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When you find it, send an email to editor@ dwyc.org with the page number and location description. Reply by the 10th 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) **Book Club** 3/2/22 Odessy Book Club @DWYC Fleet 3/3/22 USCG Auxillary Safety Inspection 3/5/22 Festival of Whales Parade Port Port/F&B 3/5/22 Festival of Whales Chowder Cook-off Islanders 3/6/22 **On Golden Pond Play** Anglers 3/8/22 Speaker: Captain Ali Hussainy Port 3/12/22 St. Patrick's Day Party Fleet 3/18/-20/22 Silver Stars Raft Up, Danalina 3/26/22 Port **Cowboy Party** 3/30/22 Islanders Murder Mystery Dinner Islanders 4/2/22 **Black Jack Tournament** BNG 4/5/22 Networking Group **Book Club** 4/6/22 Odessy Book Club @DWYC Islanders 4/9/22 Islander Spring Luncheon *All dates are tentative. Check for latest in eBlasts!

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.

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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COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **MOLLY DEARING**

Happy Spring! March is one of my favorite months of the year, I always look forward to the hints of spring (sometimes even summer!) that it brings, and I love to see the club get busier and busier as members return to enjoy beautiful weather in the harbor and ocean views from the clubhouse.

Lots of fun was had in February. F/C Roger Salway put on a well-attended Cruise Kick-Off meeting and Anglers, under Committee Chair Nick Ingerto, had their first meeting of the year as well. P/C Sophie Lentini put us through a whirlwind of events, many of them falling on the same weekend (Midwinters Race Party, Super Bowl Sunday party, and Valentine's Day decorations at the club). We also had a Mardi Gras party complete with mask contest and Mardi Gras food and drink specials. DWYC also hosted the first weekend of the Annual SCYA Midwinter Regatta under the guidance of Race Chair Barry Clark and the DWYC Race Committee. Thanks to all of you for keeping DWYC busy and exciting!

Speaking of the Midwinter Regatta – Dana West Youth Sailing (DWYS) Junior Sailors participated in the second week of racing, hosted by DPYC, where they took 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th place! It's been great seeing them out on the water daily and growing into bigger boats and a larger race field. Congratulations to these young sailors on their accomplishments, they continue to impress! For more information on DWYS, you can visit www.dwycjrs.org.

I also wanted to thank members Eric Gritzmacher and Steve Fiorillo for assisting our members with Vessel Inspections via the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. Thank you for helping keep the DWYC Fleet safe! If you missed your opportunity to sign up, you can visit http://wow.uscgaux.info for info on how to sign up directly with the local USCGA Flotilla.

Events planned for March include two Islanders events – "On Golden Pond" visit to the theatre (March 6th) and a Murder Mystery Dinner (March 30th). The Anglers meeting on March 8th will feature speaker Captain Ali Hussainy (a local fishing expert). Port will bring us a St. Patrick's Day party featuring karaoke and a Western/Cowboy themed party with a line dancing instructor on March 26th. Fleet will be hosting the Silver Stars Raft Up the weekend of March 18–20 in "Danalina" (turning basin), which is always such a fun event to kick off the Cruising season. We will also be participating in Dana Point's "Festival of the Whales" parade and Clam Chowder Cook-off on March 5th. Please check the weekly E-Blasts and Facebook page for event details, as well as any updates or additions! The club calendar is also available at www.dwyc.org.

Reminder that as the fleet season gets underway, please remember to let our Dockmaster Ray Bell know when you are leaving your slip for the weekend (or longer) so that we can accommodate any visiting boaters. He can be reached at dockmaster@dwyc.org.

Lastly, the winners of February's "Anchors-A-Where?" drawing were: Rosanne Moore (again!) and Brenda Berkery. Please find me at the club for your free drink on me! As always, I appreciate your continued support! Hope to see you at the club soon! Cheers!





This great country of ours has so many wonderful and fascinating subcultures! It's always exciting when you find out about something people are into. Often there's a moment of surprise: How is that a thing? I've met people who were involved with The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA, think really serious Renaissance Fair people). In my 20's I worked for a traveling circus (not a carnival, people!), which is a culture passed down from generation to generation of circus performers. I once attended the International Society of Upright Bassists convention in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Yacht club culture is its own subculture in a way. If you did not grow up in this community, there are aspects that can come as pleasant surprises. Yacht club reciprocity is one of those great surprises! We recently had DJ Adam come and play after the Midwinter's Race on February 12th. After several songs, we cleared the dance floor and eventually shifted gears to karaoke! There was a guest couple enjoying the music and dancing. They had taken off their jackets and I couldn't see their name tags. I introduced myself and asked where they were visiting from – Homer Yacht Club in Homer, Alaska! They said they were having the best time at Dana West and thanked us for our hospitality!

There was another group that night visiting from Discovery Bay Yacht Club, two parents and their adult children The daughter was watching us all dance and sing with an amused expression on her face. Again, I introduced myself and explained what the party was for, and how much our club loved karaoke. I asked if any of them were singers, and three fingers immediately pointed at the dad! After singing three amazing country songs, he told me that Dana West felt like their club, and they didn't think there were any other clubs out there that were just as much fun as theirs! Whenever I travel, I make it a point to see if there is a yacht club nearby. I treated my sister to lunch at Key West Yacht Club several years ago. "Man," she said, "That is the best cheeseburger I have ever had!" "Oh, yes," I replied, "it's a rule that every club must have a killer cheeseburger. And a popcorn machine, for some reason."

Before you visit another club, it's a good idea to call ahead and see what their current guest policy is. Some clubs may require a reservation, or have a dress code you may need to adhere to (could you imagine if we required all the men to wear collared shirts after 5 pm? Ha!). Others may require a letter of introduction from the Commodore, although that is not as common. I encourage you to explore! There are many clubs in Southern California that make great day trip destinations. See you at the club!

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

John Tully – *Boat Owner* Patrick & Angie McLaughlin – *Boat Owner* Vincent Newlan – *Boat Owner* Holly Lapick & Chris Pekhoff – *Non-Boat Owner Reinstatement*

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

Tim & Laura McCanna – *Boat Owner* Ron & Danielle Wright – *Boat Owner* Tim Reissmueller & Lezlea List – *Boat Owner* Eric & Patty Lindquist – *Boat Owner*





Hello DWYC! We are all looking forward to a fabulous spring at Dana West Yacht Club!

Commodore Molly's Logo shirt for 2022 has been ordered. Please be on the lookout for these great new shirts!

We have a limited selection of custom DWYC mugs, beach totes and trucker hats and I am in the process of ordering new men's and ladies golf shirts, visors and hats.



I have collaborated with our angler master, Nick Ingerto, to create an awesome custom Toadfish long sleeve hoodie with gator. It will be just perfect for our fishermen on the water! There will be a few of these special shirts available at the ship store as well.

Lastly, I ordered "collegiate style" sweatshirts and hats, so look for those in the future! I will post store hours in the weekly E-Blast as well as Facebook! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in some new DWYC gear this spring!

Any questions, please call or email me, or just stop me at the club! $\textcircled{\begin{tabular}{ll} \end{tabular}}$







Good Day from the Fleet Deck!

We started our 2022 cruising season with a Kick-Off meeting on February 2nd at DWYC. We had a good turnout to discuss our 2022 cruise schedule. S/C Helen Hawkins managed the bar for us thirsty cruisers. Thank you to Helen, Cindy, Bev and Jim Montrella for helping out.

On Saturday February 5th we had our first "cruise" to DPYC (our only walking cruise in 2022). We had two boats on the guest dock, *Sea PR* and *Clean Slate*. Thank you to Tom and Patti who helped us out on the guest dock. We had just over 40 DWYC guests visit on the dock to enjoy some drinks, snacks and music.

I was really impressed that we had over 30 of us visit DPYC Horizon Bar for brunch or lunch and drinks. It was a great turnout while visiting a yacht club. DPYC Port Captain Sue Ward visited us for many hours. Sue worked with me to coordinate this cruise. After this cruise ended at 5:00 pm, some of our cruisers went over to Danalina, to anchor for the evening.

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

DWYC cruises planned for the next three months are:

March 18th – 20th Dana Point Harbor (West Basin) – Silver Star Event

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

May 27th - 30th Long Beach Harbor - SYC

Please see our weekly E-Blast for a complete list of 2022 events and any last minute changes. The schedule for the cruises is also posted on the Fleet board at DWYC.

Please do not hesitate to email me at fleet@dwyc.org, text at 949-322-9222 or stop me at DWYC with any questions or comments.

Fair winds and safe passage to our cruisers.





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By SOPHIE LENTINI

Spring will be here any day now!

Thank you to all who came out in February for the fun and action-packed events at the club.

The DJ dance night after the race turned out to be a great Karaoke night with members and guests of the club closing the place down with some awesome singing and lots of laughter.

Super Bowl at the club was a blast and the appetizer/ wristband bar and the crazy bets contest were big hits. I would say there were some big winners and big smiles at the end of the night cheering on the home team LA Rams.

Chef Angel had a great special for all the love birds who came out on Valentine's Day, and we thank him for making it a special night for those who attended.

Our Mardi Gras party is in the books and one to remember. The band, Frenzy, was new to the club and kept everyone on the dance floor for hours. Huge thanks to all that helped decorate. The club looked amazing!

Next Lines and Bits, we will be able to report about the Festival of Whales Parade and Clam Chowder Cook-off. Hoping we will be able to show a first-place trophy in both categories and tons of photos.



Looking forward to the many events on the horizon including St. Patrick's Day Karaoke and dancing along with the Save a Horse, ride a cowboy dance party with the Big City Hillbillies band.

April is fast approaching, and we will have more information about Music on the Patio and Easter events. Please keep an eye out for the weekly E-Blasts and the Facebook page for detailed updates.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

March 12th - St. Patrick's Day party with Karaoke and a fun group contest. Start practicing in the shower.

March 26th - Save a Horse and Ride a Cowboy! A fun night of dancing.

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

And now a little flashback from the TV show Cheers when Sam tried to teach Diane how to bet on football:

Sam: Okay, right now at the top of the page, we have Bears against the Dolphins. Now, we have a home field advantage, which means that you gotta be....

Diane: Bears.

Sam: *Bears? Fust like that?*



Diane: Well, of course, Sam. A bear against a Dolphin? Come on, I mean that's not even a fair fight!

(Edit. Note: Sophie meant for this to be in Feb. issue, but it was cut for space)









By **BARRY CLARK**

On Saturday February 12th DWYC hosted the 92nd Annual SCYA Midwinter Regatta. We had a beautiful sunny day featuring 12 crews in two classes with six racers flying the Dana West burgee. Dana West's own Dan Hannegan and crew sailed Beseme Mucho to the Class A victory. Special thanks to Jerry Wetzler for providing *Freestyle* as our race committee boat.

Our Double Handed Race Series has been postponed. Check the DWYC Race page for more details and the entire 2022 Race calendar.

The DWYC Race Committee has created a Slack Page to help build our race community at the club. It's a great place to find crew opportunities, race committee news and volunteer opportunities as well as general racing information. To subscribe just send an email to race@DWYC.org.









The winter racing season is in full swing with both racing teams competing in regattas this past month.

The RS Tera team raced in the fourth regatta of the RS Tera High Point Series, the Super Bowl Charity Regatta, on February 5th, hosted by Santa Monica Wind Jammers. Xvler Yee took 2nd and Daniel Guo took 3rd. After four High Point races, Delany Ernest leads the pack, Xyler is in 2nd, Lucas Dalby is in 3rd and there are four other DWYC racers in the hunt. DWYC is hosting the next High Point Regatta on March 19th.

Separately from the High Point Series, the next race for the Tera Team was the So Cal Midwinters on Feb 20th at DPYC. Complete report in the next issue of Lines and Bits. Keep up the great work and results, RS Tera Team!

The Double Handed team competed in the third regatta of the SCYYRA Perry Series at the US Sailing Center in Long Beach. While they did not place, the team continues to improve their standings as they build their skills. This is our team's first year racing this type of boat (420), so we see nothing but future potential!

Saturdays are now Offshore days! DWYS has been given access to a J24 and the team now has the opportunity to learn how to sail a keel boat. At the first Saturday of practice, there were seven kids on board. This program is the only keel boat training program for kids in SoCal.

Registration will open April 1st for six one-week-long Summer Camp Sessions. Camp is open to kids ages 7-18, Beginner through Intermediate Skill Levels. Qualifications are that the sailor must pass a relatively easy swim test on the first day of each session and wear a properly fitting U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket at all times on the water. Camp is held Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 3:30pm and lunch is provided on Fridays.

This year's Camp Sessions are being held: Session 1 June 13-17, Session 2 June 20-24, Session 3 June 27-July 1s,; No Camp July 4-8, Session 4 July 11-15, Session 5 July 18-22 and Session 6 July 25-29.

Discounts will be given for sailors participating in multiple camps, siblings and referrals. We are also pleased to announce that we are working with the Boys and Girls Club locally to provide scholarships to underprivileged youth.

Finally, we are back on Amazon Smile! We are listed as Dana West Youth Sailing Inc. Thanks for your patience as we worked through the issue.

Thanks for your support! Fair winds and following seas, **DWYS Board of Directors**

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By **CINDY SALWAY**

March brings longer daylight hours for us all to enjoy the beauty of Dana Point Harbor and surrounding area. March also brings an excuse to wear green on St. Patrick's Day and drink green beer.



Scott, Kaethe and Paightyn Sullivan recently spent part of November and December sailing, diving and exploring in French Polynesia. Paightyn got brave enough to jump off the bow and stern of their boat. One of the many sights they saw was a hammerhead shark while diving. The people of French Polynesia and their culture was a wonderful experience for the three of them. They brought a little bit of DWYC with them too (see photo). This certainly sounds like a wonderful trip.

On February 9, 2022, three of our very own DWYC members, Hydee Riggs, Kelly Rinderknecht, and Marco Scognamiglio were installed on the Board of Directors of the Dana Point Chamber of Commerce. Marco's role is Chairman of the Board for 2022. Congratulations to all three!

Brenda Berkery and Starr King spent a week in January with a couple of girlfriends on a golf trip at the St. Regis Punta Mita Resort near Puerta Vallarta. Girlfriends definitely make for fun getaways.



Don Dorkowski passed away on January 23rd. A memorial service is being planned. Our heartfelt sympathy to Carol and family during this difficult time.

DWYC Office Manager Paul Musico's mom passed on January 23rd. We send our condolences to Paul and Debbie at this time.

Richard Ferrell's brother, Robert, passed away on February 5th at the age of 65. Robert leaves behind three very close adult children, Jason, Sean and Megan, and his ex-wife, Tamara, who also stayed very close. We send our deepest sympathy to Richard, Candy and their family at this sad time.

Roger Salway's mum passed away on January 25th in Toronto. She was 100+ years old and had a wonderful full life. Both Roger and I thank you for all your sympathy and kind words.

S/C Vito Ferlauto has recently been diagnosed with cancer. He is currently undergoing chemotherapy. We send our thoughts and prayers to Vito and Karen during this difficult time.

Joe Harris recently had knee replacement surgery. We send Joe wishes for a speedy and full recovery as he continues to heal.

Frank Hager recently had foot surgery. Frank told me how much everybody's good thoughts and wishes meant to him while he was visiting the Club. We hope that Frank continues to move toward a full recovery.

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.





Spring is in the air! It feels so good to be outside in this beautiful weather! And, to be boating, watching the whales play, the dolphins jumping and the sea lions barking!

The Islanders have several fun things planned that are coming up quickly! Talking about being on the water, I just recently watched the movie On Golden Pond. I actually forgot what a touching movie it was, all about relationships, growing them as well as maintaining them. And, we actually have the opportunity to see the play On Golden Pond on Sunday, March 6 at the Cabrillo

Playhouse in San Clemente. We have reserved a block of seats for the Islanders. What a fun way to spend a Sunday afternoon, and the cost is only \$25. Please check to see if there are any seats left, as we will be past our deadline once this is published.

Thanks to all who have signed up for the Murder Mystery Dinner on Wednesday, March 30. It is going to be a night to die for!! As of this writing, we are SOLD OUT, but you can sign up on the Wait List.

And, as we move into April, the Blackjack Tournament is for all of you gamblers out there! This is one of the most popular events of the year, and we do sell out. Molly and Matt Dearing will host the event on Saturday, April 2 for the Islanders and always do an outstanding job!! The cost to play (and hopefully win) is \$30 per person which includes a drink ticket. The prizes are great, the 50/50 raffle is always a good one and Barmaids Kathy (Bellanger) and Leann (Rodowicz) will be taking your drink orders! It's just like being in Vegas!

But wait, there is more!! On Saturday, April 9 we will hold our popular annual Islanders Spring Luncheon. This year we will have some exciting vendors, a wonderful lunch, a ticket for a bottle of champagne or one well drink, a 50/50 raffle and multiple gift baskets to win. And, past Islander Presidents, please bring your champagne glasses so we can recognize each of you since we were unable to do so at our cancelled Installation Luncheon. So, hold on to your hats, ladies! Actually, if you wear one, you may just get a prize for the best hat! Again, put your check for \$30 in the Islander's box and sign up by the front door.

As you sign up for these events, please mark which event you are paying for so that our Treasurer, Jan Pritchard doesn't pull her hair out!! And, please make the check out to Dana West Islanders. Thanks to everyone for your

> support, and we love getting to know everyone just a bit better this year. Seek us out at the club! Each month one of us will have a drink ticket to share, and we would love to tell you more about what the Islanders do for Dana West Yacht Club!

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DANA WEST YACHT CLUB





By NINA McNEELY

For our March meeting, the book club picked a second selection from T. Jefferson Parker, "A Thousand Steps." Set in Laguna Beach in 1968, the story follows a young

man desperately searching for his missing sister. For long-time residents of Orange County, it's a great read that takes you down memory lane with several local landmarks featured.



We are excited to be hosting our first in person book club meeting in two years on March 2nd! Please keep an

eye on the weekly E-Blast for updates on book selections and meeting times and dates. Happy reading

If you've never attended a book club meeting before, don't be shy! Most of the regular attendees had never been in a book club before this one. All are welcome to join!







Business Networking group is back! We are excited to invite everyone to our upcoming monthly meetings. Our Featured Speaker in March was Alina Corbeanu, Principal/ Agency Owner, Farmers Insurance, Dana Point. Alina always has great information including tips on saving on your Auto Insurance, Home Insurance and the importance of target coverages such as liability protection.

Our next meeting is on April 5th 2022. Come and Promote Your Business. Bring your business cards, brochures, etc. to share with other business Gurus. If you want to be a Featured speaker please reach out to Pat or Candy.

Bar is open from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The kitchen is closed but light appetizers will be served. Networking starts at 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Wrap up networking is from 7:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

DWYC's Business Networking Group is OPEN to the PUBLIC so invite your friends, family and other business owners to enjoy snacks and a drink as we share business leads and referrals. IT WORKS!

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





Mark your calendars for the 25th annual "Sailing for Life" Charity Regatta to benefit American Cancer Society the weekend of June 3–5. This event will have something for everyone, whether you are a sailor or not.

Fundraising will begin with the Wine Tasting Dinner Soiree on Wednesday, May 18, 5-9 p.m. The \$85 per person admission includes wine tasting and dinner. Tickets go on sale in April. Payment by cash or check is preferable. Deliveries of wine purchases will take place beginning May 28 through June 18.

The Friday, June 3 race begins in Newport and concludes in Dana Point. Racing continues on Saturday and Sunday, with daily trophy presentations.

If you are not racing, then the Dinghy Poker Run is for you on Saturday, June 4. Participants meet at the club at noon to register and receive their packets. Dinghies cruise around the harbor from 1–3 p.m., visiting host boats to pick up their cards while enjoying some drinks and snacks. You may also volunteer to be a host boat!

Music and merriment continues on Saturday night.

Last year's online auction was so successful, we are doing it again. Do you have any items you would like to donate for the auction? The committee is asking for your help with donations of auction prizes such as in-home or onboat dinners, day sails, dinghy harbor cruises, bottles of wine, vacation homes, artwork or gift cards. The success of this event depends on all of us! Contact Helen Hawkins at 949-212-9115 or Pam Northcott at 949-466-5732 if you would like to donate.

Regatta shirts and hats will be available and certainly will become collectibles as this is the 25th annual event! More information will become available in the coming weeks. Please check future editions of Lines and Bits, or the weekly E-Blasts.



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