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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)*

Islanders	5/1/21	Kentucky Derby
Port	5/2/21	Carl Strazzulla on the Patio
Port	5/8/21	Club Clean Up
Race	5/8/21	Jack & Jill Series #1
Port	5/9/21	Mother's Day Brunch
Fleet	5/11/21	Coast Guard Auxillary Suddenly in Comand
Port	5/13/21	Social Committee Meeting
Commodore	5/15/21	OPENING DAY
Fleet	5/18/21	Coast Guard Auxillary VHF Radio
Regatta	5/19/21	Wine Tasting
Silver Stars	5/23/21	Bingo
Fleet	5/28-5/30/21	Shoreline Cruise
Port	5/29/21	Yachty Rock Band Experience
Regatta/Race	6/3-6/21	Charity Regatta
Jrs.	6/4/21	Sailing for Life Regatta
Race	6/6/21	Jack & Jill Series #2

*\*All dates are tentative. Check for latest in eBlasts!*



Photo: Bob Kelly  
From DWYC Opening Day 2019



# COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **HYDEE RIGGS**

Happy Mother's Day to our moms! You will notice this issue is filled with lots of baby photos of our members. This is in honor of all of the mothers out there and the women who love with a mother's heart.

Opening Day is around the corner on Saturday, May 15, 2021 and we hope you will come out to celebrate! Opening Day is a long-standing tradition in yacht clubs, tracing back to the practices of climatically challenged clubs on the east coast who had to close for the winter. In California, we are lucky to be able to stay open all year. As a yacht club, it is a chance for our club members to deck themselves out in formal yacht club attire, have a few drinks and celebrate camaraderie. Part of the day's festivities include an annual boat parade in which members are invited to participate in traditional or theme dress . . . that is, for both boat and crew. Decorated boats and their crew all pass by the club review boat that is anchored in the turning basin for salute, review and judging by the flag officers and those on board the review boat. The parade starts at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in joining the parade, please contact Megan Noyes at [fleet@dwyc.org](mailto:fleet@dwyc.org).

Following the morning boat parade, members and guests are invited to the Opening Day Ceremony that has many traditions of its own, including cannon shots (to break up the ice we don't have), the seasonal debut of white pants and blue blazers (even though we never stopped wearing them), saluting (some of us relearning the timing year after year), festive decorations, presenting of awards, announcing the winners of the parade decorating contest and the 50/50 raffle and lots of music! A meal is then served to the members immediately following the ceremony. The 42nd Opening Day Ceremony will begin promptly at 3:00 p.m. with registration at 2:30 p.m. We will have live music at the club that evening. I hope to see all of you at the parade, ceremony and party!

We had a fun-filled month of events in April!! To name a few, we had a delicious Easter Sunday brunch, reggae music, the Islanders' Spring Luncheon, the Fleet cruise to Balboa Yacht Club, the Newport to Ensenada race and the exclusive showing of the Dana Brown surfing film! We are so lucky to have all of these events at our club and I want to thank everyone involved for volunteering and making these happen.

Besides Opening Day, we have other events ready to go forward in May: Islanders' Kentucky Derby (May 1), Club Clean Up Day (May 8), Mother's Day Brunch (May 9), Charity Regatta Wine Tasting (May 19) Silver Stars Bingo (May 23) and the Fleet Shoreline Yacht Club Cruise (May 28 – May 31). Keep your eye on the club calendar as dates could change.

Sadly, due to current travel restrictions and the unknown, we had to cancel the August Commodore's Cruise to Croatia. But we have quickly recovered and are planning a land cruise to Secrets Akumal in Mexico (outside of Cancun) from December 4, 2021 – December 11, 2021. Although we have just begun the reservation process, we already have



Photos: © Secrets Akumal



24 rooms booked! We would love to have you join, so if you would like to go, please contact Tracey Breeden at [luv2tvl@hotmail.com](mailto:luv2tvl@hotmail.com). Thank you, Tracey, for all of your hard work in getting this planned on such short notice!

I would be remiss if I didn't tell everyone who found the anchor in last month's issue who won the raffle. The winner was Vito Ferlauto! Vito, come find me for your free drink!

As always, I appreciate your support and patience and look forward to seeing you at the club and on the water! 



# VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **MOLLY DEARING**

As we enter the month of May, I am looking forward to all the exciting things happening at the club! Our Fleet Captain is planning a cruise to Shoreline Yacht Club over Memorial Day weekend, our Port Captains have a lovely brunch planned for Mother's Day, and, of course, we get to have our Opening Day once again. While we are still under Covid-19 restrictions and the event may be a bit smaller than it has been in year's past, it should be a great event with the traditional boat parade and ceremony nonetheless!

The Food & Beverage team continues to dazzle us with the weekly menu and drink specials, and we will continue to evolve the menu to keep it fresh and seasonal! I always look forward to seeing what creative and delicious specials Chef Angel and his team are preparing for us weekly.

I also wanted to thank the members who have been referring their friends, boat neighbors and family for membership at DWYC. Y'all have been keeping me busy! But more importantly, these referrals help the club to continue to thrive and grow our DWYC family. If you have a friend or dock neighbor who you'd like to introduce to the club, please send them my way! Cheers! 🚤

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

*Joan Sanders & Jerry Mensik* – Boat Owner

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

*Scott & Barb Bitzer* – Non-Boat Owner

*Dan Brazeau* – Boat Owner

*Brenda "Bindi" Brook* – Boat Owner

*Bill & Michelle Brough* – Boat Owner

*Bill Bundy & Daryl Whitaker* – Boat Owner

*Justin & Stephanie Jones* – Boat Owner

*Craig & Sheila Lee* – Boat Owner

*Thomas Neesbye-Hansen & Colleen Renmyer* – Non-Boat Owner

*Jeff & Anna Reinstein* – Boat Owner



# 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.



New members Megan & Jeremy Webb

The By-Laws require that new applicants for membership be posted on the Bulletin Board for twenty one (21) days. Any regular member may place an objection against an applicant by submitting the objection in writing to the Board of Directors prior to the next Board meeting.

*Dana West is a 501(c)(7), not for profit, mutual benefit corporation. In compliance with the California State Liquor Laws, we must have an Officer of the Day at the door, and all guests of DWYC members must be signed in by the member with our "Swipeon" system before entrance. All visiting yacht club members must present verification, sign in with "Swipeon" and must wear a guest badge, printed by the "Swipeon" system. The OD must verify individuals, by requesting them to present their current membership card. Most members have their cards ready as they enter.*

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# REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **NINA McNEELY**

There is so much to look forward to this month! As Covid related restrictions are lifted, we can look forward to seeing more members at the club. Mother's Day is around the corner, and we get to have (a modified) Opening Day this year! I'm looking forward to celebrating our club traditions with our members, the Board and all the Staff Commodores.


On a personal note, I have something very special to look forward to in May. As many may know, my fiancé, Scott, and I have been engaged since Christmas Eve 2019. Our original plan was to get married in the turning basin on the morning of December 19th, 2020. We would have everyone come out in their boats and dinghies and Helen was going to pass out champagne! Afterward we'd throw a huge brunch party for everyone at the Club. Well, Covid had other plans.

A couple of months ago my very sweet Scott said, "I'm tired of waiting to get married! We met on May 4th, let's get married on May 4th!" We looked into getting married at the courthouse, but the County of Orange is doing weddings at the Honda Center. Now, I'm a baseball fan, so if they said we could get married under the big red hat at Angels Stadium I'd be all over that, but we're not real big on hockey! Instead, we're having a small ceremony with a few close friends and fully vaccinated family members that are able to travel.



We will be tying the knot in Heritage Park here in Dana Point, looking over the harbor where we met and spend so much time together.

If there is something you want from the Ship's Store, please do not hesitate to contact me! If I am not available, I have a couple of volunteers who will be able to assist you. I hope you have many things to look forward to in May as well!

And for those who are curious...no. It is not a Star Wars themed wedding! 

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# FLEET LOG

By **MEGAN NOYES**

We have so many great cruising opportunities in the works! The end of April brought the Balboa cruise. Thank you to the Sicards, Riggses and Agas for help in hosting!

The month of May has two super fun events! First, we have Opening Day, May 15th, with a traditional parade which we lead this year! Dress your boat either in traditional style or to depict our theme which is "Island Life". Prizes will be given to the power boat and sailboat in each category. So come on out, parade, participate in the ceremonies and/or party! It will be a great day that you won't want to miss!

Also, we have the Shoreline cruise May 28-30th. There is still time to sign up for this event so please sign-up at the club at the fleet window or email me at [fleet@dwyc.org](mailto:fleet@dwyc.org). Thank you to the Blanco's for hosting!

Don't forget to get your vessel safety check as summer is fast approaching! Email [danapointuscgaux@gmail.com](mailto:danapointuscgaux@gmail.com) and they will set it up for you!

Please email or call me with any questions!






# PORT REPORT

By **JAN CASTEEL**  
& **MARNIE FEELY**

We have had some great events in late March and April. We had a good time singing along with Karaoke for Vice Commodore Molly Dearing's birthday. Thank you, Molly and Matt, for the party! The back to the 80's party was great fun!




We had such a successful March Raft up! Not only was the weather perfect, the steel band amazing, but we also had the opportunity to witness a beautiful re-naming ceremony for Chip and Valerie Riddle's new boat!

Ron Latin presented a beautiful blessing and toast to introduce the "R&R"! Congratulations and best wishes for many memories on the water! 





- May 13th at 6pm Social Committee Meeting
- May 29th Memorial Day - Yachty Rock Band Experience

Any interested member can attend the Social Committee meeting. Join us for a drink and planning fun. Our social committee is made up of members who want to help with our social events. So if you would like to contribute to the next event or have special skills that you think will help, please join the meeting. Your help and friendship are what makes DWYC the "Best Little Yacht Club on the West Coast." 

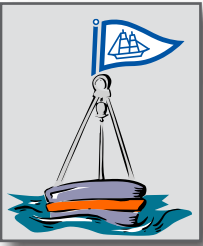


The Easter Brunch was well attended and enjoyed by all. The food was amazing and a big shout out to our new chef and kitchen staff. We all enjoyed meeting the Easter Bunny who provided us with lots of fun! Thank you to Helen Hawkins, Rachel Casteel and Mindy Sicard for helping to decorate. Next was the reggae party which was super fun with the Entropy band.

Following are May events. Check the weekly flyers for more information:

- May 2nd Our own Carl Strazzulla with Music on the Patio. Carl, thanks for volunteering to entertain us!
- May 8th Club Clean Up! Please come and help get the club in ship shape for Opening Day!
- May 9th Mother's Day brunch





# EXTRA BITS

By **HYDEE RIGGS**

## Mom's PRIDE & JOY



Hydee Riggs



Kevin Riggs



Nancy May



Bonnie Leaf



Pat Edgerton



Sue Edgerton



Diane Hooper



Molly Dearing



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Joan Limoges



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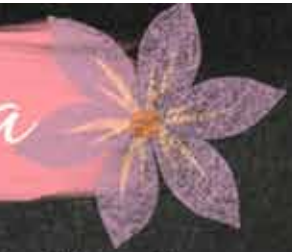
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# Mother's Day Trivia



1. When was Mother's Day made an official U.S. holiday?

- A. 1908
- B. 1914
- C. 1966
- D. 1972

2. Who created the American Tradition of Mother's Day?

- A. Susan B. Anthony
- B. Louisa May Alcott
- C. Anna Jarvis
- D. Florence Nightingale

3. "Mama's Song" is a song recorded by which American Country Singer?

- A. Johnny Cash
- B. Miranda Lambert
- C. Carrie Underwood
- D. Dolly Parton

4. What is the official Mother's Day Flower?

- A. Carnations
- B. Roses
- C. Tulips
- D. Lilies

5. What is the record for the most children born to one mother?

- A. 19
- B. 23
- C. 41
- D. 69

6. What did Mom Anna Lee Fisher achieve distinction for?

- A. First Mom of septuplets
- B. First Mom in space
- C. First Mom who circumnavigated the globe
- D. First woman Commodore of a yacht club

7. In 2009, American mother Nadya Suleman gave birth to the most babies in a single birth. How many babies?

- A. 9
- B. 7
- C. 6
- D. 8

8. Approximately how many telephone calls are made on Mother's Day?

- A. 50 million
- B. 74 million
- C. 90 million
- D. 122 million

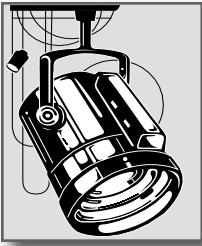
9. What is the most popular month in which to have a baby?

- A. January
- B. May
- C. August
- D. December

10. True or False; Mother's Day is the the busiest day of the year for restaurants.



Answer Key:  
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# MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

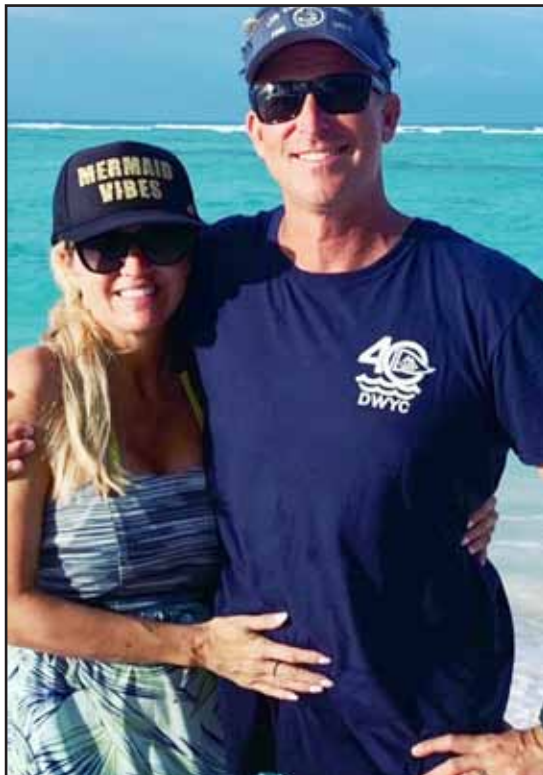
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MEGAN NOYES  
Membership Number: 3333  
Fleet Captain

**Did you have a nickname growing up or now? If so, what was it and where did it come from?** My nickname is Trixie! My husband started calling me Trixie when we were dating and it stuck!

**Current position at club and for how long:** I am currently the Fleet Captain for 2021.

**Occupation (or previous occupation):** I am an attorney. I've been practicing law for over 15 years now and am a criminal defense attorney.



**Places you have lived:** Southern California my whole life!

**Do you own a boat and if so, what is her name:** We own a 30 foot Regal day cruiser named "makinnoyes"

**What is your favorite thing about the club:** Hanging with friends and family.

**What is your favorite memory about the club:** Mother's Day brunch with my family in 2018. It was last time the whole family was together before my mom passed away.

**Favorite food:** Mexican food

**Favorite movies:** The Notebook and Steel Magnolias

*Favorite Musical Performer?*  
"Country music like . . ."

**Favorite musical performers:** Country music like Jason Aldean, Jon Pardi, and Dierks Bentley

**Best vacation ever taken:** BVI's.

**Hobbies:** Boating, pickleball, hanging with friends

**If you could choose a lifetime supply of something, what would it be?** Wine

**Tell us something we may not know about you:**  
I'm adopted

**What is on your bucket list?** Traveling to different islands and Europe

## STAFF COMMODORE

DAWN RASMUSSEN  
Membership Number: 1594  
Staff Commodore 2017

**Did you have a nickname growing up or now? If so, what was it and where did it come from?** Dawno, came from my college volleyball teammates

**Year of being Commodore:** 2009

**Your Commodore Theme:** 30 Years of Hidden Treasure - it was the 30th anniversary of the club that year!

**Occupation (or previous occupation):** I lead the International division of Ventura Foods

**Favorite food:** Roasted Chicken with gravy & a big old Ribeye Steak



**Favorite alcoholic beverage:** Red Wine - Pinot, Cab, Zin

**Hobbies:** Sailing, cooking, music, gardening, reading

**Best vacation ever taken:** I'm fortunate to have taken MANY phenomenal vacations, but Scandinavia (Norway & Denmark), BVI, Tahiti & Alaska top the list

*What is on your bucket list?*

*"...attend the Rose Bowl when my Gophers get there! This could be futile."*

**What is your secret talent?** The power of positivity - I rarely have a bad day!

**What is your favorite memory of being Commodore?** We had many awesome parties and cruises (extended cruise to Catalina & Commodore's Cruise to Lake Powell). But my favorite memory was my Commodore's Ball, which was held at the Ocean Institute. It was a spectacular and very fun night.

**Tell us something we may not know about you:** In 1999, I made a list of 100 things I wanted to do, see and achieve in my life. That list is now up to 120 and to date, I have accomplished 60 of them - still more to do!

**What is on your bucket list?** Speak Spanish fluently, lots of travel (South America, Europe, US National Parks), volunteer in another country, attend the Rose Bowl when my Gophers get there! This could be futile.

## MEMBER

CHUCK JEGLIKOWSKI

Membership Number: 3384

**Did you have a nickname growing up or now?**

Charley Tuna. It seemed like the ad campaign for tuna fish evolved when I was a youngster and my friends started calling me that.

**Year you joined the club:** I joined the club in 2019, but I have been familiar with the club for many years. As the Treasurer for the Southern California Yachting Association for 10 years (2010 - 2020), I attended numerous events and meetings at the club and every Opening Day during that period.

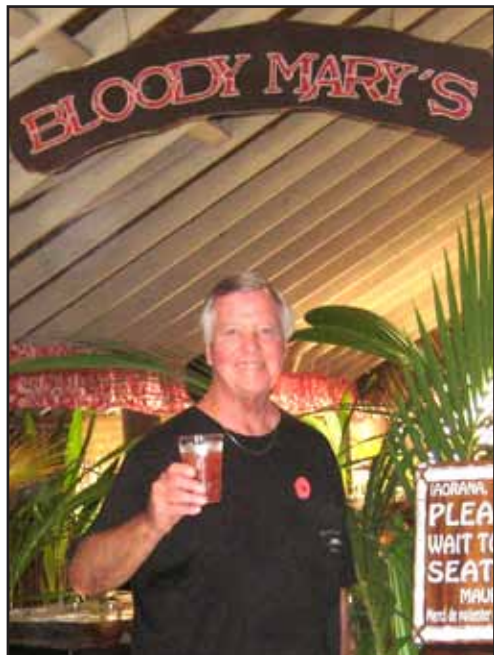
**What is your favorite thing about the club?** I love meeting our friends for drinks and dinner at the club. The atmosphere is so warm and friendly and it is a perfect place to make new friends.

**Occupation(s) (or previous occupation(s):** I am an attorney specializing in the area of taxation. After graduating from law school, I became a lawyer in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. I spent five years on active duty in Korea and Germany and continued my Army career as a JAG reservist in California for 20 additional years. I retired from the Army as a full Colonel. After my active duty I began a career in California as a lawyer in the Office of Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service. Prior to retiring from the Government, I was the Area Counsel for the Pacific Coast Area. As a senior executive for the Government, I had supervisory

responsibility for a team of lawyers engaged in providing legal services to the IRS for the western United States.

**What was your favorite thing about your career?** In my military and government positions, I had the opportunity to mentor and develop the legal talents of my subordinates. It was always gratifying to see them become seasoned litigators and experienced attorneys.

**Do you own a boat and if so, what is her name:** My wife Helga and I own an 18 ft. electric boat which is at our Harbour Island dock in Oxnard. She is called *Wunderbar*.



**What are your favorite foods?** Steak and Helga's home cooking.

**What makes you laugh?** A good joke.

**Who is your hero?** Roger Federer

**What would you sing at karaoke night?** Any Willie Nelson song

*What is your secret talent?*  
"Escaping the honeydo list!"

**Favorite Halloween costume?** Chef

**Best vacation ever taken:** We have been blessed with some extraordinary travels. While my three-year active-duty assignment in Germany was not a vacation, it seemed like one. We were able to travel extensively throughout Europe and especially loved our weekend excursions to

Austria. One other vacation is a highlight for us. We spent several days in an over the water bungalow on the island of Moorea in French Polynesia and then embarked on a 14-day cruise from Papeete to Sydney, Australia. We visited many of the islands in French Polynesia and toured New Zealand before spending some additional time in Sydney after the cruise.

**What is your secret talent?** Escaping the honeydo list!

**What are your hobbies?** I am an avid tennis player. I play singles every morning at 7 a.m. at Braemar Country Club in Tarzana.

**If you could choose a lifetime supply of something, what would it be?** Good health and Chivas Regal Scotch.

**If you could give your 16-year-old self-advice, what would you tell yourself?** Be tolerant and respectful of others.

**What do you pride yourself at being really good at?** Playing tennis. Also, making people feel comfortable around me – I have an excellent sense of humor.

**What is on your bucket list?** Continue to travel. 



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## RACE

By **TAMARA TATIC**

You may have noticed from the last few eBlasts that we changed the first race in the Jack & Jill series to Saturday, May 8th to allow our racers to attend the Kentucky Derby party hosted by the Islanders. Islanders' President, Nancy May is a key team member on the race committee, and we decided the conflict was worth pushing the date one week – not to mention that there are many of us that love the shortest race event of the year! I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our racers.

Several DWYC boats are signed up to race around Catalina Island from Cabrillo Beach over Memorial Day weekend. Having done this race many times, I must say it's truly challenging and unpredictable. The weathered backside of the island can be a grueling push in prevailing westerlies, but a southerly is an experience comparable to Mr. Toad's wild ride. Night fighting in a whisper, rolling through your entire sail inventory can be expected, and then begging for assistance from the current in the morning as you round the east end on a heading to home port. This race is won by either adrenaline or tenacity! Good luck to our DWYC fleet!

I hope you're planning to support the 24th annual Charity Regatta the first weekend in June! This is a 3-day regatta that begins on Friday on a Newport Beach start line and ends in Dana Point, followed by several classes competing on two courses Saturday and Sunday. Whether you're on the water racing, playing dinghy poker in the harbor or attending activities at the club, the weekend is all about doing our part in a very fun way to put an end to cancer. Every dollar counts!

We are looking for boat-owning members to host the race committee. If you have a boat that can accommodate four to five people and are able to anchor, I would love to introduce you to the rewarding and exciting world of yacht club racing.

May you have steady winds and following seas - 

### RACE DATES

5/8	Jack & Jill Series #1
6/4-6/6	"Sailing for Life" Charity Regatta
6/18-8/27	Friday Fun Sailing Series
6/26	Jack & Jill Series #2
7/23	Harvest Moon #1
8/14	Jack & Jill Series #3
8/21	Harvest Moon #2

## TURNING 65? MEDICARE OPTIONS?

Some milestones of growing older happen when people are in their 60's. In the U.S., full retirement age is between 66 and 67, depending on what year you were born. At that age, you qualify for full Social Security retirement benefits, though you may choose to start drawing on Social Security earlier or later than that.

You may also retire from full-time work, which means you can be losing your health insurance so it's time to enroll into Medicare. It is important to educate yourself on Medicare. You owe it to yourself to consult with an experienced "INSURANCE BROKER" that specializes in Medicare Insurance before making final decisions on your future Health Insurance needs.

**Enrollment in Medicare** has precise deadlines. You will need to enroll correctly in order to avoid paying a penalty. Medicare doesn't cover everything. Original Medicare A (Hospital) and B (Doctors and Outpatient Services) covers 80% of your medical bills. You could incur financial liability for the other 20%! Most folks enroll in Supplemental plans to help pay for the costs and benefits that are not covered.

**Common Questions:** When can I enroll without a penalty? Do I have to enroll if I am still working? If I'm on a retirement plan do I have to enroll? Does Medicare have deductibles and copays? How do I decide on a plan? Can I still see my favorite Doctor? How much will my Prescriptions Cost? Does Medicare cover me if I travel or move out of Town?

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# SILVER STARS

By **DAWN RASMUSSEN**

On Sunday May 23rd, from 2-4pm, the DWYC Silver Stars will host a Bingo Fundraiser, to benefit the Silver Stars Patrick Walsh Scholarship Fund.


It will be hosted live at the club on the patio, or you can join on Zoom from the comfort of your own home! Feel free to invite your friends, family and neighbors to participate, as well – the more the merrier!

We will have five games and you can buy as many cards as you like, \$20 per five game boards. The Silver Stars will be selling the cards at the club – contact one of us by email if you are going to be playing at home.

Prizes will be awarded and will include dinner & drinks at the club and items from the Ship's Store.

In addition, Helen and Ruth have once again put together

two fantastic booze baskets with the contents donated by the Silver Stars. Tickets (quantity unknown, but ‘the length of Helen’s arms’) are being sold for \$20! Each ticket represents one chance to win. We’re sure you know where to find Helen...

All proceeds of these fundraisers support the Patrick Walsh Scholarship (DWYC Silver Stars Scholarship), given on an annualized basis to support the higher education of DWYC Members’ Children & Grandchildren! 



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# DWYC ANGLERS

By **NICK INGERTO**

## HALIBUT DERBY UPDATE:

The Derby has been extended through the end May! 



## Dana West Yacht Club 1<sup>st</sup> annual Halibut Derby

February 2021 through ~~April 2021~~ May 2021

### Rules are as follows:

- Open to all DWYC Anglers members
  - If not currently a DWYCA member register @ <https://dwyanglers.org/> and get added to the club!
- \$50 entry fee
- Legal sized California Halibut
- Can be caught from any boat (Sport or Private) or shore.
- To submit a catch, email your name, where you caught it and a photo with either a scale showing the weight or tape measure showing both length and width to [anglerstats@dwy.org](mailto:anglerstats@dwy.org)
- Derby will run from February through ~~April 30, 2021~~ May 31<sup>st</sup> 2021
- Make check payable to DWYC and please add memo "Halibut Derby".
  - Please email [anglers@dwy.org](mailto:anglers@dwy.org) your name and that you want in the derby then drop your payment in the box at the club by Feb 28, 2021.
- Prizes TBD

**THERE'S STILL TIME TO ENTER AND WIN!**




# SAILING FOR LIFE

By **CHERYL KELLY**

The 2021 "Sailing for Life" Charity Regatta to benefit American Cancer Society sets sail the weekend of June 4-6, with many exciting events planned.

Racing begins June 4, continues on the 5th and 6th, with daily trophy presentations. This year, the committee is introducing Beneteau First 36.7 Class and Junior Tera and 420 Class.

Even if you don't participate in the racing, there will be plenty of fun activities for all. Saturday afternoon, June 5, the Dinghy Poker Run will take place from 1-3 p.m. We need host boats, so contact Helen Hawkins at 949-212-9115 or Pam Northcott at 949-466-5732 if you are interested in hosting.

An auction and musical entertainment will round out the weekend. We still need donations of auction items such as in-home or on-boat dinners, day sails, dinghy harbor cruises, bottles of wine, artwork, vacation homes or gift cards. Contact Mary Strazzulla [mstrazzulla@cox.net](mailto:mstrazzulla@cox.net), or Cheryl Kelly [scriben128@yahoo.com](mailto:scriben128@yahoo.com) if you would like to donate an auction item. 



## COAST GUARD AUXILIARY PUBLIC EDUCATION CLASSES

As you are aware, we have been unable to hold in-person classes due to COVID and we don't see that changing anytime soon. So, we will be putting on video classes using Zoom for the time being.

The first class will be **Suddenly in Command**, a course designed for people with limited boating experience who may have to take command of the boat in the event the skipper/operator is incapacitated. The purpose of this class is to help you take charge, assess the situation, protect the boat and crew, deal with any emergencies and seek help if needed. We have found that this is very helpful for younger boaters as well. The cost of the class is \$20. However, if you are 16 or younger, there is no charge.

It will take place on **Tuesday May 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm and end no later than 9:00pm.

The next class will be on how to use a VHF Marine radio on **Tuesday May 18<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm, ending by 9:00pm. Your VHF marine radio is one of the most important safety tools on your boat and you will learn how to make emergency calls, contact other vessels, get weather information and how to operate a radio among other subjects. Cost is \$20 per person.

If you are interested if either or both of these classes, please contact Eric Gritzmacher at: [ericgritzmacher@cox.net](mailto:ericgritzmacher@cox.net), or Guy Heaton at: [guyheaton3489@gmail.com](mailto:guyheaton3489@gmail.com). We will forward the information needed to participate. You can make payment by either sending a check or using the Venmo app to make an electronic payment. Details will be provided once you register.

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# JUNIOR'S CORNER

By **DAWN RASMUSSEN**

**FLEET UPDATE.** As we expand our programs and continue to bring competitive young sailors into our Junior Racing and DWYC High Performance Racing teams, we're excited to announce the addition of two new C420s. We will also add four new Teras in May.

Do you know someone who wants to donate an inflatable? We need to replace the coaches' boats and need one or two good, used, hard bottom inflatables 10-12', that fit a 25-horse motor. We don't need the motors. There are tax advantages to donating to the Juniors versus trading in, so please let us know! Email Mark at [juniors@dwyc.org](mailto:juniors@dwyc.org).

As always, we sincerely appreciate any donation to aid us in purchasing boats. This allows us to run our program without dependency on outside organizations. Thanks, again, to Glenn & Pam Rogers and Ed Sicard for their donations.

Thank you to several who helped to build the platform to store our boats in early April!

**SUMMER CAMP.** Are your kids/grandkids signed up for summer camp? We are having a tremendous turnout for sign-ups already, so if sailing camp is a consideration, don't delay in registering!

With a combination of 'classroom' and on the water instruction, beginners will learn the basics of sailing, while experienced sailors will continue to hone their skills on the water. Our US Sailing Certified Instructors run camp Monday through Friday with a fleet consisting of RS Teras, CFJs, and 420s.

This year, there are six weeks of consecutive 1-week camps, starting the week of June 21st and continuing through the week of July 26th, for sailors of all skill levels, ages 7-18. Camp is scheduled Monday - Friday from 9am - 3:30pm. Lunch is provided on Fridays. As in 2020, our 2021 camps will follow the CDC, State of California and Orange County COVID protocols. There are discounts for early, multi-week and multiple kid

registrations. Check out our website for more details and to register online.

**REGATTAS.** On Sunday, April 18th, we participated in a regatta! Seven of our kids raced in the Tera class in the Koll Family Regatta at Lido Isle Yacht Club.



The DWYC Juniors will host their first regatta with Tera and 420 classes the weekend of June 4th, in coordination with 24th Annual DWYC Sailing for Life Charity Regatta. More information will be forthcoming in the coming weeks.

**STAY UP TO DATE.** We've redesigned our website! Look for registrations, program and event info, calendars, photos, etc. Please visit us at [www.dwycjrs.org](http://www.dwycjrs.org), Facebook or Instagram. 





## ISLANDER'S UPDATE

By **NANCY MAY**

Donning hats and drinking champagne, 37 Islanders dined on delicious chicken salad at our annual Spring Luncheon on April 18th. A 50/50 raffle was held followed by a drawing for not only three fun baskets put together by Kathy Belanger, Karen Blanco and Leann Rodowicz, but two lovely handmade necklaces by Kay Jongsma. In my June article, I will reveal the lucky winners of all!

Our next event is the popular Kentucky Derby Party on May 1st.. Ladies are encouraged to wear their festive derby hats. Dress in your finest derby outfits as prizes will be given for the most dapper couple and for best hat! Bets on the Race will be sold for \$2.00 apiece with a big payout to the winner and/or winners who chose the first-place horse!



Buy a new Kentucky Derby commemorative glass and sip Mint Juleps (possibly made with the Garrison Brothers Texas Bourbon Whiskey “GASP!” vs. Kentucky whiskey?) as you mingle with the anxious crowd and await the 3:50pm post time. Come earlier to make sure you have time to place your bets.

We have summer patio mixers for the ladies (remember all DWYC ladies are automatically Islanders) planned for third Thursdays, June to September. Our first one will be June 17th, from 4:00pm-6:00pm. Come join us for a fun social cocktail time.

The month of May was named for Maia, the Roman Earth Goddess, who oversaw the growth of plants. Maybe April showers (though sparse) will indeed bring May flowers!

Happy Spring! 🚤



## SEAMEN UPDATE

By **KEVIN RIGGS**

So as some of you may have read, our first Seamen barrel arrived. Our pick of bourbon turned out to be excellent and we enjoyed a few at the unveiling. We are looking at future events and some other bottle programs, any ideas or suggestions are always welcome.

Of our 72-bottle yield, only 71 made the trip safely, we had a dead soldier. Bottle number 40 didn't make it through the Texas storm, so when next you're at the club, raise a glass to number “40.”

I do have some additional unfortunate news to discuss, we have placed the barrel on display at the club, but have also witnessed some members fingering the bunghole. We have to ask, please refrain from fingering the bunghole! Now for



those that don't know what a bunghole is, it is an aperture through which a cask can be filled or emptied. Fingering of the bunghole can be very dangerous because you don't know where the barrel has been. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

As we see Covid restrictions continue to lessen and more and more are feeling better about venturing outdoors, or indoors in regard to the club, our gears have begun turning again and creative Seamen juices are flowing. This is when we come up with some great events. Again, always open for suggestions and ideas. We are currently working on our next tasting and possibly another poker tournament if we can figure out the logistics.

Also, another reminder to those that haven't picked up their bourbon or tequila, on April 14th I placed a lien on those bottles which expires in 30 days at which time they legally become property of the Seamen. Please make sure to pick them up ASAP or as of May 14th, the Seamen will find a good home for them.

Here's to another great boating summer and seeing everyone out on the water and at the club! 🚤



# HEALTH & HAPPINESS

By **CINDY SALWAY**

Many of us have been catching up with friends that we haven't seen for some time, meeting new members, sharing stories and laughs with one another. It is a beautiful and welcome experience.

Michelle and David Walsh are moving to Florida in June where their daughter, Rory, will attend the University of Tampa. They are purchasing a townhome in the historic district of Melbourne where they can walk to everything. They will keep their membership with DWYC and David will continue as Treasurer. They will miss all their wonderful friends and beautiful Dana Point but will be coming back often. We wish Michelle, David and Rory all the best in their new adventures.

We have a National Master Swimmer in our midst. Bev Montrella, as a member of the US Masters Swimming Club, has competed since she was 60 and has over 649 swims! Most recently she swam in the 1-Hour ePostal National Championship. Each swimmer swam as far as possible in one hour in any pool that is 25 yards or longer. Event results were submitted electronically. Bev swam at the Nadadores pool in January. She swam 3,710 yards which is the equivalent to just over 2.1 miles (148 laps plus 10 yards) in one hour. Not only did Bev come in 1st place, she now holds the National record for her age category for this race. What an outstanding accomplishment!

Congratulations to Bryan Noyes! He was just promoted to Fire Captain for LA County Fire Department. We wish him all the best in his new position. He and Megan spent the kids' spring break at San Jose del Cabo. They visited the famous "arches", relaxed at Lovers and Divorced Beaches. They spent a lot of their time poolside enjoying the warm weather and eating way too many tacos! Sounds like a perfect family vacation.

Jan and Santa Ed left on April 12th to head to Dallas to visit Ed's daughter and family. They will miss Opening Day for the first time but will be back for the Charity Regatta. We look forward to hearing about their adventures when they return.

Gary Champlin and Esstella Leon recently met up with Dell and Barb De Fabry where they spent several days onboard *Timeless*. Their cruising took them to several

stops where they saw dolphins, sea turtles, enjoyed ocean swims and had an altogether wonderful time.

Staff Commodore Doris Chisholm (1990) passed away recently. She was one of the women at DWYC who was instrumental in establishing the Islanders in 1985 and served as their first President. Our deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

Catherine Alderson passed away in March. Catherine and Stephen have been long-time members of DWYC. Our deepest sympathy to Stephen and family.

Sam Artinger's mother passed away on Easter Sunday. We send our deepest sympathy to Sam, Janice and family.

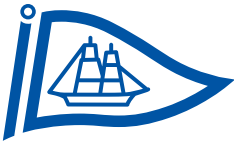
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**ANSWER KEY** Quiz is located on page 9.

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. B - 1914             | 6. B - First Mom in space |
| 2. C - Anna Jarvis      | 7. D - 8                  |
| 3. C - Carrie Underwood | 8. D - 122 million        |
| 4. A - Carnations       | 9. C - August             |
| 5. D - 69               | 10. True                  |





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