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ANCHORS A-WHERE?!

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 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)

Fleet	2/2/22	Cruise Kick Off Party
Fleet	2/5/22	Cruise to DPYC
Anglers	2/8/22	Anglers' Kick Off
Race	2/12-13/22	SCYA Midwinters, Non-Spinnaker
Port	2/12/22	SCYA/Music
Port	2/13/22	Super Bowl
Port	2/14/22	Valentine's Day
Race	2/19-20/22	SCYA Midwinters, Spinnaker & One-Design
Fleet	2/19/22	USCS Auxillary Safety Inspection
Port	2/26/22	Mardi Gras

**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.



Photo: Cheryl Kelly
Location: 204 Beach, San Clemente



COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **MOLLY DEARING**

As we head into February of 2022, I am actually a bit shocked to say that we are still trying to deal with all of the surprises that this pandemic throws our way. As you probably know, we did have to shut down for a couple of days in January due to staffing issues related to COVID, which was an extreme measure that we certainly were hoping to avoid. I am happy to say that impacted employees are doing well, and for now, we are back to "business as usual." And I cannot thank you, the members, enough for your patience and understanding during these crazy and somewhat unpredictable times. I am hopeful that things will continue to improve as the year goes on!

I hope that you were able to attend the General Membership Meeting in January, where we gave a summary of 2021 performance and the current state of the club. With JrSC Hyde Riggs at the helm, 2021 was a successful year despite it being a "COVID year." At the meeting, we also announced that we have implemented a few price increases for the menu. I hope that members will be understanding of




the fact that costs of goods have gone up everywhere in California, in the US and in the world, and the changes to pricing are necessary to maintain a healthy financial position. I believe you'll see that the slight increases are not extreme and I believe you'll still find DWYC to provide the best value around.

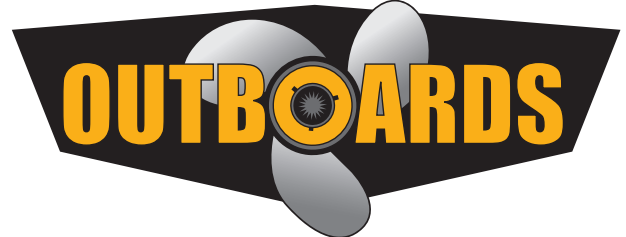
Moving on to the fun stuff now! Congratulations to Rosanne Moore who won the drawing for finding the hidden anchor in last month's Lines & Bits! Your next drink is on me! And I am looking forward to finding out who will win next month's drawing.

I am looking forward to some great events in February. DWYC is hosting the first weekend of the SCYA Mid-Winters

Regatta on February 12th and 13th. Party at the club after Saturday's race(s) with trophies presented Sunday. There is, of course, Super Bowl Sunday, Valentine's Day dinner specials, a Fleet kick off meeting (February 2nd), "cruise" to Dana Point Yacht Club on February 5th and the Mardi Gras party on February 26th. Thank you to our Race Chair Barry Clark, Fleet Captain Roger Salway and Port Captain Sophie Lentini for your hard work in planning these events. Lastly...Trivia Mondays are back, starting on Monday, February 21st (Thanks, Matt Dearing!) Please keep your eyes on the weekly E-Blast and the club's Facebook page for updates and information on planned events)

As I sign off, I wish you all continued health during this latest Omicron surge. I hope to see you all soon at the club. Cheers! 

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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **NINA McNEELY**

When I was a novice boater (and in so many ways still am), the yacht club was a wealth of information for me. I remember coming up to the club one afternoon after a small incident on my American 22 sailboat. I was frustrated and announced to no one in particular: "The halyard's stuck at the top!" A couple of gentlemen turned around from the bar, heaved a weary sigh, and said, "Alright, come here and tell us what happened over a beer." I was given instructions to go to West Marine and ask for 'Monkey,' a young man who could scale the mast and bring the halyard down. I was further assisted when I arrived at the boat the next weekend and discovered a dock neighbor had bought some of the parts needed to fix the issue for me!

This is the camaraderie and Corinthian spirit I hope every member of Dana West enjoys and can share. To that end, I am looking for members old and new who would like to join the Membership Committee. In addition to assisting with membership requests and applications, the Membership Committee is launching a New Member Outreach Program, or NMOP (Oh, that's terrible. Also looking for people who are skilled at anagrams). The Member Outreach Program (MORP? Eh, getting better) will contact anyone who has joined in the past year or so and make sure they are aware of upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. I know Helen frequently pulls in new members for club clean-up, which is wonderful, but we want to make sure all of you are aware of the many ways the club can benefit from your unique talents and life experiences. If you are interested in joining the Extreme Member Retention Team (EMeRT? No, that won't work. Ugh), please email vicecommodore@dwyc.org to get started! If you don't want to join but just came up with a nifty anagram, email me anyway!

In February we hope to complete the new name tag storage area on the wall near the front door. I encourage you to keep a name tag at the club to help you to remember to wear one at the clubhouse. For new and more seasoned members alike, it helps to get to know the many faces around the clubhouse. If you have looked all through your car, every jacket pocket and in every nook and cranny on the boat and still cannot find your name tag – let me know so we can order a replacement tag for you! We have so many people to get to know!

I look forward to seeing all of you at the club! 

The following member was approved as a member at the January Board of Directors meeting:

Michele Clark – *Boat Owner*

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

John Tully – *Boat Owner*

Patrick & Angie McLaughlin – *Boat Owner*

Gary Swiniasrski – *Boat Owner*

Vincent Newlan – *Boat Owner*



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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **MEGAN NOYES**

Hi yacht club family! Wow! We are starting 2022 with a bang! Wishing everyone health and happiness and hoping we can say good riddance to COVID soon! Please be on the look-out for store hours which will be posted on our Facebook page and E-Blasts! Also, anytime you see me, please feel free to stop me if there is an item you would like to purchase. Our awesome t-shirts with Commodore Molly's logo will be available soon as well.



Lastly, I will be doing something new this year that I will also post via Facebook and E-Blasts. These will be new items that will be available for a limited time, so make sure you check those out! Any questions, or if there is an item you would like to see, please let me know!

See you all at the club,



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FLEET LOG

By **ROGER SALWAY**

Good day from the Fleet Deck!

We're attempting to have more DWYC cruises in 2022 than in prior years. To start with, we've added a cruise to DPYC! I believe this will be our first "cruise" to DPYC on Saturday, February 5th. Aside from our Dana Point Harbor (West Basin) raft ups, we have always cruised to another yacht club or harbor.

We have scheduled two vessel safety inspections by USCG auxiliary staff. The dates are Saturday, February 19th and Saturday, March 5th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The signup sheet is posted on the Fleet board at DWYC or email me at fleet@dwyc.org and I will forward the information to Steve Fiorillo and Eric Gritzmacher who will be coordinating these events. Steve will work to coordinate a time that will meet your schedule.

Planned DWYC cruises for the next three months are:

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

April 29th – May 1st Newport Harbor – BCYC

May 27th – 30th Long Beach Harbor – SYC

Please see the 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 email me at fleet@dwyc.org, text at 949-322-9222 or stop me at DWYC with any question or comments. Fair winds and safe passage to our cruisers. 



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PORT REPORT

By **SOPHIE LENTINI**

February is my favorite month. Football, Valentine's Day and Spring is just around the corner!

New Year's Day at the club was a great way to start out 2022. Thank you to the wonderful members who came out for brunch and the first Bloody Mary and Mimosa Bar event. I'd say it was a wonderful success and everyone had a great time making their own unique concoctions. I look forward to having more events like this throughout the year.

January flew by so quickly and keeping the members and employees' safety was our first concern, so the Winter Formal was moved to April. and now you have more time to get ready for your high school "do over" by attending Grown-up Prom night. Get those dresses out of storage and baby blue tuxedos out, it will be a fun night and you can stay out past curfew without getting into trouble. Who will be Prom King and Queen? I have a feeling there will be some great contenders!

The weekend of February 12th and 13th will be an action-packed couple of days. There will be music on Saturday the 12th after the race. Super Bowl is on the 13th so check the weekly E-Blast for more details on the party. This year marks the first Super Bowl being held at the new So-Fi Stadium so there may be some trivia to brush up on if you want to win a contest or two.

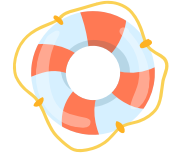
With Valentine's Day showing up on a Monday this year, the club will offer dinner specials for all you lovebirds. The Mardi Gras Party will be held on Saturday, February 26th, so dust those beads off and prepare for a fun evening of dancing and partying.

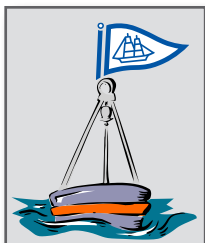
Mark your calendars for these events coming in March as well. As always, be on the lookout for the weekly E-Blast flyers for more information:

- 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! 

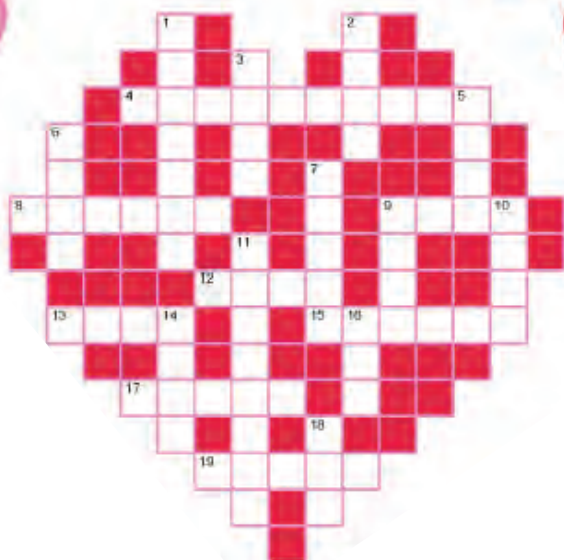
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EXTRA BITS

Valentine's Crossword



ACROSS

- 4. Camaraderie
- 8. Message on a candy heart
- 9. Be sweet on
- 12. Flower for Valentine's Day
- 13. Found in an envelope
- 15. Candies
- 17. Celebration
- 19. Cupid is one

DOWN

- 1. Term of endearment
- 2. Smooch
- 3. Boyfriend
- 5. Along with red, a popular Val color
- 6. Limerick, e.g.
- 7. Birds of peace
- 9. What Valentine's Day is all ab
- 10. The Greek god of love
- 11. Wooing
- 14. Start of a letter
- 16. Seek the affections of
- 18. Often the color of hearts



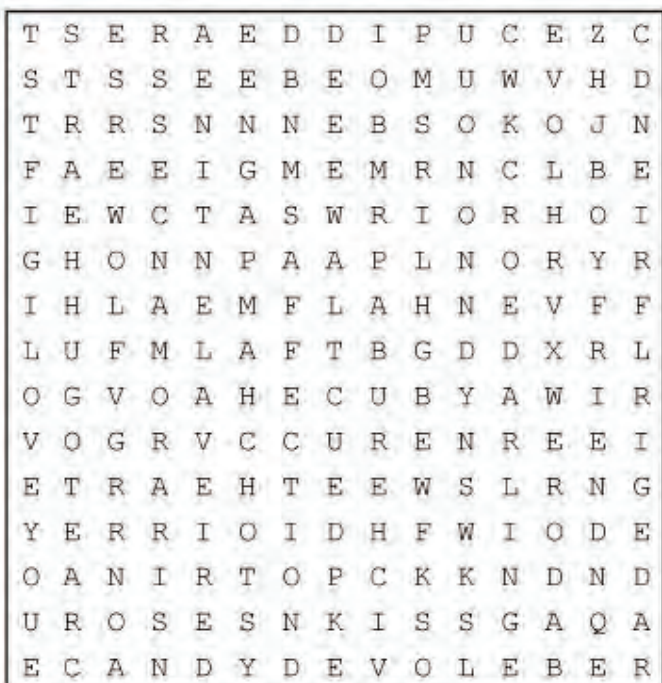
Valentine Scramble



Unscramble the Valentine's Day vocabulary words and then use the first letter of each word to spell out a hidden message



- 1. MSITEN _____
- 2. OWO _____
- 3. ELOEPVEN _____
- 4. SOER _____
- 5. UETR EVLO _____
- 6. NEHOY _____
- 7. EMEARCB _____
- 8. ODEAR _____
- 9. RMCOENA _____
- 10. ENRTED _____



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|-----------|------------|------------|
| ADORE | CUPID | LOVE |
| AFFECTION | DARLING | PINK |
| ARROW | DEAREST | POEM |
| BE MINE | FLOWERS | RED |
| BELOVED | GIFTS | ROMANCE |
| BOYFRIEND | GIRLFRIEND | ROSES |
| CANDY | HEARTS | SWFTEHEART |
| CHAMPAGNE | HUG | VALENTINE |
| CHERUB | I LOVE YOU | |
| CHOCOLATE | KISS | |

Answers to this month's puzzles on page 12.



FEBRUARY

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JUNIOR'S CORNER

By **DAWN RASMUSSEN**

The Board is excited to announce that the Junior Program is expanding! Starting with our Winter/Spring 2022 Program (January 17th – May 27th), we will now have four different teams tailored to provide unique sailing experiences in different types of boats, including Club 420's, CFJ's, Tera's and Keel Boats (20'-40'). Teams will train on different days, so you will begin to see activity almost every day of the week.

The JSerra program is for High School level sailors to train in CFJ's, with additional access to Club 420's for advanced sailors. This competitive team will race in all top High School regattas.

The Offshore Program is a unique opportunity for our advanced Double Handed racers to begin their journey in learning to sail keel boats. In partnership with the Mariners Sea Scouts, DWYC is the first yacht club in Southern California to offer the opportunity for youth to explore the ocean more than a few miles offshore. Not only will our sailors be prepared to compete at the college level in CFJ's and C420's, but they will also learn the necessary skills (nautical, tactical, safety, crew) for broader recreational or competitive sailing.

In January, the Double Handed team competed in the 3rd race of the Perry Series (results not available at time of publication). The RS Tera team continues their quest to win the High Point Series at Santa Monica Wind Jammers Regatta and competes in the Midwinters North and South at Westlake and DPYC.

March 19th, we will be hosting our DWYC Sprint Tera Regatta and Spring Fundraiser.

Finally, summer camp dates are set for 2022 and are listed on our website. Once again, there are six 1-week sessions in June & July. Registration will open in late March/early April. Look for more information in the next few Lines & Bits.

We want to sincerely thank JrSC Hydee Riggs, Commodore Molly Dearing, VC Nina McNeely and Board of Directors

for their support of the Juniors program. Without the ardent support of the Flags, Board and this passionate membership, we would not be in this position to build a strong, sustainable junior sailing program.

Fair winds and following seas,

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Facebook (DWYCJuniors)

Instagram (DWYCJrs) 



ENHANCED SAILING EXPERIENCE OR PROGRAM FOR A TEENAGE GIRL

The Women's Sailing Foundation offers the Sue Corl Youth Sailing Scholarship for an enhanced sailing experience or program for a teenaged girl. This special scholarship is offered to girls aged 14 to 19 with a financial need to broaden her sailing experiences. The opportunities include, but are not limited to, enrollment in:

- An advanced sailing program
- A racing program
- A tall ship or live-aboard experience
- A marine or maritime-related program



Scholarship funding is for any applicant who would be unable to attend the program of her choosing without financial assistance. WSF encourages all eligible young women to apply.

SUE CORL YOUTH SAILING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applications are being accepted through April 10, 2022. Find app online at: womensailing.org under the "About" tab, When there are multiple requests, sailing-related programs take precedence. Application is for \$500 in scholarship funds applicable to the program fee. A person can receive the scholarship only once. Please direct questions to SueCorlScholarship@womensailing.org.



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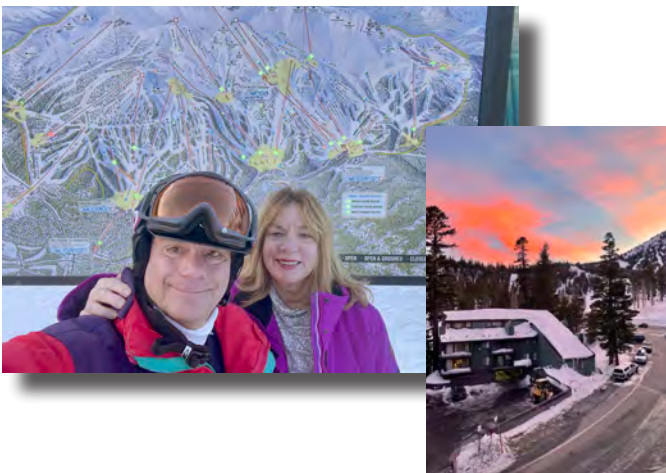
By **CINDY SALWAY**

January is often a quiet time following all of the holiday shopping, baking and get togethers celebrating the season with family and friends, but this January was especially quiet for many of us. This column has some “catching up news” and a little more “current news” to share with you.

Lyn and John Gossett became grandparents for the first time. They adore their granddaughter, Sammy Rose, who I was fortunate to meet at DWYC recently. Sammy Rose is 15 months old and is the daughter of Lyn and John’s son, Garrett, and his wife, Rosie. Lyn shared that “she is a light to us all--Grandpa, Grandma, Uncles, Aunties, and Great Grandma!” There’s a whole lot of love for that baby girl. Congratulations to Lyn, John and family.

Back in November, Rick and Debbie Rossback flew to Atlanta, Georgia to see the Rolling Stones in concert. They were amazed at the energy of 78-year-old Mick Jagger. The Stones performed for over two hours, and they sounded great. The show included a short tribute to Charlie Watts who passed away recently. The opening act was Zac Brown Band, a popular country western band from Georgia. During the trip, they visited Rick’s cousin and his wife, as well as Rick’s college roommate. While there, they went to a Georgia Tech football game (Rick’s alma mater) and ate at some of Rick’s favorite restaurants from when he lived there.

Steve and Patti Catanzaro enjoyed a week of skiing in Mammoth in January. Ski conditions and the weather




there were amazing due to the big snow storm a couple of weeks just before their arrival. The mountains are their second love...next to being at the ocean of course.

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New DWYC members Paul Selecky and Eda Powell are getting married in a private ceremony on February 2nd. Eda’s favorite number is two...hence their wedding day is 2/2/22! Wishing Paul and Eda a lifetime of joy and love!

We send our deepest sympathy to Nick Ingerto and his family after his Dad passed away at the end of December.



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. 

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ISLANDER'S UPDATE

By **KAREN BLANCO**

...And, the winner of the 50/50 drawing held at the Islanders Installation Luncheon was...wait for it... COVID!! That's right, because of this crazy pandemic, our Installation Luncheon was cancelled the day before it was going to be held!

We applaud our Flag Officers for making the right decision to close DWYC due to some staff members testing positive! It is better to be safe than sorry! If you paid by check, we are just voiding that check, and if you paid by cash, please see Jan Pritchard or myself for reimbursement! We are planning to install our officers during the General Meeting, and we will have a special toast at our Spring Luncheon, so, Past Presidents, please make sure to bring your champagne glasses!

Tidbits about this year's Islander Board Members: Karen Blanco, President, has been a member of DWYC for 5 years and worked in production and marketing throughout her career in television and newspaper. Judy Rydburg, Vice President, has been a member for 7 ½ years. She lived in the British Virgin Islands for 22 years and has been a high school teacher throughout her career. Treasurer, Jan Pritchard, joined DWYC in 2003 and has been our Treasurer for 12 years total, coming from McDonnell Douglas and Boeing. Our Secretary, Kathy Bellanger, has been a DWYC member for 5 years. She has run her own company, MBKB Encompass, for the past 15 years as well as chairing other clubs. Leann Rodowicz, our Historian, has been a member for the past 4 ½ years, moving from Northern California 6 years ago. A nurse for 40 years, we all claim her as our personal nurse. And, finally, a member since 2010, Nancy May, our Advisor not only was a grade schoolteacher for 28 years, but has had many other fun jobs/careers throughout her life. I encourage everyone to seek out our board members to learn more about them, and we would like to learn more about you!

Due to the recent outbreaks at our wonderful DWYC, we are moving our Murder Mystery Dinner to Wednesday, March 30 beginning at 5:00pm. The murder takes place on a French River Cruise, and you will help solve who done it! Or, you may be the murderer...you will find out during the evening! This is a fun night which will sell out quickly as only 36 may attend. And, every table has a suspect!! Sign up and remit payment of \$60 per person

quickly A great dinner and an entertaining evening will have your sides splitting. Our Julie D'Urso works closely with the Islanders to make this a fabulous event.

Remember to mark your calendars for our upcoming events. We look forward to making new friends this year and having lots of laughs! So, take that, COVID! 🏠

Dana West Yacht Club Islanders

Save the Dates
Ladies, as a DWYC Member you are an Islander!

Jan. 8 - Islanders Installation Luncheon
~~March 30~~ Feb. 9 - Valentine Mystery Dinner
 March 6 - On Golden Pond Play
 April 2 - Black Jack Tournament
 April 9 - Islander Spring Luncheon
 May 7 - Kentucky Derby
 June 9 - Islanders Mixer
 July 14 - Islanders Mixer
 August 11 - Islanders Mixer
 Sept. 8 - Islanders Mixer
 Oct. 22 - Islanders Social
 Nov. 5 - Black Jack Tournament
 Dec. 10 - Islanders Holiday Party

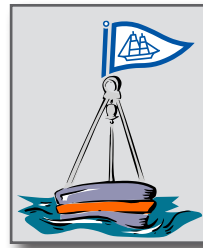
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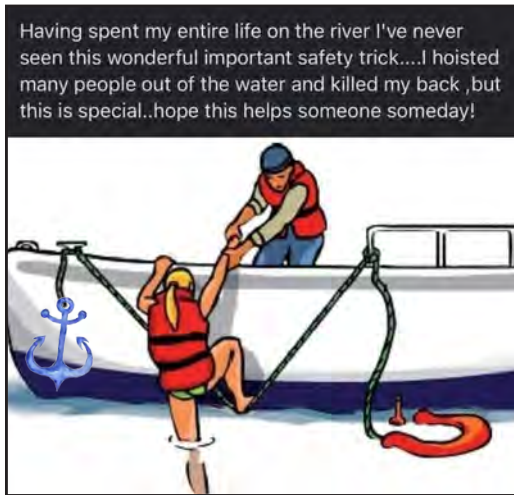
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EXTRA BITS

By MEMBERS ON LINE

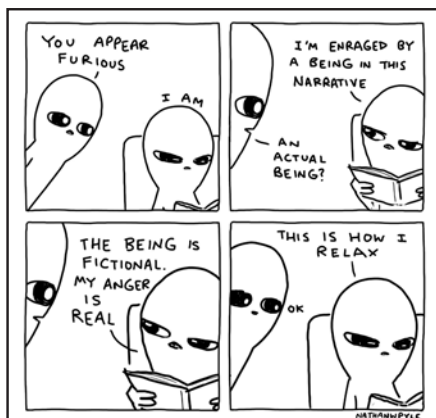
Greg Hickey thought this might come in handy and shared with members.



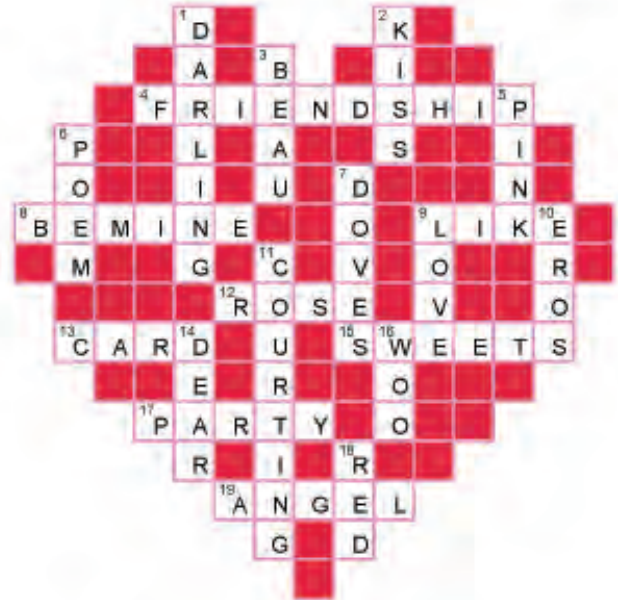
Dawn Rasmussen shared this photo and that Juniors 2022 Winter/Spring Racing Programs started up January 18th. Check out dwcjrs.org for information and registrations.



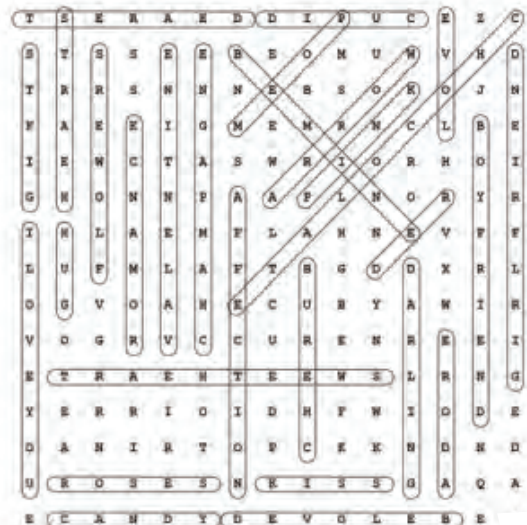
If you giggle at this comic, shared by Nina McNeely, then maybe you should see page 13 to check out the Odyssey Book Club info!



Answers to this month's Extra Bits puzzles:



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ROMANCE
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BUSINESS NETWORK GROUP

By **PATRICIA CHIKU**

The BNG Meetings have been indefinitely postponed amid the resurgence of COVID cases, fueled by the Omicron variant.

The health and safety of DWYC, club members and BNG attendees remains our top priority.

We look forward to continuing our meetings at a future date, which will be announced soon. Stay tuned..

For more information about BNG, to RSVP or to sign up as our next Featured Speaker, please contact Pat Chiku (Chair) at BNG@DWYC.org or Candy Babcock (Vice Chair) 714-309-6447. 




ODYSSEY BOOK CLUB

By **NINA McNEELY**

Since the inception of the Odyssey Book Club in March of 2020, the Book Club has collectively read 40 books! What a milestone!



At the time of the newsletter publication, we did not yet have the February book selected, so please keep an eye on the weekly E-Blast for more information! The next meeting will be at the club on March 2nd at 6:00 pm.

If you have 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. Any and all are welcome to join! 



SILVER STARS

By **HYDEE RIGGS**

For those of you who may be a newer club member, a Silver Star is a former commodore also known as a Staff Commodore. We have had 43 Staff Commodores over the years, many of whom remain involved in the club. Even though each Staff Commodore put in significant time and work for the club during their tenures, they continue to do so today, by being a part of various committees, and also, as a group, by raising funds for the Patrick Walsh Scholarship, also known as the Silver Stars' Scholarship.

The Patrick Walsh Scholarship was established in the 1990's to help support the higher education of DWYC members' children and grandchildren. This annual scholarship award is dedicated to Patrick Walsh, the late son of members John and Mary Walsh. Patrick was killed in a non-combat related helicopter accident, while serving in the military in Asia.

Each year, the Silver Stars host a number of fundraising events to support this important program. Qualified student applicants will need to apply and provide some documents and a statement expressing why they should receive this award. Applications must be received by a certain deadline usually by December 1st.

Last year, over \$17,000 in cash scholarships were awarded. If you would like to receive more information regarding this scholarship, please send an email to scholarship@dwyc.org.

We have the following events planned this year *(though they could be subject to change):*

March/April 2022 - 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! 

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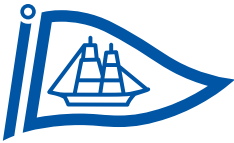


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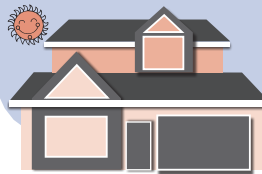
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