



Commodore  
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## **This Week At**



### **SANTA MONICA WINDJAMMERS YACHT CLUB** **July 4th, 2016 - July 10th, 2016**

What a week we have had so much happening that it is hard to try and write all of the activities in one report. It all started last week with the news that our new member and champion Dory Racer Dane DeBoer had a heart attack in the clubhouse, and then just when we were trying to see him in the hospital, he was already at the club in two days with his family and friends chatting up a storm with a new “stent” put in his artery. What a super human he is; good to see him up and about and already swimming to get into competitive shape again..

Then it was on to more membership drives and more applications, followed by the formation of a membership committee headed by our rear Commodore Saman, Wendy Sarnoff, Natalie Brill, Dane DeBoer and others who are hard at work trying to keep up with the new applications. As of this writing, we had 26 new applications posted that will need to be voted on by the August board meeting.

Whatever we are doing it is clearly working and with the help of the new FBO, we have an easier way to recruit new members and keep them. And, now we are creating a new Paddle Board benefit to the members..

BUT, the biggest news is the upcoming “Celebration of Independence Day at our club; let’s be Patriotic. You all MUST try and attend this weekend’s festivities as we are so excited to be the only other attraction happening in the Marina besides the fireworks.

In Rear Commodore Saman’s words...

“We have an exciting day planned for 4th of July. We have over 200 people confirmed to visit the club that are prospective members. Activities include face painting, rolling magic shows, professional portraits, a 4 piece band, and, don't forget the amazing food and our new mixologist Nick. We will have a membership booth in the front of the club, and we need volunteers to support the booth from 3pm to 10pm. Fireworks are from 9-9:20pm. We can use as many volunteers as greeters and membership



hosts. Please give us an hour of your time.”

So you can see that this will be DAY to be at the clubhouse, bring your kids, tell your neighbors and enjoy our festivities.

Not to mentioned the greatest discovery about the Club's Founding Father as we start planning our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary festivities.

This weekend ONLY, we will have a whole history of our first Commodore, Dr.



Lt. Jack Taylor, US Navy commando, after his liberation

Jack Taylor, who he was, what he did, how he survived the Nazi's SS Concentration Camp and what part he played in the "Nuremberg Trials". A REALLY amazing story that will be on display in our Yacht Club lobby this weekend only, so do not miss this opportunity to find out more about our history. He was also America's FIRST NAVY SEAL. We should be super proud of our Yacht Club.

We are planning a great party this year for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 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. This is a really good time to be more involved with the club and all it's activities.

Thanks to another member, Alex Aleksandrov who has started racing one of his boats, "La Cometa" in the Cruising A division. We sure would like to get more members to race their boats and make a statement that our club is alive and well. Congratulation to Lee Rhoads, Al Berg, Steve Moses, Jeff Butterworth, James Baurley, Denise George, Jerome Samarcelli and others that keep the Windjammers and the Santa Monica tradition of being a great racing club alive, THANK YOU...

But now let's get into the other coming attractions at our club.

## Looking Forward

### **Tuesday, July 5th --General Meeting 7-9pm**

The Board of Directors has its monthly meeting. It is open to the membership and we invite you to attend.



## **New Office Hours--Office will be open Tuesday through Sunday**

Shop in the new Ship's Store, pick up your membership book, pay dues, pick up a parking pass for your guests having lunch with you. Our Office Manager, Deb Gibson is in Tuesday and Friday afternoons while Nicholas Rodriguez mans the desk Wednesday through Sunday.

## **Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> - Vic Smith's Memorial Celebration of Life**

I am happy to announce that we have received many contributions to his burial preparations, and July 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mmc1800@gmail.com)". Let us know if you are able to bring your boat out and if you can take people with you to the site.



**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 enjoy a meal, enter 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, a lifeguard or any Military Personnel on active duty; there are very special packages for them.**

## **Tuesday through Friday--Summer Camp classes and private adult instructions**

Now that we have started the Summer Sailing Camp, we should be even busier with kids running around. Check out the instructors and their new outfits; they are very classy indeed.

## **The Dining Room and Bar are 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 talented mixologists. 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**

## **New Family Days Announced**

## July 17<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup>.

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 Kayaks, 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 July 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.**

You will soon be receiving permanent parking lot passes for your cars from the Department of Beaches and Harbors. As soon as we get them, they will be required to avoid receiving citations when parked in the Club lot. Those with anchorage 47 slips will also receive parking passes for their cars.



**We 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 4<sup>th</sup> of July...Parking passes for July 4<sup>th</sup> only will be available, but parking spaces are first come, first serve, and the streets will be closed by the Sheriffs as soon as the lots fill in the late afternoon.**

**AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST...**

**You need to check out the new color in the Administrative office ( not quite finished), which now also houses:**

# **“The New Ship Store”**

**Come and see the new décor, the new clothes, the new merchandise and browse through the club items and help us become more visible in the marina.**

**Wear our shirts with pride, check out our items now and keep checking for more inventory in coming weeks, Polo Shirts, T-Shirts, Jackets, Sweaters, Vests and the super glamorous Hats.**

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