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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)

Port		1/1/2022	Come As You Are
Book Cl	ub	1/5/2022	Odyssey Book Club @DWYC
Islanders		1/8/2022	Installation Luncheon
Commo	dore	1/22/2022	General Membership Meeting
Port		1/29/2022	Winter Formal
BNG		2/1/2022	BNG Meeting
Book Cl	ub	2/2/2022	Odyssey Book Club @DWYC
Fleet		2/2/2022	Cruise Kick Off Party

*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: Julie D'urso



COMMODORE'S REPORT

By MOLLY DEARING

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



I am honored to be Commodore in 2022! I have chosen my theme of "Cheers!" for a couple of reasons, but mostly because, for me, it truly embodies the spirit of DWYC. It is a friendly greeting, it is celebratory and it definitely brings to mind a place "where everybody knows your name". All things that I think about when I picture our club, my home away from home.

In the "Cheers!" spirit, I know that our Fleet Captain, Port Captain and committees have some amazing events planned. Looking forward to good times on the water and at the club.

I am looking forward to working with my new officers, directors and committee chairs. Each of these wonderful volunteers bring their talents and "smarts" to the table, which make Dana West the best club around! I am thankful to all of them for their commitment to the club!

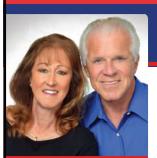
On a more serious note, I had hoped that we would be able to escape the impact of Covid in 2022, but here we are, still feeling the effects. As you should be aware, we unfortunately have a statewide mask mandate in place at least until January 15th, 2022. I know that we are all looking forward to getting back to "normal" (do we even remember what that is anymore?) but ask that you please bear with us as I ask for everyone to continue to be respectful and follow this rule while at the club.

The economy continues to be impacted by supply chain issues and inflation, and DWYC is not an exception. While we are doing our best to minimize the impact, we find ourselves forced to make some food and beverage pricing adjustments. Even still, we hope that you continue to find DWYC the best deal around.

The General Membership Meeting will be held at the club on January 22, 2022. Please join us to meet your 2022 Flag Officers and Directors, and to hear the latest on the state of the club. The Silver Stars will also be holding their Scholarship Fundraiser Breakfast before the meeting. Looking forward to seeing you all there! Other important dates for the 2022 calendar:

- May 21 Opening Day
- September 10-17 Commodore's "Cruise" to Sandals Royal Barbados All Inclusive Resort
- October 15 Commodore's Ball at Marbella Country Club
- October 22 General Membership Meeting

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous new year. Cheers to you in 2022!!



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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

By NINA McNEELY

I am honored and excited to be allowed to serve as your Vice Commodore this year. 2021 was a successful year under Hydee's leadership, and I am eager to volunteer under Molly's capable lead! She and Matt have been such an integral part of Dana West Yacht Club's traditions, committees and events – I can't wait to see what the upcoming year will bring!

As your Dana West volunteers "go up the flags," our duties change from year to year. I leave the Ship's Store in Megan Noyes' enthusiastic hands, as I take over the Membership Committee. Molly has insured our numbers are strong! As of the time of writing this article, we have a combined total of 499 members of the six membership types. Let me repeat that: Of the 500 memberships allowed by the Club's by laws, Molly has maintained and enrolled so many members, we are almost at capacity! We should be proud to be part of such a strong community. There is a waiting list for non-boat owners and inquiries from boat owners come in monthly!

With such robust enrollment of new members, as well as a strong retention of our existing members, I encourage you to wear your name tag to the club! Even if you have been a member for 20 years, name tags help our newer members navigate the waters of our beloved club. And if you are a newer member, wearing your name tag helps us get to know you and your family. We're working on a solution for a name tag wall like those seen in other yacht cubs. Keep reading the Lines & Bits to find out more!

We also need to be vigilant in showing our membership cards as we enter the club. Dawn and the volunteer Officers of the Deck really appreciate the effort!

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

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

Bob & Cindy Baker (Dana Point, CA) – Boat Owner
Michael & Janice Dingillo (San Clemente, CA) – Non-Boat Owner
Bill Fischer (La Habra, CA) – Boat Owner
Jerry & Gloria Markussen (Laguna Niguel, CA) – Boat Owner
Joseph & Laura Muller (Dana Point, CA) – Boat Owner
Jason & Andi Pitt (Dana Point, CA) – Boat Owner
Eda Powell-Selecky & Paul Selecky (Dana Point, CA) – Boat Owner

The following members have been posted for approval at the January Board of Directors meeting: Michele Clark – *Boat Owner* Greg & Vicky Eansor – *Boat Owner*



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **MEGAN NOYES**

I am looking forward to a wonderful year! As Rear Commodore, I am responsible for the club store. I plan to bring some new items to DWYC's Ship's Store. Please check out our Facebook page and Weekly E-Blast as some new items will be advertised. Also the times the store will be open!

If you have any ideas or items you would like to see in the Ship's Store, please feel free to stop me and let me know! And cheers to a happy and healthy new year!

See you at the club!









FLEET LOG

By **ROGER SALWAY**

Happy New Year! We are so fortunate to enjoy boating vear-round here in Southern California. I look forward to being your Fleet Captain for the 2022 year.

For those who do not know me, let me give you a brief overview about me and DWYC. My wife, Cindy, and I joined DWYC in 2004. It did not take us long to get involved in some of the great activities our club has to offer. Getting involved with Club Cleanup, attending our first of many Commodores' Balls and participating in many of the club cruises was a fun way to meet other members. I joined the Race Committee and was Race Chair for seven years. I was also a Director for six years.

We would not have a successful cruise season without the leadership and knowledge of our many past Fleet Captains. Megan Noyes, Fleet Captain for 2021 has provided me an abundance of information. Thank you, Megan.

We have planned a Cruise Kick-Off meeting at DWYC on February 2nd to discuss our 2022 cruise schedule. We will discuss and exchange ideas. At this time, I hope to have volunteers who will commit to chairing each of our cruises. Please watch for the updates on our Weekly E-Blast in January with more information. Whether you are new to cruising or a regular cruiser, we hope you will join us for this important Fleet meeting on Wednesday, February 2nd at 6:00 pm.

Please do not hesitate to email me at fleet@dwyc.org, text at 949-632-0807 or stop me at DWYC with any question or comments.

Fair winds and safe passage to our cruisers.

















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By **SOPHIE LENTINI**

We have had great events in December and are excited for so many wonderful events in 2022. The Members Only Christmas party was enjoyed by all, along with great food and drinks.

It is always wonderful to catch up with old friends along with meeting new friends and members.

Ending the year in style, the fabulous James Kelly Band led the way by ringing in the New Year with lots of country dancing and great music. A fantastic dinner and festive drinks were enjoyed by all. Saying goodbye to 2021 and hello to 2022 at midnight was the highlight. Now onto a whole new year ahead of us!

Mark your calendars for these events coming in January. Be on the lookout for the weekly E-Blasts for more information:

January 1, 2022, New Year's Day "Come As You Are Bloody Mary and Mimosa Bar"

January 29, 2022, "Winter Formal" Dust off your prom dresses and get out those powder blue tuxedos too.

We would all like to thank Jan and Marnie for all their hard work in 2021 and making all the events so much fun and memorable!

Looking forward to making memories at the DWYC. Cheers!















From the Members Only party to Chef's Specials, thank you Chef Angel Fabian and your staff for all the amazing food you prepare for the Club!



"We had the best swordfish special on this planet last night at the club! Our compliments to the amazing chef!" ~Janis Buller



SOCIAL MEDIA

By MEMBERS ON LINE

The De Fabry's welcome Judy & Tom to Vallarta Yacht Club at the end of November.





Lance Valle shared a photo of *RenudII* all decked out in her Holiday best!





Thanks to Hydee Riggs, RJ Breeden and Hilary Peter for sharing these shots and giving us a serious case of FOMO from the Commodore's Cruise in Akumal!











JUNIOR'S CORNER

By **DAWN RASMUSSEN**

Happy New Year!

Our sailors are now on winter break and will resume the racing programs in late January. The RS Tera team is busy competing in the RS Tera Highpoint Series of races. They have raced at Lido Isle YC and Westlake YC. Xyler Yee won the LIYC Halloween and Oceanside YC Poinsettia Regatta, with Delany Ernest finishing 2nd & 3rd. Daniel Guo, Lucas Dalby, Bryce Laws, Romeo Cayangyang and Kaden Brown have also placed for DWYC. The team is once again doing well, so they have a chance to finish strong!

The Double Handed team is participating in the C420 Perry Series, finishing the 1st of the series at Cabrillo Beach YC and the 2nd at Coronado Yacht Club. Wyatt Dalby and Oliver Ernest make up one team and the Charley Stephenson and Drew Gerlach team also competed. It is worth noting that our DWYC sailors are young and competing against High School and College age much older and more experienced kids. They are just getting started in this class and have bright sailing futures ahead of them.

As we move into 2022, look for more info on our March Fundraiser and summer camps. We look forward to another successful Juniors year as our sailors and team continue to excel on the water!

Fair winds and following seas,

www.dwycjrs.org Facebook (DWYCJuniors) Instagram (DWYCJrs)





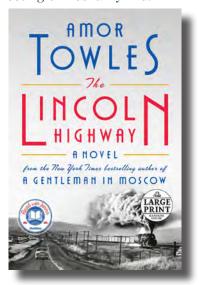




ODYSSEY BOOK CLUB

By NINA McNEELY

I'm excited to announce that the Odyssey Book Club will begin meeting at the club in person on Wednesday, January 5th at 6:00 pm! Bring your books, your Kindles (does anyone have a Nook anymore?), and join us to discuss this month's book, "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles. The feedback I have heard so far is that people are really enjoying this one! We'll also choose the next selection for the meeting on February 2nd.



"The Lincoln Highway":

In June 1954, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the juvenile work farm where he has just served fifteen months for involuntary manslaughter. His mother long gone, his father recently deceased, and the family farm foreclosed upon by the bank, Emmett's intention is to pick up his eight-year-old brother, Billy, and head to California where they can start their lives anew. But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends from the work farm have hidden themselves in the trunk of the warden's car. Together, they have hatched an altogether different plan for Emmett's future, one that will take them all on a fateful journey in the opposite direction—to the City of New York.

The Author, Amor Towles is the author of the New York Times bestsellers Rules of Civility and A Gentleman in Moscow. The two novels have collectively sold more than four million copies and have been translated into more than thirty languages. Towles lives in Manhattan with his wife and two children.



HEALTH & HAPPINESS

By **CINDY SALWAY**

I wish you and your family a New Year filled with good health, happiness and peace.

Brenda Berkery spent time with her family over Thanksgiving. The weather was great, the leaves were in full color, and the fishing pond was stocked with big catfish. Best of all the family was together at one of their favorite spots to celebrate Thanksgiving. Not only did they celebrate Thanksgiving together, but the celebration continued with Christmas after dinner. This just goes to prove that it doesn't really matter when you celebrate that special day. It only matters that the people you spend the time with are special to you.

A thought for the New Year. "May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions."—Joey Adam

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 WeeklyE-Blast. Email me at happiness@dwyc.org or text me at 949-632-0807.

Cheers to 2022!





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ISLANDER'S UPDATE

By KAREN BLANCO

A LOOK BACK...

The holiday spirit was in full blast as we held our Islanders Holiday Gift Exchange Luncheon in December. Not only were food and drinks delicious, but the trading/stealing of gifts was joyful and hilarious! Just ask Sheri Meehleis who had her gift stolen from her a total of eight times!! We were fortunate to be able to have vendors available, and the ladies did a bunch of holiday shopping, whether for others or for themselves no one will ever tell. We also had a successful 50/50 drawing which was won by Stacy Mata for a total of \$470! We see more shopping in her future!! And each vendor donated a gift for the drawings. Winners were Kim Maxwell, Pia Friederici, Julie D'Urso, Hydee Riggs and Molly Dearing. What a fun time! Thanks to everyone who attended!

Thank you to our President Nancy May, and the Islanders Board for making this a special event along with all the other Islanders events that the team guided us through in 2021. A big thank you to Diane Hooper for her years of volunteerism on the Islanders board also!

Also, a big thank you to all our DWYC Members and Staff. It was so great to be able to participate in so many wonderful events, only made possible by all those who volunteer and work endlessly to make this such a great little yacht club!

AND NOW A LOOK FORWARD...

Now we look forward to 2022 and all the fun events that we have planned for the year. First up, please join us for the Installation Luncheon on Saturday, January 8 where we will welcome our 2022 board members:

President: Karen Blanco
Vice President: Judy Rydburg
Treasurer: Jan Pritchard
Secretary: Kathy Belanger
Historian: Leann Rodowicz
Advisor: Nancy May

The Installation Luncheon is a very special day as we install the new Islanders Board members for 2022. Please join us as we celebrate them! And, since all ladies who belong to the DWYC are automatically members of the Islanders, it is



(L-R) Kathy Belanger, Secretary; Karen Blanco, President; Nancy May, Advisor; Judy Rydburg, Vice President; Leann Rodowicz, Historian. Not pictured: Jan Pritchard, Treasurer

a wonderful way to get to know more members, especially for those who are new to the club! We look forward to enjoying a fun lunch with everyone!

We have many exciting events scheduled for 2022! So, mark your calendars to save the dates. As this year's President, I look forward to your comments and suggestions! Please feel free to contact me at islanders@dwyc.org







BUSINESS NETWORK GROUP

By **PATRICIA CHIKU**

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a happy New Year. BNG will be taking January off. February 1, 2022 will be our first new year meeting. Please stay tuned for more information on the news E-Blast.

For more information about BNG, to RSVP or to sign up as our next Featured Speaker, please contact Pat Chiku at

BNG@DWYC.org.







SILVER STARS

Silver Stars Scholarships Announced

Congratulations to Our Silver Stars Scholarship Award Recipients!

The Patrick Walsh Scholarship (aka DWYC's Silver Stars' 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, late son of members John & Mary Walsh. Patrick was killed while serving in the military in Asia. Each year, the Silver Stars (your Staff Commodores [past Commodores]) raise funds for this important program. Qualifying student applicants receive a generous cash award to help with school-related expenses.

Our 2021 Silver Stars Scholarship Award recipients are:

Jack LaLonde – Son of Kent & Gina LaLonde Makayla McKiernan – Granddaughter of SC Ruth Nastof

Tristan Kennedy – Grandson of Tom Kennedy

Matthew Eneim - Grandson of Blanca Sweet

Adam Ferguson – Grandson of SC Jim & Kathy Ferguson

Julia Brouwer – Granddaughter of Ray & Nancy Dingillo

Jakob Johns − Grandson of James & Thelma Johns

Matthew Reynolds – Grandson of SC Richard & Candy Ferrell

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