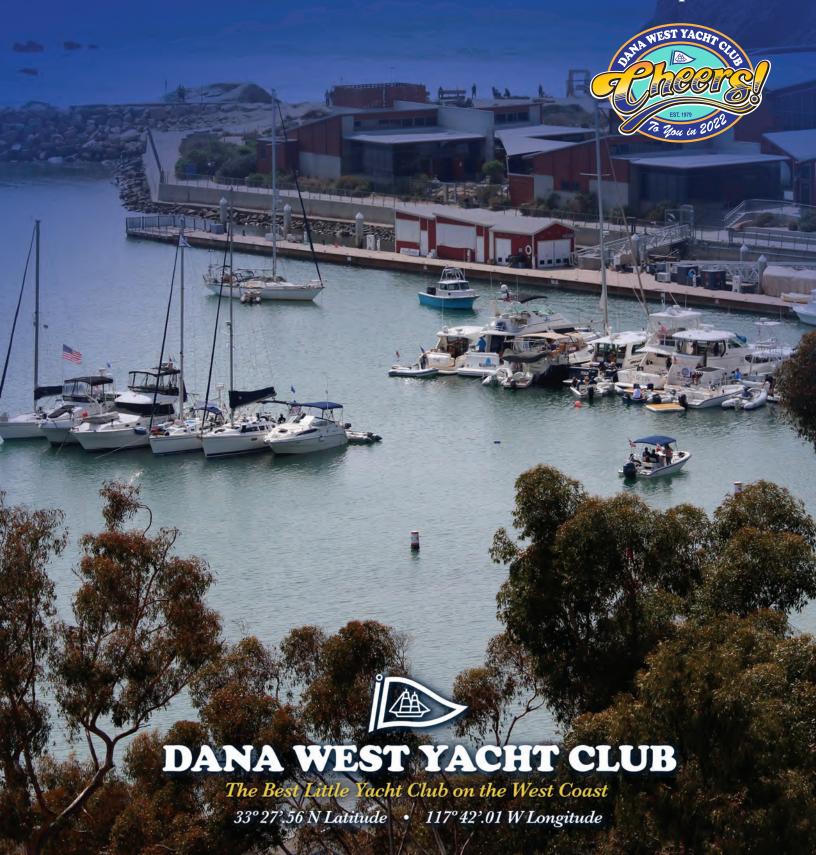
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This monthly contest challenges you to find this particular anchor, no others will do, hidden within the pages of the Lines&Bits newsletter.

When you find it, send an email to editor@ dwyc.org with the page number and location description. Reply by the 20th of the month and you will be entered in a monthly random drawing to win a complimentary cocktail at the club, courtesy of the Commodore!

## SAVE THE DATE!

#### (See articles for event details)

Islanders	4/2/22	Black Jack Tournament
BNG	4/5/22	Business Networking Group
Book Club	4/6/22	Odyssey Book Club @DWYC
Islanders	4/9/22	Islander Spring Luncheon
Port	4/10/22	Music On The Patio
Port	4/17/22	Easter Brunch
Port	4/23/22	Grown Up Prom
Fleet	4/29-5/1/22	BCYC Cruise
Seamen	5/1/22	Chili Cook-off
BNG	5/3/22	Business Networking Group
Islanders	5/7/22	Kentucky Derby
Race	5/14/22	Crew of 2
Sailing For Life	e 5/18/22	Wine Tasting Dinner
Commodore	5/21/22	Opening Day
Fleet	5/27-30/22	SCYC Cruise
Silver Stars	5/29/22	Zoom Bingo
*All dates are tentative. Check for latest in eBlasts!		

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## COMMODORE'S REPORT

#### By **MOLLY DEARING**

Thank you to Chef Angel and the kitchen staff, V/C Nina McNeeley, R/C Megan Noves, P/C Sophie Lentini and all of the wonderful volunteers for helping with DWYC's participation in the Festival Of The Whales events. Thank you also to Dino Bellafaire for lending us golf carts for the parade float and to Bartender Mike for helping us shuttle supplies and crew over to Baby Beach via dinghy! Rumor has it that we received a close second place for "Mayor's Choice" for Chef Angel's delicious chowder and we are still awaiting the results for the parade. What fun it was to come around the corner of the parade route and see the large group of club members cheering for our parade entry. The only problem was resisting the temptation to jump off the parade route and join the spectators, as it looked like everyone was having a great time. I was so proud to represent Dana West and our club's participation in these events that are important to the harbor and the City of Dana Point.

Besides the Whale Fest, we had a busy schedule in and out of the clubhouse in March. First, thank you to P/C Sophie and her band of decorators. The club looked fabulous in festive green for St. Patrick's Day festivities and the Cowboy party was spectacular as well. It really put the "Wild West" into "Dana West Yacht Club" (DWWYC?!). Second, a huge thanks to F/C Roger and Cindy Salway for putting on the Silver Stars Raft Up, and to Jim & Kathy Ferguson for hosting the band on their boat on Saturday. Also wanted to thank RJ Breeden for bringing us some delicious Cinnamon Rolls from RJ's Cafe, and to the extra "hands on deck" – Jim & Maggie McNamara, Sam & Janice Artinger and George Hughes. The Raft Up event never disappoints!

In April, we look forward to more music in the club and the Fleet cruise to Newport/BCYC.

I also wanted to send a special thank you to Betsy Bowes for donating the new DWYC Signal Flag sign, which she made, that is proudly hung above the front door. Check it out next time you are at the club!

As the weather gets warmer, we can expect that the club will continue to get busier, so I just wanted to send out a friendly reminder to members that each membership is only allowed a maximum of four guests at a time. Also, usually this time of year is a good time to send out a reminder regarding dress code – per our house rules, after

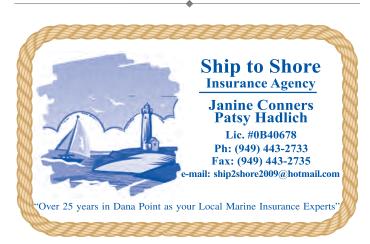
5:00, tank tops/sleeveless shirts are not allowed for men and no wet swimwear or swimsuit coverups are allowed for anyone!

Lastly, I would like to invite all members of the Dana West fleet to participate in the Opening Day Boat Parade, to be held May 21st at 12 noon in the harbor. If you have a boat, a dinghy, a paddle board, a kayak or a friend with a boat, I want to see you out there! There will be prizes: Traditional Power Boat, Traditional Sailboat, Best Theme (Cheers!) Power Boat, Best Theme (Cheers!) Sailboat, and Best Overall. If you have questions about what is considered "Traditional," please reach out to me and I can send you the protocol. The Cheers! theme interpretation is entirely up to you! If you need more info about the parade route or how to sign up, please contact Fleet Captain Salway at (fleet@dwyc.org).

After the parade, our Opening Day ceremony will be held at 3:00 in the DWYC parking lot, with hosted dinner and champagne to follow. That evening, we will have the Ortega Highway Band for entertainment. All members are invited to participate in this long-standing tradition, the day that we "open" up the club and harbor for the 2022 boating season.

The winner of the March Anchors-A-Where drawing was Bonnie Leaf. Please find me at the club for your free drink!

See you at the club! Cheers!





## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

By NINA McNEELY

Thank you to all of the volunteers who braved the cold and blustery day of Saturday, March 5th to participate in the Festival of Whales! It was so cold and windy that day I thought they might cancel the parade, but we suited up, put on our silly sea creature hats, climbed into golf carts and soldiered on! I also want to thank the members who navigated the frustrating parking to come to the club early and cheer us on. Seeing the ramp at the front of the club full buoyed our sprits in spite of the frigid weather.

After the parade, many of us headed over to the Clam Chowder Cook Off where Port Captain Sophie had created a beautiful booth (you were robbed of the Best Booth award!) and Chef Angel served his amazing clam chowder

(also robbed!). The turn out of supportive members was in evidence all over the Festival of Whales. It made me so happy to see our members in the community and supporting one another. Another special thanks is due to our bartender, Mike, who used his dinghy to ferry



clam chowder and volunteers over to Baby Beach! He even gave a ride to the chef and the chowder from Dana Point Yacht Club in true Corinthian spirit!

Events like these are a great time to volunteer because it makes it so easy to get to know other members. When we come to the club for dinner, we are often with our friends and family and it can be difficult to get to know people outside of your circle. But when you spend a day cleaning chairs with someone on Club Clean Up Day, or hosting a spot on the Dinghy Poker Run for the Charity Regatta, or helping Sophie decorate the club for one of our many social events, you can't help but feel closer to the members around you. Please consider volunteering for some of the events coming up this Spring and Summer! If you are not sure where you may be needed, just reach out to one of the flag officers and we can point you in the right direction.

See you at the club!

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The following have been approved as members at the March Board of Directors meeting:

Tim Reissmueller & Lezlea List - Boat Owner

The following have been posted for approval at the April Board of Directors meeting:

Ken & Robin Dudnick - Boat Owner

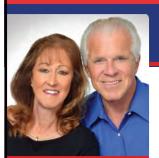
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## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **MEGAN NOYES** 

We are all looking forward to a fun and busy spring at the club! What better way to enjoy all these activities than to sport some new DWYC attire! Our new "Cheers" logo merchandise is here and available at the ship store! We sold so much already, we will be ordering more!

We have "collegiate" style sweatshirts and hats in process that will be delivered shortly and an order in process for other new DWYC branded items.

Lastly, I have ordered new nautical scarves in preparation for opening day! Not only are we The Best Little Yacht Club on the West Coast, we will be the best dressed as well!

Please check Facebook and the EBlasts for ship store hours of operation. Any questions, please email me or stop me at the club!



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### FLEET LOG

#### By **ROGER SALWAY**

Good Day from the Fleet Deck!

The DWYC Silver Stars Raft Up in Danalina was the weekend of March 18th through the 20th. We had a good turnout with 16 boats on two raft lines.

On Friday morning, we anchored all our boats successfully through the leadership and great seamanship of Matt Dearing, Jim McNamara, Sam Artinger, George Hughes, SC Jim Ferguson, Kevin Riggs and Steve Harrison. During the afternoon, we listened to some music and enjoyed some beverages. It was a sunny afternoon with temperatures in the low 70s...a perfect start to the weekend.

We had a lot of activity on Saturday. *Clean Slate* (Roger and Cindy) was the host boat with help from *Caribe Wind* (Sam and Janice). Breakfast was homemade burritos (delicious) from Rear Commodore Megan and Bryan Noyes and an endless flow of Bloody Mary's and Mimosas. A hot dog lunch was served off of *Clean Slate*. Thank you to Steve for manning the barbeque and Sondra for her help in serving. More than 100 DWYC members and friends arrived by dinghy to visit and listen to steel band music by Danny on the back of *Maggie* (Jim and Kathy).

We had a Silver Star 50/50 raffle, organized by Jim McNamara with a collection of \$450.00. The winner was Maggie McNamara (someone other than Jim pulled the winning ticket). Jim and Maggie donated all the proceeds to the Silver Stars Scholarship program. *Whole Life* (Jim and Maggie) and *Three Sheets* (George Hughes) won the Fleet Captain raffle. Silver Stars in attendance also received a gift bottle of wine. We had one boater earn the coveted Rubber Ducky Award. Many dinner parties continued on boats well into the evening. Saturday night tested how well we had set our anchor lines. We had heavy rain and high wind gusts from 12:30 am to 3:30 am.

Mid-morning on Sunday, we began to break up the Raft Up. Thank you very much to Sam Artinger and Maggie and Jim McNamara, who spent extra time to help complete the break up of the remaining boats.

All of the planned cruises have sign-up sheets posted on the Fleet Board next to the fireplace. If you are interested in cruising any of our events, please sign up early as these events have limited space.

The planned DWYC cruises for the next three months are:

April 29th – May 1st, Newport Harbor BCYC and Marina Park

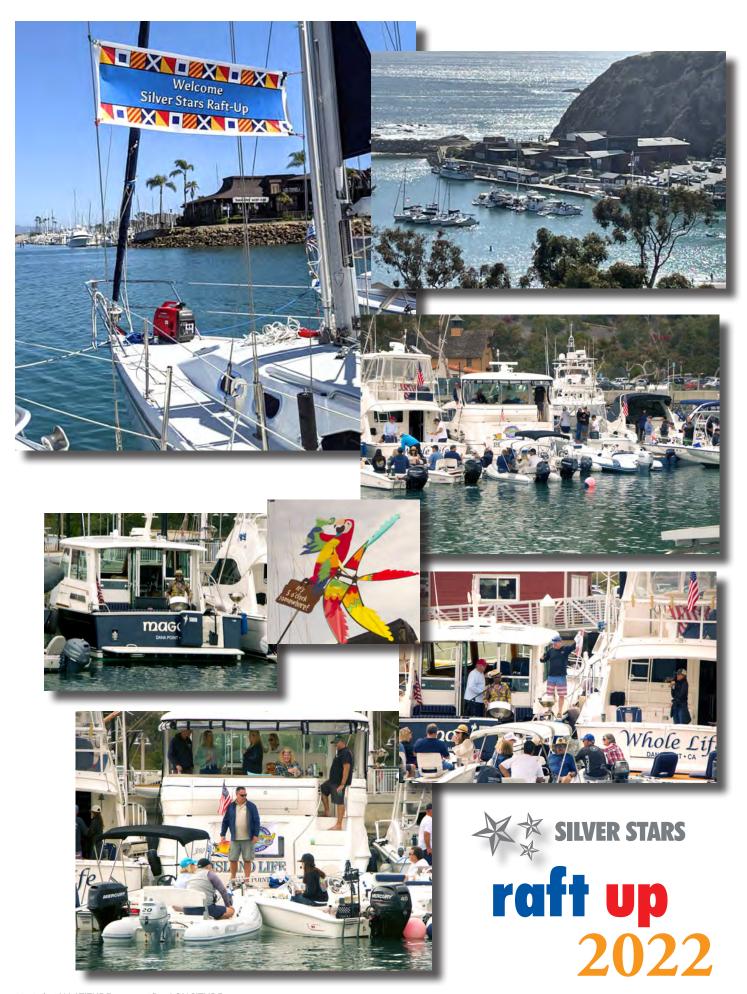
May 27th - 30th, Long Beach Harbor - SYC

July 22nd-24th, Long Beach YC - Alamitos Bay

Please see our weekly E- Blast for a complete list of 2022 events and any last minute changes.

Don't hesitate to email me at fleet@dwyc.org, text at 949-322-9222 or stop me at DWYC with questions or comments. Fair winds and safe passage to our cruisers.





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## PORT REPORT

#### By **SOPHIE LENTINI**

The Festival of Whales Parade and Clam Chowder Cook Off have come and gone, and a great time was had by all!

Chef Angel and his staff did an amazing job with the chowder. I want to thank the dedicated volunteers who helped decorate the booth and stayed the whole day. It was

truly overwhelming how many people loved our booth and the clam chowder the best. Mike was our awesome Dinghy Uber graciously transporting our chowder for us and DPYC too. Dana West team spirit was on full display!



It was a very busy weekend and then we turned around and St. Patrick's Day was upon us. Special thanks to Renee Hampton for being a trooper and helping decorate for the party on Saturday. DJ Adam was in the club and helped make the evening very festive. We have a lot of very talented people in our Yacht Club and they all came out to sing and dance for St. Patrick's Day. The green beer and Jameson was flowing along with the laughs and new memories being made.

As you can see, we've included photos from the Mardi Gras party in this issue. At that point, it was so wonderful to have everybody back at the club dancing and having a blast!

Commodore Molly's Birthday was on March 25th and the Save a Horse, Ride a Cowboy night was a perfect celebration with the country band, Big City Hillbillies to round out March at the club. Photos in the next issue!

Music on the patio will return on Sunday, April 10th from 1-4PM with Carl Strazzulla performing.

Be on the lookout for more information about Easter brunch on April 17th. Grown up Prom will be here before you know it at the end of April as well. Make sure to check the weekly E-Blast, Facebook page and flyers around the club.

Looking forward to seeing you at the club where everybody knows your name, Cheers!

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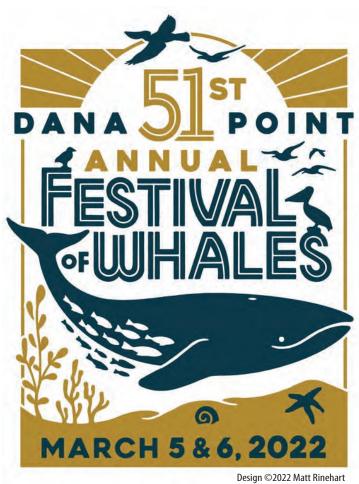
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## JUNIOR'S CORNER

#### By **DAWN RASMUSSEN**

Summer Camp registration opens on April 1st! Six summer camp sessions start on June 13th and will go through the week of July 25th. (There is no camp the week of July 4th). Our US Sailing Certified Instructors will run camp Monday through Friday with a fleet consisting of RS Teras, CFJs and 42os. We will have discounts for multiple sessions and multiple kids per household.

Camp is a combination of 'classroom' and on the water instruction, where beginners will learn the basics of sailing, while experienced sailors will continue to hone their skills on the water. Our program caters to ages 7–18. Lunch is provided on Fridays.

Last summer, we had over 125 kids participating, and we hope you will spread the word with kids, grandkids and neighbors! Get those kids out of the house and on the water. For more information and registration, visit www. dwycjrs.org

In February, our RS Tera Juniors participated in the Midwinter's Regatta, hosted by DPYC. Daniel Guo took the honors, with DWYC Juniors also finishing 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th!

These racers are also competing in the High Point Series, which is a total of seven races being held in various venues hosted by many other yacht clubs (OYC, LIYC, WLYC, SMWJ). Dana West hosted the DWYC Sprint Regatta on March 19th. OYC took the top two spots and Delany Ernest took 3rd. After five total races, the DWYC RS Tera team is in great position! Delany Ernest is in the lead, with Xyler Yee in 2nd, Lucas Dalby in 3rd and Kaden Brown in 5th Place.

Our 420 racers competed in the 3rd of four Perry Series races in January. They finish out the Perry Series the 1st weekend of April at San Diego Yacht Club.

Finally, we are back on Amazon Smile! Shop at smile. amazon.com and they donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to DWYS—no fees, no extra cost. Look for us under Dana West Youth Sailing, Inc.

As always, thanks for your support! Fair winds and following seas, DWYS Board of Directors

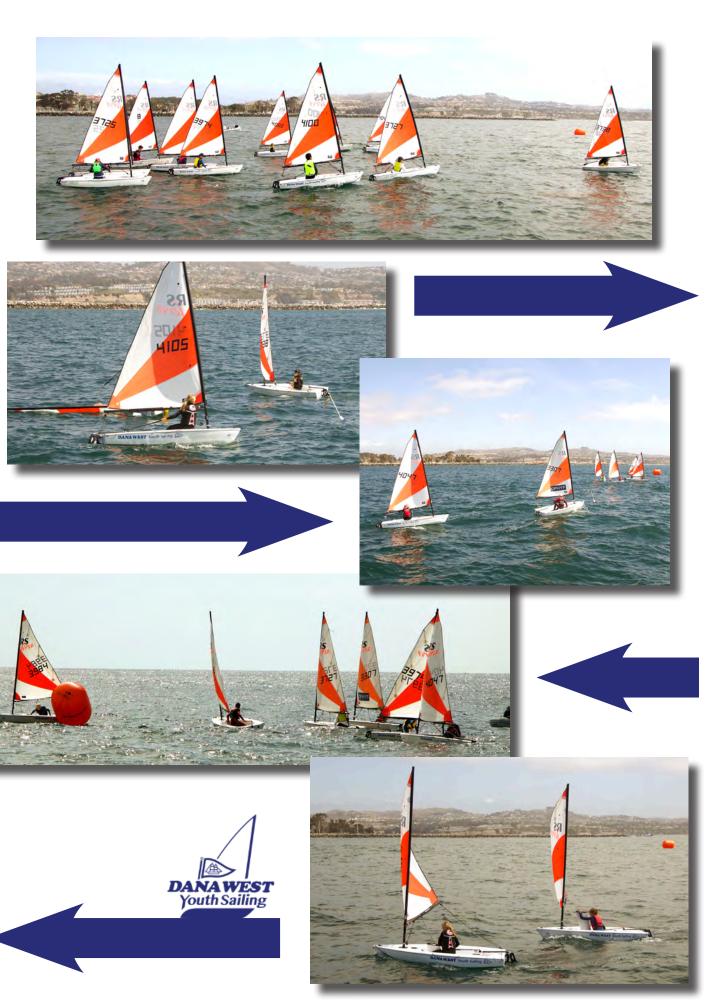
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## SEAMEN UPDATE

#### By MATT DEARING

"The worst thing you can do about something is nothing." ~ *Ice Cube* 

When the Seamen see an opportunity to make a difference, we do so. We made sure the bar had larger ice cubes for your favorite whiskey or scotch. (Or whatever you like really. Go nuts!) The larger ice cubes are available for your drinking pleasure. Just ask your bartender.

The Seamen have been busy behind the scenes striving to bring DWYC the kind of top-notch events that you have come to expect from our illustrious group. This year we have plans for a tasting event or two, a poker tournament and, our next event, a Chili Cookoff.

The Seamen Chili Cookoff and Hoedown will take place on Sunday May 1st. We will be looking for 10 contestants to showcase their best recipes, so if you think you have what it takes to take the prize, email me at seamen@dwyc.org to sign up. Keep an eye out for more details at the club and in the weekly E-Blast.

Dang! I just realized that Ice Cube was the person who said that, not a direction to get ice cubes. Oh well. It worked out.

## **HEADING SOMEWHERE?**

We Need Your Help To Welcome Visitors!

A major benefit of Yacht Club membership is reciprocal privileges! If you are planning a cruise and your slip is available, please allow visiting yachtsman use of your slip by calling the office or your dock master. Thank you!

(949) 370-1269 Ray Bell, DWYC Dock Master

dockmaster@dwyc.org



## **SILVER STARS**

#### By **HYDEE RIGGS**

The Silver Stars want to thank Roger Salway, and all involved in the Silver Stars Raft Up, for making last weekend so much fun and for our wine gifts! We know there is a lot of work involved in putting on this event, so we are very grateful.



Also, a very special thank you to Jim and Maggie McNamara for heading up the 50/50 raffle to benefit the Silver Stars Scholarship fund. The ultimate winners of the raffle were the McNamaras, but they generously agreed to donate their winnings to the Silver Stars thus raising a total of \$455.00 for the scholarship fund. Thank you to all!

Helen will soon be selling tickets for the Silver Stars booze basket so start getting your cash and tastebuds ready! A flyer will be coming out shortly to provide specifics.



Silver Stars Planned Events: (though subject to change)

April 2022 - Booze Basket raffle

May 29, 2022 - Zoom Bingo

September 4, 2022 - Champagne Brunch

October 22, 2022 - French Toast Breakfast

November 9, 2022 - Wine Tasting and Surf and Turf Dinner

November 13, 2022 - Zoom Bingo

More details will be provided the closer we get to these events. We hope that you will join us for these events and help support the scholarship fund!



## HEALTH & HAPPINESS

#### By **CINDY SALWAY**

April is a time when daffodils and tulips bloom (two of my favorites). The days are longer giving us an opportunity to be outside, whether on the DWYC patio, on our boats or at a picnic table watching the activity in the harbor. Happy Easter to all.



Greg Hickey and Judy Eckrote (*Stayin' Salty*) are excited to start the boating season on their new mooring at Emerald Bay (the west end of Two Harbors). They plan on continuing to visit other anchorages and participate in the DWYC cruises this year.

Congratulations to Enzo Scognamiglio and his amazing staff at Brio Tuscany Grille. Recently, the City of Dana Point recognized Brio Tuscany Grille as Business of the



Quarter! Enzo has also served as Dana Point Chamber Chair, a Life Member of Dana Point Historical Society and Lantern Village President.

Wind & Sea restaurant was recently selected as the 2020 Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year. Both the 2020 and 2021 awards were presented at this year's Chamber Installation dinner. Wind & Sea is owned by four partners, Bob Mardian, Bob Conrad, Steve Falcinella and Jay Styles (DWYC member). Jay has been the general manager since 1985. During 2020, The Wind & Sea was limited to curbside service only for two months and

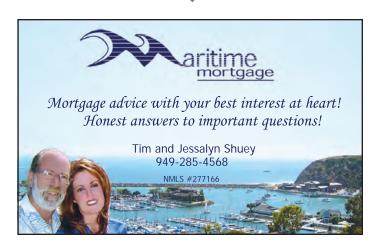
limited seating all year. Even so, Wind & Sea served 47,586 Mai Tais! Wind & Sea is celebrating their 50th anniversary year! Congratulations to Jay and to Wind & Sea!

Skip Limoges had back surgery on February 23rd. We wish him continued recovery and hope to see Skip and Joanie at DWYC soon.

Jan Pritchard's son, Paul, recently passed away. We send our deepest sympathy and prayers to you and family during this sad time.

Please let me know if you'd like to share special events with members in this column (travels, family celebrations, weddings, new grandbabies). Also, be sure to let me know if you have a birthday or anniversary you'd like to celebrate in our DWYC Weekly E-Blast. Email me at happiness@dwyc.org or text me at 949-632-0807.







## ISLANDER'S UPDATE

#### By KAREN BLANCO

As they say, "April Showers Brings May Flowers!" And, everything is coming alive, the flowers are blooming, the hillsides are green and our ocean is very blue! It is a wonderful time of year.

And, the Islanders are very busy indeed! A fun group attended the "On Golden Pond" play at the Cabrillo Playhouse in San Clemente after attending a scrumptious lunch at Avila's El Ranchito Restaurant. The play was great, and the Islanders, being who they are, weren't ready to end the day, so everyone ended up back at DWYC for dinner and beverages!

April is also the month that we celebrate Easter. This year it is on Sunday, April 17, and the Islanders will be selling See's Candy for your kids, grandkids or even your Easter Baskets. Be on the lookout for these delicious treats!

As of publishing deadline, we are planning to hold our Murder Mystery Dinner on March 30 to a sold-out crowd. It should be quite a suspenseful night as everyone tries to figure out who the murdering culprit is! Pictures will be in next month's article!

Let's talk Blackjack! Our tournament is set to be held on April 2nd. Since I'm writing prior to this event too, all I can tell you now is that we already have 60 players signed up, so I am sure it will be an exciting event. And, again, thanks to our Commodore Molly and Commodearest Matt Dearing for always doing such an outstanding job! And, thanks to our "barmaids" and "dealers" as well as bar staff for making everyone who played feel special... whether winning or losing!

And, hopefully, you will receive this prior to our Islander's Annual Spring Luncheon being held on Saturday, April 9. This year we have some exciting vendors to fulfill your shopping desires! Enjoy a great lunch while sipping your champagne. Wear your best hat and you may win a prize! And, all past Islander Presidents, please bring your champagne glasses so we can toast you!

Hold on to your horses! That's right, the Kentucky Derby Party will be held on Saturday, May 7 from 2:00 – 5:00 pm. Place your bets and cheer for your winning horses. Mindy Sicard does a great job hosting this event. Dress like you

are at the Derby for a chance to win prizes! And, the 50/50 drawing is always a bet you want to take.

As always, thanks to everyone for your support! Get to know more about the Islanders! Track down one of our officers to learn more!







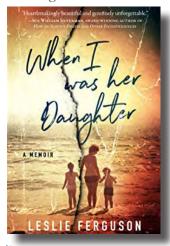
## ODYSSEY BOOK CLUB

By NINA McNEELY

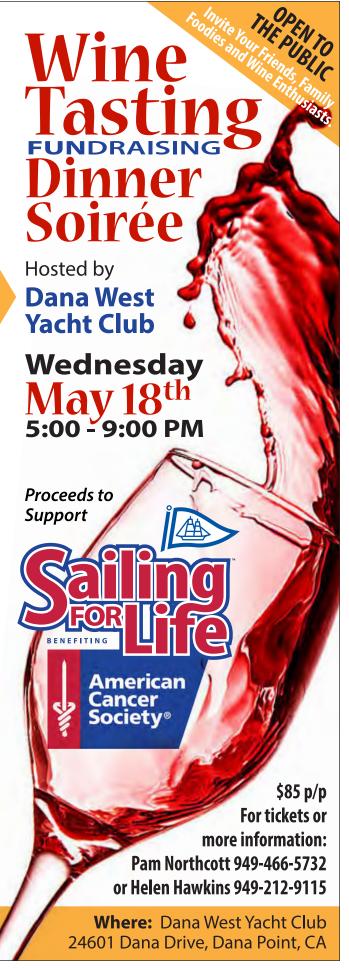
The Odyssey Book Club's next meeting is at the club on April 6th at 6:00pm. We are excited to welcome our first author and guest speaker, Leslie Ferguson. Her memoir

"When I Was Her Daughter" is compelling, sometimes sad and just a wonderful, beautifully written story. We are looking forward to discussing her book and her writing process.

Because we will have a special guest, we are asking for a head count before the meeting. Please email vicecommodre@dwyc.org if you plan on attending. All are welcome! Happy reading!









## BUSINESS NETWORK GROUP

By PATRICIA CHIKU

The March BNG Meeting was a big success. Thank you so much to the amazing members who attended. Our group is getting bigger and more exciting. I urge members to join and not be left behind. Our March meeting presenter, Alina Corbeanu, MSHR Principal/Agency Owner of Farmers Insurance was on point. She gave us tips on saving on Auto and Home Insurance. She also talked about the Importance of target coverages such as Liability protection. Feel free to contact her for your future insurance needs. Alina's office is located at 3 Monarch Bay Plaza, Ste 106, Dana Point, CA 92629 License Number: OF71514 Office: 949-681-5041 Mobile: 949-259-3147 or Email: acorbeanu@farmersagent.com

Our next BNG Meetings are on April 5th and May 3rd. The Featured Speakers for April are Nick & Jen, Owners of Peaceful Warrior Jiu Jitsu. With over 20 years of experience in Jiu Jitsu and self-defense, Nick runs the Jiu Jitsu, Kick Boxing and Muy Thai programs at their facility in Dana Point. Join us to learn the best techniques to keep you and your loved ones safe. You will not want to miss this one!

At our May meeting, we will welcome the Dana Point Chamber of Commerce. They will educate us on their Mission which includes advocating for local businesses.

The bar opens at 5:00 PM, so come early for networking and light snacks. The meeting starts at 6:00 PM.

Dana West Yacht Club is making a huge presence in the community by opening BNG to local businesses. This will benefit our local community, DWYC members and the DWYC Organization. We are inviting local businesses to join our meetings in 2022 and network with us. The BNG Committee is on the agenda of the DWYC Board Meeting. This helps BNG to share ideas with all the branches of the club.

All DWYC members are welcome to BNG meetings. See you at our next meeting! BNG members, who wish to present their companies, please let me know. Ideas to grow BNG are welcome from the DWYC members. Invite a local business you know to join us.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Pat Chiku at BNG@DWYC.org or (714)595-8672.





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