



# Port Royal Yacht Club

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## Commodore's Log

*By Russ Densmore, PRYC Commodore*

Ahoy PRYC Members!

I want to thank each and every one of you for what was an exciting and challenging 2023 where many “firsts” for PRYC were achieved! We had a very large Board with many Appointed Positions that took on the challenge of moving PRYC into a new era of involvement in our community. I cannot thank all of the supporters enough for the diligence I received in leading the club in 2023! Let’s start by listing this incredible group of people.

• Lisa Griffin	Vice Commodore	• Katie Gonzalez	Fleet Captain
• Jamie Jakubowski	Rear Commodore	• Deborah Jackson	Race Captain
• Melessa Humiston	Jr. Staff Commodore	• Jon Marselis	Fishing Captain
• Barbara Lewak	Secretary	• Laryssa Densmore	Webmaster
• Stephanie Funabashi	Treasurer	• Michael Leighton	Quartermaster
• Frank Sandelman	Judge Advocate	• John Klein	Newsletter Editor
• Barbara Smith	Club Manager	• Rosanne Klein	Newsletter Editor
• Tina Iler	Director	• Tricia Osuna	Ship Store
• Dan Gonzalez	Director	• Lynn Statham	Ship Store
• Jon Marselis	Director	• Sandra McCommon	Ship Store
• Sandra McCommon	Director	• Barbara Smith	Club Historian
• Lynn Statham	Director	• Melissa Wiley	Reciprocal Chair
• Tricia Osuna	Director	• Lyle Downey	Audit Committee
• Melissa Wiley	Officer of the Day Coordinator	• Wade Downey	Audit Committee

So, what did this group of people do this year for PRYC? Well, let’s look at some of the “firsts” for PRYC.

1. First time PRYC hosted the June Cup – This is a racing series during the month of June which many local racers have shared their appreciation to PRYC for sponsoring this long-time tradition. This simple act put PRYC on the racing calendar in a new way!
2. First time PRYC held two fund raising events – Summer Bash success allowed PRYC to donate \$4130 to each of our charities: City 2 Sea, and Marine Mammal Care Center. Proceeds from our new event Cigars, Whiskey & Blues (CWB) allowed PRYC to send \$2500 to our friends at the Lahaina Yacht Club to assist with the rebuilding from their tragedy due to the wildfires that swept through Maui.

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3. First time PRYC held 8 cruises in one year. Hopefully each of you had an opportunity to attend at least one.
4. First time PRYC co-sponsored the Annual Christmas Boat Parade alongside King Harbor Yacht Club, encouraging greater community participation. Several members of PRYC hosted guests on the docks of KHYC. This is a great collaboration between our two clubs which has been being fostered for years. It is great to see us working together!
5. Implemented Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to capture and transfer knowledge from current owner(s) to future owner(s) in each of the respective positions held at PRYC.

Some other exciting improvements at the club this year:

- New Carpet
- New Television
- Lease renewal with the city and marina (this is critical to sustaining PRYC)
- Membership was taken off-hold and all backlog has been removed – we have several new engaged members
- Officer of the Day participation was increased, and a fee for not hosting a required OD was implemented. Hence, all members fulfilled their OD obligation or were billed accordingly.
- Improved Google Drive file structure allowing for proper management and maintenance of club documents.
- Improved Google Drive security by creating Individual email accounts for the Bridge, Secretary, Treasurer, and others. This will allow for future use by successive leadership. Role-based access to Google Drive restricted to authorized users only. No longer using a single account for access.
- Digital Modernization -Improved our online presence and capability to receive payment from non-members during special events and created a process to tailor the pricing for payments for each individual event. Implemented the use of Square and received over \$26,000.00 in funds on the platform.
- Improved accounting (especially for events) allows us to ensure our bar margins are healthy, and funds are properly utilized.

So, as you can see, your 2023 leadership team has been busy at work to help make Port Royal Yacht Club the best it can be. Please join me in thanking each of them for their hard work and dedication. It would not be possible without all of their contributions.

Respectfully,

Russell Densmore  
Commodore 2023

## A few Words from the Vice Commodore

*By Lisa Griffin, PRYC Vice Commodore*

It's hard to believe the end of December is already here! The last three months have been a whirlwind at Port Royal, between Cruises, The Fishing Tournament, Halloween, OD's, Race Awards, Cigar Whiskey Blues Lahaina Fund Raiser, Private Events, General Meeting/ Ugly Sweater, Christmas Bizarre, Pre-Boat Parade Social, Boat Parade, New Member Orientation and New Years Day on the way! Port Royal knows how to have a good time!



With that being said I'd like to point out the even deeper point, which is we have such a great collective of people in our membership. We are a volunteer club and could not do these events without each other taking the time to participate and making these events a reality. The other thing that jumps out is our respect and enjoyment of each other in our interactions with one another. These two things are pivotal in the success of Port Royal and not everything is always 100% but moving into 2024 I hope that we can continue to work on these and to do better than we did in 2023. So, as you reflect on what you want the club to be to you, step up and volunteer for an event or two or join a committee in the coming year. Most of all spend some time at the club and our events getting to know and welcome our new members, give them that experience of the Port Royal Corinthian spirit!

In case it's not apparent I'm excited and looking forward to being your Commodore in the coming year! Port Royal is such a special place to me, and I think we have an amazing group of people on the Board and the Bridge moving into 2024. I know we all look forward to your thoughts on the emailed list of suggested improvements and what you think is the most important for us to be focused on. I hope to see more member participation in the Board meetings and look at bringing quarterly updates to you, our membership. The History of Port Royal is something I'd like to delve into this year and hope that if you're interested, you'll reach out to join the History Committee. There are new social opportunities coming in 2024 and if you have thoughts on others please reach out!

Lastly, I'd like to thank Russell, Jamie, the Board and the member volunteers for your time and commitment to making our 2023 year such a success!

Wishing you and yours a wonderful Holiday and a Happy New Year!  
Looking forward to seeing you at the Club or on the water!

Lisa Griffin  
Vice Commodore

### **2023 PRYC Officers**

**Commodore**  
Russell Densmore

**Vice Commodore**  
Lisa Griffin

**Rear Commodore**  
Jamie Jakubowski

**Secretary**  
Barbara Lewak

**Treasurer**  
Stephanie Funabashi

### **Board of Directors**

**Jr. Staff Commodore**  
Melessa Humiston

**Directors**  
Tricia Osuna  
Lynn Statham  
Sandra McCommon  
Dan Gonzalez  
Tina Iler  
Jon Marselis

### **Appointed Positions**

**Judge Advocate**  
Frank Sandlemann

**Fleet Captain**  
Katie Gonzalez

**Race Captain**  
Deborah Jackson

**Club Manager**  
Barbara Smith

**Quartermaster**  
Michael Leighton

**Newsletter Editors**  
John & Rosanne Klein

**Webmaster**  
Laryssa Densmore

**Hospitality**  
Tricia Osuna

**Fishing Tournament  
Captain**  
Jon Marselis

**Audit Committee**  
Lyle Downey  
Wade Downey

**OD Coordinator**  
Melissa Wiley

**Club Store Managers**  
Tricia Osuna  
Lynn Statham  
Sandra McCommon

# Rear Commodore's Corner

*By Jamie Jakubowski, PRYC Rear Commodore*



Dear Port Royal Yacht Club Members,

As we conclude the final chapters of 2023, I am delighted to reflect on the remarkable year we've had at our esteemed yacht club. The Port Royal Yacht Club has flourished, and I am filled with happiness as we approach the promising New Year of 2024.

I want to take a moment to thank all of those that participated in the Membership Committee. I take immense pride in their efforts to propel our membership forward, being an integral part of adding new faces that promise to infuse our club with fresh perspectives and enthusiasm. Within this newsletter, you will find the New Member Spotlight section, introducing you to the wonderful individuals who have recently become a part of our Port Royal family. Please welcome them when you see them as I am confident they will make fantastic additions to our club.

Our growth is not solely reflected in numbers but in the sense of community that defines our club. The Port Royal Yacht Club remains a place where friendships are formed, memories are created, and a shared passion for the water unites us all. I extend my sincere gratitude to each member for contributing to the success of our club and the PRYC atmosphere that makes our club truly special.

Looking ahead to the New Year, I am excited to announce that I will be stepping into the role of Vice Commodore. The success we achieved in 2023 was a collective effort, and I am confident that the incoming bridge and board will continue to uphold our traditions and values as we roll into the new year.

In January 2024, I am eager to launch the activities of our Social Committee. This essential committee plays a pivotal role in ensuring that our club remains a vibrant hub of social interactions, events, and celebrations. I welcome anyone interested in contributing their ideas, time, and energy to join this committee and be a part of creating memorable experiences for our members.

As we anticipate the adventures that the New Year holds, let us continue to cherish the unique traditions that make our club special. I am confident that 2024 will bring us even closer as a community, as we welcome new members, fostering connections, and creating lasting memories together.

Wishing you fair winds and joyful seas,  
Jamie Jakubowski

# Setting Sail into 2024 New Leadership Takes the Helm

*By John Klein, PRYC Newsletter Editor*



The 2024 Flag Officers and Board of Directors were sworn in at the January 10, 2024 PRYC board meeting. These individuals bring a wealth of experience, passion for boating, and a deep understanding of the unique spirit that defines our yacht club, the “Corinthian Spirit”.

Anticipate regattas, club and community events, and initiatives to enhance our facilities and member events. Stay tuned for upcoming events, including the Annual Commodore’s Ball, where you’ll have the chance to meet and mingle with our new leaders. It’s a good opportunity to share ideas, express your aspirations for the club, and connect with fellow members who share your love for the sea.

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Director:	Jonathan Marselis
Director:	Dan Gonzalez
Director:	Jose Gonzales
Director:	Therese Caraway
Director:	Craig Allsopp





# And That's a Wrap....



*By Deborah Jackson, PRYC Race Captain*

As 2023 winds down, so does this year's race season.

We went from our usual regatta schedule of hosting two annual races to a total of six, which included the additional of the June Cup four race series. We had a lot of new faces this year which were afforded thanks to the addition of the June Cup! On November 5th, we hosted the awards ceremony for the June Cup, featuring a massive charcuterie board (thanks to Lisa's vision and a team of women assembling)! The 2023 June Cup - Women at the Helm Spirit Award went to the skipper and crew of the Sunday Flyer! Skipper, Ruby Wright, and her crew including Julie Coll, demonstrated their spirit by dressing up for each week's challenge, even one week when they had mechanical issues with the boat, they showed up to the Club in their outfits! We all loved their spirit! The selection by the Race Committee was challenging as many other teams also showed great spirit and participation in the weekly challenges! Series First Place awards went to: Liz Hjorth skippering Scooter in the PHRF A class, Ruby Wright skippering Sunday Flyer in the PHRF B class, and Dorian Harris skippering Oliver in the Mariner/Non-spin class!

Next, I want to thank all the volunteers who helped out this year! As an all-volunteer Club, we could not have accomplished such a professional result without the support of all our volunteers! Thank you to our Committee Boats: Jonny Marselis, Tammy Harrison, Russ Densmore, and Brian Hanhart! All of you showed great hospitality and professionalism! Thank you to our PRO, Brian Lavis, who always came prepared and taught me a lot this season! Thank you to the volunteers both on and off the water: Annette Adam, Nora & Dwayne Smith, Tina Iler, Rosanne Klein, Barbara Smith, Sue Morgan, Sandra McCommon, Barbara Lewak, Jessika Werchick, Melessa Humiston, Katie Gonzalez, Tricia Osuna and anyone else I missed. Also, special thanks to Lisa Griffin who supported us in getting to this next level! Anyone wanting to join the Race Committee team for 2024, please let me know!







# And That's a Wrap....

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Also worth mentioning was PRYC's first time participating in the ASMBYC High Point series! The annual High Point series consists of twelve races, six races each from Marina Del Rey clubs and King Harbor clubs. Points are awarded and accumulated throughout the series. PRYC supported this series with nine boats participating and achieving a cumulative score of 926! Boats do not have to participate in all twelve races, so even if PRYC boats only participated in the six races out of King Harbor, we could improve our cumulative score next year! Anyone interested in more information, please let me know! Top PRYC teams were Scott Haisman & Jean Otto from Soul Shine with 418 points, Michael Leighton from Oasis with 148 points, and Rich Reinoso from My Annie with 148 points! Way to go PRYC!

Our 2024 calendar has been set so mark your calendars:

Date	Race
Saturday, May 18, 2024	Port Royal Classic
Tuesday, June 4, 2024	June Cup Woman at the Helm Twilight Series
Tuesday, June 11, 2024	June Cup Woman at the Helm Twilight Series
Tuesday, June 18, 2024	June Cup Woman at the Helm Twilight Series
Tuesday, June 25, 2024	June Cup Woman at the Helm Twilight Series
Saturday, August 17, 2024	Pirate Regatta

Thank you Everyone for your participation and support this year! You made it really exciting for me personally!

June  
Cuthbertson



# Long Time Running Play at PRYC



## POKER

Tuesday Nights  
10 Years Running  
Led by Brad Rendell



## BRIDGE

New dates and times  
coming soon...  
3 Years Running  
Led by Lynn Statham



## BUNCO

3rd 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](mailto:manager@pryc.club)  
to be connected to the Lead.**



# 2023 California Coastal Cleanup

*By Melessa Humiston, PYRC Staff Commodore*

On September 23, 2023 PRYC and KHYC joined forces and set out to maintain the beauty of our King Harbor Marina. About 11 PRYC members on foot and 9 KHYC members on kayaks and SUPs, together collected over 100 lbs. of trash! More impressively, our two clubs participated with more than 7,000 Heal the Bay volunteers all around California where in total we removed over 16,000 lbs. of trash and 400 lbs. of recycling from 97 miles of beach, river, underwater, and trail cleanup sites! PRYC is proud to continue to participate in such a dynamic collaboration to keep our oceans and lands beautiful for all to enjoy now and in the future.





# Spooktacular Halloween Fun at PRYC

*By Sandra McCommon, PRYC Director*

Halloween at PRYC was another fun filled evening in the clubhouse with 55 members and guests joining the party and all wearing their favorite costumes. After enjoying a dinner of tacos followed by a choice of desserts it was time for the costume contest, where participants competed for the popular (and very useful) \$25 gift certificates to the Ship Store.

After careful deliberation of a close competition, the winners of the costume contest were:

- Best Couples Costume –Laura and Bryan Lupin as “Mummies”
- Best Female Costume –Barbara Smith as “a Witch”
- Best Male Costume – Mike Morgan as “Colonel Sanders”

The night ended with Scarey-Oke where members got to show off their singing talents and for some a bit of dancing too.

Thank you to the social committee for transforming our Club into such a suitable and fun venue for the night!





# Christmas Boat Parade

*By Lisa Griffin, PRYC Vice Commodore*

It's something the South Bay Community looks forward to every year, bringing families and friends down to the harbor to experience the wonderful lights and delights of the King Harbor Boat Parade!

For many years Port Royal collaborated on volunteering to help with the planning of the parade and in the past few years that collaboration seemed to get overlooked by the planning committee and we were not invited to the table.

That was not the case this year, King Harbor Yacht Club has championed the Boat Parade for the community for over 30 years and this year had a new Chair, Pat Light, who had lots of new ideas and welcomed Port Royal to Co-Sponsor the Boat Parade themed "Its a Wonderful Life". Port Royal's Board approved the sponsorship and we got to work with Pat and her team. This reality was exciting to see in the big banner located at the Redondo Beach Harbor Entrance (190th & Pacific Coast Highway) displaying the PRYC logo across from the KHYC logo. PRYC also hosted a social evening at the club the night before the parade inviting the KHYC members, boat parade honorees and entrants. The night of the parade PRYC was welcomed to have three boats (new members the Stewarts, The Densmore's and the Lewak's) on the KHYC docks and invited all of our members to the club with no limitations. On the judging committee located in a room at the Portofino Hotel were two of our own Sue Morgan and Devra Zandell! Representing Port Royal was "Oasis" Michale L & Lisa G's 36 ft sailboat carrying as their crew: Michael & Therese Caraway, Lynn Statham, Annette Adams, Jodi Masters Gonzales and Sheri Annabel & Connor Leighton at the helm. The theme on Oasis was "Port Royals Winter Wonderland" which included 2 snow machines, a snowball fight, blue and white lights in honor Hanukah and several trees for the park like feel donated by Barbara Smith. Oasis was awarded the "Exceptional Spirit" award.

Award Recipients – 2023 Holiday Boat Parade			
Award	#	Boat Name	Skipper
Best Overall	34	Kielana	Aaron Tavakoli
Exceptional Spirit	30	Oasis	Michael Leighton
Costumes/Music	20	Flying Fische	Julie Coll
Sail Over 32	11	Get Busy Livin'	Neal Harkleroad
Power Over 32	15	Triple Net	Mike Grannis
Sail Under 32	12	Cirrus	Michael Thorpe
Power Under 32	9	Just Right	Paul Zambriski



Exceptional Spirit (Oasis)



Best Overall



Costumes/Music



Sail Under 32



Sail Over 34



Oasis Crew



Power Over 34



Power Under 34



# Christmas Boat Parade

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The entire experience was one that many of our members have expressed great enthusiasm about and next year PRYC looks to expand our hosting. A "Lessons learned meeting is Scheduled for January" and notes to discuss are already coming in, one I wanted to share with our club is from KH member Roger Carlson: "It was great having Port Royal boats there. They seemed to have a great time and had a big crowd, seems like good outreach to a good source of potential members, and showing good leadership and partnership on harbor events. I think it will be important to partner with them as the city and master leaseholders make moves over the next decade."

This year's annual Boat Parade featured over twenty beautifully decorated boats, The parade honored the city's Storm First Responders, who protected and restored the harbor during and following the storms earlier in the year. Numerous local dignitaries attended the viewing party, including Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi, Redondo Beach Councilmen Todd Loewenstein and Nils Nehrenheim, and RB Police Chief, Joe Hoffman. Other VIPs included the Presidents of Redondo Beach community groups, including the Chamber, Round Table, Kiwanis, and School Board.

**And meanwhile on the KHYC docks there was a PRYC party going on!!!!**





# Isthmus Cruise

*By Barbara Smith, PRYC Staff Commodore*

We held our cruise to the Isthmus on the weekend of October 13th to 15th. Overall, there were approximately 8 boats with 30 people from PRYC which included the Schneider's beautiful yacht Kin Ship. Kevin Herink and Kevin Thorton from LA Sailing brought over two boats with 12 students aboard. Most members arrived on Friday, October 13th with fair weather and calm seas and enough wind to sail for those who have sailboats. We started the weekend with a wonderful dinner at Doug's Harbor Reef restaurant and of course a few cocktails and Buffalo Milks. On Saturday the weather was beautiful with clear skies and warm temperatures and some of us hiked up to the campground and then took a back road over to Cat Harbor and hiked up to the "bench" which showed beautiful views of the Pacific Ocean. Some others played frisbee football. After the hike and football, many of us gathered on the patio for more cocktails, lunch and for some, a game of dominoes. In the early evening we had a potluck on Kin Ship and we thank Larry and Annie Schneider for being such gracious hosts. Sunday came way too quickly with another beautiful day with clear skies and warm weather for the cruise back home. A good time was had by all! Au Revoir Catalina, until we meet again! It's a sweet life, living by the salty sea" - Jimmy Buffet





# Cruise to Avalon

*By Sandra McCommon, PRYC Director*

PRYC cruised to Avalon in September with a high membership turnout of 28 members. We had seven boats cruise over for the weekend and several other members opted for the Catalina Express to the island and then stay on the island for a change of pace. Weekend festivities included Friday night dinner at the Lobster Trap, brunch hosted by the Wheelers on their boat "Truly Blessed", and hiking to the Wrigley Memorial and Botanic Gardens. Then finally we had a Saturday dinner at the M Restaurant. Members also had fun participating in Avalon's new Oktoberfest event also held the same weekend. PRYC could be found throughout the weekend at Beer Steinholding competitions, trying new beers on the Ale Trail, enjoying German food and dancing to the music by the Poor Boy Yacht Club at Fix Biergarten Saturday night. Special thank you to James Collum for initiating this cruise and assisting with planning it, and to Zeke and Terri Wheeler for hosting several get togethers on their boat, Truly Blessed, over the weekend.





# December Cruise to Newport Harbor

*By Katie Gonzalez, PRYC Fleet Captain*

'Tis the season for joy and celebration, and what better way to experience it than with your yacht club friends on a cruise to Newport Harbor for the Annual Christmas Boat Parade. This year, five powerboats (Beau Bateau, Happy Ours, My Blue Heaven, Nauti Panda and The Office II), along with a handful of land cruisers, attended this festive cruise. There were sunny skies and glassy calm water to and from Newport that provided the powerboaters with perfect cruising conditions.

When we arrived, a few of us dinghied to Newport Harbor Yacht Club for a nice afternoon lunch. In the evening, the boat and land cruisers met at the American Legion Yacht Club for the Opening Night festivities of the Boat Parade. The Legion hosted a sold-out fundraising event to benefit veterans and we all had fantastic front row tables to see the boat parade. Dan and I embraced the Legion's Country Christmas party theme by wearing our cowboy hats.

As the sun went down and the stars began to twinkle, Newport Harbor came alive with a long procession of beautifully decorated yachts. Opening Night also included spectacular fireworks and drone show.

In addition to the mesmerizing nightly Christmas boat parade, there is much more to explore and enjoy in the Harbor. The next day, we all took a dinghy cruise to Balboa Island. We strolled along the waterfront to admire the beautifully decorated homes and enjoyed lunch and shopping on the island. In the evening, we gathered on the Lewak's yacht to enjoy a second evening of the boat parade, Barbara's famous chili and delicious carne asada and chicken tacos that the Timmerman's grilled for everyone. It was a wonderful and fun cruise from beginning to end.

There is just something magical about cruising – it is a chance to connect with friends, to laugh and create lasting memories while being surrounded by the serenity of the ocean. We look forward to cruising with all of you in 2024.





# Recognizing PRYC Members

*By John & Rosanne Klein, PRYC Newsletter Editors*

In this issue we look at a couple of long standing members Mike and Sue Morgan. Their membership in the club and contributions are well known and appreciated by many club members but do you know their history?

Mike and Sue joined the TRW (now Northrup Grumman) sailing club in 1978, you didn't have to work at TRW to be a member, and learned to sail on Sabots. Feeling confident about sailing they took more advanced sailing classes so they could charter the bigger, 30+ foot, sailboats.

They married in 1980 and a year later bought a Robb 35 foot Cheoy Lee Yawl. They immediately, after buying the boat, rented out their condo and moved aboard, now it was obvious they were serious about sailing. Many asked why they bought a boat and moved aboard and they answered "because" and that became the name of their boat. In 1985 they set out on a 29 day cruise across the ocean as crew for their good friend Larry Hazen who at the time was moving his practice and sailboat to the South Pacific. It was 29 days from Catalina Island to the Marquesas Islands and it was on that trip that Mike got his ear pierced as they crossed the equator.

They both raced as crew with June Cuthbertson on her Challenger 24 sailboat in the late 70s. In the 90s Mike and Sue crewed on Sidekick for Bill Webster on his J37, they did the races from Santa Barbara to Redondo and from Newport to Ensenada. It was on a race from Santa Barbara to Redondo that he and the crew saved a girls life after she landed in the water when their boat got knocked down by the wind off Anacapa Island. He and the rest of Bill's crew were recognized for saving her life by the Long Beach Red Cross.

They first joined PRYC in 1990, leaving in 1993 but continuing to visit and participate in some events. They later joined again in 2014 and have been members since. A year later they signed up for Quartermaster and held that role for 3 years, They also served as Director during that time.

For 20 years, starting in 1998, Sue was head writer and chief editor for the Latitudes and Attitudes sailing magazine published by Bob Bitchin, she probably knows more about sailing and associated gear than any of us.

During their time as liveaboards they've had three Australian Shepherds, Bosun, Pogey and Sancho and of course there is a story behind their names, ask Mike about this some time when you see him next. Sancho is their latest and he is quite enamored with playing fetch with a tennis ball.

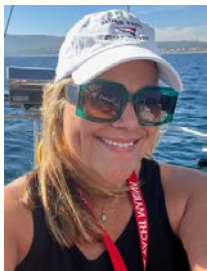
Mike and Sue have volunteered extensively for the club, from dinghy crawl host boat to event organization, planning, setup and teardown as well as Mike's dedication to barbeque grill cleanliness. The club is very thankful for all the wisdom of sailing and the contributions Mike and Sue have brought to the club.



# A Boatload of New Members

*By John Klein, Newsletter Editor*

This past quarter has been a busy one for bringing in new members to the club. Nine new members were added to our ranks, all with a passion for boating and contributing to club activities. Please welcome them into the club the next time you see them.



## **Julie Garza**

Came to us from RBYC where she served as Social Chair, Communications Director and Rear Commodore during her stay there. A recent sailboat owner (4 years) she is learning the ropes through formal ASA courses. I would be surprised if you haven't already bumped into Julie at recent club events, she is very active in contributing her time and donating to charitable causes.



## **Suzy Curry & Mark Mitchler**

Both proud boat owners (sail), at one time they had 3 boats, today they are down to 1 boat a Catalina 320. Suzy comes to us from Shoreline Yacht Club and loves to race, if anybody is looking for crew. Mark and Suzy met through the marriage of their kids, found they had a lot in common and sailing was a big part of it. Suzy joined the Women's Sailing Association prior to 2020 and was learning to sail when lessons were stopped due to Covid. Mark took her out sailing and next thing you know she was buying a boat.



## **Don and Debbie Stewart**

They have a long history of sailing and flying. From racing sailboats, flying airplanes, playing in the band and cruising Catalina on their 50ft Yacht (power), these two have done it all. They were ready to volunteer right out of the gate after joining the club.



## **David Tu and Mona**

Most of you probably remember David for his Dinghy Crawl award winning Ceviche and that was before becoming a member helping out on Jessica and Danny Gonzalez host boat. Ex sail-boater, now power boater.



## **Mark and Leanne Toumajian**

Long time residents of the South Bay, Mark and Leanne are also former Cal Yacht Club members where they were both very involved in club activities from the family committee to social/cooking events. Rumor has it Mark loves to get behind the BBQ or smoker! Since moving their boat to Port Royal Marina they have been on the lookout for a new club to call home. They are long time sailors (25 years) and are regulars over on the island. In fact, during the pandemic they essentially packed up their kids and their household to call mooring life home. They are looking forward to being involved at the club and taking part in all things PRYC.



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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

We have Skorts and Vests.

More sizes arriving soon!

Vests in tan and black

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 Annette Adam, 310-809-8302 or email at [PRYCODCOORDINATOR@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PRYCODCOORDINATOR@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 (March 2024) please send to [PRYCnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:PRYCnewsletter@gmail.com) by March 17 2024.

