



# CONNECTIONS

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**PORT ROYAL YACHT CLUB** Redondo Beach, CA  
A Friendly, Casual, Fun-loving Group Devoted to Social and Boating Activities

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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Hello PRYC!

We're off to another strong start this year. Special thanks to all of those who attended our [Member Appreciation Party](#) in January. The company was great, Matthew from Coyote Cantina catered the event, and we had Mike O'Bryan on guitar. Mike was so popular that we'll likely have him back once or twice this year. Of course, Matthew's food is so great we'll take him whenever we can get him.

The [Chili Cook-off/Change of Watch](#) party had great attendance. Congrats to Tom & Maria Fraser for first prize on their chili. The Superbowl was one of the more memorable ones to date, and a good time was had by all. The new Bridge is excited to be on board, and we have a lot in store.

We finally had a great day on the water during our annual [Valentine's Day/Whale Watch](#). We had 5 of our larger boats out that day. The seas were calm, the weather beautiful, and there were whales everywhere. My beautiful wife Jennifer hosted the event, and the party went well into the evening. Everyone posted a lot of great pictures on Facebook if you haven't seen them. Speaking of [Facebook](#), please join the Port Royal Yacht Club group and share thoughts, feedback, or sign up for events. It is a great place for us all to stay in touch with each other.

John & Gay Rubasky knocked it out of the park at the [Academy Awards Party](#). I stopped by with the kids for a few minutes (terribly underdressed), and it was great to see how well everyone polishes up. The place was packed and the food looked great. I think our party well exceeded the actual awards show.

A sea of green washed into our Club at our [St. Patrick's Day Party](#). John and Mary Nelson provided some authentic Corned Beef & Cabbage, and Tom & Maria Fraser whipped up some great Irish bread and Black & Tan brownies. We partied like leprechauns well into the evening.

**PRYC's Opening Day** is scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup> this year. Our Rear Commodore, Shelia Anderson, is handling all the details. Shelia has everything well under control and I have no doubt that this will be another fantastic event for us. Tim Nail will be bringing the band again, and Matthew Mcquaid from Coyote Cantina will be cooking the meat for us this year. There is still a ton of work to do, and we could use help from the membership for our two **Clean-up Days**, scheduled for the Saturdays of March 26<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tom Fraser will be heading up Day 1, and Scott Dow Day 2. Please reach out to them (or email Jennifer Williams) if you can make yourself available. We normally work from 9-noon or a little after, and we always seem to have a good time.

**Officer of the Day** officially begins on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Our Vice Commodore, Jim Tessman, will handle the scheduling. In order to get everyone's participation, we'll be asking those who did not host an OD last year to sign up first. Matt & Deb Martinich kicked off an impromptu **Friday OD/Guitar Night** last week. We had all of our regular guitar players, along with a few special guest players, and Mauricio Lewak on the cajone. Deb whipped up some great food, and we cleaned out the bar. Although we're at the Club most Friday nights, we'll post these on Facebook when someone is hosting dinner.

**Save the Dates** - We have some great boating events this year, and we'd like to see you all out there:

May 20-22: Isthmus Cruise with Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club

June 25-26: King Harbor Tri-Club Rafting Party (by the break-wall near KHYC)

Sept 16-18: PRYC Isthmus Cruise & Microbrew Festival

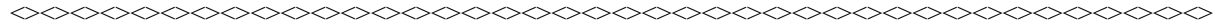
Oct 13-15: Latitudes & Attitudes Cruiser's Weekend

We're still trying to add a cruise to Cal Yacht Club, and several of us would like to do an overnigher at Cabrillo. John Rubasky wants to add a Predicted Log race as well. More to come as these events are scheduled.

This is shaping up to be a great year for PRYC, and I hope you all are as excited as I am to be a part of it. If there is an event on the Calendar that you would like to help host, please reach out to me as we'd love to have you. Fair seas to all of you and we'll see you at the Club!

Cheers!

Mike Williams  
Commodore, PRYC



***A message from our Vice Commodore:***

Hello All !

Here we are, starting another boating season. Let's hope this summer's weather is better than last year. We have had plenty of rain this winter but also some very beautiful days.

We have made some upgrades to the club so everyone should come up and see what's new. Maybe we should have a contest to see who can count them all. More improvements will be happening as we continue throughout the year.

As a reminder, we all must take pride in Port Royal, after all we are a self-run club. We do not have any staff to keep the club clean, we only have a cleaning crew come in on Fridays. The rest of the weekend and following week is up to all of us to take out the recyclables, trash, wash dishes, wipe down the bar, bus tables, vacuum and straighten up chairs on an as-needed basis. If we all pitch in we will always have a beautiful little club to enjoy and be proud to bring friends and family to at any time. I think everyone can agree that our low dues and drink prices are a few of the things we all love about PRYC. Let's all pitch in and help so we can keep it that way!!!

On a sad note, we had thousands of fish die in our harbor. Our thanks and gratitude go out to all that helped clean up the dead fish to prevent further environmental issues.

Save the date for PYRC Opening Day, April 10th. The middle school jazz orchestra will be back and we will be having wonderful food and a great time. See you there!

Jim Tessman  
Vice Commodore