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COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **TAMARA TATICH**

This is the first article in five years that is missing the usual playful and fun-loving tone I always want to convey in my communications to you. The club is your place to play and laugh with friends, not to take a course in Viruses 101 or have mom barking in your ear reminding you to "wash your hands!" Yet, here we are...ending the first quarter of the year and beginning a new decade homebound and separated from our friends and family.

HOWEVER,...I can assure you that the people you have confidently voted to lead the club's business and social affairs are present although not physically at 24601 Dana Drive, Dana Point, CA. Your Board is doing a stellar job doing what you've asked of them, and then some!

S/C and IT Chair Mark Kovacs got the officers and directors online for a board meeting so we could efficiently talk through issues, make motions and vote on important decisions that will guide us through this short-term situation. This is a first for our club, and it got the job done. Thank you, Mark!

Member Services is a "necessity is the mother of invention" committee...

RC Molly Dearing has successfully gathered numerous volunteers to provide services to members that are "high risk" and need some help getting medications and groceries, or just to make a call every so often. Member Services is a "necessity is the mother of invention" committee that I believe will continue alongside Health and Happiness for years to come. See page 3 for details on Member Services and back cover for Covid-19 resources.

Our managers and staff rose to the occasion! The silver lining is that being closed for business enabled the kitchen and bar teams to deep clean, sort and organize supplies and make repairs to the clubhouse. It's a huge job and greatly needed!

And...there's more good news. In fact, it's great news! We have the past leadership, an empowered and experienced Food & Beverage Committee and council from our smart

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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **HYDEE RIGGS**

and skilled Finance Committee to thank for maintaining budgets, controlling spending and building our reserves over the last few years. You've heard me say it before, but it's worth repeating – we will weather the storm because they had the fortitude to save for a rainy day or club improvements.


As I write, we've been closed for only one day and I've sent you at least five emails. My prayer is while you're reading yet another of my ramblings, that we've scheduled a date for a "welcome back" bash to celebrate being reunited. Only time will tell if being reclusive will speed up the return of our vibrant and healthy community. I keep saying my prayers!

NOW PUT DOWN YOUR "LINES & BITS" AND GO WASH YOUR HANDS! Cheers, 

As I write this article, Kevin and I are visiting the beautiful island of Ireland and had the privilege to visit the historic Royal Cork Yacht Club and attend the nuptials of our members Matt and Renee Allaire. What a beautiful event amid the crises presently in our world.


While the RCYC is undeniably historical and beautiful and held out to be the oldest yacht club in the world (originating in 1720!), I still find DWYC and my DWYC family to be unsurpassed. I am reminded of how grateful I am, during normal circumstances, for our full service restaurant and bar that is open five days a week, fabulous food and delicious drinks at a great price, fun events in the club and on the water, many different opportunities to be involved, amazing volunteers and most importantly, a strong, fun loving and active membership. I am proud to see our members pull together for each other. You are all so important to our successes and to me personally, so I thank you.

With all of the things going on right now, coupled with the mandatory temporary closure of the club, we thought it would best and decided to refrain from voting in new members at the March board meeting. This will be revisited at the upcoming April meeting,


While we may not have the club to be together for a small bit of time, we still have each other. So please feel free to reach out and call or email me, the new Members Services or your DWYC family if you need anything. See you soon and stay healthy and positive! 

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NEW MEMBERS

Please note that pictured new members may have been approved at a prior Board of Directors meeting but due to deadlines of this publication may not be acknowledged nor their photographs printed here until the following months.

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

Applicant and member postings are pending.

Dana West Yacht Club operates as a private, non-profit club. 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 card. Most members have their cards ready as they enter.



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **MOLLY DEARING**


I wish that this was a normal update, but these days seem to be extremely unnormal given the challenging landscape that the COVID-19 pandemic brings to us. Your club leadership is working diligently to ensure that we keep our members and staff as safe as we can.

As you may have seen in email from Commodore Tatich, your Flag Officers have worked together to create a new volunteer committee, called Member Services. The purpose for this committee is to provide outreach and support to our members who may fall ill, have household members who are ill, have isolated to avoid infections or simply require assistance. The committee and volunteers will assist with picking up groceries, prescriptions, deliver a take-out meal or even just a phone call for a welfare check. Thank you to those who have already volunteered their time to help their fellow members. Once again, I am reminded of how wonderful our DWYC family is. Should you find yourself needing help, please send an email to memberservices@dwyc.org, or contact me directly via text or phone call (949.842.4928).

Member Services Committee:
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Ship Store hours will be limited this month and into May. Hours will be communicated weekly in the eblast and on the club Facebook pages. If you have a custom order outstanding, I will contact you once it comes in. (Please keep in mind that our suppliers may also be impacted due to the pandemic, which may cause some delays in your items being delivered.)

I am hoping that by the time that the Reyn Spooner Catalina and Summer shirts are delivered in May, we will be back to "business as usual." If you haven't already pre-ordered, please feel free to give me a call, send a text, or email to place an order.

Please take care of yourselves and your families, and please reach out if you are in need of assistance. We are here to help you in any way that we can. Cheers! 

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FLEET LOG

By **RICH BLANCO**

In these tumultuous times, it is difficult to know where we will be when this Lines & Bits is published. As fleet captain, we have postponed our raft-up in the Dana Point Harbor. We are planning to reschedule in June since the Commodores Cruise has moved to September.

The cruise to Balboa is still scheduled for April 24 – 26. We currently have 22 boats signed up. If you are interested, please sign up. The minimal charge of \$10/boat will be collected at Balboa.

In the meantime, whether you are self-quarantined at home, or perhaps on your boat, we thought we would give you a list of a couple of books that are boat related. They are good reads, and will keep you on the water!

Gib's Odyssey:

A Tale of Faith and Hope on the Intracoastal Waterway

by *Walter G. Bradley*

This is a true story of an extraordinary man, Gib Peters, and his solo journey along the Intracoastal Waterway from Key West to New York and back while suffering the ravages of Lou Gehrig's disease.

On an astonishing six-month voyage, Gib and his boat, Ka-Ching, encounter everything from an incompetent sailboat captain who lets his tow-rope wrap around Ka-Ching's propellers and when he dives into the water to cut it loose accidentally stabs himself with his knife, to the Navy and Coast Guard Zodiacs rushing to stop him from entering a naval bombardment zone. Gib carries out epic searches for his two kittens when they go AWOL at an Atlantic City marina and when one later falls overboard. All the while, he is forced to cope with increasing levels of paralysis, steering the boat home with his feet and unable to speak. Part travelogue, part soul-searching meditation, it is the uplifting and sometimes hilarious story of one man's conquest of death and his profound insights into life.

Last Lights:

The Hand Wound Lighthouses of the Bahamian Islands

by *Annie Potts*

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operated lighthouses in the world. The book delivers much more than the title alone suggests, including striking photography, and will enrich the experience of all who sail upon these challenging waters.

Stay safe, and please contact me with any questions and/or suggestions.

2020 CRUISING DATES DANA WEST YACHT CLUB

April 24 – 26 Balboa Yacht Club - *Tentative*

May 16 Opening Day Parade Dana Point

May 22 – 25 Shoreline Yacht Club

July 24 – 26 Long Beach Yacht Club

August 21 – 23 Isthmus Cruise

September 17 – 26 San Diego Extended Cruise

October 16 – 18 Avalon Cruise



PORT REPORT

By **NINA McNEELY**


April showers bring May flowers! The first day of spring is behind us, which means summer is right around the corner. I hope we will be able to enjoy the warming weather on the water and at the club!

I can't say thank you enough to the team of volunteers for the Festival of Whales Parade! A huge thank you to Nancy & Ray Galaz for creating the beautiful whales and the USS DWYC, as well as Patty & Rex for their assistance. Of course, the backbone of the parade was the golf carts, loaned to us by Dino Bellafaire, who also captured some great drone footage. Thank you to all who came and walked, and all the members who came to watch and cheer on the Dana West entry. I think a new tradition has been born, and we have a whole year to come up with ideas for next years' float!

The Whale of a Party was a blast! The James Kelly Band sure knows how to keep a crowd on their feet! We want to bring them back later this year for sure. And if you don't particularly like country, don't worry! They played lots of classic rock as well!

Sadly, the Clam Chowder Cook Off was postponed for the second weekend of the Festival. Fish for Life is looking to reschedule, and when they do, we will be ready to help Joel claim the title of People's Choice!

We've seen things wind down at the club, as we await guidelines from the CDC as well as local, state, and federal governments and agencies. We tentatively have a Port "Garage Sale" scheduled for April 11th, where we will sell some of the fabulous items we have in storage. Easter Brunch is on the calendar for April 12th, and we have a 70's Earth Day Party scheduled for April 18th, but this all may change!

Please bear with us and know that this is an unprecedented time. Make sure the club has a current email address on file so you will get all the latest notices and updates. I know our club is resilient, and we can navigate this storm together...from an appropriate social distance. See you at the club! 






LAND LUBBERS

By **ED HOWIE**

On March 13th, the Landlubbers traveled to Palm Canyon RV Park in Borrego Springs for the weekend. Our group consisted of six coaches and one hotel room. We began the weekend with a "Happy Hour" appetizer potluck. Even though we had a smaller group than usual, there was an abundance of great appetizers.

Saturday morning began with a breakfast potluck, Bloody Mary's and champagne. After our hearty breakfast, we enjoyed a game of Bean Bag Baseball. Although this was a new event for most of the group, everyone joined into the competition. It was a tough battle, but the winning team consisted of Nancy Sutton, Loren Wyrick, Bill Marconi, Ron Morton and Sondra Harrison.

Saturday was a "free" day. Some people lounged by the pool and others enjoyed sightseeing and the sunny weather. Usually the desert flowers are in bloom for our Borrego camp out, but this year, they didn't have enough rain yet so flowers were scarce. Sunday morning we packed up, said our goodbyes and headed home. 



RACE

By **ROD WOODS & MICHAEL TATICH**


Ahoy skippers and crew! The 2020 racing season is approaching. Mike and I are looking for a few Race Committee volunteers for these events:

Jack & Jill #1, Saturday, April 11th, noon Start.

Jack & Jill #2, Saturday May 2nd, noon start.

Jack & Jill #3, Saturday October 3rd.

Register on our DWYC website or Regatta Network. NOR and SI's can be found on our web site.

Next: Newport to Ensenada Friday, April 24th to Sunday, April 26th. On Friday, Commodore Tamara Tatich and Rod Woods will be racing the short course. Newport to Dana Point. Register via www.nosa.org. 



SAVE THE DATE! (See articles for event details)
All dates are tentative.

Charity Regatta	4/4/2020	Wine-Tasting POSTPONED
BNG	4/7/2020	BNG Meeting CANCELLED
Port	4/11/2020	Garage Sale
Race	4/11/2020	Jack & Jill #1
Port	4/12/2020	Easter Brunch
Port	4/18/2020	70's Earth Day Party
Vice Commodore	4/18/2020	Member Open House
Islanders	4/19/2020	Spring Brunch POSTPONED
Fleet	4/24-26/2020	Balboa Yacht Club Cruise TENTATIVE
Race	5/2/2020	Jack & Jill #2
Islanders	5/2/2020	Kentucky Derby POSTPONED

PLEASE CHECK FOR LATEST CALENDAR UPDATES IN CLUB EMAIL BLASTS.

SAILING FOR LIFE

By **MARY STRAZZULLA**




The Committee for the DWYC 23rd Annual Charity Regatta, "Sailing for Life", benefiting American Cancer Society has been diligently working hard to plan and prepare events to keep our members engaged, interested and excited about our FUNdraising efforts.

We have been soliciting local, and not so local, businesses for donations of cash and goods or services for our Live and Silent Auctions. We have worked with our vendors and Chef Joel to plan for the fabulous Wine Tasting. I personally have listened to hours and hours of Carl practicing his guitar skills so we would be entertained during that event. We have shopped for clothing and hats and designed posters and tickets and the list goes on. We have been working since September to get the job done, just to set the stage.

So, here we are. We are faced with a national crisis of such large proportions like none of us has ever seen. We want all our members to stay safe and healthy and have therefore, postponed our Wine Tasting and Silent Auction event until May. We hope by then that the urgency for social distancing will have passed and we will be able to return to our normal behavior.

We plan on continuing with our commitment to American Cancer Society, as soon as we are able. The fight to end cancer will not stop because our events are side-lined by another health crisis for a time. American Cancer Society still needs our help!

Try to stay calm, wash your hands often, maintain "social distance" and prepare for a frolicking good time when we are once again free to move about the yacht club! 



TIN CUP GOLF TOURNEY

By **BRENDA BERKERY**

As of this printing, we are a go for the 11th annual Tin Cup Golf Tournament. You can signup by emailing Brenda Berkery at Berkery1@cox.net. We need team information including names, contact info and payment no later than April 23. If you have a threesome, think about adding a Marine to your team.

We are also accepting \$85 donations so that we can invite Marines to play and items for our raffle and silent auction. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated and are also tax deductible.

Your participation always makes this a great success for our Youth Sailing Program.



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

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JUNIOR'S CORNER

By **DAWN RASMUSSEN**

RS TERAS. As we speak, the world is being turned upside down and things are getting cancelled right and left. Unfortunately, one of the world events cancelled was the RS Tera World Championships, which were to be held in early April in South Africa. Two of our most accomplished Junior Sailors, Oliver and Delaney Ernest, were supposed to represent Dana West Yacht Club in these championships. I am sure they are highly disappointed, but we will look forward to supporting them again if they go when it is rescheduled.

YOUTH SUMMER SAILING CAMP 2020. Now, however, is the time for planning and signing up your kids, grandkids, nieces & nephews, and sharing info with your neighborhood kids about Summer Camps. We need to reconnect with the kids, so please help us reach them! The camps are open to all children ages 8-18 (whether club members or not). Camp is held from 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday. Lunch is provided on Fridays. The cost is \$450 per session, with an early bird discount of 5% before April 20th. The dates for this year's sessions are:

Session 1: June 15th – June 26th

Session 2: June 29th – July 10th

Session 3: July 13th – July 24th

Summer sailing camp is a great way to keep your kids entertained, promote a love for the ocean, outdoors and boating, as well as build a hobby and skill that can last a lifetime!


TIN CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT. It's too soon to determine what will happen in early May, but we are pushing forward planning for the 11th Annual Tin Cup Golf Tournament. This has become a wildly successful tournament under the faithful leadership of Brenda Berkery and Paul Berkery, S/C 2001. The Tin Cup committee includes: Bobby DeJong, Ray & Nancy Galaz, Peggy Sullivan, Rex Hall, Dan

Runnestrand, Jack McFadden and Carl Strazzulla. It is our #1 fundraiser of the year, so THANK YOU, in advance, for your support!

This year's tournament is on Wednesday, May 6th at San Juan Hills Golf Course. The putting contest will start at 11am, with the shotgun start at 12pm. Cost is \$85/person. As usual, if you can't participate, you can sponsor a Marine for \$85 or tee sign at a hole for \$75. We are also looking for raffle items and giveaways to auction off to raise money. Please contact one of the committee members or DWYS board members if you have anything you can donate.

2020 FUNDRAISERS: FUNdraising and member support are the life blood of the DWYC Juniors program. In order to achieve our goals, we need to have a strong program financially, so we are working on a number of events and initiatives to help us raise money in 2020. Through the weekly email blast, social media and the newsletter, we will be sharing more about our FUNdraising efforts over the course of the year.

Our number one goal is to put the FUN back in FUNdraising! Look for future information about supporting the Juniors through your purchases on Amazon and at West Marine. We are looking to organize open sailing, as well as a Laser Derby this summer and a Crab/Lobster Boil this fall. Of course, direct donations are absolutely appreciated, as well.

Finally, Mark, Steve, and I are very encouraged with the offers of support, donations and encouragement coming from the membership regarding the Junior's program. We know and understand this is a very important program for the club and kids, a.k.a. our future boaters, so thank you! 





SEAMEN UPDATE

By **KEVIN RIGGS**

The Seamen have amassed decades of hard work and experience to create the perfect Seamen Manhattan.

There are some who adhere to the dry-martini dogma when making a Manhattan, thinking the drink improves with less sweet vermouth. But the classic, best and most flavorful ratio for this drink remains two to one. (Although I've been known to squeeze a wee bit more for a two and a half to one ratio.)

Whether you use bourbon or rye is entirely a matter of taste. I prefer a rye for a drier, spicier Manhattan.


Now if you're not up to using homemade cocktail cherries, Luxardo is the best there is. Eschew the neon-red orbs found in supermarkets! I recommend two to three Luxardos, throwing caution and cost to the wind.

Now with the garnish behind us, it's on to the most important part of the Manhattan, the Vermouth. Carpano's Antica Formula is the absolute best and the only choice. This comes from the original recipe developed by Antonio Benedetto Carpano in 1786. If you're not feeling up to a Manhattan, it can also be served chilled as an aperitivo.

Then the fun part, exploring the different bitters for aroma and a subtle taste. This is where the hard work comes into place, try many different types and make notes.

I can go on and on about the pros and cons of shaking the cocktail versus stirring, but I digress.

The purpose of this Manhattan lesson is simple, we have put together a Seamen Manhattan basket for the charity regatta and it will be offered at the silent auction. Besides the obvious support for the American Cancer Society, one member will be bestowed with the ingredients to make a Manhattan that has been decades in the making and testing. (They will have to be the highest bidder to receive this honor) Keep an eye out for the Seamen basket amongst the myriad of others.

This is what happens when we have some downtime and not much to report. Don't despair, we have tastings, tournaments and other events looming in our future. Just needed to get through the long hard winter and wait for warmer weather. 

HEALTH & HAPPINESS

By **CINDY SALWAY**

This is without a doubt a time filled with uncertainty and concern for the health and livelihood of our families and friends. I honestly don't know what to expect by the time this newsletter is published, but I truly believe that all of us can make a difference every day. Kindness and generosity towards friends and strangers will make an impact on all of our lives.


Nancy May, with her sister Susan, recently returned from Kuyima Whale Camp in San Ignacio Lagoon, Baja. While there, they were awed by the experience of dozens of grey whales swimming within touching distance of their panga.

Bev and Jim Montrella were recently in Maui. They spent their time watching whales from their lanai, going to various beaches as well as relaxing and reading by the pool.



Vice Commodore Hydee, Kevin Riggs and Don Thomas flew to Ireland to join Matt Allaire and Renee Reedy for their wedding which took place on St. Patrick's Day at the Royal Cork Yacht Club. We wish both Matt and Renee much happiness and joy.

Roger and I spent 15 days on a Panama Canal cruise. We were joined by our friends from college days (a very long time ago). Our time was filled with new experiences (a trip by dugout to a traditional Embera Indian village), along with plenty of time for eating and relaxing.

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



ISLANDER'S UPDATE

By **NANCY MAY**

Islanders' See's candy sales started in March and have done very well to help our fundraising efforts. Thank you so much to all who purchased already. As of this writing (in mid March), we have currently suspended sales and will keep you all posted when candy is available again.

Our fun and sporty Dana West Yacht Club Islanders' tops are available for purchase and we are still taking orders. For more information, contact Karen Blanco at kblancoams@yahoo.com for prices and colors available.

Update from the Blackjack afternoon, the winners were:

Tammy Randal - 1st place

Earl Reid - 2nd place


Nancy May - 3rd place

Connie Hedrick won \$240 in the 50/50 raffle

We know the ladies will understand why we felt we had

to cancel/postpone our April 19th Spring Brunch with vendors. It was to be a large group gathered in a small space. If we can schedule in the future toward summer, we will certainly look forward to that and let you know. The vendors are still on board to be part of our day when we do reschedule!

Kentucky Derby Day is postponed to September 5th, for both ladies and gents! Join us for this most exciting race, bet on the ponies, drink Mint Juleps, and ladies – wear your derby hats of course. Stay tuned for any updates.

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RESOURCE WEBSITES:

Type the addresses in blue into your web browser. Look for Covid-19 banners at the top of each page to click and be directed to the latest on the virus at each site. Stay away from others. Stay well!

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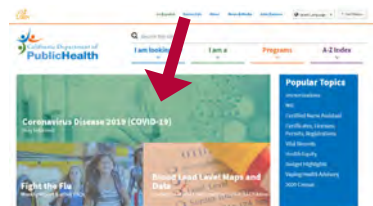
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