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2026 Yacht Club Forecast: 10% Weather, 90% Opinions. No matter what app you have.



Welcome to another year at PRYC, where the wind is always “shifty,” the waves were “bigger yesterday,” and everyone once raced a boat that was both faster and heavier than yours.

In 2026, expect:

- At least one skipper to motor out with fenders still deployed.
- A spirited debate over whether that was a race start or “more of a suggestion.”
- Dock cocktails that begin at 5:00 and end when someone says, “One last story.”

May your lines be tight, your coolers cold, and your boat name explained to strangers at least twice a week. Here's to fair winds, following seas, and pretending we don't care who won.

Cheers to 2026—see you on the dock. 🍷🚢



Commodore's Log

By Sandra McCommon, PRYC Commodore



Ahoy PRYC members and welcome aboard for the 2026 season!

As we set our course for a new year and season, I'm excited by the momentum we've built and the opportunities ahead for our club. We're starting 2026 in a strong place thanks to the dedication of our members, volunteers, and leadership team who give so generously of their time and talents.

I'd like to extend a sincere thank-you to our Junior Staff Commodore, Jamie Jakubowski, for her outstanding leadership in 2025. Her energy and commitment, along with the hard work of last year's board and volunteers, have positioned us well for the year ahead. I'm also pleased to welcome our 2026 leadership team—a diverse and dedicated group who bring experience, enthusiasm, and a shared passion for our club.

As we finalize this season's calendar of cruises, regattas, and social events, my hope is simple: that our club continues to be a place where everyone feels welcome and has fun. Whether you're out on the water, volunteering at an event, or enjoying time with fellow members at the clubhouse, your involvement is what makes our community special. I encourage you to get involved, lend a hand when you can, and invite friends to share in what makes our club such a great place to be.

Here's to fair winds, calm seas, and a wonderful season ahead.

Sandra McCommon
Commodore
Port Royal Yacht Club

A letter from the Vice Commodore

by Dan Gonzales, PRYC Vice Commodore



It is my privilege to serve as your Vice Commodore this year. Following in the footsteps of Commodore Sandra McCommon, I am committed to continuing the legacy of community and camaraderie that defines our club.

2026 promises to be an exciting year, filled with fun events, cruises, and gatherings that make our club a cherished space. Our online calendar is updated with many upcoming social events, including celebrations for St. Patrick's Day, Cinco de Mayo, Dinghy Crawls, Oktoberfest, and Halloween. Our Opening Day is Saturday April 11th.

We also have nine club cruises schedules throughout the year that I eagerly anticipate.

Now is also the perfect time to book your annual Officer of the Day (OD). Whether you choose to host a themed party or a simple continental brunch, your OD time and contributions are appreciated by all.

The clubhouse is in great shape, thanks to numerous improvements we've made over the recent years. From new carpeting and an upgraded ice maker to a state-of-the-art big-screen TV, we are dedicated to caring for and updating our clubhouse. To kick off the year right, we've installed a brand-new bar faucet, and we have plans for additional enhancements throughout 2026.

A highlight for this year is the introduction of our Duffy boat, aptly named "Unplugged." This new amenity helps more members get out on the water and provides members with more opportunities to participate in dinghy crawls, staycations, and parades.

Here's to a fun filled 2026!



Rear Commodore's Corner

by Julie Garza, PRYC Rear Commodore



Hello PRYC Family!

I'm truly honored to serve as your Rear Commodore for 2026. Thank you for your trust and support. I'm excited to work with each of you to help strengthen our community and connections at PRYC.

As Rear Commodore one of my key responsibilities is helping to ensure our membership remains strong, engaged and growing in ways that stay true to who we are and happy to report we are off to a great start to 2026.

I'm grateful to work alongside our Commodore, Vice Commodore and BOD as we continue this work together. And if you ever have ideas, feedback, or just want to say hello, I'm always happy to chat.

Here's to smooth sailing, strong membership, and plenty of reasons to gather at the club.

Warm regards,
Julie Garza
Rear Commodore 

2026 PRYC Officers

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Jamie Jakubowski

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Jr. Staff Commodore's Log

by **Jamie Jakubowski, Jr. Staff Commodore**



As I close the chapter on my year as 2025 Commodore and happily hand the wheel over to Sandra McCommon, I step into the role of Jr. Staff Commodore with deep appreciation for this club, this community, and the opportunity to continue serving in a new capacity.

I want to begin by simply saying thank you.

Thank you to our membership for an incredible 2025. Your participation, enthusiasm, and willingness to show up—for cruises, events, fundraisers, and each other—is what truly defines Port Royal Yacht Club. This year proved once again that a club is only as strong as its members, and ours showed up in a big way.

Thank you to our Board of Directors and appointed officers, who gave their time, energy, and expertise so generously throughout the year. The work that happens behind the scenes is often unseen, but it is never unfelt. Your selflessness and commitment are deeply appreciated. I also want to extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to our 2026 leadership team, and especially to Sandra, who I know will lead with both heart and vision. You have an outstanding crew stepping into the wheelhouse, and I have no doubt the year ahead will be filled with momentum, connection, and continued growth.

One of our proudest achievements this year was being named SCYA Cruising Club of the Year—an honor earned entirely because of the incredible participation of our members on cruises throughout the season. That recognition belongs to all of you.

We had a lot of fun this year—and yes, a few challenges too. We tackled long-overdue plumbing issues, finally got the front door working as it should, and invested in a new ice maker to keep those cocktails properly chilled. If those are our biggest hurdles, I'd call 2025 a success.

We also saw record fundraising efforts at Summer Bash for our selected charities and welcomed more familiar faces around the club on a consistent basis—something that speaks volumes about the strength of our community.

I am truly proud of what we accomplished together and grateful to have served as Commodore during such a meaningful year. I'm excited to continue supporting the club under our new leadership and watching PRYC thrive in the years ahead.

Lastly, we introduced a new club asset we believe will be a meaningful addition for our members—Unplugged, the Duffy. The goal has always been to enhance member offerings, provide something that sets PRYC apart, and create a pathway onto the water for our non-boat-owning members. You'll be hearing much more about that soon.

Thank you for an unforgettable year and for making Port Royal Yacht Club such a special place to belong.

With gratitude,
Jamie Jakubowski
Jr. Staff Commodore

PRYC wins 2025 SCYA Cruising Club of the Year!

by Jamie Jakubowski, Jr. Staff Commodore



We are proud to share that Port Royal Yacht Club has been named the 2025 SCYA Cruising Club of the Year—an honor that belongs to every single member who showed up, cast off lines, and joined us out on the water this past season. For this category we competed against all other clubs, not just Associate level clubs. We may be small but we certainly make an imprint!

This recognition wasn't the result of one big event or a single standout cruise. It came from consistent participation throughout the entire year—members who made the time to join the fleet, support one another, and keep the spirit of cruising alive at PRYC. Whether it was a short hop across to a fellow yacht club harbor or a full weekend away, the energy and camaraderie were felt at every stop.

Cruising has always been at the heart of who we are as a club. It's where friendships are strengthened, new members are welcomed in, and the true spirit of PRYC comes to life. In 2025, our membership showed up in force, and the broader yachting community took notice. This award is not about leadership or a single committee—it's about participation, and that credit goes directly to you, our members.

Thank you to everyone who joined a cruise, coordinated a destination, or simply showed up to support with your presence and often a dish to share. Your enthusiasm is what earned this recognition.

Here's to carrying that same momentum forward into 2026 and continuing to show the harbor—and the entire SCYA—what PRYC is all about.

Jamie Jakubowski

2025 King Harbor Boat Parade



2025 Newport Cruise



2025 Friendsgiving

A cornucopia of friendship, food and fun

By Jamie Jakubowski and Sandra McCommon

A lovely Friendsgiving was hosted by Jamie and Sandra, as PRYC welcomed all Thanksgiving revelers to give thanks for another wonderful year of boating, friendship and memories.



Racing news

Sailing into 2026 - Winter Regattas

by Deborah Jackson, PRYC Race Captain

As we enter 2026, we have a few additions to our racing program!

First up, we want to introduce Kathleen Lago who will be serving as the PRYC Assistant Race Captain! Kathleen and her husband joined PRYC in December 2025, Kathleen brings many years of experience as part of the KHYC Race Committee, volunteering for Twilights, the SB2KH race, and Tom Collier races. Welcome Kathleen!

Next, the Board has approved a change to the Officer of the Day requirement, whereby any member who volunteers their powerboat to serve as the Race Committee boat for two races per race season will receive credit to fulfill the annual OD requirement. We will be reaching out to past volunteers, but if you are interested, please contact Kathleen or Deborah directly to get on the calendar.

Also, as we begin preparations for the 2026 race season, we are looking for volunteers to help with back-of-boat tasks, and to help with the afterparties. If interested, please contact Kathleen or Deborah. Rosanne and Sue have volunteered to take the lead for the afterparties, so we want to thank them both for reaching out, plus we want to make sure we provide them with enough help!

Race Calendar 2026

The Classic

PRYC will be hosting six races this year: the "Classic" will be on Saturday, May 16th, beginning at 1:00pm

June Cup

"Women at the Helm" is a twilight series and will take place Tuesdays, June 2, 9, 16, and 23rd beginning at 6:00pm.

Pirate Regatta

Our High Point Regatta will be held on Saturday, August 15th beginning at 1:00pm.

Prior to our first race, Kathleen and Deborah will be hosting a couple of back-of-the-boat training sessions similar to previous years. We will share information once we have selected dates.

We want to also take this time to thank all the 2025 Race Committee volunteers! Particularly Annette Adam who was a tremendous help with last year's organization and soliciting of volunteers! It takes a village!

Thank you to everyone who helps with our racing program!

Let's get Unplugged!

Introducing our new Duffy boat!

by Jamie Jakubowski

Meet Unplugged – our newest club asset and a very welcome addition to life on the water at PRYC.

Unplugged is a 1979 double-ender Duffy, meaning she's pointed at both ends and designed for easy, relaxed cruising in the harbor. Back in November, we came across a rare opportunity to acquire an exceptionally well-cared-for 18' Duffy for under \$5,000. For those familiar with Duffys, you know that's less than half of what most sell for today – and this one came with impeccable maintenance records, having been cared for by Duffy themselves over the years.

What made this opportunity even more appealing is that Unplugged has the bare-bones basics – which aligned perfectly with our goal of testing this concept for the membership while minimizing unnecessary expense and complexity. As we all know, if something can go wrong on a boat... it eventually will. So fewer systems, fewer bells and whistles, and fewer opportunities for things to break felt like a smart place to start.

At the very same time we discovered the Duffy, the front slip on B Dock opened up. Sometimes timing really is everything.

After reviewing a plan that showed a clear path to breaking even – and potentially generating modest profit for the club – the Board of Directors unanimously voted to move forward. It's important to note that this is a one-year trial program, with a defined exit strategy if it ever stops making sense. That said, we are already off to a strong start, and we expect even more momentum as spring and summer arrive.

I mean... sitting in the harbor listening to BeachLife, enjoying a floating lunch, or raising a glass to a sunset cruise? Yes please.

Our monthly goal is simple: cover the cost of the slip, which requires only a small handful of rentals each month. Between early member rentals, future bookings already on the calendar, and the fun fundraising square events tied to football season (as we've successfully done in the past), we've made meaningful progress toward covering operating costs – we have raised \$1500 and paid out \$1500 to members through the football season.



Let's get Unplugged! (con't)

Introducing our new Duffy boat!

by Jamie Jakubowski

Most importantly, the energy around Unplugged has been overwhelmingly positive.

Unplugged is available for member rentals with three simple requirements:

1. A valid California Boater Card
2. Completion of a short check-out ride
3. A signed rental agreement

Guests are absolutely welcome as passengers, so this is a wonderful opportunity to get out on the water with friends and share our beautiful harbor — and our special club — with people who may one day become members themselves.



In addition to private rentals, we'll also be offering group rides for \$35 per person, which will be a fun, easy way for members to experience Unplugged together. If you're interested in participating in one of these group outings, feel free to reach out to me directly for more information.

The intention behind Unplugged was always to enhance member offerings, differentiate PRYC, and create an easy on-the-water experience for non-boat-owning members. So far, she's doing exactly that.

A heartfelt thank you to the PRYC Duffy Crew for all of their help in bringing this program to life and supporting its launch. It truly takes a team.

We're excited about what's ahead and grateful for the positive momentum so far. Unplugged represents exactly the kind of low-risk, high-reward idea that keeps our club vibrant, relevant, and — most importantly — fun.

Here's to more sunsets, more laughter, and more memories on the water.

Jamie Jakubowski
Chief Duffy Officer (I mean, I had to call myself something, lol!)

2026 Commodore's Ball

Sandra McCommon, PRYC Commodore

What a fantastic kick-off to 2026! On January 24, 2026, members gathered at R10 Social House in Redondo Beach for an evening of celebration honoring PRYC's Staff Commodores, outgoing Board of Directors, and incoming Board of Directors and appointed positions.

Members truly dressed to impress—ladies dazzled in beautiful gowns with plenty of sparkle, while gentlemen looked sharp in suits, with a few tuxedos adding extra flair to the evening. A delicious family-style dinner was enjoyed by all, featuring herb-roasted chicken, mahi-mahi with lemon sauce, and filet mignon, followed by strawberry cheesecake for dessert. Entertainment was provided by Shakedown 80s, keeping the dance floor full as members danced late into the evening.

A huge thank you to Junior Staff Commodore Jamie Jakubowski for organizing this wonderful event, and to all of the volunteers who helped make it so special. We are grateful for our amazing PRYC community and look forward to a great year ahead in 2026!



2026 Commodore's Ball

Sandra McCommon, PRYC Commodore



Honoring the Hunt

Fresh Wild Game OD by Craig and Deb Allsopp

Hunting season in Wyoming is over for Craig Allsopp . Glad we could share our bounty with our Yacht Club friends for our OD! We enjoyed elk, deer and even bear. A variety of sausages and sloppy Joe's were served. Thanks to everyone's help it was a another great and delicious night at PRYC!



Let's Do Sunset!

Marc and Ria Rupp OD

one of the great joys of living on the West Coast is watching that big beautiful fireball set into the Pacific ocean. This was made even better when Ria and Marc hosted and toasted to the sunset for their OD!



Monday Night Football

by Frank and Janine OD

Frank and Janine hosted a fun night of delicious food, friends and football. Frank trained hard for his OD performance on Monday, December 9th- stretching, hydrating, and perfecting his touchdown dance for the 5:15 kickoff. Janine was running the halftime show! Great fun had by all the PRYC fans!



Bunco

by Annette Adam

Let the Good Times Roll at Bunco Game Night!

Get ready for an evening of laughter, friendly competition, and a little bit of luck! Bunco Game Night at Port Royal Yacht Club is always a crowd favorite.

The fun kicks off at 6:30 PM with a light potluck of appetizers, generously brought by our players. It's the perfect way to mix, mingle, and warm up before the dice start rolling.

By 7:15 PM, game time begins! We typically play with 12 players (three tables of four), so be sure to RSVP early—the first 12 players to respond are confirmed. The \$10 cash buy-in goes straight into the prize pool, giving everyone a chance to walk away a winner. 🍀



If you're new to Bunco, don't worry, it's easy to learn and tons of fun. Players roll three dice over six rounds, scoring points and cheering each other on. The highlight of the night? Rolling a BUNCO—three matching dice that all match the round number. It's fast-paced, social, and full of excitement!

We had an absolute blast in 2025, and we can't wait to keep the good vibes going. If you'd like to join us for the next Bunco Game Night, reach out to Linda Stammich or Annette Adam and roll into the fun! 🎲

New Member Spotlight

Welcome to PRYC

Welcome our newest members, Roger & Judy Carlson and Alita Rethmeyer!

Roger & Judy Carlon



Roger grew up in Connecticut, fishing out of small boats in lakes and rivers with his family from a very young age. He moved to California for college, and stayed after graduation, moving to the South Bay in 1991 and got involved with sailing and diving. Roger has been on the Redondo Beach Harbor Commission since 2018.

Judy was born in the South Bay, at Little Company of Mary, and grew up in Maryland around boats. Judy moved back to the South Bay in her teens and is now a glass artist, making lamp work glass beads. Roger and Judy have owned boats in King Harbor since 1998 and currently own “As You Wish” a 52’ Power boat birthed at King Harbor.

Alita Rethmeyer



She and her husband were members of King Harbor Yacht Club since the year 2000. Her husband passed away in late 2022. Alita is still an active member of King Harbor Yacht Club and also a member of the Fourth of July Yacht Club in Catalina since 2005 where she has owns mooring Isthmus R-04.

Alita owns “Catalita” a 2011 Aspen C90 Power boat birthed at Port Royal Marina. She has a strong love of the water and Cruising, along with a very strong belief in the Corinthian spirit.

Welcome to the club, Roger, Judy and Alita!!

Editor's Corner

An article by our Carrie Ayotte, Newsletter Editor

Serving as Newsletter Editor of Scuttlebutt has been one of the great pleasures of my time at Port Royal Yacht Club. I've loved telling the stories, sharing the laughs, and capturing the moments—from regatta wins to dockside shenanigans—that make this club what it is.

As I pass the torch, I do so with a full heart and a lot of gratitude. Port Royal Yacht Club is a volunteer club like no other: a rare mix of engaged, generous, wildly fun, and truly positive people who embody the true Corinthian spirit. This is a club that shows up—for sailing, for social, and for each other—and does it all with enthusiasm and good humor.

A special thank you to Nora Smith for contributing beautiful articles from her other shore in South Carolina. Your warmth, understanding and help made this much easier.

I'm excited to step back into the ranks and continue enjoying a club that is so active, welcoming, and familial. Thank you for trusting me with your stories, your photos, and your news—and for making my time as editor such a joy.

See you on the docks,
Carrie Ayotte

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 manager@pryc.com

Ship Store

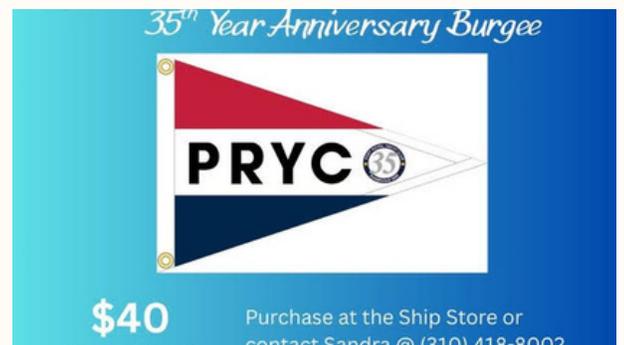
Your ship store managers have been hard at work adding to the store for your shopping pleasure!

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!

Barbara Lewak and Melessa Humiston



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