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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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Yacht Club**
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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Our St. Patrick's Day party, March 18, had a great turnout with corned beef, cabbage, and potatoes created by our Master British Culinary Chef, Graham Grice. Pat Paxson, Rear Commodore/Quartermaster, whipped up a special Irish Coffee which was enthusiastically consumed. A great time was had by all who were Irish for a day/night

Opening Day, April 9, dawned brilliantly in spite of dire predictions of rain. The Flag Officers (Pat Paxson, Penny Towne-Vowles and I along with Jim Zeitler) went to Redondo Beach YC and King Harbor YC for their ceremonies before coming back to Port Royal for ours. Jill & Lou Toth checked everybody in at their table downstairs while food and drinks were being served upstairs. Then, BANG, the cannon (manned by new member Wally Hammond) roared to announce the beginning of our ceremony. The Coast Guard Auxiliary, Bob Searles & Katy Summerland, presented the colors, we pledged, we sang - led by Russ Morgan, introductions were made, flags were hoisted, honorary memberships were presented, speeches were made and our PRYC was commissioned for 2006. Another Cannon Roar. Finally, it was time to go back upstairs to eat, drink, and party. Once again our food, especially the tri-tip, was outstanding. Thank you to Diver Dean Curtis who stepped in for Andy so he could attend the ceremony as a Director. We received three new applications for membership and all three were approved at the Board of Directors Meeting on April 12. I want to thank everyone who put so much effort into Opening Day from cleaning to cooking to 'speechifying'. For those of you who didn't get to hear my remarks that day, here they are in print:

" I want to welcome you all to the celebration of our 17th Opening Day.

" It's wonderful to be around water and boats and the people who love this life.

"This past year saw our club attaining our goal of joining SCYA, ASMBYC, and US Sailing. This has really expanded our horizons and put us in touch with many other clubs.

" We hosted our first race (the Plastic Classic) which turned out to be a wildly successful event.

" We had cruises to Santa Barbara Island and other local destinations.



"There were parties for every holiday and celebrations of everything you can imagine including members returning from an around-the-world sail (Woody Henderson) and other members leaving on a 5-year sailing adventure (the Mathers).

"Our Summer Bash was very successful and we were able to donate a goodly sum to the Topsail program. Along with all these good times, there was a crisis in the water called the Red Tide. You probably remember this.

"Then a knight in shining armor galloped out of the mist. Lobster Don Mueller, gathered many boaters who cleaned up the mess and made our water healthy again.

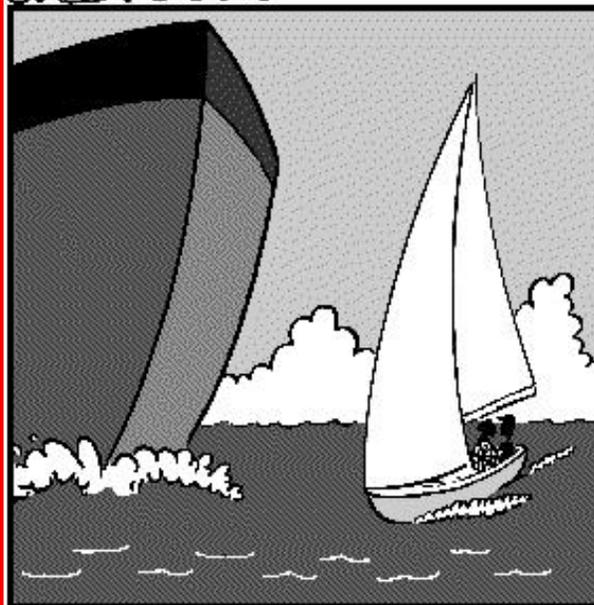
"This year will bring us more parties, celebrations, more cruises to Santa Barbara and Catalina Island and other yacht Clubs, barbeques, and fundraisers for good causes. We'll also be hosting our 2nd Annual Plastic Classic. I hope you will all join us for this event.

" We are an all volunteer club and I want to congratulate our members for all they do time and time again to keep our club active and vital.

" I want to thank Russ Morgan for everything he did for our club last year. He's a hard act to follow. Also, thanks to his wife, Helen, our secretary, who keeps us on track. Also, big kudos to our board for all the support they gave u

"At this time I want thank my other half and main squeeze, Jim Zeitler, for his encouragement, understanding and patience.

" For the first time in PRYC history we have an all female bridge. Watch us make more history!



Don't worry... according to the rules they have to give way to us.

More Cool Web

The Maritime Web Site Award is completely free and exists to promote the maritime world on the internet. The following sites from outside of Europe have recently applied for, and have been granted the prestigious GOLD and SILVER awards as they have proven to display an exemplary, informative maritime content.

www.cargolaw.com

one of the most extensive maritime resource sites on the internet. Los Angeles marine lawyers (Countryman & McDaniel) have created this vast website which is worth spending as much time as possible exploring - great photos and extensive up-to-date information.

www.uboataces.com

A very authoritative and extensive website about the German U-Boats of World War 2. Everything from the operations they undertook to the personalities who sailed in them. Love them or hate them, they were a pivotal marine instrument that so very nearly changed the course of the war, so complete encyclopaedic websites about this important vessel type will always be of use.

www.glendevon.org

Built for the Royal Canadian Navy in 1944, the old GLENDEVON has now been lovingly restored by Art Anderson in British Columbia, Canada. Art's website shows in graphic detail, the work that has been undertaken, but set

So Now You Know...

For those of us (like me) who hear the terms SCYA, IOBG, SBYC, and have no idea what the initials stand for, I did a little research. Here's the 411... [a](#)

SCYA: Southern California Yachting Association
...supports and promotes recreational yachting; fosters yachting competitions; coordinates activities and regattas; provides training and education on race management and safety at sea. www.scya.org

IOBG: International Order of the Blue Gavel
unites past commodores of the international yachting community to preserve yachting's customs and traditions through social, educational and humanitarian programs. www.iobg.org

ASBYC: Ass. of Santa Monica Bay Yacht Clubs promotes the principle, spirit and objectives of **Corinthian** yachting; to broaden the knowledge of nautical experience and fair play; to encourage safety at sea. www.asbyc.org

This brings me to the question "What is Corinthian Yachting?"

The term Corinthian arose around 130 years ago. It meant "the owner helms his own yacht." It didn't matter if the owner was a rank amateur sailor, he took the helm. Of course, your basic yacht owner at that time was a wealthy gent who could afford to hire crew to do everything aboard his yacht *except* take the helm. (and yes, that whole paragraph was consciously filled with politically incorrect masculine pronouns.)

Some say the term Corinthian was used as a tribute to the fine sailors and naval architects of the ancient Greek port of Corinth, founders of the Isthmian Games honoring Poseidon in 581 BC. That makes more sense than being named after an architectural column.

Over the past century, "Corinthian" has come to signify "yachts must be manned by amateurs." In other words NO PROS- people who are paid to crew, or otherwise gain financially from winning are excluded from Corinthian racing.

This is all supposed to keep owners from "stacking the deck", "sandbagging", or bringing in "ringers" in any given race.

entry from Wikipedia

What the Hell is Corinthian Yachting?



I can tell you all about it, mate!



Mark Your Calendars, Upcoming Events

**Cinco De Mayo
Sat. May 6 at 6PM**



**Santa Barbara
Island Cruise
May 26-May 28**



**2nd Annual
Plastic Classic
Sat. June 17th**



**Cruise to
Cal Yacht Club
Marina del Rey
June 23- 25**

**ALL
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New Commodore Sue Meyer takes the helm from Past Commodore Russ Morgan



Rear Commodore (and Quartermaster) Pat Paxson



Commodore Sue with the Coast Guard



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