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## This Week At



### SANTA MONICA WINDJAMMERS YACHT CLUB July 18th, 2016 - July 24th, 2016

I said it once and I am saying it again, if you have not been at the club lately, you will be amazed by all the happenings and improvements being made along with all the programs we have been instituting to increase our membership benefits.

Who would imagine just a year ago that we would have a little Junior Sailing Champ among us that was cultivated by our own sailing program? Yes, this is the case for our Talia Hamlin who has competed in the Junior Olympic Festival this past weekend in 13 races with sixteen other kids and finishing fifth in her class, and this after winning another regatta last week.



This week on the water ended with the most well attended Family Day to date! Four Sabots were splashed, two of the Club's new SUPs were introduced while **Erin Politz** provided four more and the Club's Klepper Kayak along with three more courtesy of Fairwind Yacht Club were in constant use!



That was only a part of the fun, new members as well as members to be, enjoyed adult sailing lessons on Saturday and during Family Day. Many thanks to **Erin Politz** who does an incredible job getting folks comfortable and prepared for SUP for the first time and to Junior Program Instructors David Kirby and Alec Caterson for their hard work teaching, setting up and helping everybody have a great afternoon.

Along with a full and fun week of Sail Camp, the Juniors Program also supported our rising star Talia Hamlin who competed in the Junior Olympic Festival this weekend. The regatta consisted of 13 races over three days and Talia built on her success from the previous week with consistently good scores and a top five finish in a very tough crowd! **Here she is leading at the weather mark in Race 12.**



Sunday we introduced two of our new Stand Up Paddleboards which are part of our expansion of paddling opportunities for our members. We purchased two each of the Red and Blue ones shown below alongside our Klepper Kayak. More kayaks are being added (one already



today) and all of these will be made available to members and their guests at nominal cost. The new Paddling program and revitalized Small Boat Fleet program make it easy and affordable to get out on the water.

**Learn more tonight at the New Member Orientation!**

And we are not talking only about our Junior program as our own team of racers have been making a real mark on the Sunset Series events. Most notably, this past Wednesday, **Steve Moses** won a FIRST PLACE finish in the Martin 242 fleet, which is probably the MOST competitive class in the Series since the boats are virtually identical and there is no handicap. **CONGRATULATIONS Steve.**

The club and its members are what makes this the club to belong to as your Bridge and Board members are constantly thinking of ways to add value to your membership. So make use of these various benefits and enjoy our clubhouse, come get a drink, bring some friends for dinner, enjoy our patio and get on the water with these many activities.

But we still cannot do all of this without all of you chipping in to get the work done. "Many hands make light work". So again I hope 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" as the famous man said...

So now let's see what else is coming up for you to enjoy your club 😊

## Looking Forward

### Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> -- Member Orientation Event

This is the much anticipated event that will help all the new members and members that want to know more about all the opportunities for enjoying the club. We will have a full program detailed for you to ask questions, get answers express your opinion and find out why this is a great club to belong to. Word has it there will be FREE virgin Mojitos for those participating, and we can all order food from the Excellent bar menu and enjoy the beautiful Sunsets we get from our Bar area.



### **Tuesday through Sunday, --Office will be open**

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, Deb is in on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Nicholas is in Wednesday through Sunday.

### **Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> -- Concert In The Park -- Megan Hilty**

Another one of our many benefits, you get to park in our club, walk to the park, enjoy the concert, come back to the club, enjoy a get together with friends with drinks, food and the best views in the Marina.

**Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> - Private event in the Patio 12-2pm.**

**--Summer Camp classes and private adult instructions**

Now that we are in the sixth 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 24<sup>th</sup> -- FIRST AID/ CPR Class (PADI) With a Marine Focus.**

I'm reaching out to you all because the junior program at SMWYC is booking a first aid/CPR (PADI) course with Mike Blecher (certified PADI instructor), a life-long sailor and marine enthusiast. I took his course 2 years ago, and it stood out to me because of it's strong marine focus; you won't only learn concepts that are in all first aid/CPR courses, but also many marine safety tips such as how to help someone out of the water, important radio protocol for emergencies, the most effective way to throw a line to someone, and much more.

It will be beneficial to all of you if interested in more marine safety. Upon completion of the four hour course, you will receive PADI First Aid/CPR certification which is recognized by almost all sailing programs and the US lifeguard/coast guard. This certification is valid for 2 years.

The course will be on Sunday, July 24 at SMWYC and will run roughly from 9 am to 1 pm. It costs \$75 per person, which includes all supplies and certification application costs. Please reach out to anyone else who might be interested in attending! The more the merrier but space is limited!

Let me know if you have any questions. RSVP to [juniors@smwyc.info](mailto:juniors@smwyc.info) .

**-- Barbeque Race # 4 from 2-5pm**

Another great event in a series of great races. Last month it was the Vic Smith Memorial race which was really well attended and had great stops in the marina.

Come and try your hand in one of our boats, or come up to the club and ask to join our many sailors that are taking their boat in this race.

As they say, it is "A Day Sail with a Purpose," and you will really enjoy this event. Then it is a partee at the bar with many racers, good food, drinks and the best views in the marina.



**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, 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

## New Family Day Announced

August 14<sup>th</sup> 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 Nicolas Rodriguez? He is the reason for us not 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.



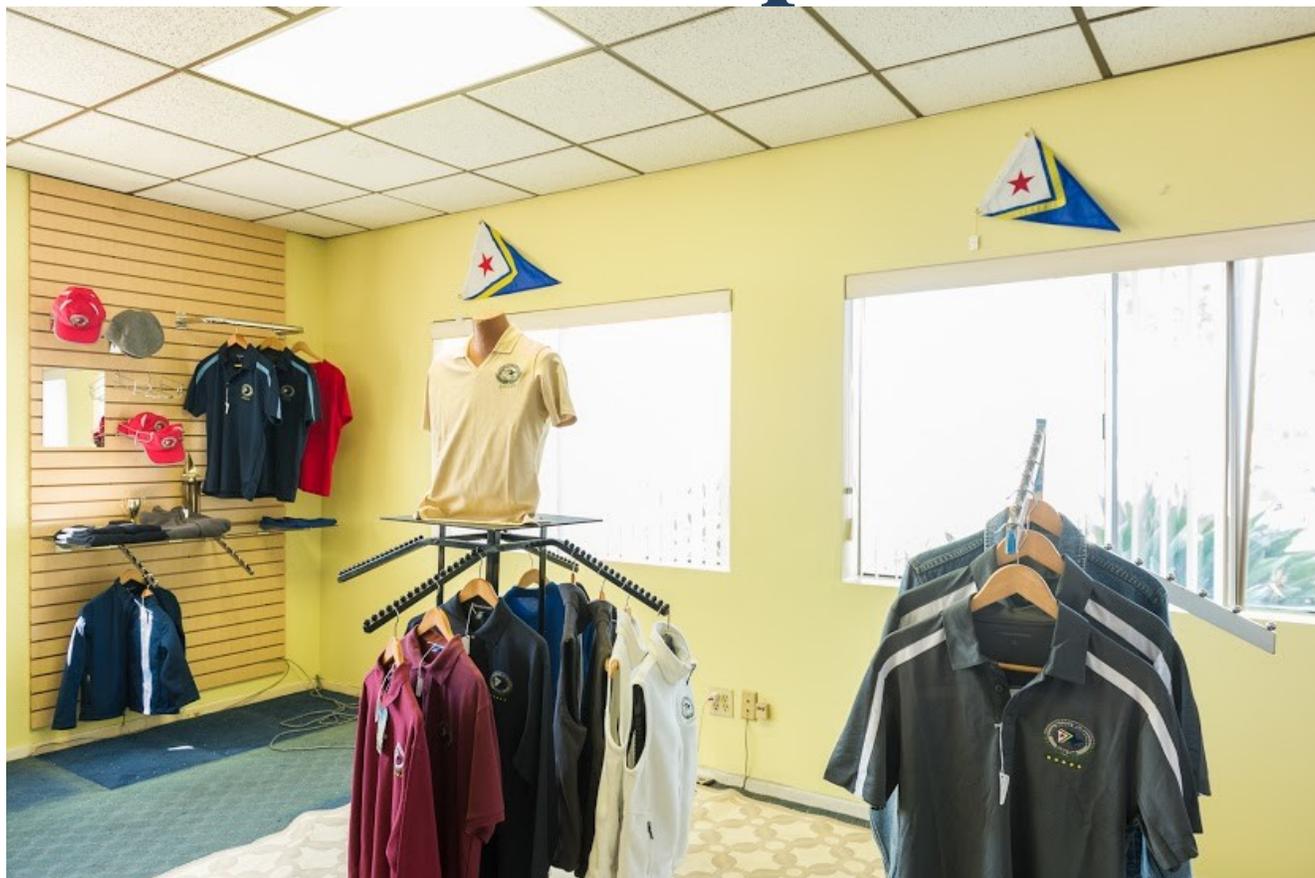
**We will now have the gate working, so MAKE SURE you know the new code as the GOLD CARDS DO NOT WORK IN IT ANY LONGER**

**Pay Attention to the new parking issues**

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

You need to check out the new color in the Office Room ( 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 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? 😊**