

Santa Barbara Yacht Club

'Yachts of Love' Charity Regatta

By JEANETTE CASILLAS / CASA

YACHTS OF LOVE SET SAIL on Sunday, September 13th for the Santa Barbara Yacht Club's fifth annual charity regatta benefiting Visiting Nurse & Hospice Care.

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"The spirit of fun and generosity are always present throughout the event."

The regatta event included sailboat races, a power boat event, live music, and a yacht club barbecue. There were about 200 attendees that had the opportunity to view

the race from the water aboard a "spectator" boat and take a ride on a classic outrigger.

There were over 40 boats on the water and 31 sailboats raced in two fleets. For the first time several of the racing skippers shared the helm with local personalities and community safety personnel. The five Co-skippers included: Dave Sedeki, Battalion Commander of Cnty Fire - *Skian Dhu* / Dirk Freeland; Pat McElroy, Battalion Commander of City Fire - *Bebe* / Charles Browning; Anthony Borgatello 2009 - *Taxi* / Tom Parker/ Jim

Yabsley / Dick Compton; Julie Ramos of the KTYD morning show - *Fast Tango* / Dick Lamb; and Bill Pessa of KLITE - *Bullish* / Denny Friedrich.

Dirk Freeland's *Skian Dhu* won the PHRF fleet race and Max Lynn's *Tranquility* won the CHRf fleet race.

"The camaraderie among the committee members in planning and executing the day's itinerary was number one for me," shared Tony Papa Regatta Chairman.

"We had two additional goals beyond raising money. They were to communicate



Back: Rear Commodore **Jack Byers** and **Bill Davis**. Front: Staff Commodore **Max Lynn** and **Shirley Lynn**, winners of the CHRf fleet race



Roger Chrisman, Vice Commodore; **Homer Smith**, Commodore; **Tony Papa**, Junior Staff Commodore and Regatta Chairman; and **Charles Browning**, Board Member. Front: **Lynda Tanner**, VNHC Chief Operating Officer



Ernestine De Soto, **Anthony Borgatello**, and **Carmalita Lemos**



Hostesses from SBYC in blue and VNHC in white. Back: **Lynn Shively**, **Cheryl Ambrecht**, **Carolyn Duncan**, **Andra Escola**. Middle: **Kathleen Yabsley**, **Trish Davis**, **Candy Logue**, **Karen Byers**, **Lil Nelson**. Front: **Judy Rawles**, **Michele Cervantes**, **Jocelyn Archer**, and **Lindsay Papa**.

VNHC's message and host our fellow Santa Barbarians in a unique, 'Yachtie' way."

The regatta garnered \$60,000 for the Visiting Nurse Hospice Care. All proceeds will go to provide subsidized care at

Serenity House, VNHC's residential hospice facility.

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.



The Crew aboard the "Serengetti" was made up of sponsors, members, and supporters of the SBYC and VNHC. Back: **Valerie Bishop**; **Russell Bishop**; **Rose Ament**; **Hunter Becker**, Youth Volunteer; **Leslie Von Wiesenberger**; **Rey Castillo**; **Pat Heller**; **Tracy Beard**. Middle: **Scott Wolfe**, **Candy Logue**; **Karen Byers**; **Dirk Van Deusen**; Captain **Jack Byers**; **Priscilla**, and **Ron Wolfe**. Front: **David Beard**

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