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365 days of joy,
8760 hours of laughter,
525600 minutes of good luck,
and 31536000 seconds of happiness.***



SMYC Board of Governors



Commodore's Corner



Hello Fellow Members,

Thank you to all the members that joined in the Christmas Party/Change of Watch. A special thank you to Robert Gonzales & Gaby, Linda Loftis, Bill Thayer, Donna Burnley, Barbara and Al Ablong and Jay Rodriguez who all helped with setting up the room, table decorations, toast, invocation, raffle baskets, ticket sales, photography, and cleanup. Thank you for your donations to the raffle. We sent a check to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Fund in the amount of \$118.

I believe that we have a very talented group of Board of Governor volunteers for 2022, who will lead us into a fun-filled year with social activities, cruising, racing, Bingo etc.

I also want to extend a special thank-you to Linda Loftis for making a very nice, long-lasting patio cover and to Pat and Sue Ayres for fixing our flag pole and sabot rack. We will be looking for volunteers to help with a few fix-its after the holidays and before Opening Day.

Stop by the clubhouse on the weekends. Hang out and bring a snack or lunch to enjoy on the deck. Let's take advantage of our great weather. Ann is holding classes most week-ends. Having the club open and members there to meet & greet and answering questions of students and other marina visitors will go a long way to gain new memberships.

Application for the SMYC Youth Award is posted on our website (Member Info tab). The application explains the eligibility requirements. We have funds set aside specifically for the award that has not been used for a few years.

We will be updating the website to include the new Board of Governors and Calendar of Events. Our first 2022 Board of Governors meeting will be mid-January at which time we will discuss the annual Kick-off Party (end of January to beginning of February – to be announced).

Until then, happy New Year.
Fair Winds and Following Seas,
Susan Rodriguez

P.S.:

Just before publishing this newsletter, we were informed that starting immediately Ann Smith will be managing Lake O'Neil while Eric MacPherson will be the new manager of the Del Mar Marina.

Safety and Education

Why You Should Winterize Your Boat by Marty Adair - published Oct. 1, 2021

In California, our version of the “cold season” would make the rest of the country laugh. But neglecting its effect on your watercraft is no laughing matter. Especially with the financial output already invested, assuring your boat will be ready for Spring is key! As an owner, you should have a handy checklist for covering your bases.

How To Winterize Your Boat

Perhaps you are storing your boat over the winter, or maybe it’s still out on the water. Special attention should be paid to the internal workings of your prized possession either way! In order to winterize your boat, we’ll shine the spotlight on:

- * **Plumbing system**
- * **Engine**
- * **Fuel system**
- * **Other systems that may hold water**

Fully drain any freshwater plumbing systems such as sinks and heads. Once that is done, run non-toxic anti-freeze through. Does your boat have a hot water heater? If so, make sure you run the hot and cold faucets to guarantee antifreeze doesn’t settle in there. As each manufacturer has different methods for the outboard engine, stern drive, and inboard engine, we recommend reviewing your owner’s manual for the proper process. Three steps will take care of the fuel system:

Fill your fuel tanks with a high-quality fuel-stabilizing additive

Run the engine long enough for treated fuel to course through

Replace all fuel filters and fuel/water separators

Maybe this is your first time tackling this task. If so, it’s worth recruiting a knowledgeable friend or neighbor. A professional can definitely help you out as well, for a price of course.

When Do You Need To Winterize Your Boat?

Once the days start shortening and temperatures dip, many boat owners sigh as reality hits. And that reality? Adventures on the open water are coming to a close...at least until next year. It’s not a bad idea to start the process as Fall winds down. This will give you plenty of time to pull out your handy checklist, pick up any necessary products, and enjoy the end of the season.

What Happens If You Don’t Winterize Your Boat?

Winterizing your boat can appear more applicable to colder climates like Minnesota. But, did you know, in warmer states like Texas freeze-damage is at the top of insurance claim lists. And with the continual shifting of weather patterns (you may remember a record cold in Los Angeles in 2018) it is better to be “safe than sorry.” Damage from freezing is not very common in the Golden State, but the biggest threat to your craft is still water. This comes in the form of corrosion and growth of mildew. So your energy should go to keeping water and moisture out! Not doing so can lead to:

- * **Split hoses**
- * **Cracked engine blocks**
- * **Damaged fiberglass**
- * **Broken refrigeration systems**

Repairs on any one of these items are very expensive, and put your boat out of service for a lengthy period of time. Our guess is neither of these is something you want.



Did you know...?

World War II veteran Leslie B. Jones, a long-time member of SMYC, was invited several times to participate in the annual Memorial Day Observance Program in Washington D.C. In 2020, he was selected and honored to present a wreath in front of the Freedom Wall to pay tribute to the 400,000 Americans who were killed in combat and the 16 million who fought during that war. Following the ceremony, Jones served as one of the Honorary Grand Marshals in the annual National Memorial Day Parade that passes in front of the White House. During the parade, Jones rode in a vintage 1946 Cadillac convertible that led marching bands from all 50 states. The parade draws hundreds of thousands of spectators who want to pay tribute to those who have served or are still serving, making it the nation's largest Memorial Day Celebration.

Jones enlisted in the Navy in 1943 at age 17 and fought on the destroyer ESCORT. He served in all three of the WWII campaign theaters, earning various awards, ribbons, medals and stars, including the Presidential Unit Citation with two stars, which was awarded to him by former President Harry Truman. One medal has accompanied Jones consistently since he enlisted and holds a special meaning for him. "I wore my Saint Christopher medal during the Memorial Day Program as I always have since 1943," Jones said. "My medal has been with me many places and shared my many experiences, keeping me safe as I traveled the world."

Jones, who grew up in the Los Angeles area, returned to southern California after he was honorably discharged from the Navy following the end of WWII. He then attended the University of Southern California where he obtained his Bachelor of Science degree.

Jones discovered his love of flying when he flew his first plane at age 14. He later obtained his pilot's license and earned six national and world records in aviation.

Exercise is also important to Jones. He has earned multiple gold medals in the National Senior Games (Senior Olympics), climbed Mt. Whitney and has competed in triathlons. He ran in the Los Angeles Marathon at age 75.

Since he joined the Navy in 1943, Jones has written down anything and everything he has accomplished in an extensive journal that he someday plans to give to his two sons and four grandchildren so they may remember his many achievements.



YOUTH AWARD

SMYC is once again offering a scholarship of \$100 to a youth, age 8 to 23. The award can be used at the Del Mar Marina to have some fun with sailing, kayaking, paddle boarding or just fun in the water. The application form can be downloaded from our website and is due now.

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SMYC Membership Renewal

The annual renewal fee is \$50 per family membership, is now due. Print the renewal membership form, found on our website: Member Information tab, Membership Renewal.

Follow directions at the bottom of the form.

Thank you, S/C Susan Rodriguez, Membership

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness, that we mourn
and herewith report the passing of

Bonnie Carpenter

She was one of our lifetime members and the wife of Skip Carpenter, our Commodore in 1977

Holiday Party...



...and Installation Dinner



The 2022 Board of Governors

