

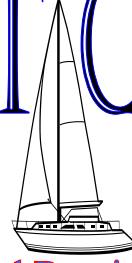


# PORT ROYAL YACHT CLUB

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February  
2012

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

CONNECTIONS

## CHANGE OF WATCH/CHILI COOK-OFF/SUPERBOWL PARTY

What a great party with tons of fabulous food. First prize went to last year's winner Maria Fraser. Jill and Lou Toth came in a very close second. Tied for third were Sue Meyer & Cathy Dow.

Our football pool went to two pages this year. Winners were, Shelia Anderson, Dave Sarazen, John Elder, Maggie Merfy, Jay Wendl & Kevin Herink.

We also raffled some items from the ship's store. A great time and we made some money too!

It was also the day when we have the swearing in of the Bridge and Board.

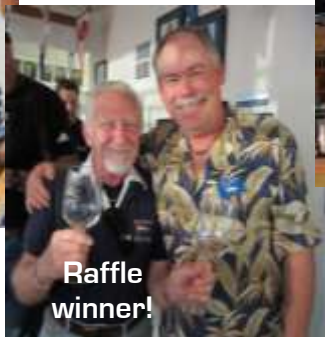
We were running late and wanted to have the ceremony before the kickoff so everybody was rushing around to get lined up and ready. We did get it done before the kickoff, with a lot of laughs. A great event; now on to the rest of the year.

Thank you all for your participation and help which made this event very successful. Couldn't do it with out you! Thank you.



**Our 2012 Board of Directors just after swearing in!**

**Winner for Best Chili!**



**Raffle winner!**



**Super Bowl  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter  
winners!**



**Super Bowl  
3rd quarter  
winners!**

More pics on facebook, see P. 3 for more info.



PRYC OFFICERS

Commodore  
Jim Tessman

Vice Commodore  
Shelia Anderson

Rear Commodore  
Amy Irwin

Treasurer  
Tom Fraser

Secretary  
Penny Towne-Vowles

PRYC DIRECTORS

Scott Dow  
Craig Allsopp  
Dave Sarazen  
Lynda Peterson

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Club Manager  
Jim Mather

Quartermaster  
John Elder

Judge Advocate  
Frank Sandelman

Fleet Captain  
Bruce Stafford

Race Captain  
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Historian  
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Scott & Cathy Dow

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Cathy Mueller

❖ COMMORDORE *Jim Tessman*

Hello All:

We are starting this year with a bang. So far, Sheila hosted a great wine tasting event for the IOBG. See Sheila's column for more info on this organization.

Our world famous Chili Cook-off was a success and there was even a football game to go with the amazing eats. The 1<sup>st</sup> prize went to Maria Frazer again this year - ok Maria, what is your secret?

When you come to the club you will see something new - a Suggestion Box. Please feel free to write about what you would like to have at the club, changes, new ideas or even just a note of appreciation. Oh yeah, you can also mention complaints. I will read each note and will bring them to the board meetings to discuss. I would like to address each issue in the newsletter when they are resolved. Always feel free to contact me directly in person, by phone or e-mail. My contact info is on the roster at the club.

Don't forget Larry's Halibut bake on February 18<sup>th</sup>. It's another fabulous dinner and the proceeds will go directly to club improvements.

See ya at the club!

❖ VICE COMMORDORE *Shelia Anderson*

Greetings PRYC,

Wow, we are now into February and doesn't time go by fast when we are having fun! We had our first event for 2012, the IOBG Wine Tasting. It was a beautiful Saturday afternoon at PRYC, we tasted some good wines and ate some good appetizers. Jill and Lou supplied wonderful meatballs, Sue and Jimmy gave us deviled eggs to die for and others brought an array of cheeses, breads, hummus and veggies. Special thanks to Shawn Milligan and Linda Wells for all their help in making this a successful event. Our guests enjoyed the Port Royal hospitality.

What is IOBG? International Order of the Blue Gavel is the Association of Past Commodores. The mission of the IOBG is to recognize Past Commodores of the international yachting community and unite them in order to promote the highest ideals of yachting and preserve its customs and traditions through social, educational and humanitarian programs. We are members of District 11, Santa Monica Bay Yacht Clubs and the proceeds from the wine tasting went to the support of the King Harbor Youth Foundation. IOBG continues to thank PRYC for hosting their top charity event.

Our fun and relaxed environment is always welcoming and I am proud to a member of PRYC.

Don't forget to sign up for your Officer of the Day, summer will be here before you know it.

See you at the club!

❖ **CLUB MANAGER** *Jim Mather*

Greetings PRYC Members,

The Club is looking great. Jim Tessman has installed the new galley stainless steel table that replaced the electric dishwasher/expensive glass storage device.

It came in handy as we utilized it for Saturday's Whale Watching Event. We served Bagels & Cream Cheese with coffee, orange juice & champagne. The group was small enough that everything worked well in the galley and made the set-up/clean-up simple.

As you enjoy the club, please utilize Jim Tessman's new suggestion box. This is especially important if you notice something unsafe or in need of repair. Many eyes, or new eyes looking at the same old thing, very often see a solution to a potential problem before it gets dangerous or expensive to repair.

Thanks go to all members for lending a hand keeping the club looking so nice for the next member to enjoy.

Keep up the good work!

**UPCOMING PRYC EVENTS**

- **Halibut Bake**  
Saturday, February 18, 2012  
6:00pm until 9:00pm

You don't want to miss this. Oven baked halibut, veggies, salad and garlic bread for only \$10 per person.

You guessed it; all proceeds from the food will go directly towards new items needed for the club.



Is that Larry in the photo bringing in a halibut?

- **Academy Awards Party**  
Sunday, February 26, 2012  
3pm until ?

Dress up and join us to watch the Oscar's. Enter the pool and guess. . . . . and the . . . . . Oscars go to...  
Details are still in the works.



- **St. Patrick's Day Party**  
Saturday, March 17, 2012  
6pm until 8pm (dinner service)  
Join your hosts: Lynda Peterson & Cathy Dow for Corned Beef & Cabbage, \$7.00  
Wear Green!



- **PRYC Clean Up Day #1**  
Sunday, March 25, 2012  
9am until it's done.



Please join our host Director, Dave Sarazen in getting the club ready for Opening Day. All are welcome; many hands make light work for all!



Read below to find out how to create a facebook account and send a friend request

to the Members only Port Royal Yacht Club closed group where all the pictures that the Historian takes throughout the year are located.

Go to <http://www.facebook.com>

Create your account by filling in your information under "Sign Up" then click on the green "Sign-Up" button.



The top blue line to the right of the word "facebook" includes: Friend Requests, Messages, Notifications, Search, Your Name, Find Friends, Home & ▼

When you click on ▼ you will find info on: Account Settings, Privacy Settings, Log off & Help

Click on Help, then click on Facebook Basics to start learning the ends & outs of navigating Facebook. You can then spend sometime looking around your profile. Upload a profile picture. Send Friend requests, etc.

**How do I join a group?**



You must first find the group by typing *Port Royal Yacht Club* into the Search area and hit enter. Scroll down to the one that says "Closed Group". Click Ask to Join Group at the right side of the group's page. Once the administrator of the group has accepted you, you will then be able to see all the pictures, post pics, etc!

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

This year Commodore Jim Tessman has requested monthly Connections.

If you would like to submit an article, photos, etc. please be aware of the following deadline dates below.

We welcome any submissions and will print as room allows. Send to: [encantadaiicrew@gmail.com](mailto:encantadaiicrew@gmail.com)

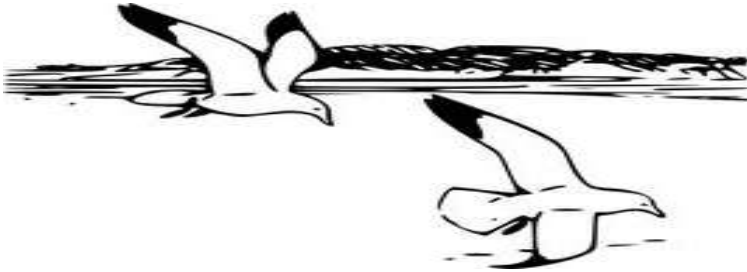
### DEADLINES:

March 7  
April 4  
May 9  
June 6  
July 4  
August 1  
September 5  
October 3  
November 7  
December 5

## CONNECTIONS Newsletter



Thank you,  
Scott & Cathy Dow



## A SPECIAL THANK YOU...



Steve Kallenbach & Debra Anders responded to the survey, by Woody, and asked about a donation to the club for something needed, perhaps new glasses for the bar or what ever else. They chose to send \$200 to PRYC to put towards what ever we thought was needed. How great is that?

The following is copy from the Thank You note which has been sent to them for their generous donation to the club;

*Dear Steve and Debra:*

*Thank you so very much for your thoughtful donation to Port Royal Yacht Club. We will definitely put your gift to good use.*

*Your donation is so uplifting, especially during these trying economic times. Next time you are in Redondo Beach please stop by and introduce yourselves to our new members.*

*Thank you again from all of us here at Port Royal Yacht Club.*

*Jim Tessman  
Commodore*

## PRYC SHIP'S STORE

If you attended our annual Super Bowl party you may have noticed our Ship's Store table featuring logo items for sale.

We sold quite a few things which will help pad our budget for additional purchases. This year we would like to bring in a few new products:

- Logo glassware \$5.00 each
- Hathaway Polo Shirts \$25.00 each
- Logo Embroidered Windbreakers TBD
- Logo Embroidered Totes TBD
- Stylish T-shirts TBD

We may have a line of children's shirts for those boating grandparents out there too.

Let us know what you would like to see in the store. We will try to display our merchandise at each event or you can always call Betse Tessman for a special order.



## The Limitation of Liability Act of 1851

Submitted by: Dave Sarazen, Director

In the early 19<sup>th</sup> Century shipment of goods across the oceans was dominated by European-flagged vessels whose owners were protected from unlimited liability under European seafaring laws. To remedy this competitive disadvantage the United States enacted the Limitation of Liability Act of 1851, giving U.S. ship owners protection against unlimited liability for consequences of maritime accidents and disasters. This unique maritime law, which remains on the books today, allows a ship owner to limit their liability to the value of its interest in the vessel at the end of the voyage. Considering that in the event of a fire or sinking, the value of the vessel could be zero, this can be a difficult barrier to relief in the event of personal injury or death. However, a ship owner's protection against liability is limited to claims arising from acts performed by a ship's crew without the owner's knowledge, or privity. Privity will be found to exist where acts of negligence causing the accident were known, or should have been known, by the ship's owner. Let's look at some examples:

**Cruise Ship Accident.** The owner of the cruise ship that partially sank after hitting rocks off the coast of Italy has already hinted it will invoke a European version of the Limitations Act. When asked if he knew why the ship crashed, the CEO of Costa Cruises suggested that the captain disobeyed company policies when he intentionally went off course. As more evidence surfaces, we'll see if the company "knew or should have known" of past course diversions.

**Water Skier Collides With Fishing Boat.** Two friends were out on Mission Bay in San Diego water skiing. The boat's owner was skiing while his friend was driving in a clockwise direction around the bay. Rule of the road on Mission Bay requires a counter-clockwise direction for water skiers. The friend pulling the skier slammed into another boat while he was watching his buddy skiing rather than watching where he was going. The boat owner invoked the Limitation Act but lost his case because he had knowledge of the acts that caused the collision. While being pulled as a skier he could see they were not following the proper counter-clockwise direction!

**Charter Sportfishing Accident.** While on a four-day fishing trip in Mexican waters a passenger slipped and fell down a ladder into the galley. The Limitation defense was defeated by proving the non-skid on the ladder had been worn smooth for months, if not years, before the passenger slipped and fell. The court found there was plenty of time for the owner to have learned of the dangerous condition before the accident occurred.

**Boat Sinks Due to Electrical Fire.** Two passengers drown trying to abandoned ship after an electrical fire started on a chartered sailing vessel cruising off Catalina Island. Evidence showed that a mechanic recommended fixing the problem months before, but the owner refused. When the plaintiff discovered that the owner tried to conceal both the mechanic and the previous electrical problem, the parties settled before going to court.

**Personal Watercraft (PWC) Accident.** A teenager was operating a PWC on the Colorado River when he ran into a girl floating on an inner tube. The PWC owner invoked the Limitation Act, but lost the case because evidence showed the owner had given the teenage driver less than 3 minutes operating instruction before allowing him to ride unsupervised.

As these examples show, in spite of the protections available under the Limitations Act, the existence of privity more often helps the injured party rather than the owner.

## **New ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY!**

Beginning in March we will be highlighting something new in our newsletter. It will help offset our printing costs and get our business owner members noticed! We will print your business card on our *New* "Advertiser's page" to advertise your company. We have room for approximately 10 cards, at \$10.00 per month, and we only ask that you pay 3 months in advance to keep bookkeeping to a minimum. Where else can you advertise your business for only \$30.00 for 3 months! Of course, you are always welcome to pay for 6 months if you choose. Pay Tom Fraser or Jim Tessman directly, OR, place a check in the cash register and state on the check what it is for.



Three ways to submit your business card to our newsletter editors:

- Scan it and email to: [encantadaiiicrew@gmail.com](mailto:encantadaiiicrew@gmail.com) with "Connections Advertising" in the subject line,
- Snail mail it to the club with "Attn: Newsletter Editors/ Advertising" on the envelope
- Leave it up at the club in an envelope marked "Newsletter Editors/ Advertising"

The deadline to submit business cards will be the first of the month. We hope that many of you will take this opportunity to advertise in the Connections.



## **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA YACHTING ASSOCIATION**

By: Amy Irwin, Rear Commodore

Imagine visiting a new town and needing a hotel fast. Where are you going to stay? In a flea bag hotel, or one that has the approval of The Auto Club? Well, that's sort of one of the perks of Port Royal Yacht Club's membership in the Southern California Yachting Association. With a general membership in the SCYA, PRYC has the highest 'seal of approval' available in these waters. We're no flea bag hotel on the side of the freeway! In turn, we can take our membership cards to visit any SCYA yacht club, and know we will be welcomed with the utmost hospitality, hassle free. Just check the reciprocal board if you're looking for a new club to visit. (Anyone who has tried to get into a yacht club without their PRYC membership card knows what I mean...)

There are other perks as well, because our races are SCYA sanctioned, they get widespread publicity and are open to all 94 clubs in the SCYA. Perks don't stop with reciprocals and races. The SCYA also does extensive lobbying in Sacramento. The SCYA helps us with a 'larger voice' which in turn helps the individual boater to be seen and heard, and lets the powers-that-be know that we all vote.

But how did PRYC get involved in SCYA? In 2004, Commodore Dave Coleman, Vice Commodore Russ Morgan, Rear Commodore Sue Meyer, and crew had the foresight to see the importance of PRYC's involvement in such an organization. It was no easy task, (2004 was the club's second attempt at admission), but finally, after letters of recommendation by King Harbor, Santa Monica Windjammers, Del Rey, Cabrillo Beach and California Yacht Clubs, membership was officially ours in March 2005.

SCYA advocates Corinthian spirit, via the promotion of "amateur, recreational and pleasure yachting in Southern California by providing an organization and a forum to foster local, regional, national and international yachting competition, coordinate race schedules, activities and regattas, conduct seminars, and provide training and education on race management and safety at sea." (See [www.SCYA.org](http://www.SCYA.org) for more details.) The SCYA hosts many seminars each year which reflect these goals- from how to organize a regatta to how to operate your radio. Port Royal's membership (\$370 annual dues) also allows us one vote in the SCYA.

Like any yacht club, SCYA operates under the direction of flag officers, directors and committee members. PRYC boasts its own SCYA Director, Staff Commodore Shawn Milligan, who also single-handedly edits the SCYA race calendar—which includes the dates for every race, regatta and opening day from San Diego to Santa Barbara, and east to Arizona.

[More details can be found in the archived newsletters on the PRYC webpage: [www.pryc.us](http://www.pryc.us)]



# PORT ROYAL YACHT CLUB

## 2012 Event Calendar

Red = Clubhouse Event, Blue = Boating Event

February			
5	Sun	Change of Watch/Super Bowl & Chili Cook-off	1:00 pm
8	Wed	Board of Director's Meeting	6:30 pm
11	Sat	Whale Watch/Valentine's Day Brunch	9:00 am
18	Sat	Halibut Bake	6:00 pm
26	Sun	Academy Awards Party	3:00 pm
March			
3	Sat	Club Rented (Paxson)	Noon-5pm
14	Wed	Board of Director's Meeting	6:30 pm
17	Sat	St. Patrick's Day Party	6:00 pm
24	Sat	Club Rented (Paxson)	TBD
25	Sun	Clean-up Day 1	9:00 am
April			
7	Sat	Clean-up Day 2	9:00 am
11	Wed	Board of Director's Meeting	6:30 pm
15	Sun	Opening Day	3:00 pm
May			
5	Sat	Bicycle Pub Tour	9:00 am
5	Sat	Kentucky Derby Party	12:00 pm
9	Wed	Board of Director's Meeting	6:30 pm
18-20	Fri- Sun	Isthmus Cruise w/LSFYC	
June			
2-3	Sat-Sun	First Weekend - Officer of the Day Duty	10 - 2 pm
13	Wed	Board of Director's Meeting	6:30 pm
16	Sat	Plastic Classic Race/Live Music!	Noon - ?
23	Sat	Rafting Party/Dinghy Pub Tour	10:00 am
July			
4	Wed	Independence Day - Bring Your Own BBQ	3:00 pm
11	Wed	Board of Director's Meeting	6:30 pm
August			
4	Sat	RBOC Fundraiser	6:00 pm
8	Wed	Board of Director's Meeting	6:30 pm
11	Sat	Summer Bash/Home Port Regatta Fundraiser/Live Music!	Noon - ?
September			
12	Wed	Board of Director's Meeting	6:30 pm
14-16	Fri-Sun	PRYC Isthmus Cruise - Microbrew Festival	
October			
10	Wed	Board of Director's Meeting	6:30 pm
19-20	Fri- Sun	Lats & Atts Cruiser's Weekend	
27	Sat	Halloween Party	8:00 pm
28	Sun	Last Weekend - Officer of the Day	
November			
14	Wed	Board of Director's Meeting	6:30 pm
22	Thu	Orphan's Thanksgiving Party	4:00 - ?
December			
8	Sat	Tree Trimming Christmas Party & General Meeting/Elections	6:00 pm
15	Sat	King Harbor Boat Parade & PRYC Party	4:00 - ?
21	Fri	Club Rented (Towne-Vowles)	5:00 pm
24	Mon	Christmas Eve Party	6:00 pm
31	Mon	New Year's Eve Party	8:00 pm