



Commodore
Ron Orr

This Week At



SANTA MONICA WINDJAMMERS YACHT CLUB June 20th, 2016 - June 26th, 2016

For this edition of our “This Week” bulletin, I want to start with a great shout out to our racers and local champions. First at Wednesday night races, our own **Al Berg** on “Ghost II” has placed 3rd place narrowly missing second by 30 seconds on corrected time. Way to go Al and crew.

Another recent member of our club, **Dane DeBoer**, is really making us proud since he is not



only winning all the dory rowing races he enters, but his boat has been displaying a great decal showing SMWYC in red colors with our great club logo prominently displayed on both sides.

Congratulations to our racers and our winners.

Their Dory Racing National Championship races are coming up soon, and I hope a lot of us will come down to the beach to see Dane and James repeat as

Champions.

Another pretty constant source of joy to our Commodore and the entire membership is our Junior Sailing Program which has started their Summer Camp with the first three weeks SOLD OUT. The County has gotten wind of our program and has asked our Commodore to accommodate their W.A.T.E.R. program which is run for the benefit of underprivileged youths by the Lifeguards in the Marina. They will be using some of our facilities for about 9 weeks. We are happy to help their program.



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The Club is also increasing its membership thanks to the new classes of membership for our Junior Families membership, First Responders and the expanded Fleet memberships; and, the quality of the members are super including **Madoka Hamlin** who has been doing a lot of volunteering for us and taking great pictures for the Club at various events.





Even though I do not have photos of their event, the “Lark Birds” met at the patio, and I am sure the conversation revolved around one of their members and our dearest member Dana Hutton who passed away last week.

Bob Via informed me of her passing last Saturday in the early morning hours while at her home. She will be sorely missed and we offer our condolences to her family and specially to Bob Via who was so instrumental in bringing her happiness all these years.

Rest in Peace Dana, you will surely be missed.

Details of her memorial will be forthcoming and I will pass it on when I received them.

Another past member, Melinda Lerner, has also passed away, and I was just notified of the memorial celebration of her life event. She was a VERY accomplished, internationally recognized photographer. Her memorial announcement is really unique. Check it out; the memorial will be at the Hollywood Athletic Club, 6525 Sunset Boulevard on June 29th at 8PM. She made a great impact on our club by donating her Hobie 18 and her entire inventory of sailing gear to our Junior program and the small boat fleet. Please try to attend if you can. it will mean a lot to the family who called me saying how much she loved the club.

On a happier note, those of you who still have not had a chance to experience the fantastic new **Food and Beverage Service** we are now providing to our members, you are really missing out. The food is terrific and the prices are right; I have had several lunches in the bar area looking out over the Marina. Best dining view in town. We have been progressively getting more people eating at the Club, and they are all talking about how good the food is. Some members of one of those other Clubs with food and beverage service are saying how superior our food is to their offerings and how affordable we are. Do come on down and see what the talk is all about. Have you tried the Jugo Verde Health drink, very healthy?

Club Items will be up for sale this week with great new merchandise all embroidered and looking really great. Items for sale will include hats, t-shirts, vests, polo shirts, with many more items to come. Check out our inventory next time you are in the club. I have ordered ladies, men and juniors, and I will have photos in the next edition .

Now let's all lend a hand and come together in the efforts to increase membership and visibility of our great club. Tell a friend about our yacht club, bring a friend to one of our meals, one of our races, one of our events and ask them to give our two week Trial Membership a try, specially if you know a Firefighter, a Policeman or any Military Personnel on active duty; there are very special packages for them.

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





Looking Forward

All Week - Summer Sail Camp Week 2, Mon - Fri, 9-3:30

Tuesday, June 21st --Office will be open 1pm-6pm

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

Thursday, June 23rd -- Weight Watchers in the Conference Room

Saturday, June 25th --Bar is Open 5-10pm 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 dining operations for members and guests whether you want to eat in the bar or in the Regatta Room.

Sunday, June 26th - Vic Smith's Memorial BBQ Race

This will be a great tribute to Vic's efforts to keep our race traditions alive and well in the Marina. A revised Itinerary will have us going around buoys and markers. Be sure to take out your boat to celebrate Vic's Life. If you do not have crew, come by the office to see if anyone is looking for a ride. Come by the office in the morning, sign up, get your instructions and get ready for a "Day Sail with a Purpose" starting at 2:30 pm.

Let's Do This Together...



Looking WAY Forward



Breaking News

75th Anniversary of our Yacht Club.

This 4th of July will be the celebration of our 75th anniversary since being founded.

We are preparing a great party with special foods, special drinks, and especially GREAT prices on all the fun.



We may have a “Bouncy Playfield” for the kids, with lots of activities for those coming to the marina that are sure to be attracted by our offerings in the parking lot while waiting for the fabulous fireworks in the evening hours.

Tell your friends, invite them to participate, join in the fun AND ask them to give a try on our membership trial program. Let's get this party going on and let's

celebrate 75 years of greatness ☺☺☺

“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. We have all gotten a free pass on this, I will visit the names again when I get the OK from your board.



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? 😊