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PORT ROYAL YACHT CLUB Redondo Beach, CA

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A Friendly, Casual, Fun-loving Group Devoted to Social and Boating Activities

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Commodore
Dave Coleman

Vice Commodore
Russ Morgan

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Sue Meyer

Secretary
Carolyn Coleman

Fleet Captain
Jack Laisure

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Zeke Wheeler

Quartermaster
Russ Peck

PRYC DIRECTORS
Andy Davidson
Larry Brown
Richard Krebs
Penny Vowles

Treasurer
Don Mueller

Chaplain
Carolyn Coleman

Newsletter Editors
Russ & Helen Morgan

Judge Advocate
Tree Curtis

Website Manager
Cathy Mueller

Port Captain
Mike Lesniak



NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE SWORN IN

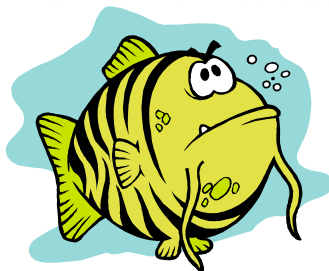
(From left to right) Dick Krebs, Sue Meyer, Dave Coleman, Don Mueller, Russ Peck, Penny Vowles, Russ Morgan, Tree Curtis, and Larry Brown are installed as 2004 officers by Zeke Wheeler.



Celebrate Cinco de Mayo !!
(on Uno de Mayo)

When: Sat. May 1 at 6 PM
Where: Port Royal Yacht Club, Redondo Beach
Authentic Mexican Cuisine \$6.00

Dress-a for the Fiesta Latin Style!!!



Commodore's Comments

Opening Day was a great success! Thank you to ALL who helped out and attended the festivities. Once again, the highlight was the national anthem sung by our Vice Commodore Russ Morgan. Pat Paxton got the cakes – Thanks Pat. We were very pleased to have the Mayor of Redondo Beach, Greg Hill; followed by councilmembers: Chris Cagle, Don Szerlip, and John Parsons. Their attendance shows a willingness to listen to our ideas about the Harbor and city developments. The US Coast Guard auxilliary hoisted the colors for us again this year (thanks District Staff Officer Barbara De Cuir and Commander Trent Kelly, Flotilla 12-05). The officers of the International Order of the Blue Gavel were on-hand to induct past commodore Zeke Wheeler and present him with their burgee to fly on “Love Catalina”.

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We've Signed On for Another Big Year with BoatU.S.!

The BoatU.S. Cooperating Group Program has proven so popular with members that club officers are renewing our "partnership" for another year. Because of this special arrangement, you get 50% off when you join the nation's largest Association of recreational boat owners. You pay one-half of the regular BoatU.S. dues of \$19.00—only \$9.50 a year!

If you're already a BoatU.S. Member, you can now renew your Membership at the low \$9.50 rate.

BoatU.S. Membership benefits include:

- An effective lobby that fights unfair taxes, fees and government regulations that single out boat owners.
- A 700-page Discount Equipment Catalog, plus special discounts and Member Rewards with purchases.
- Discounts on fuel, overnight slips or repairs at more than 600 marinas.
- Low-cost, high-protection boat insurance, including special programs for trailerable boats and PWC's.
- On-the-Water Towing, with your choice of service levels—from \$50 per incident (free with Membership) up to Unlimited Service—provided by the nation's largest towing network, TowBoatU.S.!
- *BOAT/U.S. Magazine*—a full year's subscription is included with Membership!

Contact Gal Dean
for a BoatU.S. Membership application.
If you are renewing your BoatU.S.
Membership, be sure to mention our
Co-op Group # GA 329464
to get the special \$9.50 rate.

With the opening of the boating season, you might have noticed the sailboats out racing. Redondo Beach Yacht Club has invited us to race with them on Tuesday evenings. If you and/or your boat are interested in racing, be at RBYC at 5 PM on Tuesdays; introduce yourself; and get on a boat! It's great fun. OR you can help out on the committee boat and see how the races are organized and run!



See the flyer for our Cinco de Mayo party May 1st. Pat Paxton, et al, are planning a special event just for you!

Don't forget to sign up for the 1st cruise of the year to Catalina. We're planning to meet at Doug's Harbor Reef Saloon at the Isthmus at 4PM on Saturday June 5th, 2004; beach BBQ to follow!

We're lining up volunteers for the annual 4th of July Bash. Please call me and let me know what you'd like to do to help!

Thanks, Commodore Dave Coleman



Our debonair Commodore demonstrates his sophisticated dancing skills with his lovely wife, Carolyn at the annual Valentine's Day Dinner.

A Word from the Vice Commodore

I have pledged as my prime objective this year to get us affiliated with the Southern California Yachting Association. Belonging to the SCYA will give us a sense of legitimacy that our club has been lacking for many years.

That is not to say that we are less of a club than others. I don't believe that at all. We simply need to be recognized for what we are.

So Dave and I are working to collect the information needed to make a successful application to SCYA. We'll keep you posted on our progress.

USE THOSE RECIPROCALLS! Treat yourselves to an adventure and visit another yacht club from time to time. On a whim, Helen and I dropped in on Channel Islands Yacht Club this last Easter Sunday just to see what we could see. We were overwhelmed by the hospitality we received. A group of members were gathered in the bar participating in a sing-along accompanied by Master Guitarist (and, oh yeah, Commodore) Dave Gable. Among the musical highlights of the afternoon was a trio of lovely ladies doing a rousing soft-shoe version of "Me and My Shadow" and your reluctant Vice Commodore was coerced into singing "The Star Spangled Banner". Is that the only song he knows? you might be asking. No, we sang lots of songs and had lots of fun, and we thank our hosts for a lovely time.

So give it a try! And let us know what you find!

—Russ Morgan





OPENING DAY





Saint Patrick's Day

