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COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **TAMARA TATICH**

One month down! Eleven more to go! Can you believe all the flurry in one month? So much happening and so many people to thank for making it happen.

First, thank you to Kelly Rinderknecht and the Marina at Dana Point Harbor team for putting together an amazing Tiki Holiday boat parade. Most of all, for awarding DWYC with a \$1,000 donation to American Cancer Society for being the yacht club with the most entries. It was close, but we pulled it off, and it is our harbor management team that made it happen. DWYC was recognized with multiple awards at January's award dinner. See photos on page 5. Thank you to all the members that came out and participated! That effort brings many smiles and builds memories for a TON of people over those two weekends. Please take a bow!

Big props to Jerry Wexler for doing whatever it took, including renting a boom lift to fix the club's mast. Buy him a drink and a give him a big pat on the back! Commitment to "making it right" is what Jerry is all about, and we are all grateful!



We've got the General Meeting scheduled for this weekend (as of this writing), and I'm anxious to roll out the vision for 2020. It's pretty basic in that it revolves around you – the member. Most of the feedback I've heard at events thus far have been positive and on the verge of giddy. Of course, that was while I was serving members their first Bloody Mary of the year on New Year's Day and while roaming the club at our first Port event. Speaking



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT


By **HYDEE RIGGS**

of Port, our Port Captain, Nina McNeely debuted with her karaoke night that was truly a blast! Nina has a LOT planned for the first quarter, which is usually the busiest time in the clubhouse. You've heard me say it since I was the Port Captain, and I'll continue it on until my last article...IT'S NOT A PARTY WITHOUT YOU!

Also on the horizon as of this writing is the huge undertaking equivalent to planning a wedding – the Commodore's Ball. All the finishing touches are being made, and we closed the reservations at 150, which is a record-breaker for attendance. Well, I can't take credit for that, as the venue is larger, but it's exciting to know so many members are coming to support the new Board of Directors. I'm anticipating a crowd-stopping performance by our Roaring 20s dancers and musical entertainment by The Fabulous Pelicans. Donna Groves provided a room-full of spectacularly glittery gold and black decor that will transform the ballroom into a time known for gaiety, laughter and having a whooping good time!

I hope everyone found the SpeakEasy room and enjoyed snapping a few photos while exploring the items Nina McNeely curated for the event. Oh...a big shout-out to Nina for executing the vision for the ball!! I also thank Debbie Rossback and Sandy Sullivan for greeting everyone upon arrival, and of course the team of those that showed up to decorate: Debbie Peay, Debbie & Rick Rossback, Sandy Sullivan, R/C Molly Dearing & Matt, Nina McNeely, Scott Clapp and of course, my commo-dearest, Michael Tatich.

One last article of fun to mention is the Commodore's Cruise that begins with "letting the good times roll" in New Orleans before we embark on a 7-day cruise to the West Caribbean – if you want to go, now is the time to make the reservation. There are still a few cabins left! Please reach out to me if you have any questions. Yes... because it won't be a party without you!


Before I sign off, thank you to everyone that left suggestions in the box. It's hard to know if we're working in the right direction without feedback. Keep 'em coming, please! I welcome your emails and phone calls, too.
Cheers! 

Kevin and I were at the club the other night (pick one, any one, we were probably there), and I found myself so grateful for our amazing community. Our beautiful club location has amazing views, delicious food and drinks and a full, fun membership that is like my second family. I am truly proud of being a member of DWYC.

I would like to spread this sense of community to our newer members, so I am asking you to reach out and welcome them. Say hello and get to know a little bit about them. You may be surprised on what you find out! We are planning a new member bunco/poker event on Wednesday, February 25th, for those members who have joined in the last couple of years. We would love to have newer members come out, have some fun and be introduced to other like-minded members. If you have questions about this event or about membership for a potential new member, please feel free to contact me.

I am going to endeavor to complete a new membership roster with photographs this year. We are currently working on the early stages of the template, so if your contact information has changed since last June, please inform me or the office as soon as possible. Please include your member number with the update. I will also be sending out an e-blast requesting boat information and location as well as your photo to be included in the roster. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

While Regatta is not until June, I just want to take a minute and thank the the Regatta Committee, chaired by Pam Northcott and Helen Hawkins, and supported by many, who are working tirelessly away in planning the Regatta weekend and fundraising for the American Cancer Society. If you are not familiar with the Regatta, this event is the weekend of June 5, 6 and 7, and there are many events planned, including a three day sailing series race, silent and live auctions and a dinghy poker run. Additional events will occur during the year as well to assist in the fundraising efforts. The first coming up in April is a wine tasting event. If you want additional information on the events, or for sponsorship or donation information, please contact Pam Northcott or Helen Hawkins or email regatta@dwyc.org.

Your suggestions and comments are truly appreciated and taken to heart, so feel free to drop a suggestion in the suggestion box (with your member number and be sure to sign it) or email me at vicecommodore@dwyc.org. 



NEW MEMBERS

Please note that pictured new members may have been approved at a prior Board of Director's meeting but due to deadlines of this publication may not be acknowledged nor their photographs printed here until the following months.

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.

New members or applicants are posted.

Dana West Yacht Club operates as a private, non-profit club. 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 card. Most members have their cards ready as they enter.



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT


By **MOLLY DEARING**

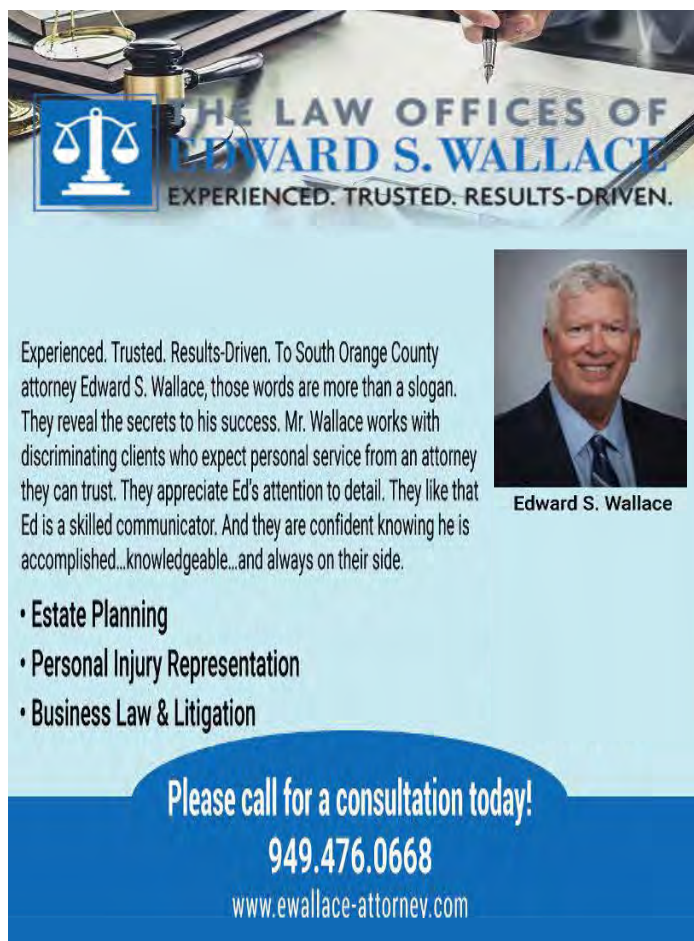
It's February, and love is in the air. And I hope that you will love all the new items which will be arriving in the Ship's Store this month, including a new shirt design, outerwear and several new Reyn Spooner designs.

Speaking of Reyn Spooner, I am taking orders for the Summer Commemorative shirts. Please let me know ASAP if you want one. I can be contacted at rearcommodore@dwyc.org, via text to 949.842-4928 or come and see me in the store when it is open.

Please note that I am still establishing the Ship's Stores "regular" hours for the year. In the meantime, the hours each week will be announced in the Eblast. Also, starting on February 10th, the store will be open every Monday night from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. (during Trivia).

Just a reminder that Opening Day will be here before we know it (May 16th, 2020), so now is the time to start looking at your uniform to see if you need anything to be ordered ahead of time (pilot shirts, DWYC belts, scarves, ties, hats and pins)! Also, this is a great time to check your burgee to see if you are ready for a replacement, as you'll want it to be in ship-shape for the parade as well as the cruising season.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please find me at the club, send me an email or give me a call. See you at the club! Cheers! 



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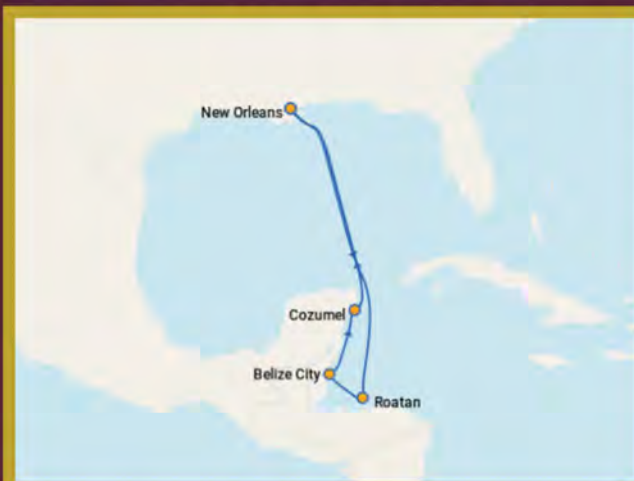
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FLEET LOG

By **RICH BLANCO**


February, for many across the country, is a cold wintery month where many people are huddled in their homes. For Southern California, it is a mild, beautiful month with great sunsets. It is also a great time to get your boats serviced and ready for our upcoming cruises! We are setting up some free safety checks by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and will announce those dates soon.

First up is ANCHORS AWEIGH. Join us on Saturday, March 7 at 10:30 am at the Club with Greg and Judy from Stayin' Salty as they share their experiences and key learnings on anchoring around local areas. The bar will be open.

For those campers among us, the Landlubbers have camping trips planned to Palm Springs on Friday, February 21 to Sunday, February 23 and to Borrego Springs on Friday, March 13 to Sunday, March 15. If

interested, please contact Ed Howie, or as all know him, "Santa," for additional details.

Mark your calendars! The first cruising event of 2020 will be the Raft-Up held in Dana Point Harbor on Friday, March 27 through Sunday, March 29. There are some fun activities lined up, so plan on joining us. For those new boaters this is a great way to "practice" boating for a weekend. And, it is a great way to mix and mingle with other club members. There is limited space so make sure you sign up early.

The cruise sign-up sheets are posted on the Fleet Bulletin Board so everyone can plan accordingly. Cruise fees may vary with each cruise and will be required to hold your reservation. More details to follow. Questions? Please contact me at fleet@dwyc.org or call 949.939.6154 

TIKI HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE

Dana West Yacht Club is proud to announce Dana Point Harbor Christmas Parade winners from DWYC:

Dolphin in Me (Nick and Yvonne Miraglia):


1st Place Most Original

2nd Place Coffee Importers Latte Lights Award

Besame Mucho (Dan and Lynn Hannegan):

1st Place Best Lights and Music

Also, Dana West Yacht Club won the yacht club challenge between DWYC and DPYC with the most boat participants in the parade. By doing so, we received a \$1,000 donation benefitting the American Cancer Society.

Thank you to Kelly Rinderknecht, The Marina at Dana Point and Dana Point Harbor Partners for planning and executing such a great event and to all who participated! 





PORT REPORT

By **NINA McNEELY**

Frist of all – Wow! Thank you for the amazing turnout we had on January 11th for karaoke! We had some great new talent and the dance floor was busy all night long! DJ Adam will be back this summer – plenty of time to pick your next song, or have your group work up a routine!


February is a busy month with something for everyone!

Sunday, February 2nd is Super Bowl Sunday! We're going to have the annual "Greatest Fan" contest, with a twist: club members will vote to decide the favorite fan! Make sure to wear your DWYC name tag so they know who to vote for! The grand prize will be a \$100 DWYC gift card. The stakes are higher – come to win! We will also be selling Super Bowl Bingo cards for \$5 each. Squares include items like Pepsi commercial, field goal, two-point conversion, etc. There will be First, Second, and Third prizes in DWYC gift cards! The Bingo cards will go on sale on Thursday, January 30th, and you must be present at the club to play and win at Bingo. Limited to first 100 cards sold.

On February 8th we will have a DJ at the club for the SCYA Midwinter's Non Spin race party! Hang out after the race for those of you sailing or come down and support the racers and dance the night away!

For Valentine's Day this year we are going to change it up a little. February 14th is on a Friday, so we will not be closing the club, and are going to have open seating. Come at your leisure and enjoy the specials from Chef Joel, and the sounds of the jazz trio playing from 6:30 – 9:30 pm. It'll be a low key, romantic evening for everyone!

The Mardi Gras party is back in February as well! On February 22nd, Blinded by the Blues will be coming back and offering a mix of blues, zydeco and classic rock! Wear your masks, bring your beads and let's get our party on before Fat Tuesday...

Finally, Dana West has signed up for the Dana Point Festival of Whales Parade and the Clam Chowder Cook Off! These events are the first two weekends in March, and we need volunteers. We will be having a planning meeting later this month. Please keep your eye on the weekly email blast and on Facebook for more information. If you would like to volunteer, if you have a great parade float idea (Dino is lending golf carts!) or if you have a booth idea for the Clam Chowder cook off, let me know! Email me at port@dwyc.org. See you at the club! 

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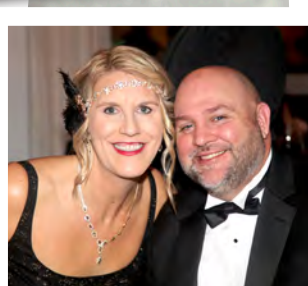
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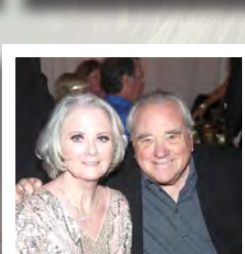
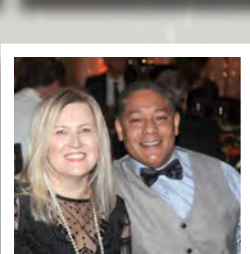
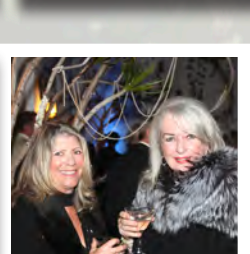
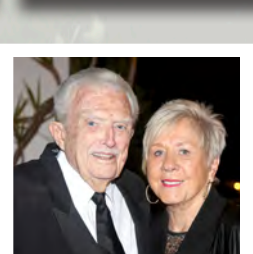
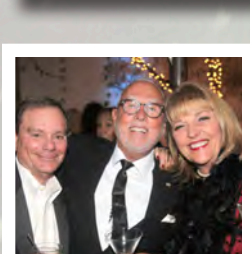
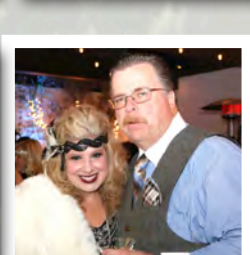
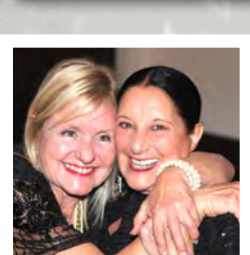
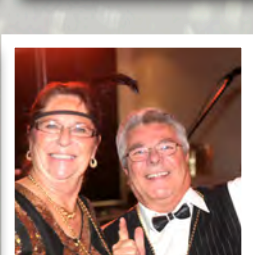
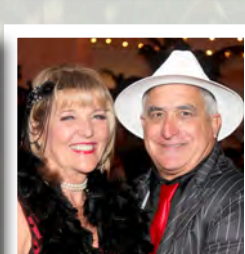
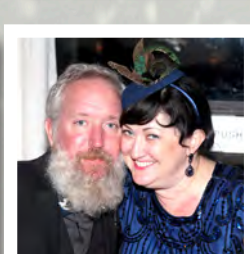
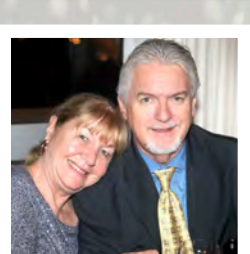
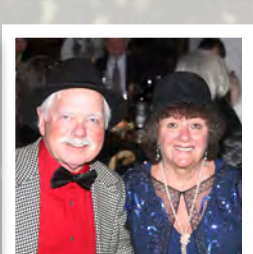
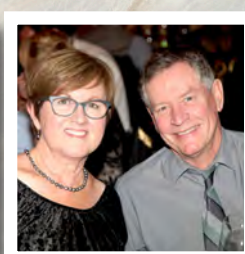
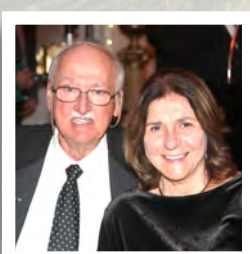
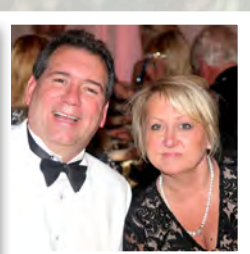
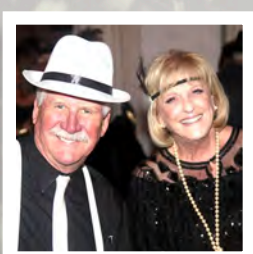
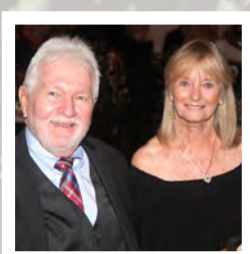
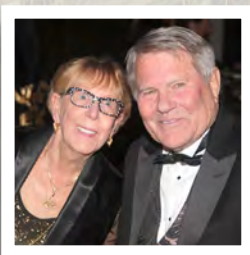
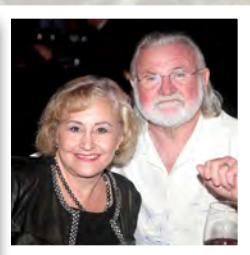
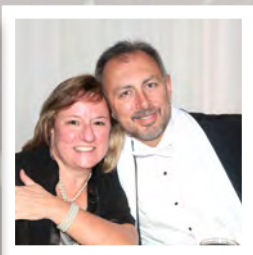
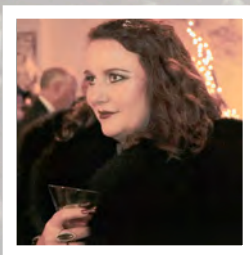
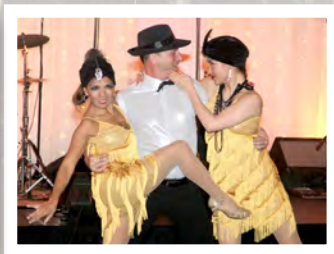
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RACE

By **ROD WOODS & MICHAEL TATICH**

The 2020 Rookie Regatta got off to a great start on Saturday January 18th. Hats off to David Veeneman, Dana Point Yacht Club PRO and Race Chair. David provided the Committee Boat and all R/C crew. Thanks also to Pat Shoemaker and the mark-set boat. The Rookie Regatta had 10 boats participating in the non-spinnaker class. We began the day with an excellent seminar followed by two on-the-water practice starts. The actual race started with light winds that held most of the day.

Results: (Corrected Times)

1. Chaos Theory	Mike Tompkins	DPYC
2. Aimant de Fille	Oliver Ernest	DPYC
3. Shot	Carl Martin	DPYC

Other skippers, in order of corrected finish were: Firewater-Esther Berg, Sedona-Vincent Ammann, Besame Mucho-Regina Stewart, Spirit 3-Craig Stutzman, Dawn- Richard Cooper, Mer Sea-Laurent Bourciers and Second Wind-Pavel Ugoltsev.

A bottle of wine was presented to the first five places
Congratulations to all participants!

Next up is the Mid-Winter Regatta on Sat./Sun. Feb. 8-9. Featuring three Non-Spinnaker Classes: Non Spin A & B and All/women's (Yacht club membership is not required). The start will be at 12 noon with a Skippers meeting on Sat. Feb. 8 at 10:00 am. You can enter online at: www.scyamidwinterregatta.org with entries closing on Sat. Feb. 8, 8:00 am. Tee Shirts available at the Ships Store.

Please continue to monitor our race calendar for any last-minute changes.

I need volunteers. If you can help, send me an email with your phone number. Rodw330@gmail.com

Fair winds, Rod Woods 

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mid-Winter Regatta – Sat./Sun. Feb. 8-9.

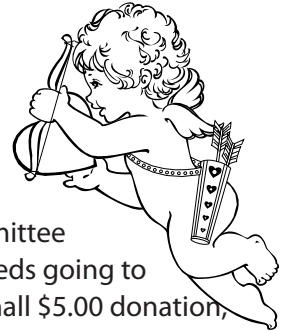
SAILING FOR LIFE

By **MARY STRAZZULLA**



It's Time to Declare your Love!

Declare your love and help raise the temperature mark on the fundraising thermometer.



The "Sailing for Life" Regatta committee is selling Valentines with all proceeds going to American Cancer Society. For a small \$5.00 donation, you can write your love wish to your spouse, significant other, BFF, kid, secret crush or anyone else! You may deliver them in person or hang them up in the club for everyone to see. You decide. How many Valentines will have YOUR name on them?

In other news, we are still waiting to hear from Tommy Bahama. A second letter has been sent to encourage their participation. How long can they resist our enthusiasm and compelling request? (Hopefully, not much longer!)

On a positive and exciting note, DWYC won the Dana Harbor Christmas Boat Parade Yacht Club Challenge! The prize for this event was \$1000.00 and that has been donated to American Cancer Society! Thank you to all the members who participated in this sparkling event.

And speaking of the Regatta, which brings us to the auction; contributions are very much based on personal relationships that have been developed with people and businesses that we have frequent contact with. Do you have a favorite restaurant (besides DWYC) that might give you a gift certificate for a meal for two? How about your barber or hairstylist, engine mechanic, car wash place or coffee shop? The next time you visit, mention that we are looking for donations, which in turn are great advertising for the business or service provider.

Every donation that we receive will be put to good use, whether it is goods and services or cash. Your help is important to the fight against cancer.

In this month of love, remember to spread a little to your DWYC "Sailing for Life" Regatta.

Hugs and chocolate kisses to all! 

New Year's Eve 2019-2020





JUNIOR'S CORNER

By **STEVE WHITE**

Welcome to a new year of the Dana West Youth Sailing Foundation!

There are a lot of changes in 2020 with what has been known as the DWYC Junior Program. To begin with there is a new board of directors lead by a long time DWYC member, former member of the Board of Directors and the 2019 Charity Regatta winner, Mark Williams. Two DWYC past Commodores and experienced sailors, Dawn Rasmussen and Steve White join Mark on the DWYS Board of Directors.

Plans for a fun exciting year have already begun. Look for more information on:

[OPEN SAILING ON THE WEEKENDS](#)

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For those interested in helping out with either time or contributions, let us know. Keep in mind that DWYS is a 501 (c)3 charity. In addition you can contribute through your purchases from Amazon and West Marine.

More info on our 2020 plans to follow shortly. 




SEAMEN UPDATE

By **KEVIN RIGGS**

Welcome to 2020, the Seamen are off and swimming and hoping to make a splash.

DWYC has a new member meet and greet and we've offered to help the Bunco event with some poker. Any new members over the past few years feel free to come out and join everyone on February 25th at 5pm.

We will also be hosting a fun event for our Fleet Silver Stars raft-up the weekend of March 27th, details to follow.

Anyone looking to get involved or volunteer with the Seamen please feel free to reach out, we're always looking for fresh ideas and helping hands. 



SAVE THE DATE! *(See articles for event details)*

Rear	2/10/20	Ship Store Open during Trivia
Port	2/14/20	Valentine's Day Party
Race	2/15-16/20	SCYA Midwinters - PHRF
Fleet	2/21-23/20	Landlubbers-Palm Springs
Port	2/22/20	Mardi Gras Party, Blinded by the Blues
Vice	2/25/20	New Member Bunco/Poker Party (co-ed)
Islanders	2/29/20	Blackjack (co-ed)
Cruise	3/7/20	Anchors Aweigh
Port	3/7-8 & 14-15/20	Dana Point Festival of the Whales, Parade & Clam Chowder Cook Off
Fleet	3/13-3/15/20	Landlubbers-Borrego Springs
Fleet	3/27/20	Silver Stars Raft Up



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ISLANDER'S UPDATE

By **NANCY MAY**

We held our Islander Board Installation on January 18th, with over 40 ladies socializing and enjoying brunch and champagne! Thank you to all who attended! You certainly helped welcome the new board and it was such a great start to our new year, 2020! Kathy Belanger won the 50/50 drawing of \$187. Congratulations!


Mark your calendars for 2020 Islander activities:

Tues. Feb. 25	New Member Bunco/Poker Islander/Seamen coed event
Sat. Feb. 29	Blackjack (coed)
Sun. April 19	Spring Brunch with vendors
Sat. May 2	Kentucky Derby
Sat. Aug. 29	Blackjack (coed)
Wed. Oct. 7	Greek Murder Mystery Night
Sun. Oct. 25	Election Social following General Membership Meeting
Sat. Dec. 5	Islander Christmas Gift Exchange

Thursday Summer Mixers on the patio: June 18, July 16, August 20, Sept. 17

New Member Bunco/Poker: If you joined DWYC in the last few years and want to meet members with similar interests and feel better connected, come join our Bunco/Poker- Islander/Seamen night on Tuesday, February 25th. The night is sure to draw (no pun intended) a crowd so stay tuned for flyer and signup sheet as you won't want to miss this! Cost? An appetizer to share.

Then, on February 29th, the all popular Islanders Blackjack hosted by Molly and Matt will be a sell out once again for sure. Cost will be \$25 including one drink ticket. More details will follow. If you are interested in being a dealer (no prior experience needed), please contact Molly at rearcommodore@dwyc.org or 949-842-4928.

Keep your eyes open for signup sheets by the front door for all events and we would love you to join us for a fun year ahead! 





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HEALTH & HAPPINESS

By **CINDY SALWAY**

This is the first of my columns for Health & Happiness. For those of you I haven't yet had the opportunity to meet, you should know that Roger and I love DWYC! DWYC has been our go-to place for great food and fun times with friends since 2004 when we became members.

If you have news you'd like to share in Lines & Bits, please reach out to me. You can send an email to Happiness@dwyc.org or my personal email at cynthiasalway@gmail.com. Text me at 949-632-0807. Even better, stop me at the Club and let me know what is happening in your lives.


Julie D'Urso recently returned from the fires and smoke of NSW, Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania. Being on a cruise ship, she was never in any danger, but did see and smell lots of smoke. Julie brought back burgees from the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia and Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron. She actually watched the start of the Sydney to Hobart race with members of RMYS, including the National Women's Dinghy Racing Champion.

Bob Kelly is excited to start a sailing trip he's been looking forward to for a long time. In early March, he will be crewing on a friend's boat headed to Hilo, HI. Leaving from Puerto Vallarta, they will begin what they expect to be a 21-28 day passage to Hilo. Cheryl is hoping to fly over to meet Bob in Hilo for some local sailing. Sounds like the trip of a lifetime.

Dell and Barb de Fabry started their road trip to Puerto Vallarta on January 4th. They are reuniting with their boat, "Timeless," there. Connie Hedrick joined Barb and Dell for some fun experiences during their road trip...zip lining, horseback riding and touring new areas. All this even before they arrived at their destination!

Austin and Debbie Peay are looking forward to setting sail on March 1st on a Princess cruise departing from Fort Lauderdale. They will visit several Caribbean ports and the Panama Canal before returning to Fort Lauderdale. Looking forward to seeing their pictures at DWYC.

We are grateful to hear that although Debbie Rossback spent a day in the hospital early in January, she was able to return home and is doing well.

Nancy Ingham will have had foot surgery in mid-January. We send her best wishes for a speedy and full recovery. "Just Think of DWYC and Smile!" 



BUSINESS NETWORK GROUP

By **PATRICIA CHIKU**


BNG is back to business after taking the holiday break. We have many exciting changes to improve BNG IN 2020. I would like to thank everyone who has taken time out of their busy schedules to participate in BNG. A big thank you to Candy Babcock (Director of Operations), Kathie Bloomfield, George Bloomfield and Helen Hawkins who are doing an unbelievable job to grow BNG.

BNG appreciates the support that we got from our 2019 Commodore and all Directors. We also welcome the 2020 team at DWYC. We thank all DWYC members for their tremendous support to BNG.

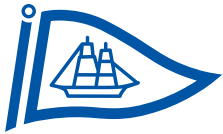
Our next meeting is on February 4th, 2020. The speaker is David McGuire (Director at DWYC) and Dina Atkinson of Integrity Estate Planning. Topics cover Estate Planning, Liquidity and Knowledge on what critical documents you should have if you don't already and making sure they are up to date. Remember we always want to know about your business, so sign up to be a presenter.

BNG is open to DWYC members and the public. If you own a local business or play a role in sales or business development for a company and would like to meet to exchange business awareness and opportunities, or just want to sit in to see what BNG is all about, please join us. Let's all participate in growing BNG and I know we can make a difference.

NEXT MEETING:

February 4th, 2020 - David McGuire with Estate Planning. Bar is open at 5:00 and the meeting is 6:30-7:30 





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