## Port Royal Yacht Club

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## Talk like a Sailor

Why do we say someone is 'three sheets to the wind' when they overimbibe (and perhaps nearly fall out of a dinghy)?

It turns out the term refers to a vessel whose sails are loose enough to make the ship stagger and lurch, making it unstable, much like a drunk sailor.





By Jamie Jakubowski, PRYC Commodore

It's hard to believe we're already halfway through the year – and with the summer months comes the heart of the yachting season. I've been so pleased with the energy and excitement that's been buzzing through the club these past few months. From Opening Day to our early-season cruises and socials, Port Royal Yacht Club has truly been alive with activity, laughter, and connection.

As we slide into summer, our calendar is really starting to pick up steam. This is the time of year when we see more of each other—whether it's out on the water, around the clubhouse, or just swinging by for a spontaneous sunset cocktail. I love how the warm weather seems to bring us all out of hibernation and back into our little floating community.

We've got so much to look forward to with the remainder of the year, one of which is our Summer Bash fundraiser on August 23rd. Make sure your dancing shoes are dusted off and your paddle raising arms are ready for a lively night of music, laughter, and bidding—all in support of great causes.

But that's not all. We've got more cruises lined up including a getaway to Long Beach Yacht Club and more races to be had, from the return of the Corinthian Cup to our always-popular Pirate Regatta. Whether you're into racing, cruising, mingling, or just enjoying a glass of something good while catching up with friends—there's something for everyone this summer.

If you haven't already scheduled your Officer of the Day, now's a great time to get it on the books. Prefer not to host? No problem—opting out helps support our First Friday events and keeps the party going. Either way, your participation helps keep our club running strong.

And speaking of participation—do you remember the glasses we gifted each member at Opening Day? We're offering the chance to have your name etched on yours and stored right here at the club. That way, your go-to glass is always waiting for you. Keep an eye on your email for more info about cost and timing —we'll make it easy to personalize your PRYC experience.

As always, I want to remind you that this club is your home away from home. Whether you're spending the weekend on your boat, dropping by for a drink, or just looking for good company after a long day—make the most of it. We're all better for the time we spend together here.

Thank you to all of our members who have been showing up and making this year so vibrant already—and a special thank you to our incredible Board of Directors, our appointed officers, and every volunteer who has helped make the magic happen. It's been an amazing start, and I can't wait to see what the rest of summer brings.

Lastly, don't forget—our next General Meeting will be held on Monday, August 11th. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Cheers, Jamie Jakubowski Commodore

## A letter from the Vice Commodore

#### by Sandra McCommon, PRYC Rear Commodore



#### **Ahoy Port Royal Yacht Club Members!**

We've had a fantastic first half of the year at the Club, and with summer in full swing, there's plenty of fun still ahead! Two of our biggest events are coming up in August: Summer Bash, our annual fundraising charity event, and the alwayspopular Labor Day Dinghy Crawl. If you haven't had a chance to get involved yet this year, these are both great opportunities to jump in.

Summer Bash is always a blast and a meaningful way to give back to our community. And if you still need to complete your Officer of the Day (OD) commitment, volunteering as a host boat for the Dinghy Crawl is a fun way to fulfill that requirement.

Don't forget – we frequently update the Club calendar with new activities. You can always check out what's coming up at pryc.us/calendar.

A heartfelt thank-you to all our incredible volunteers. Whether you're helping with events, regattas, cruises, clubhouse maintenance, First Fridays, or Officer of the Days, it truly takes all hands on deck - and we're lucky to have such a dedicated crew.

Looking ahead, we're beginning to plan for next year and are seeking members who might be interested in joining our leadership team. If you've been looking for a way to get more involved, this is a great time to step up. Stay tuned for more details, and feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions.

Wishing you fair winds and smooth sailing — I look forward to seeing you around the Club!

Warm regards, Sandra McCommon PRYC Vice Commodore

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## Rear Commodore's Corner

#### by Dan Gonzalez, PRYC Rear Commodore

#### Summer Sets Sail: PRYC's First Cruise to Two Harbors

Boating season is in full swing, and PRYC kicked off summer with a memorable weekend cruise to Two Harbors on Catalina Island, June 6–7. With 35 cruisers in attendance, this inaugural outing set the perfect tone for a season of camaraderie, exploration, and seaside fun.

As the weekend began, many members met up at the Harbor Reef Restaurant on Friday for a casual evening of dinner, drinks, and a few friendly rounds at the pool table. Happy Ours also hosted a dog-friendly get-together to include our PRYC pups in the festivities.

Saturday morning brought adventure as a group of hikers trekked five miles to Cherry Cove. While the day began with "June gloom," the clouds parted just as the hikers reached their destination, revealing the stunning island views that make the journey so rewarding.

The afternoon was filled with good food and great company during a beachside potluck featuring delicious tri-tip as the main course. A highlight of the meal was Janine Weinberg's salmon ceviche—a refreshing dish that quickly became the talk of the beach.

Before our meal, laughter and lighthearted competition echoed across the sand during a game of Kubbs, where teams flung wooden dowels in a Viking-style test of skill and aim. Mark Mitchler and Dave Jakubowski led their squad to victory with some impressive throws.

#### Evening Soirée at Villa Santa Rosa

As the sun dipped low, the festivities continued at the Villa Santa Rosa house, where Annette Adams and Barbara Smith hosted an elegant and lively soirée. The evening's entertainment included a competitive game of Jenga, with Suzy Currie and Muriel Schonbachler demonstrating masterful balancing moves that wowed the crowd.

PRYC has a full lineup of exciting cruises and events planned for the rest of the year. Members are also encouraged to sign up for upcoming OD (Officer of the Day) slots—OD events are a cornerstone of club life, bringing our members together and enriching our shared experiences on and off the water.

Cheers to Summer 2025!





## Opening Day: Fun, festivities and flyovers



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The PRYC Race Committee hosted back-of-boat training sessions in both March and May! We have a well-trained team for 2025!

Our Classic Regatta was held on Saturday, May 17th. We had 16 registered boats across three classes: (1) PHRF spin, (2) Classic spin, and (3) Classic non-spin. We had 5 boats in the PHRF spin class, 4 boats in the Classic spin class, and 7 boats in our most popular fleet, the Classic non-spin. This year was our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Classic! Back in 2005, PRYC was looking to join ASMBYC and SCYA but we were not looked upon as a "real" yacht club as we were not hosting any races.

At that time, PRYC was invited by the Bay View Boat Club of San Francisco to host the first annual Southern California Plastic Classic Regatta, and just like that, we were voted into the ASMBYC and SCYA organizations, and the rest is history! Trophies for this year's Classic were awarded to the following: PHRF Spin: 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Andy Beggs for "Triggerfish V", and 1<sup>st</sup> place to Carolyn Ziel for "Aloha"; Classic Spin: 1<sup>st</sup> place to Russ Wasden for "Hot Rum"; and Classic Non-spin: 3<sup>rd</sup> place to John Mitchell for "Oliver", 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Kevin Thornton for "No Worries", and 1<sup>st</sup> place to Kent Lowell for "GuacAmore"!Congratulations to all the participants for a great race! Thank you to the Timmermans for hosting the Committee Boat, "Nauti Panda", and for all the PRYC volunteers on both back-of-boat and land activities! It takes a team to pull off this type of event!

Next up, we will host a 4-race series for the June Cup – Women at the Helm!Registration is open and we have boats already registered! This is a fun series with spirit activities each week! Week 1 is to decorate your crew and/or your boat in pink! Week 2 is to represent strong women! Week 3 is all about red, white, 8 blue! Week 4 is pirate themed....aaarrrrggg!

In July, we will partner with SCCYC to host the Corinthian Cup two-day regatta. Finally, we will wrap up our season with the Pirate Regatta which is a High Point race.

Hope to see you all on the water!

### When it's this fun-Can it even be called volunteering?



We are still looking for volunteers to provide a Race Committee boat and to help with back-of-boat and landside event tasks for all our regattas.

Please let Annette Adam or Deborah Jackson know if you can help!

## Margaritas and Mischeif Cinco de Mayo at the club

by Carrie Talick, Newsletter Editor

PRYC was awash in vibrant colors and festive spirit for our Cinco de Mayo celebration, where the only thing smoother than the tequila was the sea breeze. Margaritas flowed like a high tide and the sombreros were on point! Several members participated in the blind tequila tasting and results were mixed. A big thanks to event host, Annette Adam for a great afternoon!



# Oh no you Dinghy... Memorial Day Dinghy Crawl by Carrie Talick, Newsletter Editor

All great stories start with mimosas. At least that was the case was on memorial day when PRYC thirsty and festive revelers fired up their dinghys and headed out toward six boats each with their signature cocktail and snack. Big thank you to Craig and Debra Allsopp for Hosting. Best Drink went to Ruth Healy and Best Appetizer when to Julie Garza for her pulled pork slider. It was the most fun! Pro Tip: The trick to a successful dinghy crawl? Don't fall out of the dinghy!





# Staycation

#### King Harbor Mooring May 23rd - 26th

#### by Carrie Talick, Newsletter Editor

When you live in paradise, why vacation anywhere else? That's exactly what our members did when they moored their vessels up in King Harbor to enjoy friendship, shenanigans and social hour on our local water. The Kinship was the central meeting boat where plenty of laughs and salty stories were shared. It all ended with a fantastic sunset like only Redondo Beach can serve up.

Thank you to Larry and Annie Schneider for hosting a potluck Saturday night aboard Kinship. We had over 40 members attend. Thank you to Fleet Captain Melissa Wiley for coordinating the Staycation.

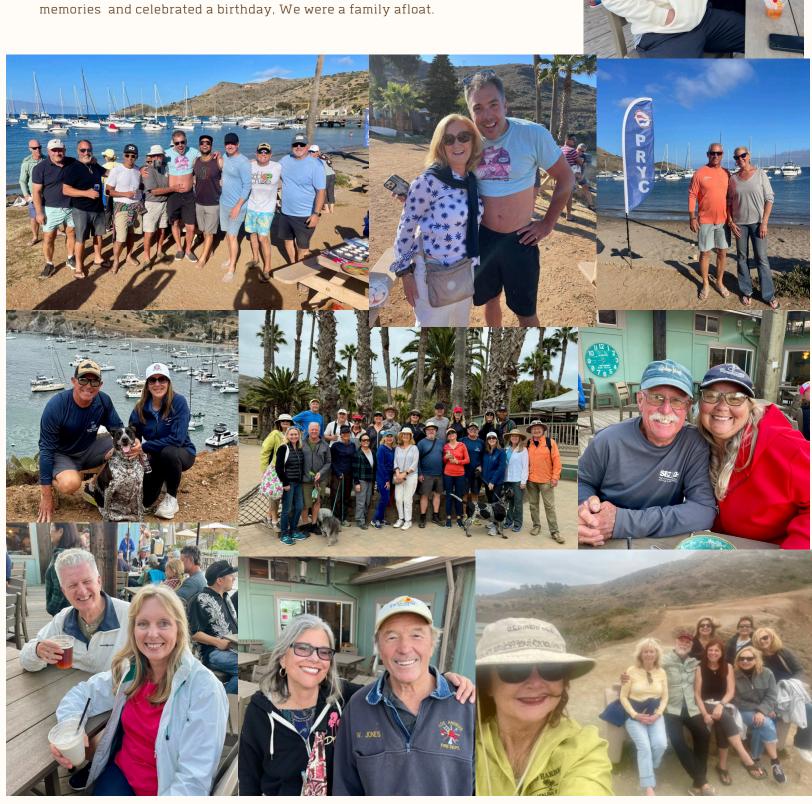


## **On Island Time**

#### Cruise to the Isthmus June 6th - 8th

#### Carrie Talick, Newsletter Editor

PRYC members set a course for Two Harbors under under gray skies that had no chance of dampening our spirits. Our flotilla arrived armed with provisions and potluck dishes to share. The first morning, some members strapped on hiking boots and followed the dusty trail up to a bluff while other ordered Buffalo Milk at the Harbor Reef bar. That evening on the beach, Dan and Katie Gonzales held a delicious potluck and introduced us to a beach game that involved hurling pieces of wood at each other–Viking-style. The sun came out for an entirely perfect day on the island as we shared food, made memories and celebrated a birthday. We were a family afloat.





## Pink, pretty and ready to race! Women at the Helm, June Cup: Week I



June Cup, Women at the Helm got underway by celebrating the color pink, which brings our their eyes, but they're sailing skills too!



# Strong women always make history Women at the Helm, June Cup: Week 2



It only seems fitting that Women at the Helm theme for June Cup week 2 was Strong Women. Our ladies showed up with fierce might, cunning racing skills, and excellent teamwork. Per usual, really.



# Red, white and Blue Crews! Women at the Helm, June Cup: Week 3



# Arrrrgh, ye mateys! Pirate week! Women at the Helm, June Cup: Week 4



## The 2025 Cruising Schedule

Nothing quite encapsulates the purpose of a yacht club more than the cruises we go on together. This is where you make friends for life, bond over anchoring, share your best boating stories and talk about life, destinations, and the best way to tie a reef knot. All this to say, the season is upon us! Let the sails down, tune up those engines and let's go cruising!



May 23-26 Staycation at King Harbor
June 6-8 Isthmus Cruise

June 27-29 KHYC Commodore Cruise @ Cat Harbor
July 25-27 Cruise to Long Beach Yacht Club
October 3-5 Avalon Cruise
Oct 10-12 Cruise to Shoreline Yacht Club
October 17-19 PRYC Commodore's Cruise @
Isthmus

Dec. 17-19 Newport Beach Christmas Boat Parade

Questions or want to volunteer to help plan a cruise? Contact Fleet Captain Melissa Wiley pryc.fleetcaptain@gmail.com



### **PRYC Historical Society**

The historical society will greatly enhance our understanding of our early years and with the help and stories from our members, our history is only getting richer

Our goal is to recreate some of these memorable experiences and sharing our historical findings in the coming months. Thank you to our members for their interest in participating and helping with the tasks ahead! Next meeting will be announced soon.

Please contact Lisa Griffin to learn more.

# Socially Speaking

### **Upcoming PRYC Social Events**

Honestly, we should feel sorry for kids these days. Spending all their time on TikTok watching dogs who are afraid of cats, the newest dance trends and teenage pet peeves while the fun folks at PRYC are busy cooking up our next live-in-person social events!

We've got First Fridays, July 4<sup>th</sup> Dinghy crawls and the Summer Bash on our horizon, while those poor kids will be doomscrolling and watching makeup tutorials on YouTube.

Be sure to mark your calendars for all the fun we're going to have IRL!

#### **PRYC Social Committee**

Events	Date	<b>Event Chair</b>
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Summer Bash	August 23rd	Jamie Jakubowski, Commodore
Dinghy Crawl	August 31st	Ruth Healy, Director
Oktoberfest	September 27th	Therese Caraway, Director
Halloween	October 31st	Lisa Griffin, Junior Staff Commodore
General Meeting	December 6th	Sandra McCommon, Vice Commodore
Boat Parade	December 13th	Social Committee
New Year's Day	January 1st	Sandra McCommon, Vice Commodore

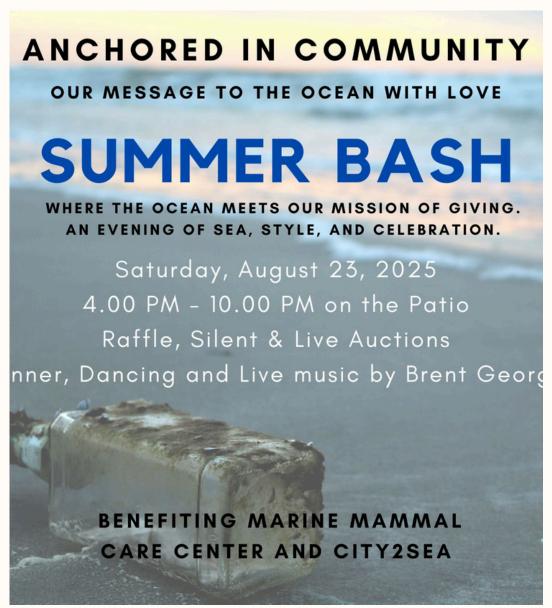


# PRYC SUMMER BASH

### **SAVE THE DATE**

#### by Jamie Jakubowski, PRYC Commodore

Mark your calendars for this year's Summer Bash. Anchored In Community: Our Message to the Ocean with Love. Get ready for an unforgettable evening filled with delicious food and drink, a lively silent and live auction, and live music by the talented Brent George. We'll gather under the summer sky to celebrate our community and raise vital funds to support our club and the waters we cherish. More details will follow in the coming weeks — you won't want to miss it!



# Fuel, Grit and Salt Water: Paddleboard Season is Here!

By Jony Rok

Alright Port Royal crew — it's that time again. The ocean's warming up, the paddle boards are being waxed, and some of the baddest athletes on the West Coast are gearing up to do what most people wouldn't even dream of: cross the channel on a paddleboard.

# Two Iconic races Rok to Rok (pun intended):

Date: Sunday, July 13, 2025

Course: 22 miles from the Isthmus to Cabrillo Beach, San

Pedro

This one's a gut check — fast, raw, and powerful. Stock boards, unlimiteds, even relay teams. You'll see elite paddlers hammering across open ocean with nothing but their grit and heart. And it's happening right in our backyard.





#### The Catalina Classic

Date: Sunday, August 24, 2025

Course: From Isthmus, Catalina Island to Manhattan Beach Pier
This is the Super Bowl of paddleboarding — nearly 100 paddlers
last year, and more coming. It's 32 miles of non stop grind. No
motors, no fanfare, just pure ocean endurance.
These paddlers are elite. They train like pros. They eat saltwater
for breakfast. And they can't do it without a support boat.



# The Unsung Heroes: Support Boats

Every paddler needs a chase boat to feed them, guide them, and keep them safe from Point A to finish line. That's where we come in. I've been doing this for six years, alongside my good friend Craig Allsopp, and let me tell you — it never gets old.

Last year, the night before the Classic, a paddler named Jasmine called me in tears. Her support boat broke down, and her dream of crossing was about to disappear. I made one call, got her a captain, and she crushed it. That moment lit a fire in me.

Since then, I've made it my mission to match these incredible athletes with dependable, dialed-in boaters — and bring the paddling and boating communities together. **Want to Be Part of It?** 

#### Support Boat Captain Sign-Up Form:

SUPPORT BOAT SIGN UP

Watch My South Bay Paddle Video (YouTube): SOUTH BAY PADDLE VIDEO LINK- CHECK IT OUT

# Officer of the Day

### Let's get together in 2025! Your club - Your passions!

#### SCHEDULE YOUR OD TODAY!

Hosting is easier than you think, and Suzy and Jony Rok are here to support you every step of the way. Whether you have a detailed plan in mind, want to keep it simple, or need some inspiration, we've got you covered!

Need Ideas?

**Themed Events:** Think beach vibes, Viewing parties, or share your talent or passion.

<u>Casual Gatherings</u>: Keep it low-key-open the doors and let the magic happen. Serve a family favorite recipe or some delicious treats.

<u>Sporting Watch Parties:</u> Celebrate events like March Madness or the Kentucky Derby.

With our new satellite services, we enjoy top-notch viewing capabilities at the club.

### How to Sign up

1 Submit Your Request: Use the add link <u>here</u> to request a date, ask for help, or connect with a partner.

2. Reach Out for Assistance: Have questions?

Need ideas? Suzy and Jony are here to help!

Club OD Email: <a href="mailto:prycodcoordinator@gmail.com">prycodcoordinator@gmail.com</a>

Suzy Curry: <u>310-740-7170</u> Jony Rok: <u>310-625-8978</u>

#### **ATTENTION:**

For those who have not signed up yet, we are sending out assigned dates.

If you choose to opt out, there is a place on the form for that as well

Find link here:

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We do hope you decide to host an OD for the club!





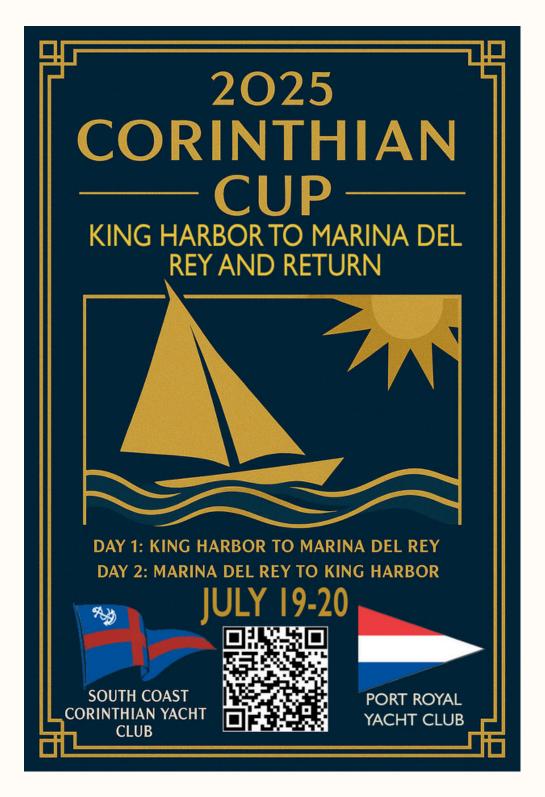
## Helloooo, Friday!

Fridays. They're always good, right?
The only way Friday can be any better is if it's a First Friday...
...which means there's a party at the PRYC!
Come on down!



## 2025 Corinthian Cup

Join us for the voyage up to beautiful Marina Del Rey and spend an evening enjoying the many delights that surround the area.



# **Editor's Corner**

#### An article by our Nora Smith, Newsletter Editor

At 21, my son Forbes has found some superb sailing conditions off the coast of Charleston, in South Carolina's Atlantic waters. The subtropical climate is a sailor's adventure to be had. Not at all letting the changing tides & shallow sand bars scare you at several nautical miles out on the Ocean from the Shoreline. Recently, he has tried his hand at Captaining a Sportfishing classic Carolina style Grady White. Time at the lines hands solo on his Beneteau Wiz is much more work, truth be told.

What does a day making your way down the Ashley River with double outboards look like? When you hit the historic Charleston Harbor Yacht Club it is prime time for an official weekend Southern brunch after sliding into a guest slip. Followed by fabulous spectating of the historic Battery where cannon balls of the British War Ships were loaded and returned fire by Moultrie and his patriotic stateside early settlers. Upon return, take time to pet a few docile sharks and chase some pink dolphins while swimming over to the sandbar adjacent to Fort Sumpter National Historic Landmark.

After a long day casting baited lines for snapper, flounder and swordfish, it's a perfect time to cool down on Shem Creek. Side-tie up to a fellow boater & slurp up some local oysters on the half shell while watching the shrimp boats return to dock. True, the crab cakes are not Dungeness on this side of the word, but rather tender lump and backfin crab. The drinks are cold and always appealing for Slange, Salud, or a heartfelt Cheers amongst ocean lovers. Gratitude for a good day in the life.

The welcoming warm water will find you nostalgic for the Hollywood classic, Gone With the Wind. Calming currents will have you waving farewell to crew aboard Sportfisher Yachts seen in tv shows like "Outer Banks" & "Southern Charm."

Know we welcome water way stories from around the world as your new editors here at the PRYC Scuttlebutt all year around. We would love to be told about your visits from Antarctica to Argentina, form chilly Alaska to sunsoaked Croatia. Let us know what you are up to these days on the high seas along with a few photos. May be past or present, there is nothing short of tall tales on the high Seas. Possibly you can tell us a tip or two from cruising to anchoring in a spot.





### Member's Log and Newsletter Submissions

We welcome and encourage member submissions to the newsletter. We are always on the lookout for great stories, interesting anecdotes, photographic evidence... If you would like to submit news, stories, or pictures, please send an email to **PRYCnewsflash@gmail.com**. The next issue should be coming in early June.

# Long Time Running Play

There's always something fun going on around here. Come and join one of our fun, long-running addictions, er, we mean activities!



## Game Night

Monday Nights 6:30pm 3 years running led by Lynn Statham



## Poker

Wednesday nights 6-8pm 10 years running led by Brad Rendell



### Bunco

Every 3rd Thursday 2 years running Run 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 are welcome!

Contact Manager@pryc.club to be connected to the lead.

# 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.

We have new men's shirts coming soon!

Cheers!

Sandra McCommon 310-418-8002





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