



Commodore
Ron Orr

This Week At



SANTA MONICA WINDJAMMERS YACHT CLUB **June 27th, 2016 - July 3rd, 2016**

A lot of changes have been happening at the club, and I really hope you have had a chance to see them and experience them.

Our Food and Beverage service is picking up steam everyday beginning with breakfast, then lunch and then dinner, not to mention the big party being planned for our fourth of July celebration. Come once and come again with a friend to try the many menu items.



Another change is the upcoming “Ship Store” which will be front and center in the office that has been rearranged to accommodate the new paraphernalia with the club logo plus great new styles certain to please us all. Come down this **4th of July** and be one of the first to purchase new Club Logo items.

Speaking of the 4th of July, we are planning a great party this year like never before with special food packages, live music, entertainment, great drink specials, great fireworks and most of all GREAT camaraderie. Come see your member friends, come make new friends and come experience the club atmosphere.



But one caveat is the parking situation. As in the past, the streets will be closed when lots fill in the late afternoon, parking restrictions will be enforced by the County, and ALL members need to pick up a temporary pass from our front office to place on their car so as not to get cited. **PAY ATTENTION TO THE NEW SET UP...** If you don't get the parking passes before this weekend, we will give them to you upon arrival.

We are getting record number of memberships by promoting the club in many venues, and it is working thanks in large part to the great work done by our new Rear Commodore. We now have a working Membership Committee who will be able to better track the application process and keep in touch with the newer members as they move through the process.

This is a really good time to be more involved with the club and all it's activities.

Speaking of activities, we need to take note of this past Sunday's Vic Smith Memorial BBQ Race. We had a great turnout of boats entering the event, and since the wind cooperated, there were many happy faces in the bar afterwards, whether you won the event or were just able to get on the water with your friends. However, at least one new racer learned the importance of arriving at the starting line on time and reading the Sailing Instructions. Julie? ☺



Congratulations to **Dave Angers** on Misdemeanor and thanks to all the racers that participated including our Commodore who not only invited new member **Madoka Hamlin** to race, but also for inviting one of our very promising juniors, **Talia Hamlin**, aboard his 50 foot sailboat which was caught doing almost 9 knots on the fresh breeze. It is with a happy heart that the Race Committee has decided to name this BBQ race in Vic's Memory, for he started these races and was always on hand to make them happen.

I am happy to announce that we have received many contributions to his burial preparations and the date of July 9th has been selected for his ashes to be spread at sea with a "Celebration of Life" to follow in our clubhouse. **We will begin with a 9am "Burial at Sea" and conclude with the Celebration of Life Memorial gathering at SMWYC starting at 1pm.** Light refreshments will be served at the Memorial so we ask that all who wish to attend kindly RSVP via this online invitation Link: <http://evite.me/7gRk7ZyEGY> At the Memorial, we will be featuring a photo presentation of "Vic's Story," so we encourage anyone who has photos to contribute to this, please email them ASAP to Michael McKinsey at: mmc1800@gmail.com"

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 or one of our events and ask them to give our two week Trial Membership a try, especially if you know a Firefighter, a Policeman or any Military Personnel on active duty; there are very special packages for them.

Looking Forward

All week long --Summer Sail Camp continues

This year has exceeded all expectations as 25 kids sail and have fund Monday through Friday from 9am to 3:30pm. Stop by and enjoy the show!

Tuesday, June 28th --Catalina Fleet meeting 6-9pm

This will be their first meeting since we started the Food and Beverage Operations. I hope they are as delighted with the food service as others have been including WSA and other groups who have enjoyed the new food choices.

--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.



If you have issues with your dues, this is the best time to address them since we are cleaning up our books, will be posting delinquencies up on the board and will be checking current memberships to gain access to the yacht club. Also we now have many new packages for the members that can be picked up when Deb is here on Tuesdays.

Wednesday, June 29th --Celebration of Life for Melinda Lerner

As I mentioned before, another past member, Melinda Lerner, has also passed away. 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.



Thursday, June 30th -- Weight Watchers in the Conference Room

--Bar is Open 5-10pm and 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.



Looking WAY Forward

Monday, July 4th --Independence Day

Come celebrate our Independence with your friends at the Club and enjoy the fabulous fireworks in the Marina. Great food, great Libations, great members for you to socialize with. BUT be mindful of parking and traffic afterwards. We will have a live band, entertainment, stuff for the kids and much more...



Breaking News 75th Anniversary of our Yacht Club.

The Really Breaking News is that the Board decided to celebrate the 75th Anniversary on the actual date of our founding which is in October, so we will have a special party then to celebrate this milestone Anniversary, not during the 4th of July weekend.

New Family Days Announced

July 17th and August 14th.

Since we have been having so much fun at these events, we plan to have them once a month for the Summer and maybe beyond. With the weather so hot in Los Angeles, this is the perfect time to come down to the water, use our boats, practice Stand Up Paddle, row our Kayak, sail a laser or a Capri 22 or just enjoy a day at your club.

I know that Lee Rhoads has already committed to be “walking on the water” by trying to stand on an SUP at this coming event, and so should you. This is what being a member is all about, having fun and being with friends.

Come down and give it a try to our many planned activities, bring the kids and bring a friend...



"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

Pay Attention to the new parking issues during the 4th of July...

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