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COMMODORE'S REPORT By TAMARA TATICH

This is one of my favorite months of the year. The evenings grow longer, but the fun keeps on going strong as the sun fades. There are events that DWYC hosts every year, and my favorite is the Avalon Cruise that happens mid-month. Even though we aren't going to have a big party or dinner together, the magic of the island will make the cruise a spectacular getaway for as many days you can manage.

Something else that is fun about the new season is football! While I'm not as much of a fanatical viewer as Michael, I enjoy the high energy and spirit for one's favorite team and the banter around the bar. Its just good ole fun and the perfect place to watch a game with your buds.

This year, we're adding what I hope will be a new annual event for our Juniors. They are hosting a FUNdraiser on October 3rd and I hope you've already made plans to attend or support our youth sailing efforts. This has been a stellar year for our program, and we have an opportunity to position ourselves as the leading sailing and water safety courses in the harbor. There may also be future opportunities for bigger kids over 18 to learn how to sail and these are the steps to make that a reality.

October is also the time of year that we begin the "change of guard" process for the upcoming year. The Nominating Committee has been talking to several candidates with a desire and talent for leadership and the ballots with a brief bio on each will be mailed to your home on October 1st. Reach out to the candidates if you have questions or just want to get to know them better so you're ready to cast your vote via mail or by placing your ballot in the Ballot Box placed by the club's entrance.

As for the General Meeting, we're working on the best way to present everyone to you in a forum that is acceptable and safe. As of this writing, all I can say is that we're working on the details and it will most likely be hosted on Zoom. If you haven't used the Zoom app yet, let me or someone that is proficient with the program help you get your computer set up. Also, please pay attention to your emails this month

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so you're informed and know how to attend the meeting on Sunday, October 25th at 11:30am.

The last event of the month is always Halloween, and this year October 31st falls on a Saturday. Nina is channeling her inner ghoul to creatively deliver an evening that is certain to be memorable, as it will most likely stand out as unique from all others.

Before closing, I want to plant a seed in your mind to save room under the tree for this year's commemorative Reyn Spooner shirt, a customized Yeti cup or perhaps some other marvelous item that Molly has procured for DWYC members. A gift from the Ships Store is sure to be a big hit!

Don't forget to reach out with your suggestions and ideas via email if you're not at the club to drop a note in the suggestion box! Cheers, i

Welcome to Autumn! It is so hard to believe that we are heading towards the end of 2020. What a year this has been.

As many of you know, we received great news last month that we were able to open up more indoor seating for our members. I hope that means we will see more of you at the club! Please be reminded that we are currently allowing only two guests per membership number and we are not yet ready for member events and large group parties. We do appreciate your understanding. Food and Beverage has been busy behind the scenes and you will see there are some new specials for our members to enjoy. Besides our delicious weekly drink specials created by our fabulous bartenders, and our delectable daily specials by our chef and crew, the kitchen is now open for breakfast on Sundays, and is staying open later until 9 pm every evening. Also, now that football season



is here, the club has food and drink specials for Monday Night Football! So, come on down and enjoy!

With respect to membership, we continue to receive new membership applications that are brought to the Board of Directors for their review and approval. Please be sure to welcome our new members into our family and show them why we are such an amazing club.

As we head into election season, I would like to personally thank the Board of Directors for their support and volunteerism and helping us keep our ship steady and on course during a very difficult year! I want to also thank those of you who have reached out to run for the Board.

As members, you have the privilege and duty to elect our newest directors. You should have already received information regarding the upcoming election, and you will shortly be receiving biographies on the candidates, along with your ballot that you will want to return by the due date. If you would like to hear a little more about the candidates, then please plan on attending the General Membership meeting, in whatever format, on October 25th to hear what they have to say (and find out about the "state of the club").

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

Jason and Kim Hunter – Boat Owner – Laguna Niguel Cindy Holmes – Non Boat Owner – San Clemente

That is it for now, my friends. I am grateful that I get to see you at the club and 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 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.



As I write this, I am sitting on a balcony in Aspen, CO, with fellow club members Mike and Jodey Dugan, watching the tree colors change (it seems as though they are changing colors as I type!). We've had a very relaxing and fun week and Aspen has been a welcome change of scenery. It is so pretty here, and it is definitely making me excited for all things fall...football, boots and cozy nights by the fireplace.

Our Southern California "Winter" will be here soon, and the Ship Store will be ready. I am expecting the Reyn Spooner holiday shirts to come in, and, while I didn't take pre-orders for these shirts, if you would like one, please email or call me and I will set one aside for you. I also have some new jackets and sweatshirts coming in. Staff Commodore Helen Hawkins has helped me to procure some new DWYC Burgee masks. The store continues to be open by appointment, or please feel free to grab me or Helen if you see us and we can help you out. I can be contacted via email (rearcommodore@dwyc.org) or text/ phone: 949.842.4928.

While it does feel like the world has opened up more and more, Member Services Committee continues to be available for members who may need assistance with grocery runs, etc. Please feel free to contact me should you or someone that you know require assistance. Cheers! Molly

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Fleet	10/2-4/20	DWYC Raft-Up
Juniors	10/3/20	Junior's Day
Port	10/7/20	Odessy Book CLub
Fleet	10/16-18/20	Avalon Cruise
Port	10/21/20	Odessy Book CLub
Board	10/25/20	General Membership Meeting
Port	10/31/20	Halloween
*All dates are tentative. Check for latest in email blasts!		



PORT REPORT By NINA MCNEELY

October is here! Let the pumpkin spice flow!

Sunday afternoon music on the patio came back in September! We've had four performances so far with good attendance, even when it was 100 degrees out. The performances have made me realize how much I missed live music! It's great to have our musician friends



back in the club after so long of an absence. Stay tuned to the weekly email blast and Facebook for performance dates in October.

In a normal year, Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) member yacht clubs can apply for a Club of the Year Award. This being no normal year, SCYA also offered yacht clubs the opportunity to apply for a Pandemic Powerhouse Performance Award. The submission highlighted everything the Board and our club Members did to spruce up the clubhouse and stay connected during the past few months. I want to thank Tamara Tatich and Julie D'Urso especially for all their help in pulling DWYC's submission for the Award together (during which I discovered that Julie does not recognize the Oxford comma! The horror!). We also had very helpful contributions from Hydee, Molly, Rich and Dawn. The submission was emailed to SCYA on Monday, September 14th and SCYA Rear Commodore Anne Eubanks came to DWYC on Monday afternoon to pick up our hard copy submission (and enjoy a cold beer!). Fingers crossed we can bring home a win!

In other award news, we finally received the plaque for winning the Mayor's Award for the Whale Festival parade from the City of Dana Point! Helen is making sure the plaque gets on the wall at the club. Thanks again to all the volunteers who helped bring that award home. I



hope that we will have a parade in 2021 and we can do a repeat. If you have ideas for a parade entry for next year, please let me know! It's not too early to start thinking about how we can knock their socks off!

Book Club Update: Our October meetings are on the 7th and 21st via Zoom at 6:00 pm. Please email me at port@dwyc.org if you would like to find out what we are currently reading. Join us! We'd love to have more members join! Follow the link in the weekly email blast. See you at the club! Or online!





Isthmus was a great success! Thirteen boats made their way to Isthmus for a fun-filled weekend. Upon arrival each boat received DWYC 2020 Cruise Masks along with hand sanitizer for safety precautions! Eye openers were served both mornings with the help of our hosts, Steve and Sondra Harrison! Saturday was a day of adventure as we boarded our dinghies for a cruise around the caverns and caves. A "discreet" pizza party for lunch on shore where the sign said "No Shirt, No Shoes, No Problem. No Mask, Absolutely No Service!" Fleet Captain was happy to grill hot dogs for the group and handed them out in paper bags with chips and fruit. And, we even had some DWYC Mermaids in the water!



Before you read this issue of Lines & Bits we may be having a blast at our DWYC Raft-up! We teamed up with the Dana West Youth Sailing group for their FUNdraiser! We're talking Poker Runs, Duck Races, Team Races, even a "Grudge Race" between Greg Hickey and Sam Artinger! Lunch was served by the Youth Group in the parking lot of the Club. And many thanks to Ed & Mindy Sicard for sharing their boat with our live music, the Killer West Band! Photos to follow.

Next up, get ready for Catalina! There is quite a group ready for the cruise to Avalon! Please confirm via email that you plan on attending. We will even have some "outof-town" guests...Sue and Rick Midlik!

We may have started slow with the pandemic hovering over us, but we are ending strong! Stay tuned for more details on the upcoming Avalon trip. And, as always, thanks for your patience through our challenging 2020 Cruising Season!



Please contact me with any questions or ideas!





Thanks to the dedication of the Dana West Yacht Club "Silver Stars" and the generous support of DWYC Members, twelve (12) children or grandchildren of Members will receive a scholarship award from DWYC's Patrick Walsh Memorial Scholarship Fund this year. Only the children and grandchildren of active DWYC Members are eligible, and those who apply may only receive a scholarship one time. These awards are specifically to provide reimbursement for school-related expenses like books and tuition. Normal living expenses such as food or gas are not applicable. Qualifying students are asked to submit a very short essay, current student ID or registration and applicable expense receipts. Those applicants who meet all the requirements are eligible to receive up to \$1,000.

Congratulations to our 2020 Award Recipients:

Adam Boyajian - Son of Jane & John Boyajian Peri Brennan - Granddaughter of Judy Brennan Ellyse Ferlauto - Granddaughter of Vito & Karen Ferlauto Daniela Maldini - Granddaughter of Thomas Dearing Mckenna Grayson - Daughter of Chris & Kelly Grayson Cameron Freestone - Son of Steve Freestone Charles Ferguson - Grandson of Jim & Kathy Ferguson Margaret Ferguson - Granddaughter of Jim & Kathy Ferguson Brady Reynolds - Grandson of Richard & Candy Ferrell Megan Sweeney - Granddaughter of Ruth Nastof Xavier Gerken - Son of John Gerken Sophia Jurkowski - Granddaughter of Norm & Charlene Gardner

Who are the Silver Stars you ask? Just look to the left when you enter the club. Those faces on the wall are your past or "Staff" Commodores, aka Silver Stars. Continuing in the honor of providing service to the club and to our Members, they work hard each year to plan and provide special events aimed at raising monies to fund this important program. Collectively, DWYC Members have a big heart, and we love to have fun together. So, when you see a Silver Stars event on the club calendar, whether a pancake breakfast, a delicious dinner, an auction, raft-up or raffle, please sign up and participate generously. You are supporting a terrific cause. To learn more about this Scholarship Program or to offer your support, ask Ruth Nastof or speak with any DWYC Staff Commodore. Once again, thank you to our Members and congratulations to our 2020 Silver Stars Scholarship Award recipients.





It isn't Fall weather, but it's here! For the first time in our club history (we believe), the Dana West Juniors are participating in four different Fall sailing programs that run September through December. The fall programs are focused on racing and participation varies by experience and age, offering something for the beginning to the more advanced racer:

Intro to Junior Racing & Intermediate Sailing:

For beginning sailors who have attended summer camps and want to improve their sailing skills and/or are interested in racing. Open registration.

Junior Racing:

For qualified beginner to intermediate sailors who know how to race and want to compete in regattas.

DWYC High Performance Racing:

Intermediate to Advanced racers. By Invitation Only

High School Racing Program:

Advanced Racers, 13 & Older only

Currently, we have 27 total sailors participating in these programs. The kids sail after school and on weekends. They are racing RS Teras, C420 and CFJs. We continue to follow COVID protocols and are happy to be able to offer sailing as an outlet (and hoping it becomes a lifelong love!) during this time where other sports are not offered.

And now we must FUNdraise to help us keep tour Fall and Winter programs going and allow us to have a fulltime coach. Our bold goal is to raise \$35,000! All funds raised will go to support our 2020 Fall & 2021 Spring Programs and to help us grow our fleet of boats.

Currently, we rent a good number of our boats from the DP Youth Harbor Foundation. We want to add four RS Teras to our fleet. We are launching a BUY A BOAT, NAME IT program. Donate \$3,500 towards the purchase of an RS Tera, you'll get the naming rights to it. What a great way to leave a legacy and support the Juniors! Don't forget, DWYS is a 501(c)3 and so all donations are tax deductible.

On Saturday, October 3rd, we will also host our biggest FUNdraiser of the year, our DWYC Juniors Fall Fundraiser and Regatta. Join us for a socially distanced day of events in the DWYC parking lot & in harbor on the water to raise money for Dana West Youth Sailing! The event line-up includes:

11AM – 2PM	Dinghy Poker Run: jump in your dinghy and play some poker! Sign Up in the parking lot Cocktails will be served on COCKTAILS! @ D100 for a donation!
11AM – 3PM	BBQ @ DWYC - Burgers & hotdogs for lunch. Sales of DWYS Logo'd Merchandise including hats, Tshirts, gaiters
12:00PM	RS Tera Match Race Member's Challenge
1:00PM	Rubber Duckie Race: \$10 / per duck as we race them in the D Dock channel right next to the club.
1:30PM	Junior's Regatta: RS Teras RS Tera A, C420/ CFJ, Laser Radial / Full.

For more information, or to register for the Junior Regatta, please check the new Juniors webpage at www.dwycjrs. org. We will also be posting updates on our Facebook @ DWYCJuniors & Instagram pages @DWYCJrs.

We continue to work to provide a great program for our DWYC and community Junior sailors and racers. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit so you can write all donations off on your taxes!

Thanks, as always, to all at DWYC who support the Juniors. Fair winds and following seas.



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Saturday, October 3rd DWYC JUNIORS FUNDRAISER & REGATTA

DWYC Parking Lot & the Harbor 11am – 3pm

Join us for a socially distanced fun day in the DWYC parking lot & harbor to raise money for Dana West Youth Sailing! There will be food, games and on the water competition, including the kids showing off their sailing skills!

Our bold goal is to raise \$35,000!

All funds raised will go to support our 2020 Fall & 2021 Spring Programs and to help us grow our fleet of boats.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

11AM – 2PM Dinghy Poker Run

11AM – 3PM BBQ @ DWYC

Burgers & hotdogs DWYS Logo'd Merchandise

1:00PM

Rubber Duckie Race

1:30PM Juniors Regatta



aka DWYC Juniors

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What a challenge to write an article when we Islanders haven't hosted many of our fun events in these unusual times in the last few months!

Our January Installation Brunch to introduce the Islander Board launched our year. Little did we know that our Bunco/Poker (together with the Seamen) for new members, followed by the ever popular Blackjack in February, would be our last hosted events for months.

As we head into October, my wish list includes our December 5th Islander Gift Exchange in some way, shape or form to end our year. We will keep you posted if that could happen.

If you are looking for a fun and unique lady's shirt, Islander Logo shirts are still available by contacting Karen Blanco at kblancoams@yahoo.com.

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Foremost in so many of our thoughts have been the fires that have been raging through so much of California, as well as Oregon and Washington. Several DWYC members are firefighters who have been out battling the fires across California. Bryan Noyes fought the Lake Hughes fire for about 10 days. After a brief respite, he was headed out to fight the Bob Cat fire out of Azusa for an undetermined length of time. New DWYC member, Jordan White, is not on the fires, but is working a ton of overtime covering firefighters who are. Jordan is a paramedic who is working "move ups".

LAFD firefighter and paramedic Tanya Crabbe has also been busy, but hasn't been called out to the wild fires so far. We extend our sincere appreciation to all firefighters, especially during this time. Spouses and family are also in our thoughts. Without them, the firefighters would not have the much needed support that it is necessary to continue.



Bud (Frank) Dimino passed away on August 30th. He was a 30-year member of DWYC. He served as Judge Advocate and was a member of the Board for several years. In his younger days, he loved boating on his Lil Princess (named after his wife Joan). Bud enjoyed his time at the club socializing with friends, old and new. Many special times were spent at DWYC with his family, celebrating holidays and birthdays. We send our deepest sympathy to Bud's wife, Joan, children Lynn and Glen (also members of DWYC).

Maryl Lincoln was diagnosed with breast cancer in June and had a double mastectomy mid-June. They were able to get all the cancerous cells and found no cancer in her lymph nodes. Since then she has been recovering her strength, and hopes to be able to get back to the club in the near future. Maryl wants to share that she is in one of the lowest risk categories and still she got it. This hits one in eight (1 in 8) women and says it's so important that women don't feel alone while going through this. She is so grateful for all the love and support from her family and friends. Danny Casteel had knee replacement surgery in late August. He is recovering well and has even been to the club once for a visit. We wish Danny a full recovery in the very near future.

Bob Noterman tore his hamstring while water skiing back in August. When I spoke to him in early September, he was recovering very well. Sending Bob positive thoughts for continued recovery.

Marci and Vance Ruberg are celebrating the move of their daughter, Brooke and her husband, Jared, to Atlanta by taking a road trip. They've got the perfect rig for it too!



It also doesn't hurt that their 20th anniversary will fall during this trip as they travel through Utah, Wyoming and Montana with one-week stays in Yellowstone and West Glacier parks. They will cover over 3000 miles before returning home. Safe and happy travels.

We are happy to have Dawn (OD) and Juan Carlos back at the club. They both add so much to DWYC.

Lillian and Greg Cox are proud to share that their grandson, Joey, passed the Indiana Bar Exam. Both Lillian and Greg want to thank the Silver Star Scholarship Committee of DWYC for a scholarship Joey received from them a few years ago.

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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