



Sea Sounds

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The Official Newsletter of Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club

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Visit our Website:

<http://smwyc.org>
Our website has most of the information you need regarding events and programs

Current Office Hours:

Monday - Closed
Tuesday - 1 to 6pm
Wednesday - 10 to 1pm
Thursday - 10 to 1pm
Friday - 1 to 6pm
Saturday - 10 to 4pm
Sunday - 10 to 4pm

Join us for the most fun you'll ever have at an Annual Meeting!



Our **Annual Business Meeting** will take place on November 19th and we really hope you will all attend. This will not only deal with the Nomination and Election requirements, but it will be FUN.

We are asking everyone to come in your favorite Hawaiian Shirt, be prepared to eat from a revamped menu, to dance the night away, to see our worthy juniors and racers get their trophies, to meet lots of new members, juniors, their parents and members you have not seen in a while and once again enjoy your club.

We will be having our **Election and House Awards** on that Sunday the 3rd of December, where all the names of the winners will be announced.

And if that was not enough, on December 17th we will be having our **Installation Dinner** and will be combining it with our **Christmas Party** where SMWYC will give gifts as tokens of appreciation for a wonderful year.

So plan on attending these dates and thank you for participating and volunteering. We are indeed very inspired by your contributions in this past year.

Themis Z. Glatman, 2017 Jr. Staff Commodore

Notice of Business Meetings

Please take notice that pursuant to Bylaw Paragraph 4.13A, the Board of Directors approved appointing the following members to the Nominations and Elections Committee: Junior Staff Commodore Themis Z. Glatman, Chair; Staff Commodore Paul DeLuca; Staff Commodore Pat Salcedo; Catherine Conway and Elise Beane.

Please take Notice that the Annual Business Meeting of SMWYC will commence on Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 1700 hours, or such later time as there shall be a quorum of members entitled to vote, in the Regatta Room of the "Clubhouse" at 13589 Mindanao Road Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292. At that Annual Meeting there shall be a report of the Nominations and Elections Committee nominating qualified members to serve as Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Treasurer, Fleet Captain and as Directors at Large of SMWYC. Additional Nominations from the floor may be made at that time as provided in the Bylaws of SMWYC. During that Annual Meeting, the Club will award trophies and honors for Juniors and Racing.

The Officers and Directors will be elected by a mail ballot. Ballots will be mailed to the members entitled to vote no later than Friday,

November 24, 2017. To be counted, ballots must be received at the Clubhouse not later than 1800 hours on Saturday, December 2, 2017. Please take notice that the Elections and Awards meeting will be held in the Regatta Room of the Clubhouse at 1800 hours on Sunday, December 3, 2017. At that time, the results of the election of Officers and Directors of the Club will be announced. Please take further notice that the elected Officers and Directors of the Club will be installed at the Installation Meeting in the Regatta Room of the Clubhouse at 1830 hours on Sunday, December 17, 2017.

A Message from the Commodore

We are now three-fourths of the way through 2017, and I hope you agree that your Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club has become more relevant and member friendly this year. We have tried to provide more opportunities to enjoy the Club and its facilities. We have increased the office hours for club administration: Deb Gibson continues to take care of our many accounting and billing functions from 1 pm to 7 pm on Tuesdays and Fridays, and come meet ShoVaughn Fisher who has just joined us as office administrator on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 am to 1 pm and on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm.

This year the Juniors Sailing Program grew bigger, better and more fun. In addition, our sailing lessons for Adult members are becoming more popular. Thank you Port Captain Steve Potter for leading these programs. We have also been hosting frequent Family Days at the Club where members and guests come to experience our Sabots, Lasers, SUP's and Kayaks. The club just purchased an additional double kayak for member use. If you have not tried these vessels, look at the Club Calendar on our website for the next Family Day.

We continue to try to improve our food and beverage service. In the next few weeks, we will be introducing a new menu. The FBO hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 11 am until 8pm. If you don't see a server when you enter the bar area, please press the service button on the pool table or bar and you will be served. We have also scheduled live music two Sundays a month as well as educational programs periodically.

We will be scheduling a number of important meetings and events during the remainder of 2017. Check our calendar on the website. We are having a Halloween Party on September 28th, our Annual Meeting on November 19th and Christmas and New Year's Parties in December. I hope you are enjoying membership in your Club. The Officers and Directors are continually trying to improve the membership experience.

Ron Orr, 2017 Commodore



Membership Matters

When one man, for whatever reason, has the opportunity to lead an extraordinary life, he has no right to keep it to himself. - Jacques-Yves Cousteau

In the early 1960's, through a 26" black and white TV, Jacques Cousteau cast his spell on a small boy in the Florida panhandle. Today, as a gray-haired father of two young boys, the spell only grows stronger.

The Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club allows us all to be closer to the sea. Closer to a world of majesty and mystery. Closer to our community, family and friends. Closer to ourselves.

For everything the club can give us we must never forget our obligation to give back. It is simply the right thing to do.

We are having a very good year. Membership is growing. Our October orientation had 14 attendees full of energy and enthusiasm. More and more members are pitching in to help the SMWYC.

An old football coach once said, "We seek perfection knowing we will never achieve it." We have accomplished much but, there is much to do.

To everyone that has given their time and talent to help the SMWYC, thank you. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do.

Moving forward, we must all ask ourselves, "How can I help?" Please reach out to a fellow member or to the board. We need each and every member give a little bit more this next year. We don't want much, we just want more!

I am honored and humbled to serve this club as Membership Chairman. There is so much more for me to learn and do. Thank you all for your patience and understanding throughout my tenure. My goal moving forward is to use the energy and enthusiasm I encounter each day from club members as fuel to be a better representative of what the SMWYC is all about.

Finally, the sea calls and I must go. I am headed to the club.

Cousteau's spell remains unbroken.

Membership Chairman, Mark McLellan



On the Water Update

This is our new tandem kayak purchased just in time for the October Family Day. This brings our paddling fleet to a total of three two person kayaks, two single kayaks and four Stand Up Paddleboards. These are available for members to check out and use during business hours and for special events. Monthly paddle passes are \$25 for non-flag members and free to flag members.

Our Capri 22 "Star World" has been put in the water at the hoist making it more accessible. Use of the small boat fleet is at an all time high and we are giving adult lessons and certifications virtually every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Lessons are also now available on Monday afternoons.

Questions? Stop by the office or send an enquiry for the "On the Water" page of the website.



From the Race Committee

SMWYC continued in "Club of the Year" form by putting on a number of excellent racing events over the summer. In June, July and August we sponsored our traditional BBQ Series numbers 3, 4 and 5, attracting a good number of participants for each one.

Our Race Committee also delivered the start of the

Outlaw Regatta over Labor Day weekend, partnering with Seal Beach Yacht Club to handle the finish. Unfortunately the wind gods didn't deliver, making for a sloooow race.

Both "After Sunset" races were a big hit for racers still Jonesing for competition after the regular season ended.

Oktoberfest Regatta attracted four competitive classes, including Santana 30/30 one design, PHRF A and PHRF B and Cruising. Brats and beer were well supplied for the racers after the event.

First up on the calendar for 2018 is the Super Bowl Regatta. This is a big event for us; consider volunteering for Race Committee (no experience required!). Contact Race Chair Steve Potter for information on how you can help out.

Report by Greg Rutter

Your Junior Program



Summer Sail Camp ran for ten weeks from mid-June to mid-August. We welcomed back lots of kids and taught over a hundred first timers how to sail. Much of the enthusiasm created by Sail Camp has carried over into our regular schedule, which is a busy one.

We have monthly Learn to Sail packages where we teach a small group to sail in three Saturday lessons. On Thursdays and Saturdays intermediate and advanced sailors enjoy Open Sailing in our Sabots, Optis, CFJs and Lasers. Tuesday evenings the kids will continue race our Santana 20 until the clocks change and the season ends. Mondays and Thursdays we host sailing programs for two

schools and hope to add a Sailing Club from Culver City High soon. We are currently working on developing a Merit Badge class for Boy Scouts and a unique outreach program for kids from Inglewood.

Many of the regattas the kids participate in occur during the school year. We regularly attend events at Westlake Yacht Club, recently had a team participate in the Shadden CFJ series and will begin the Opti Carrie Series this weekend in Santa Barbara.

Steve Potter, Junior Program Director