

## Santa Barbara Yacht Club

## Charity Regatta Benefits VNHC

By **Jeanette Casillas** / CASA

**YACHTS OF LOVE TOOK TO THE WATERS** on Sunday, September 11th for the annual SB Yacht Club's Charity Regatta to benefit the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Care's Serenity House. The event commemorated the 10th anniversary of 9/11 by inviting 50 Marines and their families from the 3/5 Dark Horse Battalion out of Camp Pendleton and first responders from Santa Barbara city and county fire, police, harbor, coast guard to be guests and participate in the sailboat race as celebrity skippers.

"The entire event was about bringing our local community together for something special," shared Tony Papa, event chairman. "Our yachts of love were clearly at work in a variety of ways. I participated along with folks from all over town to help others in our community and honor the men and women who make sacrifices on our behalf."

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 for the Regatta. First-place winners included skipper Dirk Freeland on *Skian Dhu*, who won the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet Race; Skipper Max Lynn on *Tranquility* won the Club Handicap Racing Fleet Race, and Skipper Kenny Kiedings on *E* won the Harbor 20s, H2O Fleet Race.

The regatta raised \$130,000. All proceeds will go to provide subsidized care at Serenity House, the Visiting Nurse Hospice Care's inpatient hospice facility.

"As always, we are so grateful to the SB Yacht Club for this wonderful, fun event that allows people a chance to see Santa Barbara from the water and enjoy good times, all for the benefit of helping us fulfill our mission that no one is turned away because of an inability to pay," shared Tamara Skov, Executive Director, VNHC Foundation.



**Jack Byers**, SBYC Commodore; **Lynda Tanner**, President and CEO of Visiting Nurses and Hospice Care; and **Karen Byers**



**Dave Clark**, Impulse; **Tamara Skov**, VNHC Executive Director; **Lisa Rivas**, Venoco; and **Tony Papa**, SBYC Charity Regatta Chairman

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(Back Row) **Nancy Martz; Bradley Devine; Jeff Devine**, President and CEO American Rivera Bank; **Roger Chrisman**, Junior Staff Commodore; **Sarah Chrisman**, Staff Commodore; **Dan Greenwald; Joanne Funari**, President Business First Bank; **Carlos Plascencia**; and **Lili Schafer**, SBYC Board Member. (3rd Row) **Michael Martz, Josie DeVine**. (2nd Row) **Mason Martz, Chris Martinich, Michelle Martinich**, CFO American Rivera Bank and VNHC Chair; **Bradley DeVine; Bridget DeVine**. (Front Row) **Madison Martinich, Colin Martz, Romy Greenwald, Jed Greenwald, Blake DeVine**, and **Neve Greenwald**.



**Eloy Ortega**, CEO The Bank of Santa Barbara; **Janet Davis**, Hospice Volunteer of the Year Recipient; and presenter **David Breed**, Assistant Store Manager, SB Tiffany & Company



**Jo Sadecki, Margo Rodriguez**, and **David Sadecki**, Captain SB Fire Department

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