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Port Royal Yacht Club Redondo Beach, Ca

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

Commodore's Comments

Tom Vavrek - Commodore

Vacation plans are made and the kids will soon be out of school. That means the summer season is here. That is all but the weather. But, have faith, the "June gloom" will soon be gone leaving us with lots of sunshine along with a pleasant breeze, which makes it perfect for Boating and Party activity.

Many of us have already started the Catalina visits/cruises and the best party so far this year was Jennifer Lapointe's birthday bash. Speaking of Jennifer, she and Louis are sponsoring our July 4th party. This event will be AWESOME! Plenty of activity, food and drink topped off with a spectacular fireworks display at the Redondo Beach Pier.

We have many activities planned for the Summer Season, some of which are identified in this Newsletter. Hopefully all PRYC members will make it a point to participate and to bring along family and friends. Enjoyment is guaranteed.

Commodore Tom

Vice Commodore's Opinion

It is my opinion that Port Royal Yacht Club's parking and clubhouse are safe from being demolished and moved for at least 5 years.

Your Vice Commodore has been busy this past month in attending various Redondo Beach City Council and "Citizens for a Vote on Heart of the City (CVHC)" related meetings to stay informed on events that could impact our club and our community. I am happy to report that Redondo Beach's Heart of the City Plan has been rescinded by a 3-2 vote of the city council and is on hold for at least 12 months and maybe longer. This was a direct result of the CVHC organization taking the issue to the citizens of Redondo Beach and getting 6400 signatures in 10 days. Our Staff Commodore Graham and Haidee Grice played an active role in gathering over 100 signatures for this important effort and are to be commended.

I am one of a core group of 25 dedicated Redondo Beach CVHC voters working on what we believe is truly in the interest of maintaining a sensible plan of

action for the 52 acre AES power plant and improvements of the harbor area with minimal impact to the community, boaters, and our club.

On Monday evening June 17, I attended a meeting where AES invited 25 CVHC supporters to their power plant offices and presented their development proposal and results of their recent 600 voter survey.

C J Thompson, AES facility manager and Alan Mackenzie and staff from Mar Ventures gave presentations which showed **1138 residential units varying in density from 16 to 55 units per acre for an average of 30 units per acre.** They propose 1018 condos and townhouses varying from 800 to 2200 sq. ft., 100 loft units at approximately 1500 sq. ft. and 20 single family homes at 2500 sq. ft. The homes would be built west of Harbor Dr. on one acre where Sea Lab currently resides. Sea Lab would be relocated to a larger facility. **Not one member of our 27 member group supported the plan as presented.**

More meetings are planned with Mayor Greg Hill, Councilman Gerard Bisignano (who will probably run for mayor to replace Greg Hill whose term expires in 2005), Barry Kielsmier, King Harbor Properties Director, and Mar Ventures.

Below are some articles appearing in recent Easy Reader and Beach Reporter.

Easy Reader – Be sure to read this one. Bob Pinzler – a former RB Councilman, district 4, wrote an article on local government – gave CVHC some criticism and a few insults <http://easyreader.hermosawave.net/news2002/storypage.asp?StoryID=20020810>

Letters to the editor – Read 2nd and last letter. <http://easyreader.hermosawave.net/news2002/storypage.asp?StoryID=20020800>

Beach Reporter – Heart Plan starts long road to recovery (6-13) http://tbrnews.nminews.com/display/inn_redondo_beach_news/news13.txt

Heart of the City timeline (6-13) http://tbrnews.nminews.com/display/inn_redondo_beach_news/news14.txt

Zeke Wheeler - ViceCommodore

PORT ROYAL YACHT CLUB



CRUISE CALENDAR

California Yacht Club

6/21-6/23

Cabrilla Yacht Club

8/2-8/3

Lobster Cruise to 4

Isthmus 11/22-11/24 5

6

• Events Calendar

4th of July

Social with Long Beach Yacht Club

(date pending)

Summer Bash 9/7

SOCIAL EVENTS

LOBSTER DON CATCHES 100 POUNDS OF FISH IN MEXICO.

DON MUELLER, OUR JUNIOR STAFF COMMODORE AND TREASURER, HAS BEEN CRUISING AROUND MEXICO AND JUST HAPPENED TO DO SOME FISHING WHILE HE WAS THERE. A QUICK CALL TO ZEKE WHEELER SET THE BALL IN MOTION FOR AN IMPROMPTU FISH FRY. WHAT TO DO WITH ALL THAT FISH? ZEKE SAYS " If you serve it, they will come" . AND THE WORD SPREAD, " FRESH FISH FILLETS ON FRIDAY AT 6" That night the club was filled with full grateful club members. The food was fantastic!

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WELCOME!

Greetings to all new club members from all the old members. We hope you enjoy your PRYC experience.

RUSS MORGAN RETIRES

After 34 years with the Los Angeles School District, Russ Morgan is checking out of the school room. 25 friends came to celebrate his freedom and to enjoy dinner and an evening at the club. The day was too fine and apparently everyone in LA decided

to take a trip to the beach, the freeway traffic was horrendous all over the southland. Relatives, friends, and colleagues arrived late after frustrating hours on the freeway and with stories to tell. Regardless everyone finally arrived and ate heartily of,

chicken, tri tip, grilled vegies and numerous great potluck dishes. At the end of the evening, the cake was cut, speeches were made and Russ was presented with a fabulous digital camera to go with his new computer. Needless to say, the camera will come in handy for use on this esteemed newspaper. Our thanks particularly to

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MORGAN'S PARTY CONTINUED

Jill and Lou Toth for their incredible help. Lou manned the bar wonderfully, Jill took pictures throughout the evening and they both helped for a long time after, with party clean-up. Helen says, "It would not have been such a success without you.". Thanks to

Zeke Wheeler our mighty vice commodore for stocking the bar. Terri, we apologize for making him late. **Congratulations Russ!**

News flash

Check out the Fish tank on the bar! Zeke Wheeler has cleverly designed a donation box for our new Make A Wish Foundation Charity.

Look for it on your next visit!

New Members Jennifer and Dr. Louis LaPointe throw a birthday bash.

The weekend of June 14th was a busy one at the club. After the great fish feast, the LaPointe's threw a party that lasted late into the night. The bar was so busy that Vice-Commodore Zeke didn't get home till about 2 in the morning. By Sat-



urday night he had a big grin on his face while restocking the bar for the Morgan's. Thanks to the many contribu-

tions, our charity fund is growing quickly.

LA BAY FISH FRY

By
Grouperdon

I was able to escape for a week of fishing and diving in beautiful Bahia de Los Angeles, Mar de Cortez. Dick Lamb and Rudy Folk own a place down there and I was Rudy's guest for the week. Let me say the weather was perfect and the fishing and diving were great. All in all it was one of my best trips ever to Mexico. I was able to bring back about 90 lbs of Yellowtail



Since Cathy won't let me go again until I eat the fish, I called upon help from the club in the form of a fish fry. Emily Galloway and Cathy Mueller prepared a huge feast of fish taco's using prize winning Cajun fish fry mixes. It turned out to be the best fish tacos ever at the club. We had the fish fry last Friday on 6-14 and it was attended by several club members.

Now that we ate the fish, I'm cleared to go again so stay tuned for the next LA BAY fish fry.

Fishing News

The Barracuda are running
and the catch is high in
Redondo

On the Dock

*Make sure you keep
your dockside clean and
please don't leave things
strewn on the dock for
unsuspecting sailors to
trip over*

On the Boat

*Stick to white wine, the
red stains*

***Practice
Practice
Practice***

***PRYC Dinghy
races are
coming up.
Last year the
youth of the
club prevailed.
Don't let them
show us old
timers up
again.***

Lou & Jill Toth just want to
remind you of the great
clothing items for sale at the
club. Jill tells us that they
make great presents for fam-
ily and friends.



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Check us out!**

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Port Royal Yacht Club

Show your PRYC spirit and Logo
.... at work, on the docks, and on
cruising events with official shirts,
caps, jackets, and sweatshirts.

Jackets (\$65) are White with Navy trim. Polo
shirts (\$26), Caps (\$15), Sweatshirts (\$30-
35) are all available in Red, White, and Navy.
All have the PRYC Logo.
Names or special embroidery can be added
for \$4.50 per word.

Some stock is available at the Club. Order
forms are on the display case next to the bar.
Call Lou or Jill Toth, (714) 739-5018, or see
any Officer or Director.

**NEEDED: MANY INFLATABLE
DINGHYS FOR THE 4TH OF JULY
RACES.**

Personals or club ads can be placed here

Found a great supply of dacron thread? Sails ripped to
shreds and need repair? Teak is dull and listless?
If you have found a great solution to your boating prob-
lems, let us know so we can spread the word.
Contact editor and fleet captain russmorgan@worldnet.
att.net

Port Royal Yacht Club July 4th Bar-B-Q Celebration



**PRYC members and Port Royal Marina boaters
and their special guests
are cordially invited**

**Food, Harbor Cruises, Games, Prizes,
Dinghy Races, Music, Dancing, Fireworks**

Menu

**Revolutionary Tri-Tip, Prosperity Pork, Freedom Salmon
Happiness Hot Dogs, Liberty Hamburgers and Justice Cheeseburgers
“United We Stand” Corn
Spirit Salad
Independence Sourdough Bread
Patriotic Desert**

**Advance Tickets: \$10 Adults, \$5 Children
Tickets on July 4th: \$12 Adults, \$6 Children
Includes Food and 1 Drink Ticket for Adults**

**See any PRYC Board Member for Advance Tickets June 14 to July 3
Or reserve tickets with Dr. Louis Lapointe or Jennifer Lapointe
at 310-908-5842 or email Drlouislapointe@hotmail.com**



July 4th Celebration

Included with this issue is our July 4th flyer. This event is going to be a great day of celebration. We are expecting at least 150 members, marina boaters and guests. Invitations have been sent to all 320 boat owners in Port Royal Marina. Please notify your friends and family members to purchase tickets in advance of July 4th from any board member or from event coordinators Dr. Louis and Jennifer Lapointe at 310-908-5842 or email DrLouislapointe@hotmail.com

- **Advance** tickets are \$10 adults and \$5 children.
- **All tickets sold on July 4th will be \$12 for adults and \$6 children.**
- Ticket price includes Food, Fun & Games, Boat Rides, Dancing, Music and 2 drink tickets valued at \$1.00 each for adults and 1 drink ticket valued at \$1.00 for each child.
- **All drink tickets must be purchased at registration desk.** Members can charge ticket purchase to their account. Each drink ticket has a value of \$1.00 each. Drink prices are as follows:
 - Soda and water = 1 ticket
 - Killer Drink of the Day = 2 tickets
 - Beer and Wine = 2 tickets
 - Cocktails = 3 tickets
- All members and guests must register before participation. Let's party!!!!

Zeke Wheeler- Vice Commodore

Special General Membership Meeting

Date: July 4, 2002

Time: 11:30 AM to 11:45AM

Subject: Amendment of bylaws from Four (4) Directors to Six (6) Directors.

The Officers of Port Royal Yacht Club on May 16, 2002 voted unanimously for subject change to:

- 1. Allow more members to participate in running our club.*
- 2. Provide a larger pool of candidates for election of to new flag (Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore and Commodore) officers.*
- 3. To have more volunteers for member services.*

We ask each member to support this increase in the number of directors.

Zeke Wheeler- Vice Commodore

