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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

We're off to a great start in 2008. We're continuing to make improvements around the club to make it more attractive and make you feel at home. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please tell me or one of the directors and we'll see if it's feasible. Thanks to Jack for mounting the TV to the wall for better viewing, and now we have shelving for the DVR, books, trophies, etc. By the way, our director chair covers have been replaced and we're getting a new ice machine too. We're redoing the picture frames

and looking into sectional sofas that we can move around for a movie night.

Congratulations to John Nelson, Dean Curtis, and Sue Meyer, the 2008 winners of the Chili Cookoff....mmm, delicious. And kudos to Captain Carl Chiverton who was awarded "Yachtsman of the Year". The new Board was installed and I want to thank Penny Towne Vowles for all the hard work and dedication she has given to the club.

Check the bulletin board and announcements:

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is sponsoring navigation classes. The Water Task Force for Redondo Harbor will be meeting Monday nights at 7 PM at King Harbor YC. Find out what you can do to protect the quality of our harbor.

Fun events :

The whale watch and brunch was terrific, we spotted a whale and dolphins. The weather was absolutely gorgeous. Thanks to Chris and Bill for taking us out on their trawlers. The **Order of the Blue Gavel Wine Tasting**, the annual **St Patrick's Day** Corn Beef and Cabbage Feast, and the club **Spring Cleaning** to get ready for **Opening Day** which is early this year. If you want to help out on any of these events, contact me and we'll put you to work.

Bar & Kitchen Housekeeping:

I need your help in keeping our Bar and Kitchen in tip top shape, not just for us as members, but also for guests who drop by... we're getting very popular in the harbor. I've devised **6 SIMPLE STEPS TO A CLEANER CLUB**. If we follow these simple rules, we can stay on top of things. As you know, we're all volunteer and don't have a staff to maintain our club— it's up to us.

1. Please wash, dry and return glasses, dishes to their proper place.
2. If a dishtowel or cloth is dirty, place it in the blue net bag in the kitchen. Replace it with a clean one under the register.
3. Please empty the trash when you see it's filled.
4. If you use the stove or oven, clean it before you leave.
5. If the floor is a mess, please vacuum- it's good exercise!
(you'll find it in the bathroom)
6. A roll of duck tape (don't laugh—it sticks to anything plus it's nautical) and a black marker are now permanently attached to the metal shelves in the kitchen to use for labeling food you're leaving here.

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Housekeeping, cont

ALL FOOD MUST BE DATED WITH YOUR NAME ON IT OR, IF IT'S FOR THE CLUB, JUST MARK IT "**CLUB**". EACH WEEK FOOD THAT ISN'T BAGGED AND LABELLED WITH YOUR NAME AND DATE WILL BE DISCARDED.

Let's give the guys who are always cleaning up after the rest of us a break. I know we will see an improvement very quickly once we all start following these **6 Easy Steps** to make us proud of our club. Thank you for help.....Commodore Pat

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MARTIN ARRIOLA



Martin Arriola is a director in Boy's Toys at Mattel. He is also an accomplished landscape and seascape painter. He works in oils for landscapes, Plein Air, or outside on site. He also does pastels and watercolors. If you've been thinking of getting a painting done of your boat, you might want to contact him.

Check out his website.:

<http://www.martinarriola.com>

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU !!

Attention, all new members...Have you been on a trip lately, or do you have one planned? How long have you been boating, or fishing? When did you first discover your love of the sea? Do you have any favorite books about the ocean or sailing that you'd like to share? This is your spot to tell other club members. For instance... did you know **Rear Commodore Shawn** collects Pez dispensers and he used to sail with his Dad back in the day when the Rat Pack hung out in Marina del Rey. Or did you know **Board Member Jack Laisure** grew up in Palos Verdes when it was still mainly farmland, and he can tell you about the natural history of the area. **Web Master Cathy Mueller** teaches yoga as well as being a lobster diver (and lobster chef). **Lobster Don Mueller** has a million stories about boating, diving and the sea. I don't know if they're all true, but they are always fascinating. Just email me with any news or anecdotes and I'll publish it in the newsletter. *Thanks ed.*

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2008 SUPER BOWL CHILI COOKOFF



Sue scores a touchdown



Chili Cookoff Champs



Director Mike Williams



Rear Commodore Kevin



Cathy's famous Lobster Chili



Vice Commodore Shawn



PRYC Yachtsman of the Year
Fleet Captain Carl Chiverton



Jill & Cathy Big Money!!



Jr. Staff Commodore Penny

AND OFFICER INSTALLATION

CONGRATULATIONS 2008 COOKOFF CHAMPS

1st Place: John Nelson
2nd Place: Dean Curtis
3rd Place: Sue Meyer



Jack, Carl, Pat, Shawn, Kevin, Pat, Mike, Chris, Amy, Bruce, Shelia being sworn in

Extreme Sex Under the Sea

Desire and deception, lust and fetish, pleasure and pain - it's all happening beneath the waves, according to a new book about sex in the marine world.

"It's just mind blowing what these creatures get up to," says Victorian aquatic scientist [Sheree Marris](#), author of [KamaSEAta: Secrets of Sex in the Sea](#) (Pan Macmillan Australia). Raunchiness is rampant among sea creatures, Marris says. "There's jealousy, there are creatures who cheat on their partners, they do the same sort of things as us in terms of courting - they spray scented perfumes, they do amazing dances, they dress up and change colours. "As humans we think we're such sexual beasts but compared to sea creatures we're just so boring." Marris says her interest in marine sex began when she first discovered the meaning of the term "dork". "A dork is a [whale's](#) penis and I thought, 'how cool is that?' Marris soon realized that she had discovered a way of getting people to share her passion for the fragile marine environment. "I want to bring marine life to the surface because it's really difficult to get people to care for something they can't see," she says. "And I thought what a great way to do that, by talking about sex. "This is a stepping stone to increasing marine conservation and awareness." She spent five years researching the book. The result is an accessible, humorously written book divided into bite-sized chapters like "Orgies", "Does Size Matter", "Sneaky Sex" and "When Love Hurts" with a photographic spread on each page.

One of her personal favorites is the [Deep Sea Angler](#), a grotesque looking fish that lives deep in the ocean. "The female angler isn't the most attractive thing but she's in the deep deep depths so it doesn't matter. To attract a male, she secretes a sweet smelling perfume that arouses him so much that he is compelled to pursue and bite on to her. This is some extraordinary love bite because he never lets go. He becomes fused to her and basically becomes a blob of testicles on her skin. She then chemically commands him to release sperm when she wants, so she's got this permanent sex slave. One female brought up from the depths had 11 males attached to her, she was one lucky girl," explains Marris

Readers also will learn that the humble [barnacle](#) has the longest penis in relation to body size in the world. It's stuck to a rock so it's going to be pretty hard to meet the opposite sex," "So it has this penis that can be rolled out and just go wandering around the rock pools in search of a mate." Marris explains. She admits to humanizing the animals but says this was easy to do because of the uncanny parallels with human



Come on over to my place, sweetie!

Extreme Sex, continued

"I thought I needed to engage people and make that connection that we're not that dissimilar," she says. "There's lots of parallels but turned up about ten notches in the marine environment." For example, **dolphins** enjoy casual and recreational sex just as much as we do, she says. Unlike humans, finding sex isn't as easy as going to a nightclub or logging on to a swing dating site. Marine creatures live in environments where mates are far and few between and where the chances of getting lucky are limited by the hazardous nature of life itself. . "

"In a marine environment you've got predators, so you have to be really careful about the way you reproduce and who you reproduce with," she says. "(It's about) adapting to the environment, taking into account predators and trying to be as efficient as possible."

The male **octopus** has evolved a way of simultaneously turning on a female and turning away other males. "While the male is delivering sperm packages to the female one side of his body is flashing all these amazing colors to the female saying, 'look at how cool I am', while the other side is camouflaged like a rock so no other passing octopus will be alerted." Some creatures, like the male **anemone** fish, have both male and female sex organs. This is so when they meet another same species they're assured of getting lucky despite the gender of the other fish. The book also looks at parenthood in the marine

world. Some species of female **seahorses** give the males the eggs and the males incubate them and give birth to the young. "I just think Goddammit, why didn't humans go down that evolutionary path.



Article taken from Underwater Times, News of the Deep

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOW TO READ A NAUTICAL CHART & GPS

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary - Beach Cities Flotilla 12-05



Learn what a nautical chart can tell you. Learn how to use the information you find there. Then learn how to use your GPS and find your way in time for summer cruising.

March 19-April 23 - 7:30pm - 9:30pm
King Harbor Yacht Club 280 Yacht Club Way Redondo Beach
Register 7:00 pm Mar. 19 - Materials fee \$70.00
RSVP Jeanne Reinhardt - 310-375-7619 & jlr414@juno.com

BAR TABS

Please pay your bar tabs by the 15th day after the close of the month.... thanks

UPCOMING EVENTS



**IOBG
Charity Wine Tasting
Sunday Feb 24
2PM-5PM**

**\$15.00 per person & two
bottles of the same wine**
(donation includes 5 raffle tickets)

*Net proceeds benefit the
junior summer sailing
scholarship program*

**Saint Patrick's Day
Celebration**

**Corn Beef & Cabbage
Green Beer**

**Saturday, March 15th
6:00 PM
\$10.00**

Wear your Green!!



PRYC St. Patrick's Day Party

**Saturday, March 12th
9AM to ????**



**Please help in the beautification
of our Club House for Opening Day
Stick around for a "Thank You Dinner"
and a Movie (TBD)**