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COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **TAMARA TATICH**

Today is my birthday – the day I reflect on the past year and set goals for the next. I don't mind sharing with you how challenging 2020 has been. No surprises there, and the feeling is shared by all! But, it has also been rewarding in so many ways. I cannot thank all the people that have given their time and talent to get us through the most difficult year of this generation. We haven't received a clean bill of health yet, but the prognosis is good if we continue to be diligent with pandemic protocols.

I'm almost at the end of my year, and this being the month of thanksgiving, it seems appropriate to express my gratitude for the people that gave so freely to serve as a director or officer. Every single person answered the call whenever there was a need – and the phone rang often. The ever present VC Hydee Riggs, who is one of the smartest women I know, has been by my side through thick and thin. RC Molly Dearing didn't hesitate when I asked her to form a group to assist members in need and she and Matt Dearing kept members entertained every Monday evening. These women are FIERCE! Our Judge Advocate Phil Eaton, had to come out of retirement and dust off the law books for this unexpected year of chaos and his knowledge and sound advice has been a lifesaver. Same goes for SC Mike Metz, SC Helen Hawkins and SC Pam Northcott. Jr. Staff Commodore Alex Gelman thought his fun was over, but his expertise in law and operations was called upon often and he was always on the ready – AS WAS EVERYONE! I cannot list the names of everyone, but you know who you are!

We won't know the outcome of the election for the club until November 15th, but regardless of who wins, VC Hydee Riggs has a board of brilliance. Every candidate is more than qualified and they each possess passion for continuing to make DWYC "The Best Little Yacht Club On The West Coast". I am confident that they will serve with the same vigor as this year's Board did as next year takes shape and life returns to the "new norm."

Something else to look forward to this month is the unveiling of a new seasonal menu. The Food & Beverage Committee led by SC Pam Northcott has been working with Chef Joel to develop some new items that will warm your soul in the cooler months. We're also developing a few options that are full of flavor for those seeking a

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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **HYDEE RIGGS**

healthier, lighter fare. We'll post the new menu on our website and Facebook, as well as our weekly eblast.

2020 has served up a lot of swerve balls, and then in October we were hit with a hard ball in the form of new parking fees. The slip renters are affected, but not to the extreme for those that no longer own a boat in Dana Point Harbor. The most important detail is that the gate is going to close on November 2, 2020, and anyone without an RFID sticker will need to pay \$3 per hour to park in the lot or park in free parking outside the gated lot. That includes the DPYC parking area and the spaces that face the main channel. If you didn't receive the email from Kelly Rinderknecht (The Marina at Dana Point), please email or call me or the office immediately so you are informed and know the options to consider while a team of our brightest continue to work hard on our behalf.

In closing, I wish you, your families and your loved ones health and happiness during the holiday season of this "year like no other." I hope you manage to be with one another safely and that you enjoy many moments of glee and cheer.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all, 

November is the month of being thankful. It is also the month of elections including our own election for the club's Board of Directors. Your votes are very important to the club, so please cast them before November 14, 2020! Our candidates this year include (in reverse alphabetical order ... why not?):

Leigh Ann Pack

Megan Noyes

Joe Espinoza

Julie D'Urso

Rich Blanco

Bruce Belanger

Each of these members would be a welcome addition to our 2021 Board. I want to personally thank each of them for coming forward and being ready and willing to volunteer for this position. We will be announcing the elected directors after our November board meeting.

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Food and Beverage continues to work towards delicious food and drinks at affordable prices while creating new food and drink items and specials. Keep your eyes peeled as we expect we will have some updated menu selections soon! Of course, if you have any suggestions, feel free to let us know in the suggestion box.


In honor of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, I would like to leave you with this quote that has such meaning to me:

"Be thankful for nights that turn into mornings, friends that turn into family, dreams that turn into reality and likes that turn into love."

The following member was reinstated: Steve Alderson

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

Barry and Melissa Clark - Boat Owner – Dana Point

I wish you and your loved ones a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. 



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.

Applicant and member postings are pending.

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.




REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **MOLLY DEARING**

As we enter November, it is time to start looking back on the year and think about what we are thankful for. For me, I am thankful for the continued health of my family and my friends and that even with all of the adjustments to how we socialized in 2020, I have still been able to fulfill my work obligations and social cravings in new and creative ways (hello, Zoom!). And I am thankful for all of you, my DWYC family, for your continued and unwavering support of the club; it has made a challenging year a little bit easier to manage (a sentiment which I feel would be echoed by my fellow flag officers and directors).

You may be aware that the Ship Store has been open sporadically since we reopened, however, starting in November, I am planning on opening the Ship Store in a more regular way, as I hope that we can help you with your holiday shopping! Look to the weekly e-blast or the Dana West Yacht Club Facebook page for posted hours (most likely Saturday or Sunday afternoon each week).

Speaking of holiday shopping, there are some great new gift friendly items in stock – DWYC sweatshirts, jackets, hats, Reyn Spooners shirts and also some cool boat-worthy drinkware from a new vendor called "Toadfish." As always, the pricing in the store can't be beat!

The Member Services committee is still available to assist with grocery runs, errands etc. for any of you who are still self-quarantining and not ready to go out into the world yet. Please email me at memberservices@dwyc.org if you require assistance. Cheers (from a safe distance)! 



SAVE THE DATE!

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Port	11/4/2020	Odyssey Book Club Zoom
Port	11/18/2020	Odyssey Book Club Zoom
Islanders	12/5/2020	Islanders' Gift Exchange

**All dates are tentative. Check for latest in email blasts!*




PORT REPORT

By **NINA McNEELY**

I'm not going to beat around the bush - it's been difficult to plan social events during the past couple of months. I know everyone misses our big dance parties, indoor bands and karaoke as much as I do! When we are able to operate at maximum capacity and have a proper thrown down, I hope all the new members can see that part of Dana West's magic! In the meantime, if we come up with a suitable event, we'll advertise on the weekly email and on the Facebook page. I am hoping to have some live music on the patio if the nice weather holds! If you have a good idea or a question, please do not hesitate to call or email me at port@dwyc.org.

A quick clubhouse-keeping note: The Lost & Found is full! This is the bottom portion of the podium by the front door. If you are at the club and think you may have lost a sweater a few months ago, please take a look! If you think you lost your sun glasses a few months ago and are still isolating or not able to come to the club, let me know and I will check for you. There is a crockpot down there that is left over from the Super Bowl party. Nights are beginning to get chilly - you may want that back!

Just a few more weeks and 2020 will be coming to a close. Many of us can say this has been one of the strangest years of our lives! As we begin the holiday season, I encourage everyone to be diligent with your health.

Book Club Update: Our November meetings are on the 4th and 18th via zoom at 6:00 pm. Please email me at port@dwyc.org if you would like to find out what we are currently reading. Join us! We'd love to hear from more members! Follow the link in the weekly email blast. See you at the club! Or online! 

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FLEET LOG

By **RICH BLANCO**


Dana Point Harbor rocked out during the DWYC Raft-up on October 2 - 4! As the 18 boats started to anchor around Dana Lina, they were guided by Steve Harrison, Greg Hickey, Jim Montrella and Vito Ferlauto Great teamwork, as none of the boats moved the entire weekend!

The morning began with eye-openers on Sadie Mae with Ed and Mindy Sicard, who also hosted the band. We partnered with the DW Youth Sailing group for their



FUNdraiser, with the raft-up boats hosting the Poker Run It was a great success, with the boats even running out of their first deck of cards! And, then the music started. Not just for those boats who were rafted up, but many folks came over on their dinghies or even lined up along the grassy area on their lawn chairs to listen to the sounds of the Killer West Band! It was a great weekend of visiting with old friends and making new ones!

And, now, on to Catalina! There are 29 boats heading to Avalon for the end of our (short) cruising season of 2020! And, we are going big!! Champagne toasts, eye-openers and McRiddles and McLatins courtesy of the Latins and Riddles. Then off to the Island (masks in tow) for a miniature golf tournament followed by dinner at one of the many restaurants that are open, several on the sand. Stay tuned for photos!

Thanks to everyone who supported us this year. Even though we weren't able to cruise everywhere we normally do, we still had fun! 



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JUNIOR'S CORNER

By **DAWN RASMUSSEN**

In October, we held our first (socially distanced) Fall FUNdraiser & Junior Regatta...what a day and event! This was our first and only fundraiser of the year as the Tin Cup Golf Tournament was cancelled due to COVID-19.

We had three classes of boats (RS Tera A, B and Lasers) and 13 kids participate in the regatta. In the RS Tera classes, our regatta winners were Wyatt Dalby, Oliver Ernst and Tyler Olson. In the Laser class, Maddy Garner was the winner. Congrats to these Junior Sailors!

The main FUNdraiser events were the Duckie Derby, a rubber duckie race held in the channel next to the club and the Dinghy Poker Run. If you can believe it – we sold all 400 rubber ducks and could have sold more!! And the dinghies came out to the Silver Stars Raft-Up to participate in the Poker Run. We also sold burgers and hotdogs, DWYS long sleeve T-Shirts and hats (we have more if you'd like one!).

It was the Silver Stars Raft-up weekend, so I guess it is fitting that two Silver Stars won the events. Believe it or not, Rubber Duck #1 won the race, which was purchased by SC Rick & Debbie Rossback. SC Mike Metz had the winning Poker Hand!

There are so many people to thank for the help in organizing, promoting and volunteering to help us put this on, but a few key people include:

- Helen Hawkins, for her tenacious duck-selling;
- Rich & Karen Blanco, Fleet Captains, for supporting the Poker Run and lunch by adding our event into the Raft-Up itinerary;
- Host Boats for the Poker Run: Seago'er -- Jr. & Nanette Seago; Mystique -- Rex Hall & Patty Markus; It's Abow't Time -- Steve and Sondra Harrison; Sea P.R.-- Tom Reagan & Patti Pratt; Liberty Bell -- Ron & Cindy Latin; Cocktails – Bonnie Olsen & Wendy White
- Flippin' Burgers: SC Richard Ferrell, VC Hydee Riggs, RC Molly Dearing and Jorge!

THANK YOU TO ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

As you may now know, our goal is to raise \$35,000 for our program. We currently rent many of our boats from the DP Harbor Foundation and would like to be

more independent, so we want to buy four RS Teras. In addition, this money will help us keep a full time sailing coaching staff and fund our fall/winter/spring programs. We intend to host two major fundraisers per year, the Tin Cup Golf Tournament and the Fall Regatta fundraiser.

If you would like to donate, please go to our webpage at www.dwycjrs.org and follow us on Facebook @ DWYJuniors & Instagram pages @DWYJrs.



We continue to work to provide a great program for our DWYC and community Junior sailors and racers. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit so you can write all donations off on your taxes!

Thank you all! Fair winds and following seas,
The Board of DWYS 







ISLANDER'S UPDATE

By **NANCY MAY**

I hope all Islanders are staying healthy and happy and finding fun activities to keep busy!

Usually in October, we hold our Islander's election and move our board up and fill our empty position. However, the Board realized that we never really had a chance at leadership, so we are enthusiastically continuing next year in our same positions and hope we will be able to reinstate some of our fun activities. On that note, we will keep you posted on whether our tentative, December 5th, gift exchange luncheon will move forward.

Whether you are 'rv'ing, boating, taking trips to Catalina, reading and/or zooming book club, watching games on t.v. or shows and movies you never thought you'd watch, cooking creatively or finding different ways to exercise, enjoy fall and Happy Thanksgiving! 🚤



SEAMEN UPDATE

By **KEVIN RIGGS**

Well, the Seamen pulled it off! We had a Seamen Bourbon Tasting in the middle of a global pandemic. AND we had enough interest to buy a barrel from the distillery! Thanks to Garrison Brothers Distillery for assisting us with our best tasting yet. They provided barrel staves with Glencairn glasses to sample us through four of their select offerings. We accompanied our tasting with a great meal from the club, including either a steak or hamburger and for a select few, a Beyond Burger! You know who you are. More photos on page 6.



Remember the Seamen are always looking for people interested in helping with events and holding positions. Please reach out if you are interested. 🚤

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HEALTH & HAPPINESS

By **CINDY SALWAY**

November brings us cooler weather, shorter days and a time of thanks. Thanksgiving is traditionally a time when family and friends come together. For many of us, it will be very different from past years. No matter how you celebrate this year, I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.

Debbie and Austin Peay (DWYC members since 1997) are moving to Summerville, South Carolina on November 1st. Their plans were put on hold last spring because of Covid-19. They are excited to finally be able to go ahead with their move. Their daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren moved to South Carolina recently. They will also be closer to their son who lives in New York. Austin has served as DWYC Chaplain for 10 years. Debbie contributed to Lines and Bits (Health and Happiness column) in the past. We wish them much happiness in their new home.

Hydee and Kevin Riggs' daughter, Briana, married Luke Gannon on October 10th in La Quinta, CA. We wish both Briana and Luke a lifetime of joy and love.

Don Thomas is recovering from recent back surgery. We wish him a full and speedy recovery.

Bob and Cheryl Kelly and Rick and Debbie Rossback spent four days in October sailing aboard the vintage 1924 Schooner Zodiac in the San Juan Islands in




Washington. The schooner traveled the islands to view the many lighthouses in the area. Shore parties visited some of the islands for hikes to these remote

lighthouses. Passengers also assisted the crew in raising the sails, steering, charting and polishing brass. After their adventure, the Kellys and Rossbacks spent another week exploring lighthouses on the Olympic Peninsula.

Bryan Noyes is an engineer for the LA County Fire Department. He has been battling wildfires since August at the Lake Hughes Fire and Bob Cat Fire. Bryan and his crew have been instrumental in saving homes in Juniper Hills and helped save Griffith Observatory. We send our sincere appreciation for the sacrifices that Bryan, Megan and their four children have made during this fire season.

Mr. & Mrs. Santa, Jan and Ed, have returned from their road trip. After visiting Jan's daughter in Colorado, the two of them toured Wyoming with stops in Rawlins, Evanston, Casper and Douglas. They had planned to continue through Idaho, but changed their route because of the fires. By the time you are reading this article, Jan and Ed will be headed out again to Morro Bay with their Winnebago group. Jan told me they have travelled through 24 states. They sure have visited a lot of this beautiful country.

Please remember to email me at happiness@dwyc.org with any health and happiness news you'd like to share with DWYC members or text me at 949-632-0807 

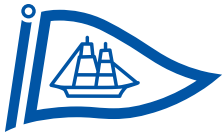


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