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What your Boat Name says about You

"Seas the Day" – You own at least three pun-based T-shirts and can open a beer with one hand.

"Serenity Now" – You're trying to undo years of stress, one sunset at a time. So far, it's working.

"Aquaholic" – You're the life of every dock party, and it's all fun and games until you bring out the harpoon.

"Knot on Call" – Your phone is out of range the moment someone mentions chores, spreadsheets, or yard work.

"Ship Happens" – You've seen some things. You come armed with humor, duct tape and perspective. *

**Any resemblance to actual boat names are coincidental and figments of the author's imagination.*



Commodore's Log

By Jamie Jakubowski, PRYC Commodore



Can you believe we're already in the last quarter of the year? Where did the time go?! It feels like just yesterday we were kicking off summer, and now we're wrapping up another season full of sunshine, laughter, and plenty of time on the water. From weekend dinghy crawl adventures to Opening Day celebrations, general meetings, Summer Bash, and all the spontaneous dockside fun in between—this summer was one for the books.

We also just wrapped up an incredible four-club Commodore's Cruise to Two Harbors with our friends from King Harbor Yacht Club, South Coast Corinthian, and the Women's Sailing Association. What a weekend! With nearly 70 members in attendance across all four clubs, the camaraderie, food, laughter, and shared stories made it one to remember. It's always amazing to see how our broader harbor community comes together to celebrate our shared love of the sea.

And don't think for a second that the fun is slowing down. The final stretch of the year is full of great events—more cruising adventures, OD evenings, lively club parties, the return of Friendsgiving (a crowd favorite), and of course our year-end General Meeting where we'll vote in the 2026 leadership slate. It's shaping up to be a strong finish, and I'm excited to close out another fantastic year together.

I've had such a blast working alongside all of you so far this year, and I continue to be so proud of what we've accomplished as a club. The energy, dedication, and spirit of PRYC truly make this community special.

As always, my door is always open—so to speak! Don't hesitate to reach out if you've got ideas, questions, or just want to chat. Let's keep building, celebrating and cruising together as we roll into the end of 2025.

With gratitude,
Jamie Jakubowski

A letter from the Vice Commodore

by Sandra McCommon, PRYC Rear Commodore



Ahoy Port Royal Yacht Club Members!

What an incredible year 2025 has been so far at the Club! From cruises and regattas to First Fridays and special events, we've enjoyed a season full of fun and camaraderie. Thank you to each and every one of you for your participation and support.

As we look ahead, there are still plenty of exciting events to close out the year—so be sure to mark your calendars:

- **Friday, October 31** – Halloween Party: Monster Mash Theme
Dress up, bring your friends & join us for a night of spooktacular fun!
- **Saturday, November 22** – Friendsgiving Dinner
A new tradition this year—let's share a meal together before the Thanksgiving holiday.
- **Saturday, December 6** – Annual General Membership Meeting & Holiday Party. We'll vote on the 2026 slate of officer nominees, followed by our festive holiday celebration featuring the ever-popular Ugly Sweater Contest.
- **Saturday, December 13** – King Harbor Boat Parade
Always a highlight of the season—come cheer, cruise, or participate!
- **Thursday, January 1, 2026** – New Year's Day Event
Kick off 2026 with friends, fun, and festivities at the Club!"

We're so grateful for your energy, enthusiasm, and community spirit. If you'd like to get more involved with the Club, please don't hesitate to reach out to any board member or to me directly.

Fair winds and following seas—see you at the Club and on the water,
Sandra McCommon
Vice Commodore

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Rear Commodore's Corner

by Dan Gonzalez, PRYC Rear Commodore



Summer Sets into Fall

What a summer it has been at PRYC!

Our boating season was filled with memorable moments and lively gatherings — cruises to Isthmus and LBYC, multiple OD's, a well-attended general meeting, the colorful 4th of July Dinghy Parade, two spirited Dinghy Crawls, First Fridays, and of course, the legendary Summer Bash.

Each event brought our members together in true PRYC style—fun on the water, laughter on the docks, and memories made with friends old and new.

As we head into fall, the fun continues on the water. October was packed with three cruises: Avalon (Oct. 3rd–5th), Shoreline YC (Oct. 10th–13th), and the Commodore's Cruise to Isthmus (Oct. 17th–19th).

We also have the annual December cruise to Newport Christmas Boat Parade.

The King Harbor Holiday Boat Parade is set to take place on Saturday, December 13th. Members of the PRYC Bridge have been actively participating in planning meetings for the event and are currently seeking boats to join the parade. Furthermore, all PRYC members are invited to attend the festivities at the King Harbor Yacht Club.

The annual December cruise to Newport Christmas Boat Parade is Dec 17th–19th. A number of us will be viewing the first day (Wed, Dec 17th) at the American Legion Yacht Club. Tickets are open to the public and still available at <https://www.sons291.com/salevents>

These adventures are not just about cruising —they're about building friendships and sharing the spirit of our club. We were especially excited to see new prospective members joining us this summer.

Thank you all for being so inviting and friendly—it makes a lasting impression.

Cheers to Fall 2025!



SUMMER BASH 2025

Anchored in the Community

Jamie Jakubowski, PRYC Commodore

Our annual Summer Bash – this year themed “Anchored in Community” – was one for the history books! With around 90 attendees PRYC was filled with fun, laughter and generosity. It was an unforgettable evening that left us not only celebrating together but also raising a **record-setting amount** for the charities closest to our mission: **Marine Mammal Care Center** and **City2Sea**. Both organizations are near and dear to PRYC, helping us live out our role as stewards of the ocean and supporters of education within our local community.

The night sparked from start to finish. Guests enjoyed a delicious feast from Touch of Paradise catering, danced and sang along to incredible live music from Brent George Live, and cheered through one of our most exciting auctions yet. Special thanks to Mark Hansen, who surprised us all by stepping into the role of auctioneer with hidden talent and boundless energy—he kept the bids flying and the crowd buzzing!



This year’s auction lineup truly raised the bar. We welcomed new partners, some of which included, **Top Golf, Hammitt, and Harbor Patrol**, whose items brought fresh excitement and competitive bidding. At the same time, we saw fan favorites return—including **The Fairmont, Magic Castle, and Port Royal Marina**—proving once again why these perennial supporters are always a hit. The mix of old friends and new faces helped us set a new fundraising record, ensuring that our charitable impact will be felt for months to come.



Of course, none of this would have been possible without our amazing volunteers. From early set-up crews to check-in smiles, kick off bartenders who got the party started, decorators who brought the Anchored in Community theme to life, those who worked tirelessly to secure auction items, and the late-night clean-up team—every hand made a difference. As always, it took a village, and PRYC showed up in full force.



SUMMER BASH 2025 con't

Anchored in the Community

Jamie Jacobowski, PRYC Commodore

As Commodore, I couldn't be prouder of what this event represents. The Summer Bash isn't about us, it is more than just a party—it's a testament to the heart of our club, blending fun, community, and purpose in a way that makes PRYC so special. Supporting education and marine life remains central to who we are, and it means the world to me to see so many of you show up in support of both.



Here's to another Summer Bash for the record books, and to the ripple effects of generosity that will carry far beyond our harbor. Thank you, PRYC, for always delivering when it matters most.

Beyond thankful,
Jamie Jakubowski

Racing news

A Very Busy Race 2025 Season

by Deborah Jackson, PRYC Race Captain

Since our last issue, we have hosted the “June Cup – Women at the Helm”; the “Corinthian Cup”; and the “Pirate Regatta – High Point Race 9”.

First up, hosted a 4-race series for the June Cup – Women at the Helm every Tuesday evening in June! We had 16 registered boats across three classes: (1) PHRF A spin (8 boats), (2) PHRF B spin (2 boats), and (3) non-spin (6 boats). This race is a lot of fun as we have a variety of 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, & blue! Week 4 is pirate themed....aaarrrrggg! Awards are presented each week, followed by a trophy presentation on July 23rd where the 1st place winners get their names added to the perpetual trophy and the overall spirit award is presented.

Overall winners for this year’s June Cup were awarded to the following: PHRF A Spin 1st place to Kate Shaner for “White Knight Insanity”; PHRF B Spin 1st place to Karen Kuhn for “No Way!”; and Non-spin 1st place to Dorian Harris for “Oliver”. Congratulations ladies! For the Spirit Award, 1st place went to Lisa Griffin and her crew from “Oasis”! The Race Committee also presented an Honorable Mention Spirit Award for a Unique Interpretation on a Theme to Molly O’Brien and her crew from “Expression Session”. We also want to thank all the volunteers who made this series a success!

On July 19 and 20, we partnered with SCCYC to re-introduce the Corinthian Cup, a two-day series between King Harbor and Marina del Rey. This was historically an SCCYC sponsored event co-hosted by other Clubs over time. It had been discontinued in 2010. Although there was much anticipation for the reintroduction, the participation was less than hoped for primarily due to competing events. We had a Spin fleet with 3 boats and a Non-spin fleet with 4 boats. Day 1 went from King Harbor to Marina del Rey featuring a Saturday night party and food truck at SCCYC. Day 2 went from Marina del Rey to King Harbor. On August 3rd, an awards presentation took place at SCCYC featuring a nice brunch. Overall winners were: Spin 1st place to Robert Dekker for “Cuchulainn” and Non-Spin 1st place to Jennifer Kitchen for “Zephyr”. Congratulations to the winners and to all participants!

Finally, we wrapped up our season with the Pirate Regatta – High Point Race #9 on Saturday, August 16th. The annual High Point Series consists of 12 races, six races each from each of our two harbors, King Harbor and Marina del Rey, where skippers accumulate points for each race entered. Due to the High Point competition, this race is one of our most attended regattas. This year we had 24 registered boats among 4 fleets: (1) PHRF A spin (8 boats), (2) PHRF B spin (4 boats), (3) non-spin (4 boats), and (4) One Design/Cal 20 (8 boats). The weather was perfect for the event. A ceremony followed up at the Club where trophies were awarded to the following: PHRF A Spin 1st place to Curt Johnson for “Avet”; PHRF B Spin 1st place to Don Souther for “No Way!”; Non-spin 1st place to Kevin Thornton for “No Worries”, and Cal 20 1st place to Francie Hope for “Déjà Vu”. Congratulations to racers and volunteers who made this event so much fun!

As we begin preparations for the 2026 race season, we are looking for volunteers to provide a Race Committee boat for one or more races, to help with back-of-boat tasks, or to coordinate afterparties. Please let Annette Adam or Deborah Jackson know if you can help! Hope to see you all on the water!

Racing news con't

A Very Busy Race 2025 Season

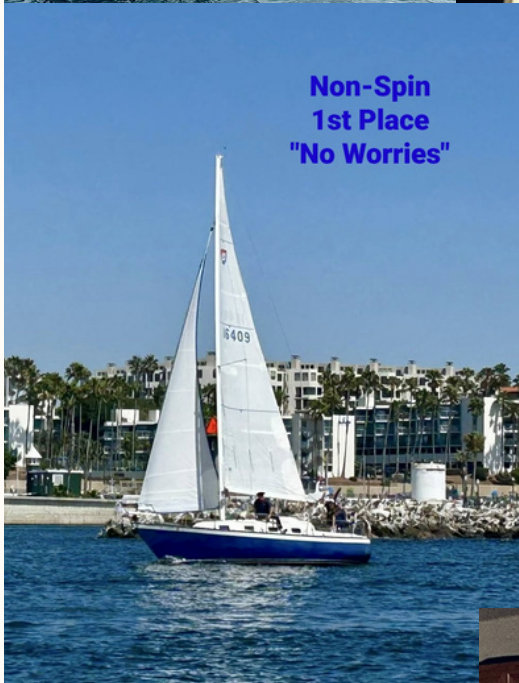
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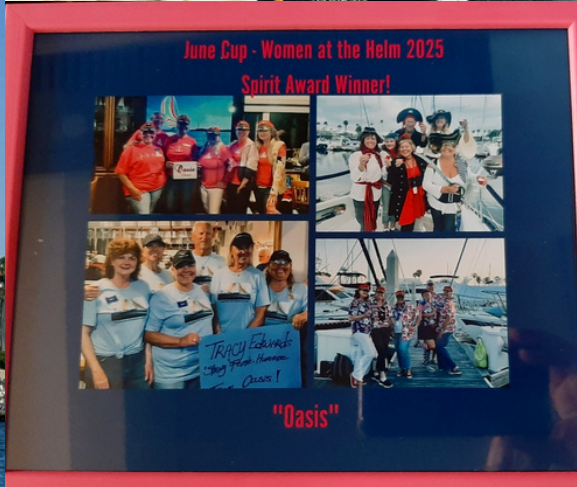
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Labor Day Dinghy Crawl

by Sandra McCommon, Vice Commodore

Nearly 50 participants set out to visit five host boats, each serving a signature drink, appetizer, and handing out cards for guests' poker hands. After three hours of hopping from boat to boat, everyone gathered back at the Club for more food, drinks, and the awards ceremony.



Just two weeks before the event, we only had one boat signed up to host this Club favorite. But with the risk of cancellation, our members stepped up – and the result was one of the best Dinghy Crawls yet!



Poker Winners

- 1st Place (\$300): 3 Aces
- 2nd Place (\$200): 3 Queens

Best of the Crawl

- Best Drink: Matt & Melessa Humiston – Atomic Carrot Margarita
- Best Appetizer: Jessica & Danny Gonzalez, David & Mona Tu

Thank You to Our Hosts

- Rudy Castanon, Tony & Diane Saputra – Passion Paradise
- Matt & Melessa Humiston – Atomic Carrot Margarita
- Burr & Francie Hope, Jeannie Otto – Tropical Bear-y Drink
- James Collum & Sandra McCommon – Mint Me on the Dock
- Jessica & Danny Gonzalez, David & Mona Tu – Lavender Lemonade

Special Thanks to Ruth Healy for organizing this memorable event!

Reminder: Hosting at Dinghy Crawl is one of the most fun ways to get involved. You'll meet lots of members and fulfill your Officer of the Day responsibilities. Keep it in mind for next year!



Catalina Classic 2025

By Jony Rok

The last Sunday in August brought the magic of the Catalina Classic Paddleboard Race back to life — and once again, it reminded me just how special this community truly is.

A Legacy Across the Channel

The Catalina Classic is the granddaddy of paddleboard races, first held in 1955 when a handful of pioneering watermen decided to see if they could paddle their boards the 32 miles from Two Harbors on Catalina Island to the Manhattan Beach Pier. What started as a test of endurance and ocean knowledge has grown into one of the most respected paddleboard races in the world. Today, athletes travel from across the globe to take on the challenge, carrying on a tradition that spans nearly seventy years.

The Power of Community

This year, I had the privilege of connecting 32 paddlers with support boats — most of whom came from out of town — in one of the most complex, exciting, and rewarding logistical challenges I've ever taken on. It took weeks of juggling schedules, chasing down boats, solving last-minute breakdowns, and reassuring paddlers that we'd make it happen. And we did.

This race doesn't exist without boaters. Period. No support boat, no race. And this year, our club members and friends stepped up in a big way. Craig Allsopp, Frank Sandelman and his brother in law, Dan and Katie Gonzalez, and so many others captained boats and made a difference. I'm proud to say that PRYC played a huge role in helping these athletes chase their dreams across 32 miles of ocean.

A Moment I'll Never Forget

One of the most meaningful experiences of the weekend was working with Yurika Mitsui and her husband, who traveled all the way from Japan to compete. They barely spoke English, but we made it work — and with the help of the boating community, I found them both support boats.

Yurika went on to win the women's division with an incredible time of 6:31:47 in her very first Classic.



Locked in and focused — Yurika powering her way across the Catalina Channel.

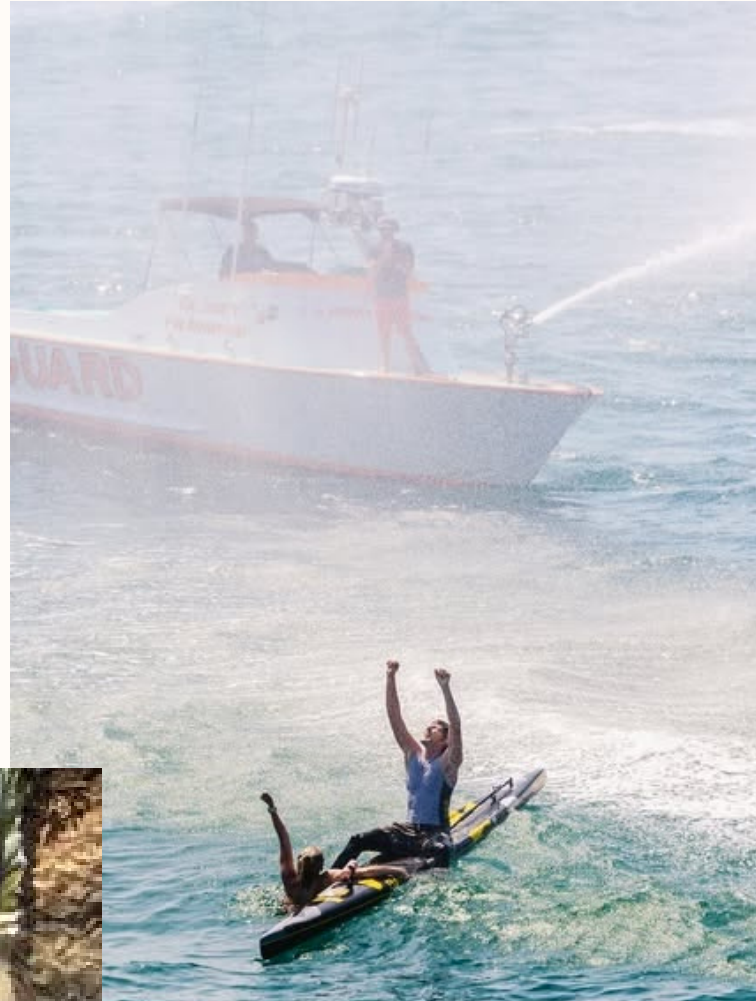
Catalina Cruise 2025 con't

By Jony Rok

After the race, she came back to my boat with her daughter, gave me the biggest hug, smiled ear to ear, and in her thick accent said, “I love you, JONY ROK.” It was one of those moments that makes every bit of stress and planning worthwhile.

More than a race

This is why we do what we do. The Catalina Classic is more than a race — it's about grit, friendship, and shared passion. It's about the relationships we build between paddlers and boaters, about the handshakes that turn into hugs at the finish line, and about knowing that we, as a community, made someone's dream possible.



Celebration at the finish

Victory, relief, and the spray of the lifeguard boat to welcome them home.

To all the captains, paddlers, families, and friends who made this year's race a success — thank you. You didn't just run escort boats, you made an impact that will be remembered for a lifetime.

See you on the water next year.  

Cheeseburgers in Paradise

Jimmy Buffett continues to inspire

By Kevin Herink, Betsy Jennings, and Deborah and David Jackson,

"I like mine with Lettuce and tomata, Heinz 57 and French fried potata...Kevin, Deborah, David and Betsy threw a spectacular OD that paid homage to Jimmy Buffett with cheeseburgers on the grill. Is there any better way to celebrate living in Paradise? Rick Yoose and Aidan Jennings helped flipping burgers

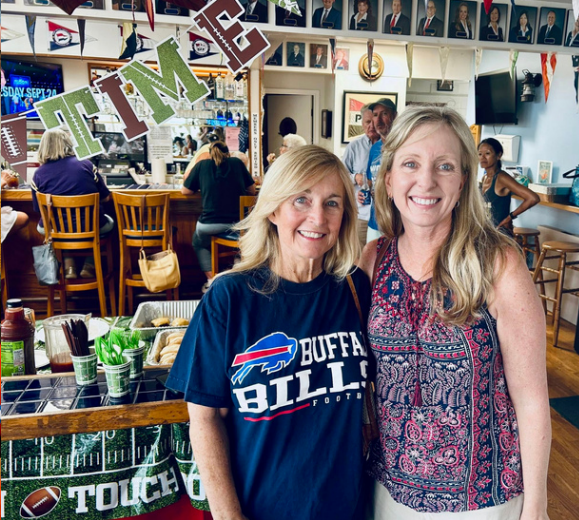


NFL Tailgate Party

Cheering on our favorite teams

by Mike and Carrie Ayotte

Lions, Patriots, Bears, Rams, Bills, and Cardinals fans all showed up to watch some NFL Football with traditional tailgate fare including burgers, dogs and sausages! Complemented by a Bloody Mary Bar with all the fixins! Thank you Mike Ayotte, Grillmaster, and Carrie, Bloody Mary expert for a great day cheering our teams on!



49ers vs. Rams

Football watch party!

By Leon and Brad

As rivalries go, the 49ers and Rams are a classic and we celebrated with a Football watch party hosted by Brad and Leon! Trash talking and football grub made for another fun night at PRYC!



Oktoberfest 2025

Willkommen and Prost!

by Michael and Therese Caraway

The crowd was adorned in Lederhosen and Dirndls for our Oktoberfest gathering which opened with a rousing rendition of Roll Out the Barrels! Paulson Beer and the "Auc du Lieber," a concoction made of Prosecco, St. Germaine and lime juice were on order. The festivities included a stein holding contest won by Tony Mallare, a Chicken Dance-Off which Tracy Williams dominated, and German Trivia in which Suzy Curry excelled! Ein Prosit to all! Special thanks to Annette Adan, Sandra McCommon and Pat Paxon for all their help! Prost!



Coastal Cleanup at PRYC

by Annette Adam

Coastal Cleanup Day began as a grassroots movement in 1985 when the California Coastal Commission hosted the very first event to help keep trash out of our oceans. Since then, more than 1.6 million volunteers have joined forces across California, removing over 26 million pounds of trash from beaches and inland waterways.

What started locally has now grown into a global effort! Partnering with the Ocean Conservancy, Coastal Cleanup Day is celebrated internationally—in nearly every U.S. state and over 100 countries—making it the largest volunteer event in the world focused on the marine environment, and California's biggest annual volunteer event.



This year, Port Royal Yacht Club proudly joined the cause once again. Led by our enthusiastic Coastal Cleanup Captains, Annette Adam and Ria Rupp, about 50 volunteers turned out for a day of teamwork and stewardship. Our group included PRYC members, Junior Sandpipers and Sandpiper Mother-Daughter teams. Together, we had fun, built community, and collected a significant amount of trash from our marina and surrounding areas.

Coastal Cleanup Success!

A huge thank you to all the Port Royal Yacht Club (PRYC) members, families, and friends who joined us for the Coastal Cleanup. Your efforts helped make our marina community a cleaner, greener, and safer space.

Together, we collected 286.7 pounds of trash from the harbor and surrounding areas!



Coastal Cleanup at PRYC con't

by Annette Adam

C Volunteer Highlights:

- Sue Morgan collected 3 bags of trash (23 pounds!) and uncovered some unusual items, including a car jack and a 1x4 plank with rusty nails.
- Junior Pipers Whitney, Marina, and London gathered 6 bags weighing 41.6 pounds – and even hauled out a 5-foot metal pipe!
- Junior Pipers Charlotte, Allegra, and Zairah collected 10.3 pounds and discovered an 8–10 foot drain pipe.
- Jony, Denise, Vaughn, and Sophia (Piper) collected 14 pounds of trash, plus another 50 pounds for their unusual find: a fiberglass-encased marine timber (approx. 4x12 in. by 5 ft), likely part of a dock fender beam or stringer.



Every volunteer made a difference, and we are so grateful for your time, energy and commitment to protecting our harbor. Thank you to everyone who participated—you helped make a difference for our harbor, our ocean, and our future. 🌊🚢

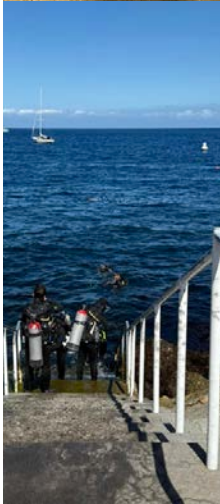


Avalon Cruise

October 5-7, 2025

by Katie and Dan Gonzalez

PRYC members set a course for Avalon on a stunning October day. Sunny weather was on the menu along with Oktoberfest at the Catalina Museum. There were hikes, scuba diving, imbibing a few Buffalo Milks, happy hours on and off the water and great company! Another beautiful cruise to our magical island!



Shoreline Yacht Club Cruise 2025

Howdy, Neighbors!

By Melissa Wiley, Fleet Captain and Reciprocal Chair



It's hard to believe that 2025 is almost over and with that our cruising season is wrapping up as well. We have had a great year of active cruises with both boat and land cruisers joining along. My goal this year as Fleet Captain was to provide more opportunities for people to be on the water and participate in cruises. Thanks to our awesome boat owners, we had non-boat owners join along for cruises to Catalina and members invited others to join their dinghies for our annual dinghy crawls. The creativity of our Director Annette Adam created the opportunity for non-boat owners to participate in cruises by pre booking the Banning House on the island and we will try to do this again in 2026.



Our most recent cruise was to Shoreline Yacht Club in Long Beach. Given the busy cruising month in October we only had 2 boats cruise down but we had a great turnout of land cruisers arrive by car to participate in the dock party and dinghy crawl. Kinship and her crew as well as East of Reason (single handed by Leon Goss) arrived on Friday afternoon. The weekend kicked off with views of a beautiful sunset and dinner at Shenanigans in Shoreline Village followed by music and libations at Shoreline YC. Fun fact, Shoreline Yacht Club started out like PRYC in that they were a member driven club with no staffed galley or bar. They partnered closely with PRYC back in the day in collaborating on events and supporting each other's bridge members. It was fun to see PRYC Staff Commodore Pat Paxson reunite with Staff Commodore Warren Wolfe and reminisce about old times. We had over 30 people attend the dock party and were welcomed by many of Shoreline's members on their dinghy dock. They hosted us for a delicious dinner at the club and served great cocktails at the bar. Commodore Patricia Covarrubius thanked Shoreline for visiting the club and their members commented on how friendly and cordial the PRYC members are. We truly are the fun yacht club!

There is 1 cruise left this year with the Newport Boat Parade Cruise occurring December 17th-19th. It has been a fun cruising season and I appreciate the partnership of Rear Commodore Dan Gonzalez in planning the island cruises.



Commodore's Cruise 2025

Jamie Jakubowski, Commodore



What an incredible weekend! Our inaugural Four-Club Commodore's Cruise to Two Harbors was everything we hoped it would be—and then some. With picture-perfect weather, extra-warm days, and comfortable evenings on the water, the entire weekend was pure Catalina magic.

Things kicked off Thursday as a few eager members made the early crossing, mooring up and enjoying relaxed catch-ups aboard one another's boats. Laughter, appetizers, and good conversation set the tone for the weekend ahead.



By Friday, the official festivities were underway as Port Royal Yacht Club, King Harbor Yacht Club, and South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club came together for a lively cocktail hour and Commodore-hosted charcuterie spread. About 50 members attended the kickoff, and the scene was a perfect blend of great bites, flowing drinks, and even better company. It was wonderful to see so many new friendships forming between clubs, proving once again that nothing brings people together quite like good food, good drinks, and a good island party. Some called it an early night... others kept the fun going well into the evening (you know who you are).



Commodore's Cruise 2025 Con't

Jamie Jakubowski, Commodore



Saturday morning saw groups heading off in every direction—some to the USC Marine Science campus, others on a trek across to Cat Harbor. By evening, the crowd had grown as the Women's Sailing Association joined in, bringing our total to just over 70 members from all four clubs. The BBQ potluck was a hit, lasting well into the night with plenty of dancing, laughter, and friendly cohesion between clubs. (We'll give it to South Coast Corinthian for owning the dance floor this time, but PRYC can challenge that for next year!) We also learned a valuable lesson—next year, we'll need more charcoal!



Sunday morning brought a slightly slower start (no surprise there), and several boats joined in the Fletcher Cup race back home—though it seems the wind didn't quite get the memo. Still, spirits were high, and everyone returned with smiles, stories, and maybe a little sun on their noses.

All in all, the weekend was a wonderful success and a true celebration of camaraderie across our local yacht clubs. A huge thank you to everyone who helped organize, host, and participate in making this such a memorable event. With a turnout of around 70 members and countless great memories, we're already looking forward to making this an annual tradition.





SCYA COMMUNITY NEWS

Corinthian Cup Makes a Triumphant Return!

By Lisa Griffin, Jr. S/C PRYC, R/C ASMBYC
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Two Clubs Unite to Revive a Beloved Tradition *The Corinthian Cup Makes a Triumphant Return*

The closure of Redondo Beach Yacht Club left a noticeable void in the local sailing scene, taking with it many treasured events. Among them was the **Corinthian Cup**, a laid-back yet competitive regatta that once brought sailors together for a weekend of fun on the water.

But good traditions have a way of finding their way back—**Port Royal Yacht Club (PRYC)** and **South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club (SCCYC)** teamed up to bring back the Corinthian Cup over the weekend of **July 18–20**, and it was nothing short of a triumph.

This two-day, two-harbor regatta celebrated Corinthian spirit in every sense: inclusive, spirited, and just plain fun.

A Weekend of Wind, Waves & Welcome

The festivities began Friday evening with a lively no-host kickoff party at Port Royal Yacht Club in King Harbor. This casual gathering was made possible thanks to the generous efforts of PRYC members who volunteered their time and talents—setting up, hosting, and welcoming racers and guests alike.



Cuchulainn, Skipper Robert Dekker (SCCYC)



Zephyr, Skipper Jennifer Kitchen (SCCYC)

On Saturday morning, racers gathered for a complimentary breakfast before setting off on the first leg of the regatta—from King Harbor to Marina del Rey.

That evening, the celebration continued with a post-race dinner hosted at South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club—and it was truly a night to remember. Sailors shared stories, laughter, and camaraderie well into the evening, energized by a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

On Sunday morning, SCCYC again hosted a complimentary breakfast with all the trimmings to fuel sailors before the final leg back to King Harbor.

Volunteer Spirit: The Heartbeat of Our Clubs

What truly sets Port Royal and South Coast Corinthian apart is their all-volunteer membership. Unlike larger senior clubs staffed by paid employees, every event, race, and social gathering at PRYC and SCCYC is made possible by members rolling up their sleeves—whether it's manning the race committee, preparing meals, managing logistics, or simply welcoming fellow sailors.

A big thanks goes to SCCYC and PRYC members who weren't racing but volunteered countless hours to organize, create and market the event, write the NOR, join the race committee, offer their boats for committee duty, cook, set up, and generally create an unforgettable experience for all. Their dedication to hospitality and teamwork demonstrated what makes both clubs so special and reflects the true spirit of Corinthian sailing.

This unwavering commitment to volunteerism fuels not only the success of the Corinthian Cup but the very fabric of these clubs. It's a spirit of camaraderie and shared ownership that keeps the Corinthian tradition vibrant and alive.

Welcoming All Levels of Sailors

The regatta was designed to be accessible and inclusive, making it a perfect event for both seasoned skippers and new crew. Boats without PHRF certificates were welcomed, with ratings assigned by the race committee—ensuring the emphasis stayed on community, not complexity.

Meet the Hosts

South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club, founded in 1932, is one of the longest-lived yacht clubs in Santa Monica Bay and among the oldest on the Pacific Coast. This small, volunteer-run club continues to promote boating in all forms, offering a full calendar of racing, cruising, and community events—all with a strong sense of Corinthian values.

Port Royal Yacht Club, located in Redondo Beach's King Harbor, is a tight-knit, welcoming club known for its friendly atmosphere and active member involvement. Founded in 1966, PRYC fosters camaraderie through casual cruising, racing, and lively social events year-round. The club's hands-on spirit and deep love of the water made it a perfect partner in bringing back the Corinthian Cup.

The return of the Corinthian Cup wasn't just a race—it was a celebration of shared history, new friendships, and the joy of being back on the water together. Fair winds and following seas to all who participated!

New Member Spotlight

Welcome to PRYC

André and Shirley Kliner have officially joined PRYC, bringing their passion for sailing to our club. They are avid sailors, who love to sail to Catalina aboard their 37-foot Jeanneau sailboat, aptly named Invincible Summer.

Having participated in various club events over the past few years, the Kliner's are no strangers to our club. The couple retired three years ago after successfully running Granny's Market in Hermosa Beach.

André, a licensed boat captain, has recently taken on a new venture, operating "Island Diver," a charter service catering to diving enthusiasts. The PRYC is thrilled to welcome André and Shirley as members.



**Welcome to the club,
André and Shirley!**



PRYC Spooktacular Event!

Come be Spooktacular!

PRYC'S ANNUAL HALLOWEEN BASH THEME: "MONSTER MASH"

OCTOBER 31st FRIDAY

*Join us for a frightfully fun night full of tricks,
treats, Dinner, Costume Contest and Kareoke !*

07:00 pm until end

Location:

PRYC Clubhouse
555 N Harbor DR
Redondo, Ca
90277

Cost

\$25 Member
\$30 Non-Member
Includes Dinner



Editor's Corner

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

"Leaving a Legacy of Love & Laughter: Stories of Advenrures on the 7 Seas"

As we approach the final Holidays of 2025 together at Port Royal Yacht Club, we cordially can recall our loving long time members who have left us with so much wisdom. In this case, we honor Mike Morgan.

We would want our own legacies to be full of these priceless peices of time spent on land and at sea. Mike made home everywhere his hound & wonderful wife were. His stories of serving our country, participating in building a few beloved Los Angeles landmarks, camping trips, and sailing far and wide will not be forgotten.

He taught too many of us to seize the second and live life a lot simpler. For Mike, it was not about how many things he left as a legacy, it is about all the times he made people smile and said something they would never forget.

Our true treasures in life are the people who cross our paths upon the way. When I think of how to celebrate thier life, it is easy...continue to be that person that listens and laughs with others. We are beyond blessed to have our precious parts of time together at Port Royal Yacht Club.

Thank you for touching our time together, Mike we will miss you, our fine friend.



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 January.

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. We still have a limited supply of beautiful anniversary burgees available for \$40 a piece and when they're gone, they're gone! New ladies winter vests in White, Pink and Black are in stock in a variety of sizes. We've also added mens long and short sleeve shirts to our inventory.

Watch for upcoming communication about our Ship Store Winter Sale to get merchandise in time for the holidays.

Cheers!

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Find us on the web at <https://pryc.us/>

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