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Commodore's Log

By Lisa Griffin, PRYC Commodore



Hello Port Royal Family, I hope this finds you all well and getting into the swing of things for Summer. Finally the sky has opened up and blessing us with sunshine! First race for the June Cup the racers were greeted with a beautiful sunny night on the water and a packed club house after the race. The energy of this event is infectious if you haven't joined us yet come on by and meet the racers!

Looking at the Calendar for the next few months we have lots of things to look forward to: Cruises to Clubs and the island, Summer Bash , Pirate Regatta, Coastal Clean Up, KHYC Tom Collier Cancer Fundraiser , 4th of July Dingy Parade and another Dingy Crawl! Unfortunately what we are lacking is OD's, how can that be I ask myself every member has the obligation to hold one or opt out by paying, but neither seems to be the case. So I urge you to get your OD booked with Annette Adam by the end of June so we have something to look forward to at the club all summer long!

I'm Looking forward to sharing some laughs, toasting all of you and getting on the water!!

Here's to a great PRYC summer!

Lisa Griffin
PRYC Commodore



Flotsam and Jetsam

It was opening day April 20, 2024 when Lisa was at the podium going thru the checklist and referred to Michael Leighton to verify the water was clear of all Flotsam and Jetsam and Michael replied that the water was clear. But how many of us really know the meaning of these two terms?

The words flotsam and jetsam are often used together, they have different meanings. "Flotsam" (from the word "float") describes items that were'n't deliberately thrown overboard, while "jetsam" (from the word "jettison") describes items that were deliberately thrown overboard.

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A few Words from the Vice Commodore

By Jamie Jakubowski, PRYC Vice Commodore

Goodness gracious how are we halfway through the year already? Well, since our last issue, we had an incredible Opening Day, marking the official start of our boating season. It felt like we were blessed with the only sunny day in April - thank goodness. It was wonderful to see so many of you, along with city and county officials, associate yacht club members, and guests. It really was a special day.



Since then, we've enjoyed a fantastic run of events, including Cinco de Mayo, our First Fridays, our Memorial Day Dingy Crawl, ODs and the kickoff of the racing season. As we roll into the summer months, our calendar will only get busier. I look forward to seeing more of everyone over these next few months!

Our next big event is our annual Summer Bash Fundraiser. This is our largest fundraising effort each year, and we're aiming to set new records this time! Invites will be out soon. Remember, the profits from this event support local 501(c)(3) organizations, City2Sea and Marine Mammal Rescue. Funds are raised mainly through our silent and live auctions, and while we have some great donations lined up, we always welcome contributions from our members to help provide even more amazing offerings for all in attendance. If you have something, or know of a business offering, which you feel could be a great fit, please reach out to me directly. It will be an evening to remember, and I can't wait to share it with everyone.

Now that we've reached the halfway mark of the year, I am starting to think more about next year's leadership and getting the pieces of the puzzle organized. Watch for a message from me with more details on how to get involved, what my goals are for next year, and how you can be part of our growth.

I am incredibly grateful for each of you. Please remember you can always reach out to me with any concerns or ideas. When we keep lines of communication open, we win.

Fair winds and following seas,
Jamie Jakubowski
Vice Commodore, Port Royal Yacht Club



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Rear Commodore's Corner

By Sandra McCommon, PRYC Rear Commodore



Ahoy PYRC Members,

Summer has always been my favorite season of the year and I'm very happy that finally, summer is here! This is also the best season for the club as it contains most of our planned boating activities and other shore events. Our Fleet Captain, Melessa Humiston, has several Club Cruises to reciprocal clubs planned which are always fun for both boaters and land cruisers. Then coming up in September and October, we have Catalina Island weekends planned. The first is a cruise to the Isthmus September 13 - 15 and coincides with the Two Harbors Brew Fest. If you like beer, the Brew Fest is a fun event with live music on the beach, beer samples from over 20 breweries and light appetizers. The club will also host a potluck dinner and other fun activities throughout that weekend. Following Isthmus, we will be going to Avalon September 27 - 29. Last year, Avalon was very popular with both boaters and land cruisers who enjoyed the fast ferry transit to the island and multitude of shore accommodation options. A popular local restaurant, Fix Biergarten, is hosting their second annual Oktoberfest that weekend, which PRYC club members really enjoyed last year. PRYC's Catalina Island weekends are always great fun so mark your calendars now and we hope you can join us!

As the Rear Commodore, Membership is one of my key responsibilities and I wanted to remind everyone that we have memberships available. If you have friends or family that are interested in joining our awesome club, now is a good time to bring them to an event or two, pick up a membership application in the club or ask me for an application via email. Our club is unique in that the financial commitment is much lower than other clubs, in part because we carry no staffing overheads which is only possible due to members contributing their time to make things happen. All who participate by volunteering realize that this is a great way to make new friends and have some fun. Many thanks to those who have volunteered already this year and I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you we have many more ways coming up to help out! If you haven't completed or scheduled your Officer of the Day yet, please check your schedule and the club calendar and pick a date to participate. Annette Adams is our Officer of the Day Coordinator and can assist with any questions that you have regarding "ODs".

I hope to see you soon at the club and on the water!

Sandra McCommon
Rear Commodore



"There are good ships and wood ships, ships that sail the sea, but the best ships are friendships, may they always be!" ~ Irish Proverb



Nautical Origins

Scuttlebutt

The scuttlebutt was a small cask (called a "butt") of water placed on deck each day for members of the crew to drink from, normally by dipping a chained tin mug through a small hole, or scuttle, cut into the barrel's side. The men could drink as often as they liked but were allowed only one cup per trip to the cask to conserve water. Another conservation practice was doing away with the scuttle entirely, with the crew drinking from the cask via an old musket barrel shoved through the bung.

As noise had to be kept to a minimum on deck (so commands and orders could be heard) and below decks as well (where off-watches were trying to sleep), the scuttlebutt was one of the few common areas where a sailor could relax while mulling over the day's events with fellow Tars. As such, the word itself eventually came to mean "rumors" or "gossip."



Opening Day



By John Klein, PRYC Newsletter Editor

On a beautiful, sunny April morning, the Port Royal Yacht Club kicked off its Opening Day with a celebration to remember. The event was filled with joy, tradition, and a strong sense of community, setting the perfect tone for the upcoming season.

The festivities began with a warm welcome from The Elco Cats, whose smooth jazz music filled the air and set a delightful ambiance for the arriving guests. Shortly thereafter, Boy Scout Troop 966's Color Guard presented the colors with precision and pride, adding a touch of solemnity to the occasion.

The crowd was then treated to a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem by Kai Batovsky, a talented student from Redondo Union High School. Kai's performance was both powerful and heartfelt, leaving many in attendance moved.

One of the ceremony's most poignant moments came with Piper Sean Costello's moving performance of "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes. The haunting melody echoed across the marina, offering a moment of reflection and reverence.

The presence of our esteemed Redondo Beach Mayor Jim Light was a highlight of the day. Mayor Light delivered an inspiring official proclamation for Opening Day, underscoring the importance of the yacht club to our community. We were also deeply honored to have Deirdre, the wife of the late Mayor Brand, join us, adding a special touch of remembrance and continuity to the event.

A significant transition took place as Staff Commodore Russell Densmore handed off the reins to the new Commodore, Lisa Griffin. This symbolic moment was further celebrated with Russell Densmore's induction into the prestigious International Order of the Blue Gavel (IOBG), recognizing his outstanding service and dedication to the club.

Throughout the day, guests enjoyed delicious food and drinks, while The Jelly Trio provided lively music that kept the festivities going. The combination of good company, great music, and excellent cuisine made for a truly memorable Opening Day at the Port Royal Yacht Club.

Here's to a fantastic season ahead!



Memorial Day Dinghy Crawl



By Craig Allsopp, PRYC Director and Staff Commodore

This memorial day weekend marked the 22nd dinghy crawl held at PRYC. The first dinghy crawl was held on Labor day weekend in 2013. It was the brain child of Debbie Allsopp and Gale Barbe and was organized by myself, Staff Commodore Craig Allsopp. The event was an instant success and is one of the most popular events at the club. Due to its overwhelming success it was expanded to both Labor day and Memorial day.

The event consisted of 6 host boats providing appetizers and cocktails to the 57 participants. Three new members stepped up (Mike and Carrie Ayotte, Mark and Leanne Toumajian, Eric and Catherine Webb) as well as long standing members Dave and Pat Timmerman, Barbara and Mauricio Lewak, Vince Dorn.

The host boats were located in Port Royal, Portofino, King Harbor marinas and out on the moorings in the main channel. When the participants arrived at the host boat by dinghy, they were served an appetizer and their signature cocktail along with the participant selecting a playing card. After visiting the sixth boat, the participants went back to the club house to turn in their hopefully winning poker hand and voted on the best appetizer and cocktail.

Host Boats

Members	Dave & Pat	Mauricio & Barbara	Eric & Catherine	Mike & Carrie	Vince, Bobbi & Norm	Mark & Leanne
Location	Mooring A5	Mooring A4	Port Royal A23	King Harbor V28	Portofino F12	Port Royal B35
Boat Name	Nauti Panda	Beau Bateau	Sojourn	Far Niente		Ocean Hunter
Drink	Panda-Rita	Fire In The Hole-A-Rita	Rumswizzle	Afternoon Delights & Spongebob Squareshot Chaser	Naughtycal Nectar	Martime Mystery



Memorial Day Dinghy Crawl



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The winning poker hand was a full house and it was held by Rosanne Klein, she was awarded \$250. The second place hand was also a full house and our Commodore, Lisa Giffin won \$150. We had some of the best appetizers and cocktails ever and the voting was very close. Barbara and Mauricio Lewak were the winners in both categories with their corn salsa/chips and their Fire in the hole-a-rita. Congratulations to all of our winners!

After the awards a meal was served from Rascals. Thanks to all of our hosts and participants who once again made this event a truly fun and memorable time.



“Cast Off”

By Deborah Jackson, PRYC Race Captain



First up was The Port Royal Classic Regatta held on May 18. This is an old favorite modified last year to include cruiser and spinnaker classes for newer boats, as well as maintain our classic cruiser and spinnaker classes. This year’s race had the four classes mentioned above, with a single start for both spinnaker classes and another single start for both cruiser classes. The spinnaker classes started at 13:00 followed by the cruiser classes following a short delay at 13:12. The split between spinnaker and cruiser was 6 boats to 5 boats, and the split between classic and newer boats was also 6 boats to 5 boats. The first group of boats finished in about an hour and the last of the boats finished up after around two hours. It was a great day on the water! A reception was held at the Club following the regatta where trophies were awarded. Winners were: Classic Cruiser: 2nd place John Mitchell on Oliver, 1st place Mike Devine on Meimi2; Cruiser: 1st place John & Chris Coye on Sloop John B; Classic Spin: 1st place Don Southern on No Way!; Spinnaker: 2nd place Denny Browne & Jack Faucett on Renegade; 1st place Carolyn Ziel on Aloha! Congratulations to all the skippers and crew for a great race! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with both the land side and water side activities!



“Cast Off”

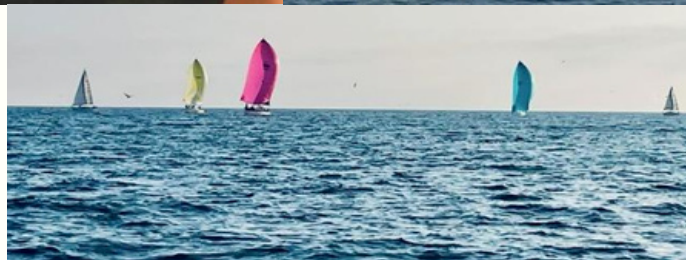
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On June 4, we kicked off our 4-race twilight series for the June Cup – “Women at the Helm”! As previously mentioned, it was decided we will be slightly modifying the race rules this year to not require the same woman skipper to operate the boat the entire time...we feel that the spirit of the event is to allow as many women as possible to participate. We had twelve boats registered this year, divided among three classes: PHRF Spin Class A (4 boats); PHRF Spin Class B (3 boats); and Cruiser Class C (5 boats). Class A started at 18:00 followed by Class B at 18:05 and Class C at 18:10. It was a flawless start and the boats were off! With light winds and short courses, the first group of boats finished in just over an hour with the remaining boats finishing about 30 minutes later. We had a couple of “photo” finishes which was a nail-biter for the race committee! Our chili reception was held at the Club following the regatta where trophies were awarded. Winners were: Cruiser Class C: 2nd place Kara Ruiz on Blue Haven; 1st place Dorian Harris on Oliver; Spin Class B: 1st place Isla Cooper on Sunday Flyer; and Spin Class A: 2nd place Anastasia LaRue on Expression Session; 1st place Francie Hope on Renegade! Most boats also participated in our spirit opportunity which for week 1 was the color pink! We saw pink crews, pink spinnakers, and even a pink flamingo made an appearance! Spirit points are cumulative and will be awarded in the fall along with our perpetual trophy! June 11 was postponed so the remaining schedule is June 18 and 25 and July 2. Thanks again to all the volunteers who helped with both the land side and water side activities!

We will wrap up our season with the Pirate Regatta (aaaarrg!) which is a High Point race. The High Point is a series of twelve races (6 each hosted by clubs in MDR and KH). We will be posting information on this race in the coming weeks!

Also, we would like to get more PRYC members trained on being part of a race committee, including learning how to record, work the flags, and even using the scoring software....if you are interested, please contact Deborah Jackson or Annette Adam. Hope to see you on the water!



PYRC IS CRUISING!

By Melessa Humiston, PRYC Staff Commodore and Fleet Captain



I'm happy to say, the cruising season is here! The last weekend of June was this year's first club-to-club cruise to Long Beach Yacht Club located in vibrant Alamitos Bay. The bay has canals for dinghy cruises, restaurants and stores with dinghy docks, three water accessible yacht clubs who are always always happy to see us, and many active people using the waterways for boating, paddle boarding, outriggers, kayaking, swimming, and fishing. It is surely an alive and thriving bay! It's always a treat to be able to visit and stay there.

On this cruise we visited two clubs, Long Beach YC and Seal Beach YC. LBYC being our host club gave us the reciprocal benefit of one complimentary night stay on their guest dock (which has the best views of the activity) and full use of the clubhouse. Some of us used the pool, some of us dined at the restaurant, and a lot of us partied on the guest dock at our customary dock party. LBYC is celebrating 95 years as a yacht club and they sure do know what they are doing. They have fleets of Catalina 37s, Sabots, CFJs, Lasers, paddle boards, and kayaks with many active programs for their members of all ages to use, compete, and learn from these fleets. While we were there a junior program was going on, they had a group of kids learning knots, another group learning to sail, and another group in the pool. One morning a group of kids ran by our boat and one exclaimed, "how can this day get any better", it was 10:00 AM :)

Some of us also visited and had a dinner with Seal Beach YC, which is a much smaller club, but very cute. The Vice Commodore was at the door to greet us when we arrived and even gave two of us a complimentary drink ticket for our early July birthdays, even though they were celebrating June birthdays that evening. It's always fun to visit other clubs to see how they are operated, how they are different or similar from our club, and make and cultivate relationships.



PYRC IS CRUISING!

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As I think about this great tradition we get to do of cruising to other yacht club, I wonder how our little club who has little to offer as a reciprocal, gets to enjoy the benefits of using a grand club like LBYC. I think it is customary in the yacht club world to have reciprocals, but a lot of it is about the relationships between the clubs. Past Fleet Captains and Reciprocal Coordinator who made contacts with clubs and kept PRYC visiting them; as well as setting up procedures on how to make it all happen. I would like to recognize previous Fleet Captains and Reciprocal Coordinator. **Bruce Stafford** started the Fleet Captain position in 2002 creating and cultivating reciprocals with LBYC, Cabrillo YC, and many more, as well as kept PRYC cruising for 20 years! Before Bruce, **Zeke Wheeler** created the reciprocal with Cal Yacht Club which PRYC still cruises to today. **Katie and Dan Gonzalez** took over as Fleet Captains in 2022. By 2023, Katie incorporated her cruising innovation by adding the very popular Staycation and the Newport Christmas Parade Cruise to the cruising calendar. **Melissa Wiley** is our current Reciprocal Coordinator, she is doing an awesome job the past couple of years keeping in touch with our current reciprocal clubs and making new connections with new clubs for us to visit. Thank you Bruce, Zeke, Katie, Dan, and Melissa for all you have done to keep PRYC cruising and making my job as current Fleet Captain easy!

Hope to see you all on the next cruise!





★★ PRYC CRUISING FLEET ★★



2024 Cruising Schedule

~~May 24-27 Staycation at King Harbor~~

~~Great weather, great fun on the moorings with parade and potluck (see page 12)~~

~~June 28-30 Cruise to Long Beach Yacht Club~~

~~Another fun cruise with great weather and lots of fun (see page 9)~~

July 26-28 Cruise to Cal Yacht Club

September 13-15 Isthmus Cruise

September 27-30 Avalon Cruise

October 11-13 Isthmus Oktoberfest Cruise

November 1-3 Cruise to Cabrillo Yacht Club

Dec 18-22 Newport Christmas Parade Cruise

**Questions or want to volunteer to help plan a
cruise, contact Fleet Captain Melessa Humiston
pryc.fleetcaptain@gmail.com**



Memorial Day Staycation

By John Klein, PRYC Newsletter Editor



May 24 to 27, 2024, the Port Royal Yacht Club enjoyed a delightful staycation on the moorings in King Harbor. With perfect weather, the bright sun drove away any trace of May gray, setting the stage for a weekend of fun and relaxation.

Saturday's highlight was the patriotically decorated dinghy parade through all the marinas in King Harbor. The colorful procession drew cheers from onlookers near the international boardwalk, and even a few pedal boaters joined in for a short while, adding to the festive spirit.

Annie and Larry Schneider graciously hosted a potluck dinner aboard their boat, Kin Ship, on Saturday evening. The sight of countless dinghies tied to the stern was a testament to the event's popularity, as members gathered with their favorite dishes in hand. The BBQ ribs were a standout and quickly disappeared, but the array of other delicious dishes and desserts ensured that everyone had plenty to enjoy.

As the sun set, casting a beautiful glow over the harbor, members on all decks savored the stunning views and the camaraderie. The evening festivities, filled with bountiful food and spirits, continued late into the night, creating memories that will be cherished for years to come.

The Port Royal Yacht Club's staycation in King Harbor was a resounding success, providing a perfect blend of community spirit, great food, and beautiful weather. Here's to many more such delightful gatherings in the future.



Long Time Running Play at PRYC



POKER

Tuesday Nights
10 Years Running



BRIDGE

Wednesday Nights 6:30
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
(when scheduled)
3 Years Running
Led by Melessa Humiston

All PRYC Members are invited to participate
Beginners are welcome
Contact manager@pryc.club
to be connected to the Lead

First Friday

By Melessa Humiston, PRYC Staff Commodore

This year we have a new event called First Friday. The goal is to establish a consistent, casual, fun gathering on the first Friday of every month (when available) that is funded by PRYC and is no charge for Regular Members to attend. The hope is to have new members in probation status, along with their sponsors, host this event which will give new members a chance to get to know the workings of the clubhouse, get the feel of hosting an event with the aid of their sponsor and at the same time allow new and existing members to get to know each other. When a new member is not available to host, existing members will be asked to host.

First Friday can only succeed if members continue to host for all members to enjoy.

So mark your calendars to attend the First Friday of the month and consider which First Friday you can host. Let's keep the good times going! I will be reaching out looking for hosts! Any questions or to sign up to host, contact me Melessa Humiston at melessa99@gmail.com.



FIRST Friday AT PRYC

**First Friday of Every Month
6-8PM**

**Stop in for some eats and camaraderie!
\$0 Members \$10 non-members**



OFFICER OF THE DAY

Reserve your date today!

Sign up to fulfill your Officer of the Day (OD) obligations.

Host a Friday or Saturday Evening or Weekend Brunch!

Check out the available dates on the 2024 Port Royal Yacht Club Calendar and request your date via email or text. Please specify the date and time of your event.

Annette Adam, OD Coordinator at prycodcoordinator@gmail.com or text 310.809.8302

You can also sign up using the **SIGN-UP SHEET** at the Clubhouse!

Upcoming OD Events

July 2024

Date	OD Host	Description
July 4 th	Bill Beana	Brunch
July 6 th	Kevin Herink	Jazz and Desserts
July 14 th	Lisa Griffin	Brunch

August 2024

Date	OD Host	Description
August 23 rd	Tammy Harrison and Pamela Nevitt	Friday Night
August 24 th	Tricia Osuna, Deborah and Dave Jackson with Kevin Herink (Volunteer)	Saturday Night Cheeseburger in Paradise
August 31 st	Lisa Griffin, Michael Leighton and Julie Garza	Saturday Night

Recognizing PRYC Members

By John Klein, PRYC Newsletter Editor



John Coye is well known among the racing community here in the South Bay, and has been a member at PRYC since June 2017. Before PRYC he was a member of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club for 10 years. Prior to that he was a member at the oldest Yacht Club on the west coast, San Francisco Yacht Club, for 40 years. For a total of 58 years of Yacht Club membership. He is an avid racer in the Thursday twilight series on his J24 Sloop John B. He has won this competition the last couple of years. He races with his sons, Chris and Josh, his Granddaughter Isabella and Craig Funabashi, obviously a winning team. John has raced most PRYC Plastic Classic, now the Classic, and Home Port Regatta races winning or placing in his class including winning this year's Classic where he announced he was 82 and hopes to be racing into his 90's. One memorable Thursday night race, in March 2017, where the winds came up suddenly to 40 knots, he sailed in behind a 25 foot sailboat that could not correct and ran into the Redondo Pier.

Sloop John B is his 14th boat that he has owned over the years. He even raced a penguin class sailboat that he and his dad built in the earlier days of his racing career. His father, a Naval Officer, was also a sailor and John started his sailing life at the early age of 12, sailing with his father. One notable race he participated in was the Georgian Bay Regatta in Ontario Canada in 2009, where the race extends over a period of seven days with stops every evening to celebrate the day's racing.

John attended the Naval Academy in Annapolis Maryland where he held the position of Yawl Racing Command and participated in the Annapolis to Newport race. He completed his education at the University of Arizona in Tucson and later took a job at the Bank of America in San Francisco where he met his wife, their first date was on a race in San Francisco bay.

John Coye is a man that has a wealth of sailing and racing knowledge as demonstrated by his winning record. Anyone, racers or sailors, would find a conversation with him interesting and informative. You can usually find him at the club after PRYC races, he has a lot of interesting sailing and racing experiences that will interest you.



John with Son Chris and Granddaughter Isabella



A Day on a Tall Ship

By Melissa Wiley, PRYC Reciprocal Chair



If you told me 12 years ago that I would be steering a 129' tall ship that weighed 127 tons across the Pacific ocean for 5 hours of a 20 hour journey I would never have believed you. I didn't know what a "tack, foresail, or any other sailboat terminology" meant as I had never stepped foot on a sailboat. Twelve years ago, I began crewing on any sailboat that would welcome me (including the first one that had yarn as "lifelines"); completed the American Sailing Association's certification courses (ASA 101, 103, and 104); began buoy racing which led to international yacht racing; and advanced my skills to crewing on more advanced boats including overnight excursions. I learned a great motto "If it excites you and scares you at the same time, it might be a good thing to try"

It all started when I attempted to attend the 2024 Los Angeles Fleet Week on Friday, May 24th and had flip flops on. Closed toe shoes were required to board any of the vessels including the USS Carl Vinson aircraft carrier that was present this year. I left the 3-block long security line discouraged that I'd wasted my morning but little did I know bigger things were to ensue. As I walked along the waterfront back to the car, a nice woman said hello and invited me to visit the tall ships down the dock and said the shoes didn't matter. I was welcome aboard the "Bill of Rights" and I was in awe to be aboard such a beauty! I had seen the ships in Long Beach while sailing but never thought I would get the chance to go on one, let alone be invited to crew on one! I was welcomed aboard by David Swanson (aka Swanny or Santa) who said tour around anywhere you want just don't go below because that's crew quarters. I walked around talking to the crew asking lots of questions about how things worked as a curious sailor who was in awe at the history, beauty, wooden mast, large sails and so many lines. After an hour of conversation and interest in the boat, Swanny said "we need crew to deliver her back to Chula Vista if you're interested." I was ecstatic and grateful that this opportunity was presented at a time where I could spontaneously say yes! Although I had a surge of adrenaline and excitement, I also felt like I was going to throw up after saying yes. I didn't know the boat, didn't know the crew, didn't know if I would be sea sick on the passage and didn't know if I would cut it as a good crew member.

After working out a few logistics, and altering plans as it was the mooring weekend at PRYC, I packed my bag, put on a Scolpamine patch for potential sea sickness and made my way to the LA Maritime Museum where the Bill of Rights was docked. I joined the team of 8 other crew and we departed the dock at 7:45pm on Sunday, May 26th for the journey to her home dock of Chula Vista. I was completely intimidated as everyone was moving to their places and speaking commands I had never heard of (hold on the peak, up on the throat! Later I learned that the throat halyard raises the forward end of the gaff while the peak halyard raises the aft end). I knew to just stay out of the way until I was asked to help which happened quickly as I was asked to Ballentine the line. I had no idea what this meant but part of being a sailor is being humble and willing to learn. Fellow crew member Shay helped teach me the technique and was kind in not criticizing the mess of line I left on deck with my first attempt.



A Day on a Tall Ship

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Captain Don Johnson mustered the crew for our first instruction of the passage. We were all invited to enjoy the home cooked meal he prepared in the galley of roast pork loin, rice, peas, and salad and then sort out the night watch shifts for crew. He was a true captain in that he took the helm while his crew ate dinner and sorted out the night watch schedule. It is required that there are shifts to take night watch when taking a passage in the dark (which was from 9pm-6am). We landed on 3 hour shifts consisting of 3 people each to ensure there were experienced crew members during each watch. I was lucky to be paired up with Swanny and another amazing Tall Ship crew member Keith who had a significant amount of hours on tall ships. We chose the 3am-6am shift hoping to see sunrise and start the morning early. I learned how to steer this massive beauty as it takes 3 boat lengths to respond to the wheel adjustment making it easy to oversteer if you're not patient. I helmed in the dark for 2 of the 3 night watch hours watching the compass to make sure we stayed on course. After our shift it was a quick nap and then captain rang the bell for breakfast. It is customary for all crew to dine together when a meal is served. We all met in the galley for hot coffee, eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes and pancakes courtesy of Captain and chef Don. I was exhausted but too excited to sleep so I made my way on deck after a couple of the crew yelled "whale, Melissa come up!" I saw my first blue whale parallel to the ship gliding along next to us. We saw other blows, dolphins, a submarine that surfaced and an air craft carrier outside of San Diego.

Captain Don made my morning when he gifted me an official crew shirt! We entered San Diego Bay around 12:30pm on Monday, May 30th and the bay is so large that it takes 3 hours to go through the bay to the dock in Chula Vista. I was fortunate to helm most of the bay until we got to the tight turns of Chula Vista Harbor where the captain took over to ensure there was no running aground. If you think Port Royal Marina is tight, try turning a 129' ship that is 127 tons into the tight Chula Vista Harbor! The crew assisted in dropping the dinghy into the water and Swanny took the ladder down to the dinghy and served as a "tug" to push the ship as needed as she tried to make the tight turns (remember, 3 boat lengths response time...not a lot of forgiveness). I was assigned to "rove the fenders" when docking to ensure she didn't scrape a piling or the dock (there are not bow thrusters on a ship built in 1969). I was a bit nervous to not get pinched or lose a finger but successfully held the fender by the piling as she came close preventing paint damage. We successfully docked with the help of the 9 crew and 2 on the dock to greet us. We quickly took off the trash, gathered up our belongings and took a crew photo (everyone was excited to get home to shower and get some much-needed rest in a bed that didn't feel like it was going to tip you out of it rocking back and forth).

The Captain closed the trip by having one last muster to get feedback on what went well and what could have been done differently. I personally love these debriefs as it's time for everyone to learn. Our main takeaway was that as a newly formed crew with varying levels of experience, we did a GREAT job together and we all were safe and had fun! It was truly a life changing experience and I can't wait to join Captain Don on the Bill of Rights again for another adventure. If you're interested in joining me in the future please reach out or you can also contact the local LA Maritime Institute at lamitopsail.org to volunteer as there is a huge need for help.



From the Secretary.....

By Barbara Lewak, PRYC Secretary



What is Club of the Year ? What is a Club of the Year Coordinator?

In 2024 our Club is once again competing for the Club of the Year award. This award is sponsored annually by the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) . The purpose of the award is to promote the Corinthian spirit among their member clubs, promote inter-club activities and encourage community involvement.

This year there are 20 categories in which to compete. Points are awarded for participation in each category. Some of the categories include participation in SCYA sponsored events and meetings, sponsoring and or participation in junior programs, model yacht programs, fishing tournaments, sailing regattas/racing and community service.

Each club participating in this competition selects a Club of the Year Coordinator who works with the Commodore to document participation in the various categories and create a “yearbook” which is turned in to SCYA for point consideration. I have had the honor of preparing the 2021 and 2022 yearbooks and am working on the 2024 book. The winning clubs in each of three categories (Senior Category/Regular Category and Associate Category) are awarded a perpetual trophy at the January Change of Command/General Membership meeting. Categories are determined by size/number of members. PRYC is in the associate category. The qualifying period is from November 1st through October 31st of each year.

Past Club of the Year binders are available for our members to view in the cabinet where the bridge mailboxes are.

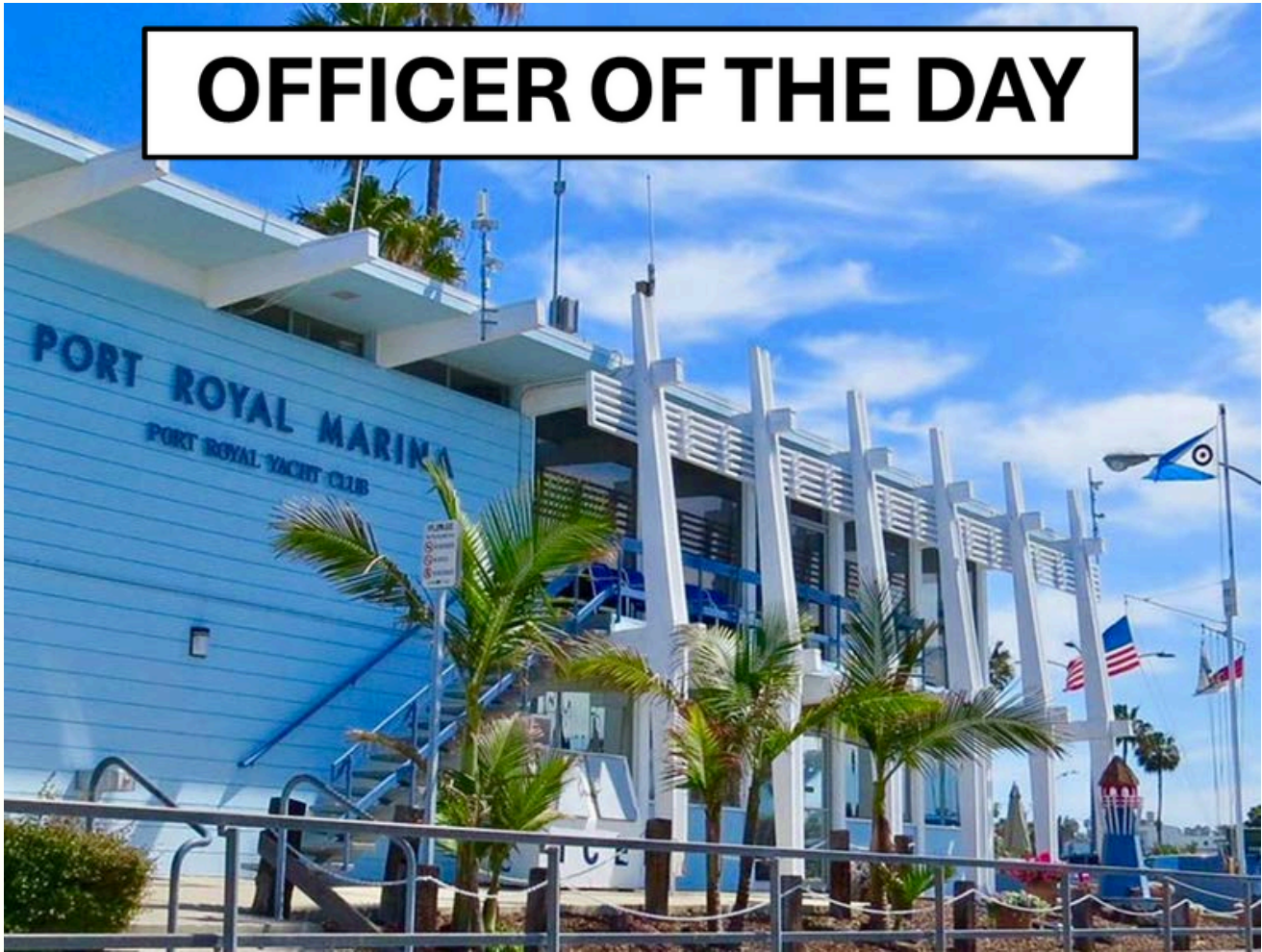
PRYC won 2021 and 2022 Club of the Year and is currently going for 2024 Club of the Year!

Winning this award is a tribute to and a source of pride for the hardworking members of our club who promote the purpose and mission of yachting within the structure of a yacht club.

Please reach out to me at manager@pryc.club if you would like to know more about what this position involves and are interested in volunteering to become a future Club of the Year Coordinator.



OFFICER OF THE DAY



Officer of the Day (OD) is a membership requirement at Port Royal Yacht Club as adopted into the Club's Bylaws (3.13.4). Every member must serve as Officer of the Day at least once per year. We have enjoyed several ODs this year, including the Memorial Day Dinghy Crawl. However, the calendar had no bookings for June, and July and August only have a few commitments. We need members to reserve their dates today! We have reached out several times asking members to book their dates, the OD calendar has been shared electronically and a signup sheet is posted at the Clubhouse. Although a few members have expressed interest in hosting an event there seems to be indecisiveness. Members don't commit to a date. Since we are half way through the year, beginning July 1st, if members have not coordinated their OD with Annette Adam, OD Coordinator, *the club is going to start a new protocol and assign each member with a date.* This will now put the responsibility on the member to complete their OD on the assigned date. If the date assigned is not convenient you can trade your date with another member.

If you have a date in mind for your OD, please send an email request to Annette Adam, OD Coordinator at prycoodcoordinator@gmail.com. Please specify the date and time of your event. (Excluded dates: Marina events, Club events, holidays, club cruises and private party rentals)

FIND US ON THE WEB: [HTTPS://PRYC.US/](https://pryc.us/)

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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, t-shirts, sun shirts, lanyards and drinkware are all there ready to adorn your boat and home. New navy and white skorts and white summer tops are for sale at the ship store now.

Cheers!

Lynn Statham 310-621-0066

Tricia Osuna 310-487-6838

Sandra McCommon 310-418-8002

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.

We are planning for 2024 and would like to schedule dates for the summer months. Please sign up to fulfill your Officer of the Day (OD) obligations. Host a Friday or Saturday Evening or Weekend Brunch! Schedule your OD today and send your desired dates via email to:

Annette Adam, 310-809-8302, email at PRYCODCordinator@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 2024) please send to PRYCnewsletter@gmail.com by September 21, 2024.





Editors' Corner

By The PRYC Newsletter Editors



Back to Cat Harbor

We recently cruised to Cat Harbor, haven't been there since the early 80s when we first started sailing. At that time we had a Newport 27 sailboat, which the previous owner equipped for long distance cruising. We would visit Cat Harbor often, usually for the week after Christmas through New Years, when Santa Ana's were frequent. We cruised with our sailing friends, about 6 or 7 other boats. There was no Port Royal Yacht Club back then, we had our own club and we had no bylaws, we were wild and free. The main event, on those cold January days, was the Chili cookoff contest. Sue Morgan was renowned for her vegetarian Chili and Bob Bitchin (owner of Latitudes and Attitudes sailing magazine and a motorcycle magazine, from his biker days) was known for his 80 proof Chili, which was often the winner.

Cat Harbor is one of the most protected harbors on the backside of the island. Back then we only had the VHF weather station, there was no public internet and no handheld cellphones like today. The VHF was the only way to communicate with other boaters. On one trip heading home from Cat Harbor, we delighted at the sight of whales just outside the harbor as we proceeded to the West End. At the West End, the winds were blowing hard due to Santa Ana conditions, we made the decision to go back and try again the next day. We had to get back to work eventually, nice to not have to worry about that anymore. Sure wish we had the Windy app back then.

Cat Harbor hasn't changed all that much since the early 80s, however, they did recently install about 115 new moorings in last couple of years. On our visits back in the day you had to anchor, I don't recall there being any public moorings then. We use to see many Buffalo roaming the dirt roads and it was good entertainment watching a group of hikers going up a little hill, not knowing there were Buffalo on the other side of that hill, on the same trail.

If you get the chance, make your way to the backside of Catalina if you haven't done so yet. Ribbon rock is an amazing site to see on the way and of course you'll want to stay at Cat Harbor for a few days. It is still an easy walk to the restaurant/bar for Buffalo Milk drinks, on a warm sunny day it is easy to have a few too many.



Nautical Origins

Davy Jones's locker

Davy Jones's locker is generally a euphemism for the bottom of the sea, where shipwrecks and drowned sailors could be sent if something went horribly wrong. In one early story, Jones was described as having devil horns, a tail, huge round eyes, and multiple rows of teeth, similar to a shark. He also breathed blue smoke and would appear in the rigging of ships before a storm or a shipwreck.

A possible origin is a pub owner in London who would allegedly get sailors drunk, trap them in a locker, and then sell them as slaves. According to one story, the pub owner also stole a ship and became a pirate who captured crews, decapitated most of them, and then imprisoned the rest on the ships before sinking them.

However, Davy Jones isn't always bad in nautical mythology. A common naval ceremony is still celebrated today when a sailor first passes over the equator—called "crossing the line"—and Davy Jones is often a character who assists King Neptune during the party