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## **COMMODORE'S** REPORT

By TAMARA TATICH

I have a vision of surfers walking down on the beach heading toward a dayglo sunset. Yes, "Endless Summer" is on my brain. We've sailed into September and I'm so proud of all we've accomplished as we round out the third guarter of 2020, considering all of the challenges that were thrown our way. We've been able to open up some inside dining options and bring back most of our amazing team that provide DWYC with the top-notch services and experiences.

If you haven't been in for lunch lately, I highly suggest putting that on your list of things to do. Fadia is back and she's been serving up her daily special and fresh soups of the day. Our Weekly Lunch Special that includes a beer or glass of wine has been a winning deal, and there's not a place anywhere that can beat the quality and price. The DWYC lunch special is a new twist on ordering an adult "combo" meal - and yes, the package can be ordered to-go.

The biggest question I've been receiving is about parking. Non-slip renter Member parking is an important issue. While we are sill waiting for a proposal from the Harbor Partners, know that we have selected a committee and they are on it. I will definitely give updates when they have something to report.

Be sure and check out the Junior's article, as they've got lots to talk about! They've broken records that exceed any summer in our 40+ years. I'm super stoked that our youth sailing program is thriving, especially in light of no fundraising. SILVER LINING!!

Have you noticed that we're beginning to schedule events again in the weekly eblast and master calendar? With the continued help of the Food & Beverage Committee and our legal team, we'll be ready to open more entertainment and dining options as we phase out of the pandemic protocols. But working in the current environment, we were able to bring back music on a Sunday afternoon in late August. As I'm writing this a few days prior, I'm guessing it was awesome! While our events are not quite what they used to be pre-COVID, we are becoming creative in how to manage our space. Something to note is that we're making some plans knowing that if COVID's course shifts, we



may have to cancel; but it's easier to cancel than plan fun in a day. Just know that we won't host an event unless it is thought through for the safety of you, our guests and our staff. If you have an idea for something you think would be fun, please email port@dwyc.org your suggestion for consideration.

Our fleet had months to prepare for our first cruise of the year, which was to the Isthmus at the end of August. They're about to shove off tomorrow and I'm really looking forward to following their adventures on Facebook. Rich, Karen and I are working on ways to make our cruise to Avalon in October fun and engaging. There are quite a few of you interested in going, and it's time to start booking hotel rooms if you're not picking up a mooring. If you signed up, expect an email to arrive with some preliminary information if it hasn't gone out already.

There are going to be a few vacancies on the board of directors that need to be filled for 2021, and a Nominating Committee has been approved by the board to process potential candidates. The committee, chaired by me, includes V/C Hydee Riggs, R/C Molly Dearing, P/C Nina McNeely and Director Brendon Dalrymple. The time commitment is up to you, but at a minimum it is attending the monthly board meeting and being available to sit on or chair a sub-committee. There are several areas of the club to consider, and please reach out to me, a flag officer or a director with any questions. Please express your interest by completing a form that is linked to the weekly eblast, found online, or by calling one of us to email it to you.

Moving through 2020, there continues to be so many unknowns. It has taken a team of many to work through these months, and every single person that has been called upon gave 120% - staff included. Thank you to every single member and employee for your support. There's one thing I've learned this year about the people of Dana West Yacht Club – WE ARE RESILIENT!

Don't forget to place a suggestion or comment in the box or shoot me an email if you can't make it to the club! It's been empty lately! Cheers,

It is incredible to me that it is already September! I hope everyone has been able to find some time to be outside and enjoy their summer as best they can!

I am pleased that our membership renewal process has been completed for the 2020-2021 year. I want to give a huge thank you to Darlene, in the office, who worked tirelessly on processing renewals, membership cards and member appreciation cards. Thank you, Darlene!!!! For those that pay annually, if you paid with your credit card this year, the great thing is we are now set up to automatically renew your annual payment next year with your card on file. So easy!

Food and beverage continues to meet at least once a week to discuss our menus, options and ideas to create additional accessibility to our members while still staying within mandated guidelines. I want to express my thanks to those that have forwarded ideas to us as they are all seriously reviewed and considered.

I don't have to much else to report, which may be a good thing in these times! I'm again grateful for our club being open and having the support of our members.

The following applicant was approved as a member at the August Board of Directors meeting:

Alfred and Barbara Ortiz - Non-Boat Owner San Clemente

The following applicant has been posted for approval at the September Board of Directors meeting:

Jason and Kim Hunter – Boat Owner Laguna Niguel

See you all soon at the club or on the water!





### REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **MOLLY DEARING** 

Happy Fall, y'all! I can't believe that we are moving into the last part of 2020. This year is unexpectedly flying by (which may be a good thing).

As we move into the last part of the year, it is time to start thinking about the holiday season and the festive Reyn Spooner shirts that are a DWYC tradition. I didn't take any pre-orders this year before ordering, but I have ordered both the red and blue styles. If you would like to reserve one, please give me a call or email, and I'll be happy to give you a call when they arrive This year I have also ordered a limited number of women's holiday shirts as well, and also expect to have holiday print face mask from Reyn Spooner.

The Ship Store continues to be open by Appointment Only. I am happy to set up arrangements for a private shopping session or a quick pick up of a burgee, shirt, hat, etc. To make an appointment, please contact me via email – rearcommodore@dywc.org – or call/text - 949.842.4928. Staff Commodore Helen Hawkins, is also often at the club and can help you as well (thank you again, Helen... you are the best!).

The Member Services committee is still available to assist with grocery runs, errands, etc. for any of you who are still self-quarantining and not ready to go out into the world yet. Please email me at memberservices@dwyc.org if you require assistance. Cheers (from a safe distance)!





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 is a 501(c)(7), not for profit, mutual benefit corporation. 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.



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## PORT REPORT By NINA Meneely

Time marches on! Time waits for no man! Only time will tell! I've been thinking a lot about time lately, especially when it seems I have so much of it on my hands. For some, time seems to be crawling as we stay at home as much as possible and for others, the weeks are flying by. I belong in the latter category. I think my neighbor said it best, "March was the longest month of my life, and now it seems like it was only a couple of weeks ago."

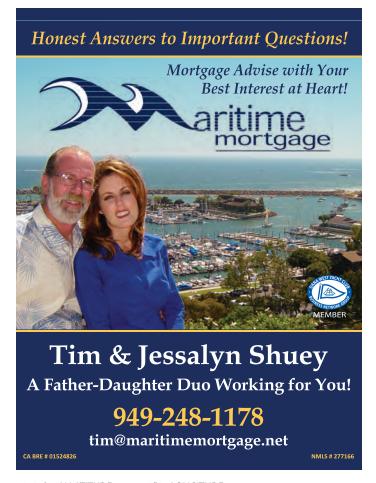
It is hard for me to fathom that I have been working from home for five months already. I went to the office this past week to clean out my desk since we will not be returning to that building. It was surreal: Calendars were on March. Birthday decorations hung in one cubicle and a "Welcome Back" banner at another, for a coworker who had returned from maternity leave the week before we were sent home. It really was a reminder of how we are heading into a "new normal," as much as I hate that phrase.

All our carefully laid plans this year were thrown out the window. We are brainstorming to figure out how we can safely bring events back to Dana West – either within the clubhouse walls or without. If you have an idea, please let me know! If you don't see me at the club, please call or email me. We're trying to think of any avenue we can!

With all this time at home, there's ample time to read! The Odyssey Book Club is meeting every two weeks on Zoom. The September meetings are on the 9th and the 23rd at 6:00 pm. Please email me at



port@dwyc.org if you would like to find out what we are currently reading. At the beginning of August, we read "The Silent Patient" by Alex Michaelides. If you like books with a surprise twist, pick this one up! We'd love to have more members join! Follow the link in the weekly email blast. See you at the club! Or online!







### FLEET LOG By rich blanco

A-N-T-I-C-I-P-A-T-I-O-N-!!!!!! That's what we are feeling. By the time you read this DWYC will have had its first official cruise of the season...a cruise to Isthmus! We will still be



social distancing, wearing our masks and have hand sanitizer with us at all times! AND, we can't wait! The good news is that Isthmus just reopened dining service at both the Harbor Reef Restaurant and the Harbor Sands Restaurant for both lunch and dinner. Photos to follow!

The extended cruise is scheduled for September 17 - 27. Steve & Sondra Harrison are fervently working out details. Stay tuned for more information!



We are looking forward to our Avalon Cruise. There is so much to do in Avalon, and so many places to visit and dine! Again, if you are interested in attending the Avalon Cruise which is scheduled for October 16 -18, please confirm. We understand that many had initially signed up before the pandemic, and that schedules may have changed. We have the sign-up sheet posted at the club, but if you could email us that would be great!

Again, thank you for your patience through these CRAZY times!! See you soon at the club or on the water!!







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As we head into the month of September, let me reintroduce our Islander Board Members. I asked each to tell one fun thing they have experienced recently during these unusual times.

VICE PRESIDENT, LINDA TURNER, got a new car for her birthday on the 16th of August and celebrated that occasion with a socially distanced family Mexican feast on the patio. Her granddaughter treated her to lunch at the charming Ramos House in old San Juan and she stretched that birthday out for a week!

SECRETARY, KAREN BLANCO, and Rich planted a garden which included a tomato plant that gave them hundreds



of cherry tomatoes. They were also able to grow beautiful Plumerias from 6-inch dried sticks they bought in Hawaii last year. (She added, "You put the sticks in water, and when they get a leaf, you plant them.")



TREASURER, JAN PRITCHARD, has been raising Monarch butterflies and released her 63rd one in mid-August! She truly has an enviable butterfly farm for sure!



HISTORIAN, JUDY RYDBURG, and Tom took the starlight train to Seattle and stayed on Camano Island at a friend's vacation home. Then, because they were having such a nice time, they extended their trip to four nights to tour Olympia National Park!

ADVISOR, DIANE HOOPER, has lots of milkweed plants, so she, too, had many Monarch butterflies in her garden! Sadly, the rats really enjoyed her lovely tomato plants! So much for making homemade pico de gallo this season!

PRESIDENT, NANCY MAY, was able to enjoy Tahoe for a couple of months and swam in South Lake Tahoe's picturesque Emerald Bay, one of the most photographed places in the world. Water was cold and refreshing, and I did have a trusty unicorn drink caddy which was found and rescued earlier in the summer from the lake!





## JUNIOR'S

The Juniors' program has been a bright spot in this summer of COVID!

As you know, we adjusted the timing (July) and format (1-week per session) and because we kept getting inquiries and interest, we ended up with 6 weeks of camp and many kids participating for more than one week. All in all, we had 20+ kids each week and over 90 different kids attended camp. What an awesome turnout and thanks for all the support!

The change in format also brought us a few other positives: 1) our Camp Director, Anthony Capri; 2) it allowed us to ensure we were financially stable, even though we have had zero fundraisers in 2020; and 3) is providing the opportunity to expand our Juniors program beyond summer camp now that we have Anthony.

Many of the parents and kids in our summer program have expressed interest in continuing to sail and race. So, we are evolving the program and are in the process of developing racing and intermediate sailing programs for the fall and winter.

We are also hatching a plan to have some fun and raise money this fall. We are targeting October 3rd for this event (Junior's Day) and it will include harbor races, food and socially distanced fun.

You can always stay up to date and in touch with what we are doing by following us on our Facebook @

DWYCJuniors & Instagram pages @DWYCJrs. Look for information on fall programs and fundraisers soon!

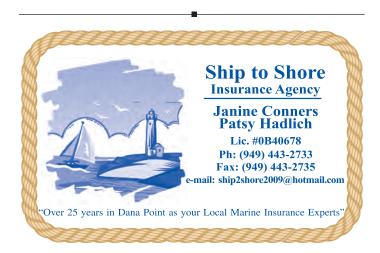
Don't forget to buy all of your things on Amazon via AmazonSmile, with donations going to the Juniors. In addition, as a reminder, we are a 501(c)3 non-profit so you can write those donations off on your taxes! Thanks, as always, to all at DWYC members who support the Juniors.

Fair winds and following seas,











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SEAMEN UPDATE By KEVIN RIGGS

The Seamen are excited to host Garrison Brothers distillery for our next Bourbon Tasting event. We have a fun evening planned for all on September 23rd, from 5pm on.

Along with tasting through four of their luxury bourbons, Joel has helped us put together a couple of menu items to enjoy.

Each taster will enjoy barrel stave flights with Glencairn glasses and Garrison Brothers will taste us through each bourbon. We've also been able to put together some bottles of Bourbon to raffle off during the event.

Garrison Brothers is proud to announce they won the San Francisco 2020 World Spirits Competition Double



Gold. (photo shows wins from 2018 Craft Spirits awards)

Hope everyone is enjoying this warm summer out on your boats.

This will be our third tasting and as we get better through hard work and practice, we want everyone to remember, when you think tasting, think Seamen.



"Life is simply too short to waste on cheap sourced whiskey." - DAN GARRISON



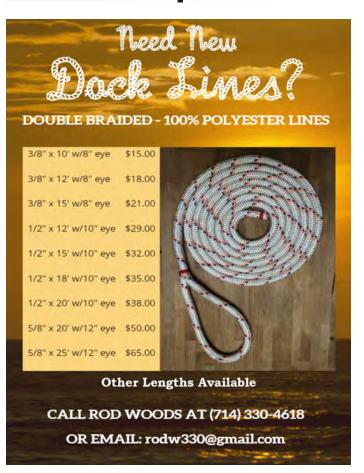
RACE
By ROD WOODS &
MICHAEL TATICH

Due to a lack of interest the Friday night race series has been cancelled.

We have added additional Jan & Jill races. All on Saturdays with a noon start, September 12 and 19th.

I made a few extra racing marks. Orange flag on 10-foot poles. We will try to make the course a little more interesting.





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## HEALTH & HAPPINESS

By **CINDY SALWAY** 

So many of us have had our vacation plans cancelled or postponed this summer. But, we are truly blessed to live where we live. A visit to Catalina, Newport and Oceanside has become a getaway destination for several members this year. Some members have enjoyed the beautiful area surrounding us with camping trips to State and National Parks. Others have used their RVs to get out of town and visit family and friends in other areas.

Sam and Janice Artinger recently welcomed a 3-yearold poodle to their family. They adopted Molly on July 4th. Molly's owner (a 90-year-young man) could no



longer care for her. She brings so much joy to the family, especially to the Artinger's six grandchildren. And best of all, Molly loves being on the boat!

Hydee and Kevin Riggs recently said farewell to their boat, but have been actively looking for a replacement. Hopefully, by the time you are reading this, they will be cruising again.

Lillian and Greg Cox had a trip planned to Minneapolis to celebrate their grandson, Joey. Joey graduated from law school this year and is awaiting results of the bar exam. We wish Joey all the best for his future. Instead of visiting and celebrating with family, Lillian and Greg spent five days in Avalon enjoying walks, dinghy rides, dinners on their boat and a lovely change of scenery.

Bev and Jim Montrella, along with Patti Prattley and Tom Reagan met up with Lillian and Greg for a bit in Avalon. The remainder of their time was spent at the Isthmus where both couples relaxed, walked and enjoyed the beautiful area.

Jan and Santa Ed are leaving on Labor Day and heading to Fort Collins where the will stay at Horsetooth Reservoir Campground. They will be visiting Jan's daughter, son-in-law and grandkids for a week. Jan hasn't seen her grandchildren since Christmas, so this will be a wonderful opportunity to catch up with them. They will also visit Ed's niece in Longmont. From there, Jan and Ed will head to Wyoming for a few days. The remainder of their travels will be decided by what is open. Safe travels!

On Thursday, August 6, the crew of Tomol (DWYC members Sue Griesbach, Bob Langan, Norm Gardner and Roger Salway, former DWYC Director and Race Chair dressed in full uniform) participated in a service



at sea for one of the original founders of the Pharkles Thursday afternoon races. Dean Handley, started the Pharkles in 1989 at age 62. In 1996, Dean was quoted in the Dana Point Times, "The secret here is that these die-hard sailors race every week which helps them get plenty of experience" (David Reyes-Times staff writer). Dean sailed on many boats over the last 30 years and often crewed on Jeff Brown's boat, "Out of the Blue". Jeff, crew and 10 other boats paid their final respects to our long-time fellow racer.

Please remember, you can email me at happiness@ dwyc.org with any health and happiness news you'd like to share with your family at DWYC Or text me at 949-632-0807. Think of DWYC and Smile!



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