



Port Royal Yacht Club

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Commodore's Log

By Russ Densmore, PRYC Commodore

Ahoy PRYC Members!

It has been a very busy first half of the year here at PRYC. We have had a few changes at the yacht club including the new television and new carpeting throughout

the club. The new carpet looks fantastic, so let's all do our part to help keep it looking good. Please thank Barbara Smith our Club Manager for taking on this important project as well as overseeing the maintenance of our "home away from home".

We have also stepped up our game with our sailboat racing. We have taken on the June Cup racing series, which followed our own "Classic" (formerly Plastic Classic) race. The races have been very successful with a lot of racers commenting on how happy they were seeing PRYC take on the series and keeping its long history and tradition alive. A lot of credit goes to Deborah Jackson for making sure these sailboat racing events are a success!

We have had several events that had great participation. There was a "staycation" cruise event over Memorial Day weekend which had the majority of the mooring balls in our marina filled with PRYC members. Thank you, Katie Gonzalez, for organizing our cruises. There are other cruises scheduled over the summer so make sure you participate in as many as you can. We also had our first dinghy crawl of the year which was heavily attended. There were five host boats, and we thank all of our great hosts for sharing their boats, drinks, and snacks with all the participants. Thank you, Tricia Osuna, for organizing a great dinghy crawl.

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There have been several Officer of the Day (OD's) events as well which has got the summer off to a great start. If you have not hosted your OD yet, you can reach out to Melissa Wiley our OD Coordinator to schedule your event.

We also have our big Summer Bash coming up, and look forward to supporting our charities through this annual event. Director Tina Iler is leading the charge this year and she is always looking for help with the event. If you would like to help out I am sure she or our Social Committee Chair, Lisa Griffin, would love to hear from you. Our charities this year are the same as years past, City 2 Sea and Marine Mammal Rescue. We are always open to new charities that share our love of the ocean and support the yachting community. If you have any charities in mind, you may email them to the Board for consideration at manager@pryc.club.

The summer is just beginning and we hope to see all of you at some point at "the best little yacht club in town".

Smooth sailing and beautiful sunsets,

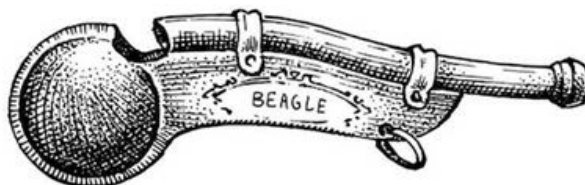
Russell Densmore
Commodore PRYC 2023

Sailing Legend and Folklore

Ships have sailed the seas for thousands of years. In this peculiar and closed world amidst a beautiful and sometimes cruel ocean, the grueling life of sailors led to a number of practices, customs and traditions on board. Over time, the most practical ones have become an integral part of maritime law, while others have devolved into superstitions to be laughed at or even blindly followed.

Whistling Summons a Storm

Whistling was prohibited on ships — those who whistle are questioning, even provoking the wind itself. As a result, if you whistled on board, the wind would reap its revenge in the form of a tornado or storm. The only exception to this was the bosun's whistle. But don't fret, it is said that storms can also be successfully warded off by securing a horseshoe to the mast.



A few Words from the Vice Commodore

By Lisa Griffin, PRYC Vice Commodore

Greetings PRYC members, it's hard to believe that we are almost half way through the year! It's definitely been packed with lots of great historical events, and we've had the pleasure of adding some new ones. One of the things that has me so excited is the chance PRYC has taken by letting Deborah Jackson and myself make some changes to our Race program! The first official Race Committee meeting brought in a lot of PRYC members with the interest in being involved in racing and their action to volunteer is priceless in putting on our races and a big shout out to Jony Rok on being our official RC Boat! The Classic race, formerly The Plastic Classic, had a record number of boats participate and brought wonderful energy into the club at the trophy ceremony.



The addition of RBYC's 20 year strong June Cup "Women at the Helm" is a big success it brings new excitement into our club on Tuesday nights in June and some amazing chili is being made for the racers by some of our own! It was also an opportunity to collaborate with KHYC's commodore Dorian Harris and Julie Coll Founder and Exec Director of Waterfront Education to bring RBYC's popular race to PRYC, their input and support has been invaluable.

August holds another exciting change in our race program with the Annual Summer Regatta taking place on its own day, August 12th, away from the annual Summer Bash. This race has become a High Point Race and will have a fun Pirate theme, something we Port Royal members know a thing or two about!

So come out and support us after the races at the club! Also coming around the corner is the 4th annual 4th of July Dinghy Parade a tradition we started during Covid to bring some Spirit into the Harbor and one that has stuck and continues to grow each year.

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Tricia Osuna
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Sandra McCommon

Words from the Vice Commodore (continued)

Summer Bash is also in the works and Director Tine Iler is the event chair this year and she is doing a great job getting things teed up! But I'm going to challenge the members at Port Royal to get involved in the planning of this event. A lot of you checked off helping the Social Committee with events when you applied to join the club and having been involved in this event for 4 years now, I can tell you it's the same people over and over doing the work that we come to enjoy each year. So, I CHALLENGE you, the members, to get involved and help make this the best Summer Bash this club has ever held! Reach out to me to become part of our event planning, there are plenty more events in the next 6 months and the Social Committee can use your help.

June Cup Racing



Rear Commodore's Corner

By Jamie Jakubowski, PRYC Rear Commodore



Dear Members,

As we approach the long-awaited summer boating season, I am thrilled to address you all as the Rear Commodore of our beloved PRYC. It is wild that we are already half the way through the year. Let's hope the sun shines a bit over these next handful of months!

First and foremost, I want to express my sincere appreciation for the passion and involvement I have witnessed from many of our members. The commitment and dedication displayed within our club community have been nothing short of inspiring. Your enthusiasm for sailing, racing, fishing, boating and the sea overall is contagious, and it fills me with great pride to be a part of such a remarkable group of individuals.

Summer is a time for adventure, relaxation, and exploration on the water. Whether you are an experienced boater, sailor, or just starting to discover the joys of the water, our club offers endless opportunities to indulge in your love for the sea. With our helpful members, dedicated board and bridge, and a calendar brimming with exciting events, there is something for everyone to enjoy this season. On that note, let's take a moment to reflect on how things have gone thus far.

Our racing program has really grown this year under careful guidance of our Race Captain, Deborah Jackson and the countless volunteers that have given their time and efforts to grow this portion of PRYC. Such a great job has been done! I encourage all members to participate and embrace the camaraderie that these events foster.

For those seeking a more leisurely experience, our club cruises have been, and continue to be, a perfect way to relax and connect with fellow members. Fleet Captain Katie Gonzalez has delivered on picturesque destinations, organization of outstanding meals and keeping our sought after dock parties going, while forging lasting friendships along the way.

In addition to our ocean endeavors, the social aspect of our club is equally important. The Social Committee has continued to deliver an array of exciting social events that bring us all together, both on land and on water. These occasions have really provided the perfect opportunity to unwind, share stories, and create lasting memories with fellow club members. The remainder of the year appears to be just as exciting as far as events go!

Rear Commodore (continued)

As your Rear Commodore, I am dedicated to ensuring that our club remains a thriving and inclusive community. I encourage you all to share your ideas, suggestions, and feedback, as it is through collaboration that we will continue to flourish. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with your thoughts and aspirations for the club.

While we may have all arrived here in different ships, we all sit in the same boat of PRYC now, so cheers to us! May the water and winds treat you well,

Jamie Jakubowski



Women Record-Breakers

Krystyna Chojnowska-Liskiewicz (15 July 1936 – 13 June 2021) was a Polish naval engineer and sailor as well as the first woman to have sailed single-handed (i.e. solo) around the world, repeating the accomplishment of Joshua Slocum. She sailed from the Canary Islands on 28 March 1976, and returned there on 21 April 1978, completing a circumnavigation of 31,166 nautical miles (57,719 km) in 401 days.

Krystyna carried out her westabout (east to west) voyage on *Mazurek*, a Conrad 32 sloop built in Poland. *Mazurek* was 31.2 ft (9.51 metres) long, with a beam of 8.9 ft (2.70 meters) and a sail area of 377 square ft (35 square meters). *Mazurek*'s construction team was headed by her husband.





CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Summer Bash Committee
Needs You!

Help make this charity
event a success!

Decorating Crew

Set Up/Tear Down Crew

Dining Crew

Registration/Hosts

Auction Crew

**Aug 19th is
the big day!**

**Contact Tina @
iler.tina@gmail.com**



OPENING DAY



By John Klein, PRYC Newsletter Editor

April 15, 2023, PRYC held it's opening day ceremonies at the Clubhouse for the first time in 3 years and it was an event to remember as have been those in the past when for 2 years it was held on the moorings in the channel. This was the 33rd opening day for the club with the main event held in the outdoor venue. Attendees included PRYC club members, KHYC club members and distinguished guests such as the Mayor of Redondo Beach, Bill Brand. Also in attendance were representatives of SCYA (Southern California Yachting Association) and PCYA (Pacific Coast Yachting Association). There was a grand charcuterie spread for appetizers and Touch of Paradise catered the main course with plenty of champagne to toast the opening of the yachting season for 2023. Past commodore Melessa was officially entered into the International Order of the Blue Gavel by our own Craig Funabashi.

Many thanks to our Vice Commodore, Lisa Griffin for putting it all together and making it a very successful event.



PRYC CRUISING FLEET

By Katie Gonzalez, PRYC Fleet Captain



PRYC's Cruising Season is Underway! The Cruising Fleet has a full calendar of cruises planned this year. All Club members are welcome to join this fun Fleet. The purpose of the Fleet is to provide a positive experience of camaraderie among club members that are interested in cruising whether you are a new or seasoned boat owner or land cruiser.

The Fleet's Goals are to:

1. Get more members on boats cruising, whether under power or sail;
2. Get more members involved in planning and coordinating cruising activities – whether it is a weekend cruise, a two-hour sail, whale watching cruise, fishing cruise, or a group meal at a reciprocal yacht club; and,
3. Have Fun Cruising Together!



PRYC Cruising Fleet 2023 Cruise Calendar

May 26-29 Staycation Cruise at KH Moorings

June 16-18 Cruise to Shoreline Yacht Club

July 7-9 Cruise to Isthmus & Wine Festival

July 21-23 Cruise to California Yacht Club

Aug 25-27 Cruise to Long Beach Yacht Club

Sept 29-Oct 1 Cruise to Avalon

Oct 13-15 Cruise to Isthmus

Dec 13-16 Cruise to Newport Holiday Boat Parade



Questions or want to volunteer to help plan a cruise or
cruising event, email Fleet Captain Katie Gonzalez
pryc.fleetcaptain@gmail.com

PRYC CRUISING FLEET (continued)

By Katie Gonzalez, PRYC Fleet Captain



Memorial Weekend Staycation on the King Harbor Moorings

The Cruising Fleet started off the 2023 cruising season with a staycation on the King Harbor moorings over the Memorial Day weekend. A total of 14 club boats joined us on the moorings.

Although the sun was not shining as bright as we had hoped for the holiday weekend, it did not stop us from getting out on the water and having fun all weekend long. We kicked off Friday with happy hour cocktails on the boats. Saturday was filled with a fishing tournament in the morning, a mid-day group paddle around the marina, and a sunset potluck on Kinship with live music on the top deck after dinner. Sunday was our annual dinghy crawl where the host boats all had creative drinks and food, and Sunday evening wrapped up with entertaining karaoke at the clubhouse.



PRYC CRUISING FLEET (continued)

By Katie Gonzalez, PRYC Fleet Captain



Cruise to Shoreline Yacht Club

Over the June 16-18th weekend, about 30 members cruised by boat and land to Shoreline Yacht Club for a wonderful weekend cruise in Long Beach. 5 Club vessels (Happy Ours, Joie de Vivre, No Worries, Sierra Vista and Yellow Fever) stayed in the Shoreline marina and many land cruisers joined by car for the Friday dinner and the Saturday afternoon dock party.

On Saturday, before the dock party started, cruisers enjoyed fishing, dinghying around the marina and walking around Shoreline Village. The cruisers also met up for lunch and margaritas at Tequila Jack's. Shoreline club members were all so welcoming, and they have a beautiful clubhouse with great views of the marina and Queen Mary.





PRYC RACING



By Deborah Jackson, PRYC Race Captain

“It’s Summer – Let’s Race!”

The PRYC Race Committee has been busy planning racing events for our members and other local club members. The Port Royal 2023 racing season began with our newly rebranded Port Royal Classic Regatta on May 20. For the past 18 years, this regatta has been dedicated towards fiberglass boats 25 years or older and was affectionally known as the Plastic Classic. This year, we opened it up to newer boats and had four classes: Classic Cruiser, Classic Spinnaker, PHRF Cruiser, and PHRF Spinnaker. As expected, the largest fleet was our Classic Cruiser with nine boats! The PHRF classes brought in four additional boats that would not have been able to participate within the old format.

Overall, we had 15 boats! Weather was overcast, but a great day was had by all! First place winners included: Meimi 2 for Classic Cruiser, Hot Rum for Classic Spinnaker, Sloop John B for PHRF Cruiser, and Soul Shine for PHRF Spinnaker! Congratulations to all the skippers and their crews!





PRYC RACING (continued)



By Deborah Jackson, PRYC Race Captain

June 6 and every Tuesday evening in June kicked off our first June Cup – Women at the Helm! Although this is our first year assuming the series from RBYC, it is actually the 20th Anniversary of the competition! This memorial regatta honors past RBYC Commodore, June Cuthbertson, who was a Columbia Challenger racer, mentor, Director, and race chair. June got involved in the sailing community several years after relocating to California. This series focuses on getting women sailors interested and involved in racing, and, as such, a woman skipper must alone hold the helm on most legs of the course, during the start and finish, all tacks, jibes, mark roundings, and represent the boat in any protest. PRYC will host weekly award ceremonies following each race, along with the presentation of the perpetual trophies in the late fall. We are already seeing a lot of interest in this event and hope it will become an annual tradition!

Finally, we will host our Port Royal Pirate Regatta in August. This event has been upgraded to a High Point race this year and we are expecting a lot of interest! More to come on this event in the coming weeks!



**PORT ROYAL
PIRATE REGATTA!
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH**



**MARK
YOUR
CALENDARS
FOR THIS
HIGH-
POINT
EVENT!
DETAILS TO
BE POSTED
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ASMBYC High Point Series

Long Time Running Play at PRYC



POKER

Tuesday Nights
10 Years Running
Led by Brad Rendell



BRIDGE

Wednesday Nights
3 Years Running
Led by Carol Smith



BUNCO

2nd Thursday Night of the Month
2 Years Running
Led by Lisa Griffin



Fun~Fit~PRYC, Walking Group

Every Other Friday
3 Years Running
Led by Melessa Humiston

All PRYC Members are invited to participate.

Beginners welcome.

**Contact manager@pryc.club
to be connected to the Lead.**

2023 Memorial Day Dinghy Crawl

By Trish Osuna, PRYC Director

Another successful PRYC Dinghy Crawl on the books! This popular event is possible when you work with a supportive group of members ~ Linda Stamich, Sue Morgan, Bette Braughton, Lynn Statham and Tina Iler ~Thank You! Five host boats provided signature cocktails and appetizers.

Many thanks to the host boats:

Sandra McCommon, Jim Collum & Annette Adams on Sierra Vista

Matt & Melessa Humiston on Joie de Vivre / Bryan & Laura Lupin on Mañana

Marc & Ria Rupp on Disruptive

Anthony & Sherry Shapiro on Kona

Tammy Harrison, Pamela Nevitt & Devra Zandell on Jeanneau !t

The winner of best cocktail went to James, Sandra and Annette for their delicious Chambord Onboard cocktail. Best appetizer winner went to Matt & Melessa / Bryan & Laura with Aunt Marion's Chicken Salad, an old family recipe, see next page for recipe. All OD hosts did an outstanding job with their drinks and appetizers! It was a tough choice this year to pick the winners.

The winner of the best poker hand went to Carol Smith. She graciously “rang the bell” and bought everyone a drink with her winnings. A special thanks to OD hosts Randi, Brad and Ray for providing dinner at the club following a fun filled day! Word has it that the evening ended up with our karaoke “regulars” gracing the club with their musical talents.

Thank you to all that came out and supported PRYC!



Aunt Marion's Chicken Salad

2023 PRYC's Memorial Day Dinghy Crawl Best Appetizer Winner

Serving size: at least 12 people

- 8 cups diced chicken or turkey
- 20 ounces sliced water chestnuts, drained
- 2 pounds seedless green grapes
- 12 ounces mandarin oranges, drained
- 2 cups toasted slivered almonds (not flaked, but slivered)

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl. If making ahead of time, leave out the almonds and the mandarin oranges and stir them in before serving to keep the salad from getting mushy.

Dressing, mix together in a small bowl

- 3 cups Best mayonnaise (important to use Best)
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon curry powder
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice



*Marion (right) sitting
with her sister Lois (member Matt
Humiston's mom)*

Combine dressing with chicken mixture.

Note: Start with about 2/3 of the dressing, then add the rest to taste.

All of it is sometimes too much.

Chill for several hours.

Marion would serve with (not in) a croissant.

This recipe was originally developed to use left over Thanksgiving turkey.

It won a first prize years ago in the Wisconsin State Journal recipe contest. It was developed by a farm lady in Belmont, Wisconsin.

IOBG Wine Tasting Fund Raiser



By John Klein, PRYC Newsletter Editor

The International Order of the Blue Gavel [IOBG](#) District 11, a prestigious organization dedicated to the promotion of boating and yachting, recently held a successful wine tasting fundraiser at the Port Royal Yacht Club hosted by Rob Probst, PRYC Staff Commodore. The event was a delightful combination of fine wine, delicious food, and good company, all for two worthy causes, the [King Harbor Youth Foundation](#) and [Marine Animal Rescue](#).

The wine tasting was the highlight of the afternoon, featuring a variety of exquisite wines from some of the world's most renowned vineyards. Guests were treated to a selection of reds, whites, rosés and sparkling wines, donated by the event's attendees providing a diverse and interesting sampling of wines, 17 in total. Attendees spent the afternoon trying each wine, savoring the flavors and aromas and sharing their thoughts and impressions with others. Raffle tickets, provided for the cost of admission, were used to vote for, and a chance to win, their favorite(s).

In addition three donated fine wines were auctioned off to the highest bidders and the 50/50 raffle was won by Craig Funabashi.





She Said Yes !!!

By John Klein, PRYC Newsletter Editor



It was opening day ceremonies at the Port Royal Yacht Club when JONY ROK popped the big question to Denise "Will You Marry Me?". Little did Denise know that this day would be even more special for her. In front of members and guests on a beautiful April day in King Harbor Jon proposed to Denise and she said yes, yay! Jon, Denise and his two sons Nolan and Vaughn took the stage when Jon proposed in traditional fashion, down on one knee with ring in hand, Denise was taken by surprise and once she said yes the crowd cheered and applauded as they embraced in a loving kiss. Later in the ceremony there was a Champagne toast to celebrate opening day, I'm sure that their toast was for more then just opening the 2023 yachting season.

Congratulations to the new couple and we all wish them a long and happy life together as husband and wife.





Saturday Night Sax Party



By John Klein, PRYC Newsletter Editor

Saturday night, April 9, brought the Sax music of Robbie C. to the club for an Officer of the Day event sponsored by Melissa Wiley and Dave Nylen. Robbie brought along his favorite flavors of Saxophone; Alto, Soprano and Tenor. He played classic Sax tunes throughout the evening as members and guests enjoyed drinks and the appetizer buffet. Robbie was joined by Gzel Mendoza on the ukulele for a few songs. Dennis and Terry, guests of Melissa and Dave, were requesting and enjoying tunes from their high school days back in the early 50s and Robbie did his best to re-master these oldie but goodie tunes.





The Hunter and The Gatherer

By John Klein, PRYC Newsletter Editor



Hey PRYC members, a new cookbook has just been released to help with provisioning your next cruising adventure with food from the sea. Below is a sample recipe from the book that anyone can easily gather the ingredients. The publisher has provided us a copy of the book for our club library for you to review, for those interested in purchasing the book you can get a 20% discount when ordered from the site at the link below using the code 'sailaway'.

One-dish Fish Saganaki

Feeds 4 • Prep 5 mins • Cook 20 mins

- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 onion, finely sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1/4 tsp dried chilli flakes
- 400g (14oz) canned whole tomatoes
- black pepper
- 2 x 250g (0.5lb) fish fillets
(anything firm and white)
- 1/4 cup pitted Kalamata olives
- 1/2 cup (75g) crumbled feta
- Serve with crusty bread and
chopped fresh parsley



Over medium heat, warm the olive oil in a heavy-based frypan and sauté the onion, garlic, oregano and chilli for 3-4 minutes, stirring. Add the tomatoes, chopping roughly, and season with a good grind of black pepper. Bring to a simmer.

Chop the fish into large pieces and add to the pan with the olives. Cover and cook for 7 minutes. Take off the heat, add the crumbled feta and place under a hot grill for about 5 minutes until the feta starts to soften and brown. Serve with crusty bread and a little chopped fresh parsley.

This is an edited extract from our book, *The Hunter & The Gatherer: Cooking and Provisioning for Sailing Adventures*, by Catherine Lawson and David Baristow. Find out more at exploringedenbooks.co or get it from your favorite bookstore. For every copy sold, one tree is planted.



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Ship Store

Your ship store managers have been hard at work adding to the store for your shopping pleasure! From burgees for your boat and dinghy to visors, caps and hat bands we've got plenty of cool items! Hoodies, tshirts, sun shirts, lanyards and drinkware are all there ready to adorn your boat and home.

Cheers!

Lynn Statham 310-621-0066

Tricia Osuna 310-487-6838

Sandra McCommon 310-418-8002

Coming in next are these sunshirts which should be ready for purchase (hopefully) at the dinghy parade on July 4th!

Stay tuned for more items and
Thank You for shopping PRYC!



Officer of the Day (OD)

All Members,

There are vacancies on the calendar for you to host an OD and fulfill your club obligation. Traditionally, ODs are held Fridays or Saturdays from 6 - 9 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. If you have another date that works for you we can coordinate if available.

Contact Melissa Wiley, 424-202-7264 or email at melissa3667@gmail.com

Member's Log and Newsletter Submissions

We welcome and encourage member submissions to the newsletter! If you would like to submit articles, photos, etc. for the next issue (September 2023) please send to PRYCnewsletter@gmail.com by September 16 2023.





Editors' Corner

By The PRYC Newsletter Editors



We're back!!! In case you didn't know we've been on a cruise around the Mediterranean and Adriatic for 28 days, wow what a trip that was. We basically did three cruises back to back with extended stays before and after in Athens and Barcelona, making up for lost time to Covid. We were very lucky with the weather and the seas, only a few very brief (~5 min) periods of rain and glassy seas for the most part. We did shore excursions every day, sometimes 2 in one day, very busy but very, very much fun. 7 countries and 18 ports, so much history going so far back in time, lots of ancient stuff to see and explore and then there was the various cuisine and wine in each port, never a dull moment. Never appreciated history lessons in school but now we find it to be very interesting and educational.



Red Right Return: The mnemonic committed to memory by those sailing the coastal waters of the Americas. On our most recent cruise we found this is not true the world over. Internationally the correct port identification is broken out into region A and region B.

Region A consists of Europe, Australia, New Zealand, parts of Africa and most of Asia. When entering a harbor in this region, marks to port are red and marks to starboard are green.

Region B consists of North America, Central America and South America, plus the Philippines, Japan and Korea. When entering a harbor in this region, marks to port are green and marks to starboard are red (red, right, return!).

A French cruiser once said: "You know why I know you Americans have it backward? Port wine is red."

Nautical Term: Start Over With A Clean Slate

A slate tablet was kept near the helm, and was used by the watchkeeper to record speeds, distances, headings and tacks during the watch. If no problems occurred during the watch, the slate would be wiped clean so that the new watchkeeper could "start over with a clean slate."