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Port Royal Yacht Club Redondo Beach, California

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

2005 PRYC NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jr. Staff Commodore Zeke Wheeler and Staff Commodores Tom Vavrek, Don Mueller, Andy Davidson and Secretary Carolyn Coleman. The nominating committee's recommended nominees for 2005 Port Royal Yacht Club officers are:

Club officers are:



Commodore:

Russ Morgan

Vice Commodore:

Sue Meyer

Rear Commodore:

Penny Towne Vowles

Director:

Pat Paxton

Director:

Michael McCarthy



*Happy
Thanksgiving*

Bring an ornament for the tree and VOTE DECEMBER 11th, 2004 at the club during the Christmas tree trimming party.

NOTICE: The Isthmus Lobsterfest Cruise will occur on November 20-21. For those not wishing to chance the possibility of enduring the Santa Ana Bounce, there will be an armchair version of the Lobsterfest Saturday evening at the clubhouse. This doesn't mean you get to NOT cruise. We are asking that if you want to party hardy, please plan to stay on your boat! I'm not sure if that qualifies as SAFE BOATING, but it is surely responsible yachtsmanship! We want all of you to have a safe and wonderful holiday season.



Port Royal
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PRYC Officers

Commodore

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Secretary

Carolyn Coleman

Fleet Captain

Jack Laisure

Jr. Staff Commodore

Zeke Wheeler

Treasurer

Don Mueller

PRYC Directors

Dick Krebs

Penny Vowles

Larry Brown

Andy Davidson

Quartermaster

Russ Peck

Chaplain

Carolyn Coleman

Newsletter Editor

Russ & Helen

Morgan

Website Manager

Cathy Mueller

Historian

Lou Toth



I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for a most enlightening year! We have continued to carry on the traditions of the club's parties & cruises. Treasurer is probably the most time consuming job in the club. With Don Mueller's expert attention to detail, we had a good year financially even without a major fund-raiser. Larry Brown's club & bar management has to be the best in the history of the club.

Russ & Helen Morgan's monthly newsletters have been absolutely phenomenal. The club secretary has a tough job: ordering the nameplates, staff pins, burgees, frames, supplies; getting the minutes, dues, and bar tabs printed and sent out; and helping to organize opening day. Carolyn Coleman has done all of this and more. Sue Meyer has been monitoring the membership and learning the ropes to become your vice commodore. Russ has helped out in all areas of club administration and is ready to be your next Commodore. Penny Towne-Vowles, along with Pat Paxton and Amy Myers, have been an inspiration in getting things done and bringing others into the club functions. Andy Davidson is the 'voice of experience'. I have relied on his judgment several times where I wasn't sure how we should proceed and he has provided positive input to me when I needed it. Our website, <http://www.pryc.us/> is the envy of other yacht clubs and we all have Cathy Mueller to thank! Russ Peck has been running back & forth to the store, carrying cases of needed items up the stairs, and working with Larry Brown to keep the club in operation. Jack Laisure set up our Isthmus cruise in June. A surprise entrant to my thanks this year was Bruce Stafford who set up the California YC cruise. Other surprises this year were Graham Grice for St. Patrick's Day; Penny Towne-Vowles for the wine tasting, along with Ann McCarthy; and Steve Inzunza for the Halloween Party. Dick & Fran Krebs helped with everything and we couldn't have accomplished the year without them. Lou & Jill Toth have been with the club many years and their expertise has helped as both club historian and handling the club's clothing sales. Jim Zeitler's humor and good spirits have been an inspiration to the entire staff. Tree Curtis is knowledgeable, firm, and sensitive to the needs of others. I have to say I was surprised at how well she performed the duties of Judge Advocate and indeed, she brought the club meetings under control and kept us on track for a year of Board meetings which never exceeded the allotted time necessary to perform our duties! I must also thank Marion Harding and Mike Lesniak for their support with our parties and working to satisfy our parking needs. They have both been understanding and a joy to work with throughout 2004.

Thank you all so very much!

Commodore Dave Coleman

HALLOWEEN 2004



Many thanks to all who participated in the annual Halloween festivities. There were all kinds of great costumes and delicious potluck hors d'oeuvres.

SPECIAL thanks to our host, Steve Inzunza, and his crew for the awesome decorations and the dinner.

Congratulations to the Costume Winners:

The Skunk Family: Mike, Ann, & Colin McCarthy

The Glamour Girls: Penny Vowles, Amy Meyers,

& Pat Paxon

And Jim Zeitler, who dragged his battered body off a hospital bed just to share with us his unique assets.



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LOOKING AHEAD

November 20-21— Lobster Cruise

December 11—Christmas Tree Trimming Party

December 31—New Year's Eve Party

February 6—Super Bowl Chili Cook-Off & Officer Installation

SCYA

In our quest for SCYA membership, we have finally attained all the letters of sponsorship required. Now we must present the application to the SCYA Board of Directors for approval and then to the SCYA General Membership. At the present time, unfortunately, their agenda will not permit consideration of our application until February. We are hopeful, however, that we will be accepted by Opening Day of the New Year.

A Word (or two) about Membership Responsibilities

I think this is a good time of the year to remind ourselves that, in addition to the pleasure we derive from our happy band, there is a tremendous amount of work that needs to be done to make this club the happy place that it is. I would like to echo Dave's words of praise for those who have given so much of their time and talent to the club over the past year.

I also think it appropriate that we express our gratitude to those brave souls who have volunteered to become next year's officers. Their efforts will contribute to the continued success that our club enjoys.

The Club Officers need your support. Our Bylaws give us a good idea of how that can be

B3.7 Membership Responsibilities: Because Port Royal Yacht Club is a Corinthian yacht club, members assume many of the obligations of administration and operation. Every member must commit to the following responsibilities upon becoming approved for membership: a) support the Club's purpose; b) agree to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws and Policies of the Club; c) promptly pay dues, fees and assessments; d) serve as PRYC Officer of the Day (O.D.) at least once during the year; e) participate in as many Port Royal Club activities as possible, including attendance at General membership meetings; f) serve on one or more committees or as a Club Officer whenever possible; g) be responsible for any damages to club furnishings, equipment, and facilities caused by themselves, their family, or guests and h) keep the Club's Secretary informed of current address, phone, and email.

The more the participation, the lighter the load. Be thinking of ways you would like to help.

— — Russ Morgan, Vice Commodore

A Visit to the Bay View Boat Club



PLASTIC CLASSIC

Graham Grice, Staff Commodore, brought an exciting development to Port Royal Yacht Club. At our August Board of Directors meeting, he introduced Allen Fraizer, Secretary of Bay View Boat Club, who offered us the opportunity to host their *Plastic Classic* Annual Open Race down here in Southern California.

The *Plastic Classic* is a regatta that accepts entries only from sailboats that were designed before 1980. There will be a “beauty contest” of all entries, with awards going to best maintained, best rigged for single-handing, most beautiful, etc.

The Board accepted the offer and has tentatively set the date at June 18, 2005. Our Clubs have exchanged burgees and reciprocal privileges, and from the description of their club on www.bvbc.org, a visit is definitely a “must do”.

We did just that a couple of weeks ago and were quite impressed. The first thing that struck us was that, although BVBC is located in the middle of a “working” waterfront, there is a magnificent view of the San Francisco skyline to the north. The second thing we noticed was a beer truck offloading cases and cases of beer to the back door of the place. Inside, a barn-like room with décor one might describe as *nautical funky chic* featured a very long bar which was doing a lively business. We connected with Mr. Fraizer who introduced us around and gave us the nickel tour. We were not the only guests that evening. A sizable group of midshipmen from the U.S. Navy were invited in to a barbeque chicken dinner, and they did look quite splendid in their dress uniforms.

We had a great time and encourage all our members to take advantage of those Reciprocals.

—Russ & Helen Morgan

