



# CONNECTIONS

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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

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Dear Members,  
Port Royal's Opening Day Ceremony was a huge success. I am proud, beyond words, of the event produced by the Opening Day Committee, the many volunteers, and Tim Nail's Calle Mayor Middle School Swingin' Sailors Jazz Band. My Opening Day address focused on recognizing the charter members for their vision in starting PRYC and also thanked the yacht clubs who helped Port Royal become an associate member in the SCYA

(Southern California Yachting Association). The Charter members in attendance were, Penny Towne- Vowles, Marla Brown, Bill Miller, and Norma Medina. The yacht clubs recognized were King Harbor, Seal Beach, Southcoast Corinthian, Shoreline, Redondo Beach, and Little Ships Fleet YC. Each were presented with our anniversary burgee and the yacht clubs were asked to replace the current burgee hanging in their club with our anniversary burgee as a symbol of mutual camaraderie, respect and appreciation. Look for our anniversary burgee when visiting these clubs.

The year is going by really fast and we have so many upcoming events to attend. Our first cruise to the Isthmus is scheduled for May 21 – 23. Jennifer Williams has sent out an Evite to view the schedule of events, sign up, and volunteer where needed. On June 19<sup>th</sup> we have our annual Classic Plastic event, which features a club sponsored race, dinner, and a live band. This is one of the two amateur races we will sponsor this year. Our other race is the King Harbor Home Port Regatta which will be held in August. (Please refer to the attached calendar of events to see all the currently planned activities).

See you around the club –  
At Ease  
Kevin

*Exert from the Commodore Kevin Herink's Opening Day Address –  
recognizing Yacht Clubs who supported Port Royal Yacht Club*

At this time I would like the Current Commodores of the Clubs who have supported and sponsored our advancement in the Southern California Yachting Association to come to the podium.

In 2005 we became interim members in the SCYA and in 2008 our club sought advancement to become associate members. In order to advance to an associate member status we needed 5 other yacht clubs to petition their board and support our advancement. For these clubs it was a small act of kindness to write their letters of support, but for Port Royal it was an important step in the advancement of our club.

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*Opening Day speech continued*

Their support meant a lot to Port Royal , their support created a special awareness of appreciation for our bridge and members especially when we visit their club or they come to visit ours.

These clubs have flown our burgee in their club for many years, but today I'm asking for another small act of kindness. This year Port Royal has designed a special 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary burgee. We would ask that these SCYA sponsoring clubs fly our anniversary burgee in their club as a symbol and a reminder of their help to our club's advancement and as a reminder that seemingly small acts of kindness, often times builds camaraderie, respect and appreciation.

Please ACCEPT THIS Burgee and fly it in your club.

## 20th Anniversary Opening Day









Congratulations to Commodore Kevin on turning 50 this year. Kevin is part of a family of 12 brothers and sisters. Most of them came to Port Royal to celebrate his birthday and Opening Day. The club was packed with members and friends to celebrate as well



The club had its annual Cinco de Mayo party and there was a pretty good turnout for the party. What a great excuse to have a Margarita! We tip our sombreros to Senor y Senora Mueller who have appropriate attire for every holiday.



Octopuses have been discovered tip-toeing with coconut-shell halves suctioned to their undersides, then reassembling the halves and disappearing inside for protection or deception. The coconut-carrying behavior makes the veined octopus the newest member of the elite club of tool-using animals— and the first member without a backbone, researchers say.

## People Eat Fish Eating Plastic

Scientists at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography are surprised by the sheer amount of plastic they're uncovering in hundreds of samples they hauled back from the North Pacific Ocean last August.

A team of graduate students sailed a thousand miles west of California to a rarely-traveled but much-hyped area called the North Pacific Gyre -- a continent-sized, slowly swirling stretch of water where oceanic currents have deposited tons of plastic trash. The Scripps team set out to find how much debris is really there and whether it's having a major impact on marine life.

Scripps is the first major scientific institution to study the large accumulation of plastic, dubbed the "Great Pacific Garbage Patch," in the becalmed waters of the North Pacific. The Long Beach-based Algalita Marine Research Foundation introduced it to the public a decade ago, with photos of an albatross carcass littered with bottle caps and tangles of fishing tackle, bath toys, bags and jugs.

Now, with the Scripps study, the emphasis is on tiny bits of plastics, about the size of a grain of rice -- but potentially toxic to smaller organisms. While the researchers found plenty of large pieces, they're more concerned with the confetti-like shards broken down by sun and waves over many years.

Chief scientist Miriam Goldstein put it this way from her UCSD lab, while holding two jars filled with jagged bits of blue, green, yellow and pink: "Scientists are floored when I show them these samples. Regular people are usually not very impressed because they're like 'Where are our islands of trash?' This is a huge amount of plastic to get in a manta tow [net]."

In 100 years of sampling the world's oceans, previous Scripps researchers never found so much plastic. Goldstein can't quantify it yet, since they're still sorting through jars of zooplankton, crustaceans and fish.

Not only did Scripps find a lot of plastic, they've found that fish are eating it. "We did indeed find some indisputable pieces of plastic in their guts," said Pete Davison, a Scripps graduate student dissecting the fish.

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While people don't directly dine on these species, larger commercial fish do. "If tuna is eating a lot of lanternfish, it is indirectly ingesting the plastic that might be in the lanternfishes stomach," Davison said. Plastic also absorbs toxins like PCB and DDT that could be leaching into sea life.

Scripps researcher Rebecca Asch, studying the fish with Davison, added that plastic could be getting caught in fish intestines. "If that's the case, it would be a similar thing to what happens in sea birds where they get this stomach full of plastic and they stop eating regular food," she said. "They feel full because their stomach is full of plastic and they end up starving."

The Scripps team also found juvenile yellowtail -- the kind you find at sushi bars -- and blue muscles -- again, a variety that people eat -- in the far-away gyre. Both are typically found in coastal regions, which means sea life could be hitching rides on plastic rafts to places they don't normally live.

The gyre is considered a biological desert. There are rare and old species there, many smaller in size because of the lack of food. But these remote waters are becoming a graveyard for plastic discards -- which never fully break down -- from industrialized Asia and North America.

Goldstein said plastic may be supporting life forms that wouldn't normally thrive in the gyre, harming others and possibly transporting invasive species. She plans to publish her research in a science journal later this year. For now, Goldstein confirmed Scripps found plastic in 1,700 miles of open ocean. "We definitely think there's a lot of plastic out there."

-- REBECCA TOLIN

*Looking for a refreshing drink to serve to serve at sunset after a long day at sea or at the dock. Try this one!!!*



*Yum!!!!*

## **Pineapple Cooler**

### **Ingredients**

- 2 oz. White Wine
  - 2 oz. Pineapple Juice
  - 1/2 tsp. Sugar
  - Club Soda / Carbonated Water
- Garnish:** Orange Spiral or Lemon Twist

### **Instructions**

Pour wine and pineapple juice into a glass with ice. Fill it with club soda. Add sugar and stir.

**Glass:** Collins Glass

**Category:** Champagne / Wine Drinks

# Biologist says Arctic Species Could Interbreed

BY JANE GEORGE, CANWEST NEWS SERVICE; NUNATSIAQ NEWS APRIL 29, 2010

Extinction may not be the fate after all of the North's marine mammals when the Arctic Ocean's summer ice melts for good - an event which some scientists predict will occur within 20 years.

Marine biologist Brendan Kelly offers the intriguing possibility that new hybrid animals, or crosses, will arise as closely related animals - no longer barred from interacting by heavy sea ice - begin to interbreed.



These include bowheads and right whales and different populations of humpbacks; and walrus and seals, which have been separated for 10,000 years by the presence of ice in the Arctic.

"The sea ice is a continental-sized barrier to a lot of organisms that can't penetrate (it)," Kelly says. But as the summer ice retreats, marine mammals whose travels and interaction have been blocked by ice will have more opportunities to come into contact, and they will expand their distribution, he suggests. Other marine mammals are moving north and may also mix with species already in the Arctic.

Kelly, who has been documenting the evidence, says interbreeding used to happen mainly in zoos, where keepers have experimented with zebras and donkeys to make "zedonks" and lions and tigers to produce "tigons."

Most could not reproduce, but polar and grizzly bears were bred more than 100 years ago in German zoos - and unlike most other hybrids, the females gave birth - to beige-coloured bears. Kelley said there's "pretty strong evidence" that this is now happening in the wild.

Well-documented finds include: a pup in the hooded seal herd in the Gulf of St. Lawrence in 1994 which bore a combination of hooded seal and harp seal features; the skull of a whale from Disko Bay in Greenland in 1990 which had traits of a narwhal and beluga; and a "pizzly," shot in 2006 on Banks Island, that had the head and neck of a polar bear, but was the size of a grizzly.

## REAR COMMODORE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hi Everyone, not a lot to report on this quarter. Unfortunately the Isthmus Cruise had to be canceled due to weather but we had a great BBQ at the club with LSFYC and there was plenty of Tri Tip. Only note from the bar is the board approved a change to the bar tab policy. Instead of charging a 20% late fee to every tab that isn't paid at the end of the month, we will charge a \$10 surcharge for any tab over \$20 that isn't paid at the end of any given month. Having said that, the tabs are looking great and most are paid on time so this shouldn't be an issue to many members.

*Larry Halvorsen, RC PRYC*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Mark your calendars, it's going to be a fun summer!!!*

<b>May 21-23</b>	<b>Fri-Sun</b>	<b>Isthmus Cruise</b>	
<b>June 5-6</b>	<b>Sat &amp; Sun</b>	<b>Officer of the Day begins</b>	<b>10 AM-2 PM</b>
<b>June 19</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Plastic Classic Race</b>	<b>Noon- ?</b>
		<b>Live Music/ sign-up</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
<b>July 3</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Independence Day</b>	
		<b>Bring your own BBQ</b>	
<b>July 24- 25</b>	<b>Sat-Sun</b>	<b>Cal YC Cruise to</b>	
		<b>Marina del Rey</b>	
<b>August 7</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>RBOC Fundraiser</b>	<b>6 PM</b>
<b>August 14</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Summer Bash</b>	<b>Noon- ?</b>
		<b>Fundraiser/ Live Music</b>	
		<b>Homeport Regatta sign-up</b>	<b>at 10 AM</b>