



Commodore
Ron Orr

This Week At



SANTA MONICA WINDJAMMERS YACHT CLUB July 11th, 2016 - July 17th, 2016

The Activities just keep piling on and the club just keeps getting better and better.

I am REALLY glad to report that we actually broke a record of attendance in our Yacht Club for the amount of people that visited us this past weekend during the Fourth of July Celebrations.



We had a booth in front of the club and requested that anyone wanting to experience our FBO (Food and Beverage Operations) had to sign an application sheet to gain entrance.

And boy did they ever, not only did we have a great number of new membership applications, but our existing members showed up in force and brought their

friends as guests. So many people came that we actually ran out of food by the end of the evening, Imagine selling almost 300 dinners, not accounting for the great number of people at the bar, the patio and the club surrounds. Everyone really had a great time, just check out the pictures.

You can see that little **William** had a great time posing with his other CAT FRIENDS after getting their faces painted.



Also, the magician kept the kids entertained and a great time was had by all, specially the kids.

Don't forget the fabulous display of artifacts and the history of our Club Founder Jack Taylor (America's First Navy Seal). Just check out Mike and Karen Cross



checking out the video telling Jack Taylor's story ☺

All photos are courtesy of our Official Photographer **Madoka Hamlin** (Thank you Madoka for accepting the position). And speaking of the Hamlin's, I really MUST make mention of one of our greatest successes in the junior sailing program and our future champion racer, **Talia Hamlin**.



Talia WON the 4th of July Regatta in Alamitos Bay this past weekend in the Opti Green division. She learned sailing on a Sabot, and now she is winning races on another kind of



Steve for making this possible.

boat, which she apparently has mastered, beating racers from Alamitos Bay, Del Rey Yacht Club and many others. WAY TO GO TALIA! WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU! This is just one of the great things about our Juniors Sailing Program; great teachers and great students in a comfortable setting allowing each child to develop their potential to their best abilities.

Also, Steve Potter just told us that he was able to give out **The First Scholarship for his Summer Camp** to an underprivileged child who will certainly enjoy the time on the water. Thank you

Another recent event in our Yacht Club was the Memorial for our beloved racer Vic Smith. Many friends went out on the water and fulfilled his wishes of being one with the sea. So long Good Friend...

On Tuesday, your Board of Directors was able to vote in another slat of members (7) whose applications were posted for at least 21 day. We already have 20 more to at the next Board meeting; a fantastic start to our club membership drive.

Thank you Membership Committee, it is working...

We cannot do all of these things without many of you chipping in to get the work done, "many hands make light work".

I ask again that if you are asked, do volunteer for a position, "Ask not what your club can do for you, ask instead what YOU can do for the Club..."

Now let's get into the other coming attractions in our club.

Looking Forward

Tuesday, July 12th--WSA Meets in the Regatta Room

This is their monthly meeting where great speakers and members come together. They all have their best stories to tell, and over 60 people crowd the bar. Now they will meet our newest **MIXOLOGIST Nick** who is super friendly and wants to get to know all the members; why not come in for a great mixture?



--Office will be open 1pm-6pm

Come discuss about 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 questions, this is the best time to address them since we are cleaning up our books, and we will be posting delinquencies up on the board and checking current memberships to gain access to the yacht club. Also we now have many new member packages that can be picked up when Deb is here on Tuesdays.

Saturday, July 16th - Concerts at the park
Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr. in Up, Up and Away, A Musical Fable.

Here is your opportunity to enjoy your membership by being able to come to the club, park your car in our lot, walk to the park, reserve a place, come get something to eat and drink, then go to the park to enjoy the show. No other Yacht Club can help you like we can.

--Summer Camp classes and private adult instructions

Now that we are in the fifth week of 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.

--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.

Sunday July 17th -- FAMILY DAY for the entire membership

After so many successful Family Day Events, we are very happy to announce that we now have added benefits to the membership. We have purchased Stand Up Paddle Boards and Kayaks for the members. You can also try our Capri 22's, our Lasers, our SUPs and many other water sports on this day.

Come and bring a friend, visit with the new members, meet the junior instructors and get a taste of what being on the water is if you just joined our Yacht Club. This is what being a member is all about, having fun and being with friends.

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



Do You Know A First Responder? Or and Active Duty Military Personnel?

This is your chance to show them that we care about their well being; an active duty service man or woman, a fireman, policeman or lifeguard. We have new membership packages that have been instituted to give them a super low price for their membership.

Tell them about us and invite them to our club, we will do the rest...



Looking WAY Forward

Saturday, August 6th - Dana Hutton Memorial

For those that knew Dana, this will be a great time to come together and help Bob Via Celebrate her life.

And what a well lived life it was with so many sailing trips, races, events, heading so many organizations, being in our board of Directors, President of the Women of SMWYC and SO many other things.

Come find out why she was so loved in the Marina and Southern California Area.

I am honored to put this notice in This Week about the "Celebration of Life" for Dana Hutton being held at SMWYC on Saturday, August 6 at 2 PM. We ask that those planning to attend email Bob Via at bob.via@verizon.net so there will be enough Food and Champagne for everyone.

New Family Day Announced

August 14th 2016...

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.

"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. Have you met Nicholas Rodriguez? He is the reason for us not needing to do OD Duties, Come and say Hi and thank him for his service 😊

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. The Department of Beaches and Harbors changed the gate entry system.

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST...

You need to check out the new color in the Administrative Office (still 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 logo 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? 😊