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# COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **TAMARA TATICH**

I'm trying really hard to not do a monthly countdown in each article, but it's so hard to resist. Time is FLYING by! I'm having such a great time, and I've been enjoying aspects of the club that I haven't participated in before for reasons I don't understand.

So where I'm going with that is, if there's something you want to get involved in at DWYC don't wait until you're asked! For instance, I was on the race committee for the first time in years. Most of you know that I've been racing boats for well over 30 years, so I'm quite comfortable crossing a race line and banging the corners of a course rounding marks. But, I got my shoes wet (literally) aboard "Jackie" checking in boats and capturing finish times for Sunday's Midwinter regatta. It was a right-of-passage experience that made it most memorable and expensive. We bounced so much with high seas and a king tide that we lost the tetrahedron being used as C-mark off Doheny and then we fouled the windless taking up anchor after the race. We lost two anchors with chain. Good thing "Jackie" needed a prettier anchor, so we're off to the jewelry store to get her something shiny and new. After a few calls to Marine Safety in San Clemente and the Doheny Lifeguards, a deflated orange tetrahedron was delivered safely to the club on Monday. I don't even know who to thank for their effort in human kindness. Note to self...high winds and seas, take a sailboat. Preferably a BIG one!

If you want to participate with the race committee or use your vessel as the committee boat, let race chairs Rod Woods or Michael Tatich know!

I'm sure the Festival of Whales is mentioned several times in this month's edition, but I'm going to suggest a few ways that you can get involved in this harbor-wide fun. Port Captain Nina McNeely is seeking volunteers to create a float for the parade. If you're not the creative type, show up to be IN the parade on Saturday, March 7th. There's plenty of room for those able to walk the parade route. I'm also asking for your patronage at the Chowder Cook-Off on March 14th. Chef Joel has developed a recipe for chowder that should win him a blue ribbon in any New England or Dana Point contest. That being said, the only way for him to win is for YOU to show up and VOTE for him! Please mark your calendar to stop by our booth (near Baby Beach) and chow down on some chowder! You can also show your support by buying a tee-shirt from the ship's store to wear in the parade, at the cook-off and around the harbor.






## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **HYDEE RIGGS**

**FESTIVAL ROAD CLOSURE:** The road and bridge will be closed the morning of March 7th, opening again around 12pm, but expect traffic delays and a LOT of pedestrians.


Before I sign off, be on the ready to buy a ticket to this year's Charity Regatta Wine Tasting to benefit the American Cancer Society. The committee led by S/Cs Pam Northcott and Helen Hawkins has been busy selecting the wines (best job ever!), looking for silent auction items (donations needed!) and planning a lovely soiree for all that attend. You'll have an opportunity to purchase cases of wines being offered with a portion going straight to ACS. Don't miss out on this wonderful event with a wonderful cause, and it's not a party without you.

Thanks again for allowing me to serve as your commodore. It is truly an honor and keep the comments flowing into the suggestion box. 

March is one of my favorite times of the year ... DWYC cruising season begins! I am very excited for the Silver Stars raft-up scheduled for the end of this month in our harbor (also known as Danalina). It is such a special time for our members to get together, relax and enjoy our shared love of boating. It is always such a fun time!

As for membership, we have received several new membership applications already this year. Some that will be posted this month. Those that are voted in will have their names and photos published in the Lines and Bits. This way, you can recognize them and welcome them into our DWYC family and show them how truly friendly our yacht club is. If you know anyone who might be interested in joining DWYC and they have any questions, please feel free to provide them with my telephone number or email or better yet, have them come in with you and introduce them to me.

The Food and Beverage Committee continues to spend endless hours in their commitment to our club and ensuring that we continue to have excellent food and beverages at a low cost. We are currently reviewing and analyzing the menu to see if any changes or additions will be or need to be made. We are hoping to have some exciting new specials coming up too! Again, if you have any suggestions for Food and Beverage, or you want to express your thanks or compliments to the kitchen, bar or staff, please use our Suggestion Box.

Thank you all again for your ideas, encouragement and volunteerism! See you at the club and on the water! 

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## NEW MEMBERS

*Please note that pictured new members may have been approved at a prior Board of Directors 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.

### These applicants have been approved for membership:

Gerald "Rick" Rohn & Karrie Crawford – Boat Owner  
Jim Francis – (reinstated Boat Owner)



RICK ROHN

### These applicants will be posted for membership:

Mark Jensen – Boat Owner  
Mike and Darlene Workman – Boat Owner  
William and Kristi Knoke – Boat Owner  
William and Pamela Horner – Boat Owner  
Dan and Claudia Keller – Boat Owner  
Tracy and Charles Kelly – Boat Owner  
Lloyd Chase and Janice Badgley – Boat Owner  
Kevin and Kristen Laidlaw – Boat Owner  
Bryan and Kimberly Martin – Boat Owner  
Glen and Tracy Dimino – Non Boat Owner  
Candice Burroughs – Non Boat Owner  
Michael and Jody Bahr – Non Boat Owner

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## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **MOLLY DEARING**


The store is bursting with new merchandise, with new items arriving weekly, such as embroidered items, new hats and silkscreen items. There are some new winter friendly items, such as jackets and vests, which may come in handy for the beginning parts of the cruising season, when the nights can still be a bit chilly, or the weather still somewhat unpredictable. I will be restocking the t-shirts and hoodies with the DWYC Tall Ship design, which have been very popular. In March, I will also be adding a 2020 version of the very popular Whale logo from last year. While the new whale shirt will be worn by club members who participate with the club for activities related to the Dana Point Festival of Whales, including the parade, (where we will have a DWYC float), and the Clam Chowder Cook-off, (where DWYC will have a booth to present Chef Joel's wonderful chowder which he is preparing for the cook off), it will also be for sale to everyone thru the store.

As mentioned last month, we are taking orders for the Summer Commemorative Reyn Spooner men's button-down shirts to be delivered in April, and the Catalina Reyn Spooner men's button-down shirts, to be delivered in May. Please see me if you want to reserve yours!

Have you stopped by the Ship Store but didn't find exactly what you were looking for? Did you know that we can have almost any kind of clothing or hat embroidered with the DWYC logo? We have an extensive catalog out of which I can help you select the perfect item, or you can even bring in your own item. Let's chat about the possibilities!

A reminder that Opening Day is fast approaching, so now is the time to refresh your Opening Day attire, including DWYC burgee belts, scarves, pilot shirts, hats, and more. Some of these items may need to be custom ordered, so don't wait until the last minute to shop!

Ship Store will be open every Monday night from 6 pm to 8:30 pm for the summer, plus at least one other day a week. Hours for will be posted in the weekly email blast. If you can't make it to the club during the posted hours but need to order or pick up something, feel free to email me to make arrangements ([rearcommodore@dwyc.org](mailto:rearcommodore@dwyc.org)).

Thank you to everyone who has stopped by the store to shop so far this year! Hope to see you all often at the club! Cheers! 



## FLEET LOG

By **RICH BLANCO**

Let the Cruising Season Begin! This month we kick-off our cruising season with the Silver Stars Raft-up in the Dana Point Harbor where participants will be Rafting and Rocking & Rolling from Friday, March 27 through Sunday, March 29.



Boats will begin rafting-up Friday and preparing for a Progressive Appetizer Crawl. Members will "crawl" to each boat that they are tied with to visit, share an appetizer and beverage before moving on to the next boat! Saturday morning, Peggy and Alex Gelman will be serving beverages and breakfast on their new boat, Ohana Kai! Then, it is on to a special excursion planned by the Seamen, headed up by Kevin Riggs. The Seamen are not divulging details yet, but you can just imagine what they are planning! As the afternoon continues, you will be rockin' out either on your boat or dinghy as the Killer West Band will be performing aboard Mindy and Ed Sicard's Sadie Mae!

Such a fun weekend is planned! For those who have already signed up, make sure to get a payment of \$25 to secure your reservation. Remember, your reservation is not confirmed until payment is made. You can drop a check in the Fleet Box, pay through PayPal or give us a check while we are at the Club.

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There is a maximum of boats allowed, so get your payment in early to secure your spot. This is one weekend you will not want to miss. Didn't sign up, or don't have a boat? No worries, boat or dinghy over to listen to the music on Saturday afternoon!

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And, once we wrap up this fun-filled weekend, it will be on to the Balboa Yacht Club Friday, April 24 to Sunday, April 26, with more details to follow. Below is a list of all of the cruises scheduled for this year. 

### 2020 CRUISING DATES DANA WEST YACHT CLUB

March 13 – 15 Borrego Springs Land Lubbers Trip

March 27 – 29 Dana Point Harbor Raft-Up

April 24 – 26 Balboa Yacht Club

May 16 Opening Day Parade Dana Point

May 22 – 25 Shoreline Yacht Club

July 24 – 26 Long Beach Yacht Club

August 21 – 23 Isthmus Cruise

September 17 – 26 San Diego Extended Cruise

October 16 – 18 Avalon Cruise





## PORT REPORT

By **NINA McNEELY**


Can you believe it is March already? This year has been so much fun so far it is flying by! February's events were a blast! Super Bowl Sunday was well-attended as usual. A good time was had by all at the Valentine's party! I want to thank the club members who offered to share their tables at these events. It was wonderful to see members reaching out to those who needed seats and making new friends. It really shows the spirit of our club!

The first two weekends of March are home to the Festival of Whales at Dana Point harbor. This is the first year that Dana West will have an entry in the March 7th parade. This is also the first year the city has moved the parade from PCH to the harbor! Some important things to know about that Saturday: The staging area for the parade is in the parking lot by E and F docks in the west basin island side. Only parade vehicles will be allowed in the lot from 6:30 am to 9:00 am. The bridge will close at 9:00 am for the parade and will reopen at noon. If you are coming to the club to watch the parade and have lunch, please plan accordingly!

To celebrate the Festival, we will be having a Whale of a Party on Saturday night, March 7th. The James Kelly Band is coming back to the club! This is a high energy, country western, rock n' rolling band! Dust off your boots, brush up on your line dancing and scoot on down for a great night!

March 14th brings the return of the Clam Chowder Cook Off by Baby Beach! Please come to this event, try the chowders and VOTE for DWYC and Chef Joel for People's Choice! In my completely unbiased opinion, Joel's clam chowder really is the best, anyway.

The sign-up sheet for parade and clam chowder cook off volunteers is on the port board by the patio. We ask all volunteers to wear the DWYC 2020 whale t-shirt available for only \$20 in the ship store. See Molly for shirt orders!

In other club news, I was recently asked a question about whether name tags were required. My response was this: The name tags are not required, but they are encouraged. We have new members, long time members and members who are simply not good at remembering names! There have been a few times when I've leaned over the bar and whispered, "George! What's their name?" and I know I'm not the only one! Throw your tag in your car, keep it in your purse and if you lost it and need a new one, let the office know! See you at the club! 



## LAND LUBBERS


By **ED HOWIE**

The first Landlubbers trip for 2020 was to Flying Flags campground in Buellton, CA on January 31. We began the weekend with a Potluck on Friday evening.

Saturday morning, we played a round of "Bean Bag Baseball", a new event for our group. Team captains Chris Sutton and Don Jensen chose their teams by flipping a coin. The game is played like baseball but instead of batting with a bat and ball, you toss a bean bag at the board with holes designated with "1 base, 2 bases, 3 bases, home run, out and foul ball. You walk the bases just like in regular baseball and the scoring is the same.



People either spent the afternoon sightseeing or hanging out. Saturday night the wagon masters hosted a potluck with plenty of food and of course our "adult beverages".

At the time of this writing, a second camping trip is being held at the Sands RV and Golf Resort in Desert Springs. We expect to have a fun weekend and perhaps an another game of "Bean Bag Baseball". 

11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL Dana West Yacht Club  
TIN CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT  
WEDNESDAY - MAY 6, 2020

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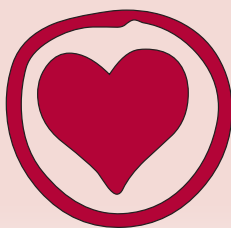


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# RACE


By **ROD WOODS & MICHAEL TATICH**

## 91ST ANNUAL SCYA MIDWINTER REGATTA

Saturday, February 8th started well, with a light breeze. For the second race the wind dropped to about four knots.

Saturday's Race Committee consisted of Rod Woods, Michael Tatich, Nancy May who checked in boats and recorded finish times and special guest, Ann Madsen, from the Arizona YC. Ann is very knowledgeable and was a welcome addition.

Sunday, February 9th was a different story. Rain, rain, rain and gusty winds. The sea tossed poor "Jackie" around like a washing machine. What fun! Rod, Mike and Commodore Tamara managed to stumble our way through the day. The wind direction was such that we set the course for A-C-G-A and finish. It was a fast race with little or no beating to the wind and no downwind legs--reaching on all points.

I also want to thank "Santa" Ed for his assistance in entering the results into Regatta Network. Peter Tietz, SCYA Director presented the awards. 



### NON-SPIN CLASS A

1.	Firewater	Richard Bennet	LMVYS
2.	Fly'n Bryan	Jerry Bryan	ALYC
3.	Running Water	Phil Bellafaire	DWYC
4.	Cool Man Cool	Eric Gritzmacher	DWYC
5.	Blew M'en Fous	Perter Cockran	DWYC

### NON-SPIN CLASS B

1.	Tekeela	Jock McGraw	DWYC
2.	Tomol	Susan Griesbach	DWYC
3.	Sol Mate	Cynthia Wynne	DPYC
4.	Marblehead	Steven Shryock	DPYC







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# SAILING FOR LIFE

By **MARY STRAZZULLA**



## IT TAKES A YACHT CLUB!

The DWYC 23rd Annual Charity Regatta "Sailing for Life" benefiting American Cancer Society (ACS) committee needs your help! As you know, we have made a commitment to ACS to be the beneficiary of our fundraising efforts. We want this year to be another big success for everyone involved. Here's your chance to help make a difference in the fight against cancer and to spend an enjoyable afternoon at DWYC. What could be better?

Our next event is our famous Silent Auction, planned for April 4, from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

In order to make our auction a reality, we are seeking unique and interesting items to auction off. Last year we had some interesting jewelry, member provided boating and sailing experiences, whale watching adventures, wine and food baskets, artwork and more. Please donate any auction worthy items. If that's not possible, monetary donations are greatly appreciated, as well. There's no fee to join the bidding in the Silent Auction.

On the same day, we are hosting a fabulous Wine Tasting. This event was great fun last year! For a \$40.00 donation, here's what is included:


***A chance to taste 30 to 50 different wines, so many it might be hard to choose which to taste first.***

***A variety of delicious appetizers prepared by Chef Joel to complement the wines.***

***Live music for your tasting enhancement and enjoyment.***

***Opportunity to purchase the presented wines at deeply discounted prices, (nearly wholesale), by the case, with a \$25.00 per case surcharge, going directly to ACS.***

Your contribution and participation are vital to the success of this event. Your generous donations will make this another great year for DWYC and ACS! Make a day of it; invite your wine connoisseur friends, listen to some smooth sounds and enjoy another day in paradise.

As always, any questions contact Helen Hawkins or Pam Northcott. 



# JUNIOR'S CORNER

By **DAWN RASMUSSEN**

Mark, Steve and I are excited to usher the Dana West Youth Sailing program (aka the Juniors) into the new decade, building upon all that has been done and supported by the club and its members over the past 30+ years.

We hope you were able to hear about the vision of the 2020 Program from Mark Williams at the General Membership (GM) Meeting in January. For those who couldn't attend, the 2020 goals of this board include:

**Program Development:** promoting sailing education programs for kids and DWYC members via open sailing, camps and classes

**Participant recruitment:** recruiting existing and new kids from DWYC & the community

**Staffing:** adding a full-time instructor and increasing parent support/involvement

**Fundraising:** creating a sustainable and self-supporting financial model

So what do we need from the DWYC membership to help us strengthen this program for 2020?

**Identify prospective juniors.** Do you have kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews or neighbors who might be interested? Please have them contact us at [juniors@dwyc.org](mailto:juniors@dwyc.org). (It would also be helpful for prior participants to reach back out to us.)

**We need volunteers!** You don't have to be a participant Parent. All DWYC members can volunteer! Help us with education programs, Sunday/open sails or committees for our fundraisers.

**Buy stuff on Amazon or West Marine.** Easily support the Juniors through purchases at Amazon Smile and West Marine. Check out the Juniors page on the DWYC.org website for more information on how!

**Donate/Attend Fundraising Events.** Some great events are planned to help us raise money, including the DWYC Tin Cup Golf Tournament and others – details on page 6.

Speaking of donating – special thanks to Sam Artinger and Greg Hickey, who made generous donations at the General Membership Meeting. Their tax deductible contributions, as well as yours, help provide programs to teach the next generation to love sailing as much as we do.

Thanks, in advance, for your support this year! 






## SEAMEN UPDATE

By **KEVIN RIGGS**

Be on the lookout for our Seamen event at the Silver Stars Raft-up on March 27th. We will be hosting the Seamen Special Games. Bring your competitive spirit and see if you have what it takes to be a Seamen Champion.

The raft-up starts the cruising season. As the weather gets warmer we will have more events coming up. Keep your eyes and ears open for future Seamen events. 



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

BNG	3/3/20	BNG Meeting
Cruise	3/7/20	Anchors Aweigh - Anchoring Seminar
Port	3/7/20	Festival of the Whales Parade
Fleet	3/13-3/15/20	Landlubbers-Borrego Springs
Port	3/14/20	Festival of the Whales Chowder Cookoff
	3/21/20	Barbara Morand Memorial
Fleet	3/27-29/20	Silver Stars Raft Up
Seamen	3/27/20	Seamen Special Games
Charity Regatta	4/4/20	Wine Tasting & Silent Auction
BNG	4/7/20	BNG Meeting

### JUNIOR'S SUMMER SAILING CAMP SCHEDULE:

Session 1:	June 1 to June 26
Session 2:	June 29 to July 10
Session 3:	July 13 to July 24

## HEALTH & HAPPINESS

By **CINDY SALWAY**

As I write this column, I'm reminded how blessed we are to have the friendships here at DWYC to share in both the good times and the hard times of life.

Brian Randall is thrilled to be the proud owner of Anchors Aweigh! He purchased this Cooper Trawler on January 10th in Poulsbo, Washington. Anchors Aweigh was once owned by a former Admiral. Brian has spent the last month updating equipment, canvas and the extras that will make the boat his. He hopes to have his boat in a slip here in Dana Point eventually, but for now it will be in Huntington Harbor. Congratulations Brian!

Roz and Jeff Powers are on Cloud 9! They welcomed their first grandbaby on January 31st. Brixton Baird is healthy and weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces. Roz and Jeff are thrilled that Brixton and his parents, Tiffany and Trevor, live close by. They can enjoy as many cuddles and special times with their new grandson as possible.


Maggie and Ray Bell enjoyed a week in February relaxing at a resort in Puerto Vallarta. They met up with Dell and Barb de Fabry, as well as Gary Champlin and his friend, Stella, for a day on Timeless. The six of them motored to Yelapa and hiked to the beautiful waterfall there. The weather cooperated after several days of chilly winds and a lightning and thunderstorm.


Debbie and Rick Rossback, Sandy Sullivan and Cheryl Kelly are off to Vegas in March to see Shania Twain in concert.

The memorial service for Barbara Morand is planned for Saturday, March 21st. Please watch for more details which will be posted in the DWYC Blast. I know I'm not alone when I say I miss Barbara and her beautiful smile.

Lisa Metz is recovering well from recent knee surgery. Nancy Ingham is recovering also from foot surgery. We send them best wishes for continued healing.

Past Commodore Ralph Davidson (1988) passed away in January. We send his family and friends our sympathy.

If you have news of happiness or health you'd like to share in this column, please email me at [Happiness@dwyc.org](mailto:Happiness@dwyc.org) or send me a text at 949-632-0807. "Just Think of DWYC and Smile!" 



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# ISLANDER'S UPDATE

By **NANCY MAY**



The Islander Board was so pleased to be able to help with the purchase of the new T.V. by donating \$1000. It was placed on the wall above the fireplace in time for the Super Bowl. Fans were delighted with the big clear screen! Thank you to all who support our events and candy sales as one of our Islanders' goals is to raise funds to donate back to the club for improvements. We appreciate you all!

February proved to be a 'fun and games' month with new member Bunco/Poker night sponsored by Islander/Seamen. Stay tuned for more of these new member nights open to men and women, 1 to 3 years new to the club. It's a great way to mix with those of similar interests and feel more a part of DWYC! We would love to have you join us.

At the end of February, Molly and Matt hosted our very popular Blackjack day! Thank you to both of them for always making this a huge success! In addition to Blackjack winners, we held a 50/50 raffle and a raffle for

some great wines! Thank you to our skillful volunteer dealers! You made our games fun and we loved hearing the shuffling of cards, the clicking of wager chips, the laughter and the groans!

Early this month, we will be selling our See's candy for Easter. Come on down to the club and satisfy that sweet tooth or buy for gifts!

Every woman who belongs to Dana West Yacht club is an Islander! The Islanders are now taking orders for Dana West Yacht Club Islander tops. For more information, contact Karen Blanco at [kblancoams@yahoo.com](mailto:kblancoams@yahoo.com) for prices and colors available.

Ladies: We look forward to dining and socializing at our annual Spring Brunch on April 19th. Plan on wearing your spring hat! Vendors will be bringing some great items to sell on the patio.

Watch for more information and a signup sheet toward the end of the month. 







# BUSINESS NETWORK GROUP

By **PATRICIA CHIKU**

We started 2020 with an amazing meeting. We had a big group of business Gurus who really help us achieve our goal of promoting and growing BNG. Our speakers showered us with powerful knowledge on Estate Planning. The BNG group had so many questions which were answered with high satisfaction. Thank you to David McGuire, Dina Atkinson and Paul Grover of Integrity Estate Planning for being our first guests speakers of the year and providing a valuable education on Estate Planning and Liquidity.

The next BNG meeting is crucial, especially with this tax season. Do you know that IRS codes have changed in 2020?? We have a former IRS Agent in the house on Tuesday March 3rd, 2020. Please mark your calendars for our next meeting. You will not want to miss this one! Our Guest Speaker will be Bryan Dickson, CEO of Dickson Tax Services, Inc. Bryan will speak about Income Tax Insight, Tips and Planning. Bring your friends and plenty of business cards.

Thank you to Helen Hawkins for all she does behind the scenes before, during and after every meeting. Also, Thank you, Candy for all you do.

Finally, thank you to all of those who attended the meeting. Let's keep this momentum going to support each other in our businesses moving forward. This is just the tip of the ice berg. 2020 is BNG's year of growth and we need you to make that possible. BNG encourages all new members to attend the meetings. Don't forget to invite friends, family and any local business you support.

Have a productive month until we meet again!!!

## **NEXT MEETING:**

March 3rd, 2020 - Bryan Dickson, CEO of Dickson Tax Services, Inc. Bar opens: 5:00 p.m. Meeting: 6:30-7:30 







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