

Santa Barbara Yacht Club

CHARITY REGATTA

Benefiting Visiting Nurses & Hospice Care



Aboard the *Serendipity*: Back L to R: **Ryan Solomon, Arlie Skov, Luella Skov, Haley Skov, Marie Ann Strait, Charles Logue, Captain Jack Byers, and Mark Findley.** Front L to R: VNHC Pres. and CEO **Eileen Bunning, Hortencia Corral Garcia, Rosa Alvarado,** Hostess **Karen Byers,** VNHC COO **Lynda Tanner, Candy Logue, Kate Yamasaki, Mike Yamasaki, Aidan Yamasaki, Sharon Wolfe,** and **Ron Wolfe**

By **Devon Pettengill** / CASA

THE SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB HOSTED an afternoon of generosity and excitement by the seashore on September 7th at their 2008 Charity Regatta.

“We are so grateful for the sponsorship of the Yacht Club and the generosity of the sailors and the community,” shared VNHC President and CEO Eileen Bunning.

This year’s event, which took place at the Yacht Club in the Santa Barbara Harbor, benefited Visiting Nurse & Hospice Care, which this year celebrates its 100th year of providing care to the Santa Barbara community.

The Regatta began with a sponsors’ brunch and opened to the public at 1pm, and those who bought tickets not only got to enjoy live music, barbecue, and drinks, they also received a guest pass to visit the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum.

Attendees were also given the option of buying raffle tickets with the chance of winning over 35 fantastic prizes including concert tickets, gift certificates to local salons, and a vacation condo in La Paz.

A highlight of the event was Lewis Bishop presenting Doreen Pearson with the

2008 Outstanding Hospice Volunteer Award.

The main events of the afternoon were the sailboat and powerboat races, which attendees were invited to watch from spectator boats. The winners of the PHRF fleet race were *Taxi Dancer*, owned by Tom Parker, Jim Yabsley and Dick

Compton; *Sting*, owned by Laura Schlessinger; and *Skian Dhu*, owned by Dirk Freeland. The winners of the CHRF fleet race were *Cloud 9* owned by Bob Levinson; *Zephyr* owned by Morgan Green; and *Second Wind*, owned by Lander Nicolait. The winners of both races received their award plaques during the final raffle.

The event was chaired by Dennis Friederich, with the help of a regatta “steering committee,” and managed to raise \$80,000

for Visiting Nurse & Hospice Care. Proceeds from the regatta’s fundraising go primarily to underwrite care at *Serenity House*, where people are cared for at the end of their lives.

For more info about the SB Yacht club, call 965-8122 or visit www.sbyc.org. For more information about Visiting Nurses & Hospice Care, call 965-5555 or visit www.vnhcsb.org.



Eileen Bunning, Patricia Hinds, Linda Tanner, and Regatta Chair **Dennis Friederich**



Tom Parker and Jim Yabsley of *Taxi Dancer* the 1st place winners of the PHRF race



Dana Jones, SBYC Rear Commdore **Roger Chrisman,** SBYC Commodore **Anthony Papa,** and SBYC Vice Commodore **Homer Smith**



The *Sting* Crew: (back) **Pete Urwyler; Larry Martin; Dave Sadecki;** Dr. **Laura Schlessinger; Kenny Kieding.** (Front) **Scott Swartje**

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