC was represented at the retirement of the oldest Dory boat on the West Coast, maybe in America, under the historical tent on the pier. This boat is owned by our Rear Commodore Saman and was restored by our Fabulous Shipwright Randy who has also been finishing our Sabots so they can all be put in the water to get more kids out sailing them.

But the main event for us was seeing one of our newest members **Dane DeBoer** astound the crowds with his partner James by winning the Ocean Dory races.



Dane is a paramedic and firefighter in Firehouse 110 in the Marina del Rey, and joined our club a couple months ago. He is super athletic and is a four time Dory racing champion in locally and nationally. It was amazing to see the strength of these participants. Their next race is next Saturday at the Torrance beach; don't miss cheering them on. Not only for the race,



but also to see the great sponsorship decal he has agreed to place on his boat to promote our Yacht Club.

They run from the beach to the boat, row through the surf, around marks, back through the surf and run up to a line on the beach and then back, three times and to the finish line. No wonder they are so fit.

Next event will be in Torrance, and we will let all of you know so we can cheer them on to win the

event. It will be worth it just to see their bodies which are in GREAT shape ☺

Another big change we just passed on the last board meeting is the hiring of Nicolas Rodriguez to serve as the Officer of the Day for the month of June. Since very few of you were doing OD duty, we are going to try and see if this is a better solution. We need someone to answer questions and take membership applications as we start our membership drive with the new membership classes provided for in the Bylaw amendments approved by the Board of Directors at their last meeting.

We also need someone to sell the new Club Logo hats, t-shirts, vests, polo shirts, and other items that just arrived in the Ship's Store. Check out our inventory next time you are in the club. I have ordered ladies, men and juniors as well. There will be photos in the next edition .

So with this great OD service, we will be less dependent on volunteers and will be able to service our membership drive, sell merchandise, stay visible and be more informative about all our recent club changes.

All a continuation of our "bright future" speech by our Commodore on Opening Day ☺

So 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, one of our races, one of our events and ask them to give our free two week membership a try, especially if you know a Firefighter, a Policeman or a Military Personnel on active duty.

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

Looking Forward

Monday, June 13th - Educare Charity Event 8-2pm
A great public and community service we provide to the public





--Summer Sail Camp Begins!

For the next ten weeks, the Summer Sail Camp will be in session Monday through Friday, 9-3:30.

Tuesday, June 14th -- Race Committee Meeting 7-9pm.

Speaking of racing, I would be remiss if I did not brag about our fleet members who did remarkably well in the Martin 242 event held this weekend in our bay.

So Cal's June Gloom couldn't dampen high the spirits of Martin 242 fleet #3 which put sixteen excellent crews on the starting line for this especially well run and well sailed event, Cheers to all of us!

Cal Race Week 2016, chaired by Paula Camera with PRO Mark Townsend from ABYC (in race area #1) and **Kevin Johnson** of SMWYC, who supplied our R/C boat, put on a world class regatta for us and we couldn't be more grateful. Beyond this short list were there were some fifty additional volunteers who made this event run like a well oiled machine. Food, Organization, docking, officiating, trophies and wind were outstanding and well appreciated!

Before the fourth race on Sunday the PRO announced there was a wind different between the top and bottom of the course and that the weather mark was set to 235 degrees (hint) the start line was square to 230 degrees. Some got the hint, some didn't take the offered advantage. Strange Crew and company recovered their Saturday scores, slipping into second with Off the Wagon moving back to third. Dean won the fifth race edging Wombat(our own **Steve Moses**) out of fourth by one point. The Martin 242 fleet sailing was incredibly close (physically), exemplifying exactly why we love One Design Racing so much expressed by the many grinning faces at the dock.



But Wait!!! Thrills did not end on Sunday. Wednesday night saw Kieren Shocklee, thirteen years old, skippering Atomic Monkey, win his first M242 race and **Jeff Butterworth** in his first season skippering Harumi, taking third place. There is a photo of Kieren with Karen

Stirling, Sunset Co-Chair, at the end of the photo collection. We can all appreciate how good a high place finish can sustain us. Congratulations Kieren and Jeff!!!!!!

Congratulations to all our racers indeed and not only to the Martin fleet, but also to **Al Berg** in Ghost who always places well in the Sunset Series. And our own **Lee Rhoads** in Crimson Star.

-- WSA has their monthly meeting 6-9pm

They are now able to also enjoy our great Food and Beverage service and are very happy to be part of our Yacht Club as they plan great speakers, great outings and great sailing.

--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.

Thursday, June 16th - Weight Watchers in the Conference Room

Saturday, June 18th --Bar is Open, food is always ready

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, enjoy the sunsets and enjoy the food from our new food service whether you want to eat in the bar or in the Regatta Room.

Sunday, June 19th -- FATHER'S DAY

Make sure to call your dad or if you are a dad, ENJOY THE DAY☺ Come to the club, bring your family, enjoy the food and restaurant, the great drinks and the great views.

--Lark Birds Fly in the Patio

Our resident secret society meets to discuss ways of keeping our great wooden lake boat floating and able to transport us to a gentler time...

"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.

I will not post OD duties for the month of June while we try the new service to help better promote the club, our Junior Program, sell our merchandise and keep the doors open and the club looking great.

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

P.S. Have you sponsored a member lately? 😊