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Commodore's Comments by Dean Russell



Happy New Year 2018

Last year Commodore King challenged us to expand our borders and test our limits. Thank you, Juli, for your leadership and for a great year.



This year, I would like to propose activities and events that will want everyone to "GET INVOLVED." At our first dinner on January 12, 2018, we are going to have an open forum for our program. Come with your ideas and interests, they are important to the club and your input will add value to our discussion.

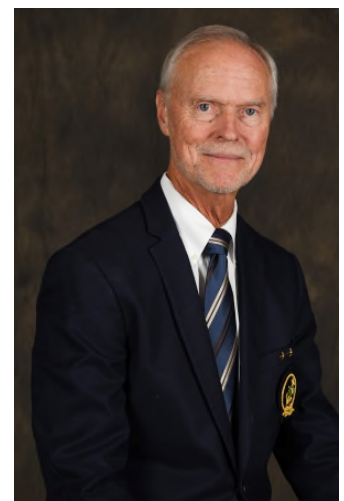
We are fortunate to have the facilities at the Newport Beach Yacht Club for our use. Do you have an account set up yet? There is no cost, but there is a \$25 minimum that must be charged per month, and you receive a decal for your car. If you see Hector once during the month, you are pretty well covered. If you don't meet the minimum, then you are not receiving the benefits and enjoying our club. This is an easy way to start getting involved.

As we welcome in 2018 we are given the opportunity to do some great things with our club.

"I was seldom able to see an opportunity until it had ceased to be one."

- Mark Twain's *Autobiography*

Dean Russell,
Commodore



Vice Commodore's Comments by Mike Schmidt

I have been informed that I must do one of the things I least like to do, write. I was told many years ago that computers were going to create a paperless world. Well let me tell you, when spell-check and the backspace button made it easy for a guy like me to push the 'Send' button, I knew it was true. Bear with me!

I'd like to start with a thank you. Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would be a member of a Yacht Club, let alone be Vice Commodore. Thanks to the Craigslist add posted by Scott Karlin and answered by Commodore Paul Bahan, I got a chance to check out SSYC. Everyone made me feel right at home, and the cost and the benefits were too hard to pass up. Matt Steele secured me the slip at Waterfront Apartments. If it wasn't for Matt, "Dickie Boy" wouldn't have a home, nor would it be host to so many parties, whether I'm in town or not. So, I would like to thank everyone of you for taking in this middle-aged, single guy and making me feel like family.



"Dickie Boy" alter-ego, "SSYC Minnow"

South Shore Yacht Club has so much to offer and we have so much to offer back to the community. I look forward to a great year!



"Dickie Boy"

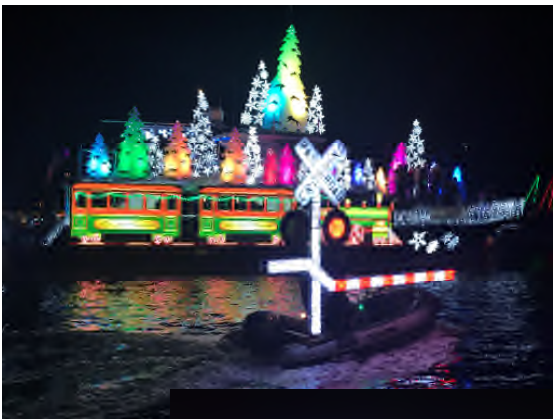
Mike Schmidt,
Vice Commodore



Social by Jennifer Johns

The night was merry and bright at the annual Newport Beach Boat Parade. During the month of December, our 2nd Friday Dinner gets moved to a Saturday night for members to enjoy one of the best views of the parade.

The night started at 7pm with hosted wine and beer and pasta dinner. Around 8pm, the parade started and lit up the night. We had a full room, complete with Christmas hats thanks to Mike Schmidt. A beautiful night to close out 2017.



What Next on the Calendar

A new year with new beginnings. Our first 2nd Friday Dinner will take place January 12, 2018, as Commodore's Ball has been moved to February 10, 2018. Looking forward to a great year ahead...Anchors Away to new adventure in 2018!



Cheers,

Jen Johns
Social Director



Cruising by Mike Nelson

Clothing Optional Cruise

Despite what you have heard, we will not be hosting a Clothing Optional Cruise in 2018.

With the end of 2017 sailing season well behind us, the 2018 Cruise and Events season has arrived. In addition to our major weekend coastal cruises, we want to create a mix of land and water togetherness.

Something is bound to sink or dates to be changed, and I am hoping for more suggestions or ideas from any of you LANDLUBBERS and SEAFARING members.

Be sure to read February's The Sheets publication, Cruising by Mike Nelson, "What Happens on the Boat, Stays on the Boat".

Add These Events to Your 2018 Calendar:

Feb 24th (Sat), Bueller's (SSYC) Day Off—Hollywood Bus Tour, 9AM carpool departure from Fashion Island, returning roughly 5pm.
Tour Cost: \$45.00 plus a tip for the tour guide, please. 5:05pm Muldoon's Irish Pub for dinner or cocktails, or both.

March 16th-18th (Fri-Sun) - St. Patrick's Day Avalon, Catalina

April 21st (Sat)—Moby Dick Whale Watching and Cruise to Emerald Bay—Laguna Beach (Single Day Event)

April 27th-29th (Fri-Sun)—Ensenada or Border Run Sprint to Dana Point

May 25th-27th (Fri-Sun) - Channel Islands, Charter boats from Ventura or Santa Barbara

June 23rd (Sat) - Harbor 20 Newport Harbor Cruise. Multiple boats, 4 crew per boat.

July 6th-8th (Fri-Sun) - Long Beach Shoreline area, with possible excursions to Long Beach aquarium or Queen Mary *Landlubbers and Boat Crew* Event.

Aug 23rd-26th (Thurs-Sun) - Catalina Two Harbors, colloquially known as "The Isthmus" - 2017 Shrimptastic will be difficult to top. Let's see what we can do!

Sept 29th (Sat) - End of Summer Bummer Duffy Cruise, or ???

OR Sept 15th OR 22nd—The Food & Wine Festival at the San Diego Zoo. *Cost: \$100-\$125 per person.*

Oct 19th-21st (Fri-Sun) - Avalon Catalina Jazz Fest

Nov—TBD

Dec—TBD

Mike Nelson
Cruise Director



Racing by John Marshall

THE JIM WHITE MEMORIAL WINTER SERIES

Here's a New Year's resolution that's easy to keep. Resolve to spend more time this year messing around in boats! Your first opportunity will be Saturday, January 13th, weather permitting. The Notice of Race and Sailing instructions, along with the 2018 Race Course chart is available on South Shore Yacht Club's web site at www.southshoreyc.com.

The Jim White Memorial Winter Series is a series of 8 races starting on Saturday, January 13th with 2 races on Saturdays on January 27th, February 3rd and 24th. The first warning is scheduled for 12:00 PM for the first race and the second race's first warning is shortly after the last boat finishes from the first race. We're encouraging all SSYC racers to get out on the water with their crews. We are also looking for Race Committee as the Race Committee boat will leave the dock at 11:15 and be on station westerly of Harbor Island. The Race Committee can plan on being on the water for lunch until approximately 3:00 PM. Then, the Race Committee will score the races and return to the club for trophies to be presented around 4:00 PM.



Here's the back story on SSYC's Winter Series. The Winter Series was renamed in honor of South Shore Yacht Club's 1967 Commodore, Jim White. Jim White was a fixture at the 2nd Friday of the Month parties for quite some time. Since he was too old to drive, one of our members would typically pick Jim up at his house and return him to his home after the dinner concluded. Jim would use a 3-legged cane to help support himself. Jim White would hold court in our club room, strong drink in hand, where members would greet him.

Even though he knew the answer, he would always ask in his bellowing voice, "How much for the dinner?!" Of course, we would go along with this same routine once a month, "Jim, it's still just \$25". Jim would respond so everyone could hear him, "Here's a hundred dollars! Give the rest to the Race Committee!" That would be the cue for Steve Baker to chime in, "On behalf of the Race Committee, we graciously accept your donation!"

One night after a 2nd Friday of the Month dinner, a few of us went to a bar to audition a band for The Border Run. Jim got up at one point with his 3-legged cane as we thought he was excusing himself to use the restroom. But, he managed to work himself onto the dance floor to dance with some fine-looking women! That's when all the cell phones came out to capture the moment with this 83-year-old man dancing with the young lovelies! Sadly, Jim White passed away and all the SSYC Board of Directors attended his funeral service in our winter yacht club uniforms. Shortly thereafter, we changed the name of SSYC's Winter Series to the Jim White Memorial Winter Series in his honor. We hope you'll honor Jim White's memory by participating in the Jim White Memorial Winter Series starting on Saturday, January 13th!

Racing by John Marshall

THE BORDER RUN

As you may have read in The Log, Daily Pilot and Los Angeles Times, The Border Run and the Newport to Ensenada race have merged. The Border Run race start will be on the same Friday, April 27th, as the N2E. The Border Run will be two new course options for the racers. The synergy of these two offshore races is an attempt to bring us back to the halcyon days when we'd have 600 boats heading south from Newport Beach.



South Shore Yacht Club has been the Organizing Authority for The Border Run for the last 8 years and this year was to be the 10th Anniversary of The Border Run. I've turned over the 2017 Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for The Border Run to NOSA (Newport Ocean Sailing Association) to be merged into their race documents for 2018. Historically, there have been 5-7 boats that raced both events, so neither event diminished the entries for the other race. What South Shore Yacht Club's level of participation will be is yet to be determined, but I'm sure we'll have opportunities as over 100 volunteers will be needed. We'll let you know as things get sorted out.

We'll see you all on the water!



John



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