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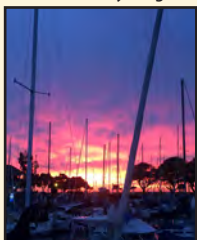
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COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **TAMARA TATICH**

As of today (6/18/20), Dana West Yacht Club has now been open for three consecutive weeks. With our world being turned upside-down, it was the perfect timing for a survey. I was so pleased to see so many of you participating! This was the best way for the Board of Directors and me to make decisions for safety while trying to please the masses. Your responses led to several changes made by the Board last night, and I'm thrilled to say, "We listened, and we acted accordingly." By this reading, all those actions are in place, and it's quite possible others have followed in this volatile environment.

With everything...we ask for your patience and understanding.

By now, you've met our new Officers of the Deck. Dawn joined us earlier in the year, and she is usually assisting our members through the dinner hour to closing. Please welcome our two new O.D.s, Patrick and Dee. They will be starting their day opening for lunch and staying through the dinner rush to keep everything running smoothly. Please stop by and introduce yourself to all three of our newest O.D.s, if you haven't already had the pleasure.

Are you ready to celebrate Independence Day in Dana Point Harbor? Some things are sure to be a little different, but one that is for sure is that the harbor will be BUSY! The parking lot will be monitored and only Boat Owners will be allowed to park on the Island. Note: the Dana Point Trolley will not be operating that day, so coming to the harbor is going to require planning. You should have received an update via email on the holiday details by now, but if not, please call the office or me if you have any questions.

Somewhat of a disappointment this season is our mark set boat, also known as "Jackie." She might have caught a bit of the corona virus or something because she's not the healthiest little launch these days. Race Chair, Rod "Pops" Woods has plans for a recovery, but we're currently discussing postponing the second Jack & Jill series and the TGIF Beer Can races. Not to worry...we'll get them back on the calendar as soon as Jackie has tested a solid negative.

Keep an eye out for our Junior program, people! This is a unique time when DWYC shines bright in a harbor that is usually cluttered with kids in sailboats! The DWYS

Cover photo: Tamara Tatich




VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **HYDEE RIGGS**

Foundation is proceeding with camps and they've recruited an amazing instructor. Our program will be one of two programs offered this summer, which is an opportunity for us to welcome new juniors into the fold. I'm anticipating greatness in our program! Thank you, Mark Williams, Dawn Rasmussen and Steve White, for your ambition and dedication to youth sailing!

In closing, I want to commend VC Hydee Riggs on a stellar job with membership. This is the time of year when connecting with prospects and applicants, and processing annual renewals converges into a one-month window. It's time consuming and she's putting in the hours to meet the deadline.

It's great to see friends with big smiles back at the club. I'm looking forward to seeing more of you during this fun time of year where the Best Little Yacht Club on the West Coast is perched in the friendliest, small-boat harbor! Cheers, 

The club is open! And we have really come so far in such a few short weeks. We have completed some cleaning, maintenance, repairs and beautification at the club. We have brought back some of our staff. Our delicious food and drinks are back for in-dining and take out. We are complying with the many state and local mandates. We are renewing memberships and bringing in new members. We are seeing our friends at the club and on the water! We are a very fortunate community.

So, you are aware, your officers and directors continue to review the state and local mandates on a regular basis. Our Judge Advocate, Phil Eaton, has had a very busy and tough job this year ---- thank you for all of your time and efforts, Phil! I know everyone is anxious to get back to "normal", and rest assured, we are working towards that end. Remember where we were a few short weeks ago and how far we have progressed! We invite your suggestions on food and beverage or the club in general, so drop us a line. You can place one in the suggestion box or email it to a senior flag officer. Please be sure to provide your name and membership number on the suggestion.

Thank you to everyone for renewing your memberships for the 2020-2021 year. Your new membership cards will be mailed to you shortly. If you have any questions regarding membership, feel free to email membership@dwyc.org.

Again, I am so grateful to be part of this club and family. Thank you for your patience and support during this strange and unprecedented time. See you at the club and on the water!

The following applicants were approved as members at the June Board of Directors meeting:

Michael and Courtney Cefali
Boat Owner – San Juan Capistrano

Emil Paska and Janis Buller
Non Boat Owner – Desert Hot Springs

Chris Bloom
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Scott and Kimberly Shank – 40 foot Fountain
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Jim and Angie Marks – 34 foot Riviera
Boat Owner– Laguna Niguel

Ryan Galeria and Sabeena Khan – 40 foot Wilderness
Boat Owner–San Clemente

Randy and Rachel Casteel – 31 foot Hunter
Boat Owner – Rancho Santa Margarita

Greg and Kristina Walsh – 35 foot Sea Ray
Boat Owner – Laguna Niguel

Timothy and Rhonda Bauer
Non Boat Owner – Laguna Niguel

Hope to see all of you soon at the club or on the water! 



The By-Laws require that new applicants for membership be posted on the Bulletin Board for twenty one (21) days. Any regular member may place an objection against an applicant by submitting the objection in writing to the Board of Directors prior to the next Board meeting.

Applicant and member postings are pending.

Dana West Yacht Club operates as a private, Not-for-profit organization. In compliance with the California State Liquor Laws, we must have an Officer of the Day at the door, and all guests of DWYC members must be signed in by the member with our "Swipeon" system before entrance. All visiting yacht club members must present verification, sign in with "Swipeon" and must wear a guest badge, printed by the "Swipeon" system. The OD must verify individuals, by requesting them to present their current membership card. Most members have their cards ready as they enter.




REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **MOLLY DEARING**

Happy July, everyone! It's great to see the club open again and everyone enjoying it in a safe manner.

The biggest news that I have is that, until the need for social distancing goes away, the Ship Store will be open by appointment only. If you need something, please contact me and we will figure out a time to meet when the club is less busy. If you need something specific, we can arrange for a quick pickup, or if you want to browse, I am happy to set up a time to open the store for a private shopping session. It might be a good time for a new burgee, and I now have limited quantities of the Reyn Spooner Summer Commemorative and Catalina shirts. I also recently added some new hats, and we have lots of t-shirts in stock as well! For appointments, I can be reached via email – rearcommodore@dywc.org – or call/text - 949.842.4928.

The Member Services committee continues to serve those who need help with delivery of groceries, etc. I continue to be extremely grateful for the wonderful members who have stepped up to help. Thank you to these volunteers: Jim McNamara, Sue Stinson, Cheryl Kelly, Steve & Cindy Fiorillo, Tom Rafferty, Mike & Jodey Dugan, Roger & Cindy Salway, Jim Montrella and Commodore Tamara Tatich!!!

While Matt and I are still doing our best to social distance from others, we do plan on going to the club as much as we can in a safe manner. We did have tons of fun with Zoom game nights and happy hours, but we really have missed our home away from home. I hope to see everyone there once you are ready to return, but please understand if we can't greet each other or hang out in the manner we are used to. We'll have to clink our glasses from across the room for now! Cheers (from a safe distance) 

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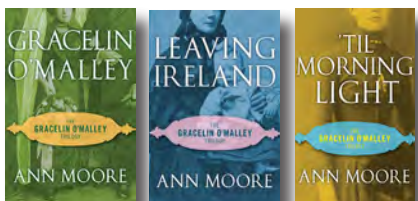
PORT REPORT

By **NINA McNEELY**

We're open! We're open! Hallelujah, we're open! It's been wonderful to see so many familiar faces (the parts not covered by a mask) these past couple of weeks! Sure, the club looks very different than it did three months ago, but it's so nice to feel some sense of community coming back. The staff is incredible! We're all used to Jose working tirelessly, but somehow, he seems to move with even more speed as he disinfects tables and passes out silverware. Dawn has been a bright and cheery welcome every time we have come in. George seems to be taking everything in stride, as usual. Hearing Joel boom out a greeting really made my day!

As we all get used to the new Club House Procedures, please remember to respect everyone's level of comfort in social interactions. While some members are ready to jump in with full gusto, hugging and shaking hands, some people are not ready for that level of physical connection. Many are still maintaining social distancing due to medical issues, either personal or for a loved one. These are uncharted waters for all of us, and we're all swimming at our own pace.

Book Club (we're working on a catchy name, by the way) will continue on Zoom for the foreseeable future. We moved the night to every other Wednesday at 6:00 pm. The July meetings are scheduled for the 1st, 15th, and the 29th. Please reach out to me if you want to join and need to know what book we are on. We don't just focus on the current selection, and we've shared many great recommendations. Debbie Rossback & Cheryl Kelly both recommended the Gracelin O'Malley trilogy by Ann Moore and they were very good!



I wish I could write that the parties will be back in full swing, but we're not quite there yet. We are keeping the Friday Night Happy Hours on Zoom, so join us there if you aren't at the club. Keep reading the email blast each week for updates and follow the club on Facebook.

I am so happy I can once again close my Lines n' Bits article with: See you at the club! 



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FLEET LOG


By **RICH BLANCO**

What a memorable Memorial Day weekend for Dana West Yacht Club members! Since the club was still closed, we decided to party on the water in Dana Point Harbor. The morning began with eye-openers at Rick and Debbie Rossback's Silver Eagle boat served by the Rossbacks and Bob & Cheryl Kelly. Everyone was busy decorating their dinghies and themselves to participate in the fun.

The dinghy rally was 36 strong, circling the harbor, waving flags as they passed the judge's boat. Hotdogs and chips were distributed by Steve and Sondra Harrison on It's About Time, to over 100 folks throughout the afternoon.

And, let's not forget the Seamen's Scavenger Hunt which had groups searching for the perfect photo op from the list compiled by Kevin Riggs and Matt Dearing! Winners of the Best Patriotic Outfits and Best Decorated Dinghy accepted their prizes which included Corona Beers, hand sanitizers, toilet paper and DWYC shirts! Winners for Best Decorated Dinghy were Tom & Deborah Dominick in 1st place and Rex Hall & Patty Markus in 2nd place. Best Patriotic Outfits went to Kevin & Hydee Riggs for 1st place and Tom Reagan & Patty Pratley for 2nd place.

As the afternoon was turning to early evening, the dinghy groups headed to Pillowtalk to enjoy some champagne and homemade chocolate cookies from Commodore Tamara Tatich and Michael.

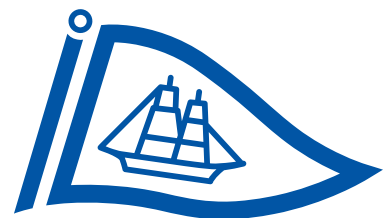
On Sunday morning Karen and I served a champagne toast to thank everyone who participated! We dominated the harbor, we were DWYC strong! And, now, we can once again meet at the club! Cheers everyone. Stay tuned for information on the upcoming raft-up that was postponed in March! 



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RACE


By **ROD WOODS & MICHAEL TATICH**

Jack and Jill #1 was full of disasters. The mark set boat, Jackie, died soon after leaving the harbor. The race committee boat, Pillow Talk, also had engine problems. Vessel Assist was busy and out of the area. Fortunately, the Harbor Patrol was able to tow Jackie back to our dock. As a result, the 11 boats that entered the race had to fend for themselves. Wow! My hat's off to Steve Ernest for leading the fleet with a "rabbit start" and to those die-hard racers! Order of overall finishers were reported as follows:

1st Place	Steve Ernest (Transpac YC)
	Aimant de Fille
2nd Place	Dan Hannegan (DWYC)
	Besame Mucho
3rd Place	Peter Cochran (DWYC)
	Blew m'en-fous

Jackie will likely be out of service until early July, so Jack and Jill #2 will be re-scheduled to June 27th providing

we can get someone to volunteer a mark set boat. That being said, we're not going to count Race 1 and we're adding a Race 4 at the end.

Be sure and check your emails for updates regarding TGIF Fun Race Series. We will most likely postpone starting that until Jackie is back in good health. We're still trying to work out if we're doing trophies for the beer cans since we aren't able to gather after getting off the water. 



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JUNIOR'S CORNER

By **DAWN RASMUSSEN**

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will either be just getting ready to or have just started our Summer Sailing Camp 2020.

Our quest to hold summer camp was undertaken with a great deal of care and concern this year, due to the ramifications of COVID-19. 2020 is not a typical year! It has been necessary to reconsider everything for camp this summer, from the dates, timing, length and cost, too how we take precautions for COVID-19. We have an extra financial burden in the respect that we have not had the opportunity for our usual spring fundraising.

This adjustment forced us to change our model. But that change in model has created some real positives. First and foremost, we are able to have camp when other sailing camps in the harbor are not – neither DPYC nor the Youth Center have programs this year.


We are also happy to announce that Anthony Capri, former Dana Point Youth Sailing Director, is joining us as our DWYS Sailing Director for camp. Anthony has overseen DPYC's program for the past few years, as well as the year-round racing program and regattas, which has included high school teams. He has grown the program 300%. Anthony himself has sailed over 98,000 miles and has raced since he was eight years old, including in high school and college. He has worked in the Maritime industry since he was 16 and taught community sailing in Colorado. Anthony will bring along a new staff of high-quality instructors, along with returning instructor, Peyton – so please join us in welcoming Anthony!

This year, we have a condensed schedule of four, one week sessions. Monday through Friday, all sessions will take place during July, the weeks of the 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th. Cost is \$400 per session and there are discounts of 5-15% for signing up for multiple sessions. We have 80 spots to fill and have had a great initial response. REGISTRATION (as of June 14) is still open at www.dwyscamp.com.


We are using the CDC recommendations to develop a daily protocol to screen sailors, counselors and

volunteers for COVID-19. We will be adhering to social distancing, therefore renting additional boats to accommodate one child per boat. The kids will be sailing Lasers, RS Teras and FJs. Each child enrolled will also receive a DWYS Gaiter to wear over their face, in addition to t-shirts. We want to keep everyone healthy and happy on the water and the dock!

We acknowledge these changes to the program may be difficult for your individual situation. However, camp would not even be an option had we not adapted.


We do hope to see your sailor at one of our camps this summer. Please watch for continuing developments at DWYS, including an afternoon racing program in July. Thank you for your continued support! 


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TIN CUP GOLF TOURNEY


By **BRENDA BERKERY**

We are officially booked for our rescheduled 11th annual Tin Cup Golf Tournament and look forward to play on September 9th at San Juan Hills Golf Course. We are disappointed that we weren't able to contribute to this year's Junior Sailing Program due to COVID19 restrictions but will definitely be on board for next year. The time and format for golf will be as before. I sincerely appreciate the people that had donated funds or paid to play for the previous date and have permitted us to keep the funds for September. I also appreciate those of you who have said they want to be included again to play or have asked if they could sponsor a Marine again. We appreciate all donations and offers to be involved.

I appreciate our great committee as well, including Carl Strazzulla, Nancy and Ray Galaz, Peggy Sullivan, Bobby DeJong, Jack McFadden, Chip Prather, Dan

Runnestrand, Rex Hall and Paul Berkery. We will begin working on the details soon and welcome any suggestions from members.

We wish good luck to the Youth Sailing group and will be happy to help this summer in any way we can. 



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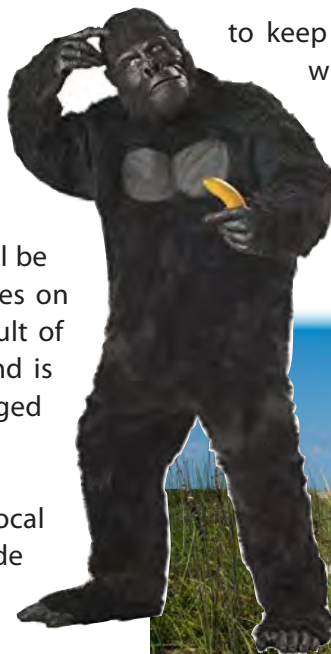



SEAMEN UPDATE

By **KEVIN RIGGS**

The Seamen will be planning an event upon conclusion of the SpaceX mission. The two astronauts will re-enter earth's atmosphere and splash down just off Florida's Atlantic Coast. The crew will be picked up by SpaceX's Go Navigator recovery vessel upon their return to Cape Canaveral, where we will be waiting in gorilla costumes and riding horses on shore. We want them to think that as a result of Covid-19, the earth has been taken over and is now The Planet of the Apes. We have arranged for group discounts on costumes:

We are also working on arrangements for local charter tours to provide horses so we can ride along the beaches of Florida greeting the returning astronauts. We will make sure



to keep each rider 6 feet apart and the costumes will satisfy any local mask requirements. It looks like we are shooting for August 15th, depending on atmospheric conditions and rotation of the Earth. We will update members with additional information as our date approaches. 

HEALTH & HAPPINESS

By **CINDY SALWAY**

It's been so good to get out a little more and visit with friends (even if it is six feet apart). Some of us are meeting with small groups at a park, beach or backyard. Happiness is knowing that DWYC is open where the food is as good as ever, the pours are the best, the view is outstanding and the friendships are the reason DWYC is the special place it is.

Lori and Steve Ash took part in their first CUBAR Baja Rally out of San Diego Yacht Club. After a send-off dinner, Lori, Steve and their 22-year-old son, Tyler, departed on the



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night of October 29, 2019 aboard Destiny. The CUBAR schedule took them to Ensenada, on to Cabo and ended in La Paz on November 14, 2019. Tyler left his parents to return to school at UCLA. From there, Lori and Steve were on their own, but met up with friends frequently along the way. Both of their children (Tyler and Kelsey) joined them for Thanksgiving and in Loreto in December (after their finals). They flew home as a family to celebrate the holidays. In early January, Lori and Steve flew back to Loreto. From there, their travels took them to the Mainland where they visited Mazatlán, Puerto Vallarta and as far south as Barra De Navidad. Once again, Tyler and Kelsey joined them for Spring Break in mid-March. Due to Covid-19, their Spring Break was extended from nine or 10 days to seven weeks. The challenge was to find reliable Wi-Fi, so their kids could continue with their classes and zoom meetings online, but they did it. With the help of the Wi-Fi available at hotels, marinas, Starbucks and Telcel Mexico, the two were able to complete their school year. Steve and Lori returned to Dana Point Harbor on May 29, 2020. Their first stop was DWYC! Wasn't it nice of DWYC to open in time to welcome them home?

April Salem passed away after a lengthy illness on June 10th. April was a DWYC member up until a few years ago. She was an avid sailor. April was DWYC's Dock Master several years back. April's boat, Roon II, is an old 1930s wooden boat originally from New York. There is an interesting article about the history of Roon II and how April saved this old boat. The link is <https://www.thelog.com/socal-classics/socal-classics-roon-ii/>. We all send our deepest sympathy to her mom, Joan, and her four daughters.

Maggie Bell signed up with Ark of San Juan. Maggie received a call almost immediately to foster two eight-week old kittens. After about one week, only one of the kittens was adopted. Maggie and Ray adopted the other kitten. Maggie cheerfully describes the experience as Classic Case of Foster Fail! Miss-T is feisty and full of energy but has her cuddly moments too. It sounds like a perfect match to me.

Think of DWYC and Smile! 



ISLANDER'S UPDATE

By **NANCY MAY**

The Islander Board met, masked, apart but in person on the patio on Thursday, June 11th. Prior to this, our April and May meetings were by e-mail and text, so it was nice to reassemble once again and see each other's smiling faces!



We recently updated our 2003 Dana West Islander By Laws. After reviewing the changes, we all signed and have posted them for 30 days on the bulletin board by the back door above our mailbox.

Fun and sporty Islander logo shirts are still available for purchase in two styles and different colors. See the flyer posted in the ladies restroom, contact Karen Blanco at kblancoams@yahoo.com for more info. or to order.

With all the unknowns for this summer, it is with disappointment that we made a decision to cancel a number of future events. Cancelled events are:

The Thursday Mixers on the patio:
June 18, July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17

Blackjack on August 29 (Unfortunately as this is such a fun and very popular event)


Election Social after the General Meeting on October 25th.

For now, we will wait to see if we will host the Mystery Dinner on October 7th, and the Islander Gift Exchange on December 5th.

Finally, the Islander Board voted to have our current President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, and Advisor positions remain in place for 2021, as we had

so looked forward to but were not able to follow through with our fun agenda and activities scheduled for 2020.

Since all DWYC ladies are Islanders, if any of you have ideas of ways to support our DWYC during this unusual time, we welcome your suggestions. Just let any of us on the Board know. Flip back to page 1 for our contact info.

Stay safe, be well, and hope to see you all at the Club. 



SOCIAL MEDIA

By **MEMBERS ON LINE**

Dads naming boats might be my favorite thing ever





APPLICATION FOR DWYC SILVER STARS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Club Member's Name: _____

Student's Name: _____ Age: _____

Student's Address: _____

Relationship to Member: _____

College Grade Level: (1st yr) _____ (2nd yr) _____

Past Year's GPA (X out of Y): _____ Class Units, Current Year: _____

Provide one hundred (100) words or less by student explaining scholarship goals (attach separate page).

CRITERIA:

- Student must be a child or grandchild of a club member who has been a member in good standing for a minimum of one year prior to this application.
- Student must provide a copy of your student card or registration.
- Student must provide receipts from the accredited educational institution for books and/or tuition.
- Student must not have received a previous DWYC scholarship.
- Student Scholarship Award will be determined by the DWYC Scholarship Board.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Application due August 15th. Return application to:

Scholarships

c/o Ruth Nastof

33831 Camino Capistrano, Space #2

San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Or email Form and Goals Statement to: RNastof@cox.net

Awards will be made on or about September 1st.

SCHOLARHIP BOARD (the "Board"):

DWYC Staff Commodore(s), Club Flag Officer, and a DWYC Board of Directors Member.

HOW IT WORKS:

Our Mission is to provide supplemental financial support to deserving "post high school" students. Individual awards can be up to \$2500 dollars. Recipients and award amount are at the sole discretion of the "Board". No award disbursements will be made prior to receipt of required documentation.



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All dates are tentative. Check for latest in email blasts!

Port	7/1/20	Book Club - ZOOM	Juniors	7/20-24/20	Youth Sailing Camp Session III
Port	7/3/20	Happy Hour - ZOOM	Port	7/24/20	Happy Hour - ZOOM
Juniors	7/6-10/20	Youth Sailing Camp Session I	Fleet	7/24-26/20	Raft Up TENTATIVE
Port	7/10/20	Happy Hour - ZOOM	Juniors	7/27-31/20	Youth Sailing Camp Session IV
Charity Regatta	7/11/20	Scavenger Hunt	Port	7/29/20	Book Club - ZOOM
		TENTATIVE	Port	7/31/20	Happy Hour - ZOOM
Juniors	7/13-17-20	Youth Sailing Camp Session II			
Port	7/15/20	Book Club - ZOOM			
Port	7/17/20	Happy Hour - ZOOM			

