



CONNECTIONS

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PORT ROYAL YACHT CLUB Redondo Beach, CA
A Friendly, Casual, Fun-loving Group Devoted to Social and Boating Activities

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

I would like to thank all of our members who attended Clean Up Day last Sunday. The place is looking quite spiffy! I know you could have been out sailing, boating or just spending time with your family but you took the time to make our place shine and it is much appreciated. By the way Jack is running the dish washer ever night preparing the champagne and beverage glasses.

For the past few months and continuing into May my Bridge and I will be attending numerous opening days up and down the coast. It seems I can never remember to bring my camera so we can show you how much fun we are having socializing with the other clubs. Oh I forgot to mention we've been doing a lot of eating and the food is wonderful. In Del Ray a few weeks ago we attended six Opening Days, three a day running to each club on shuttle boats. We all were exhausted on Monday but it was worth it, we are getting noticed and people are really looking forward to attending our opening. This weekend we are heading to Ventura to attend 7 more. Now don't forget our Big Opening Day is on the 13th, I'm sure you all have the invitation on your refrigerator. Please try to attend and help with the festivities. Of course we will have our signature tri tip prepared by Andy Davidson, I'm sure Dean Curtis will be assisting him at the grill. As for the other delicious dishes I've asked Jan Polk to prepare a feast, and I'm sure Tree Cutis will be helping her out. If you attended the St. Pats Party you got a little taste of Jan's culinary talents. The plan is to start setting up is at 10:00, so please come on down and assist in the preparation.

One last note now is the time to start thinking about our Plastic Classic Race in June. If you have any questions, just give me a call, not that I'm a racer, I've been last in the past 3 races but at least I participated. LIFE IS GOOD! Your Commodore Pat

Announcements



BAR TABS

Effective May 1st the following rule will be reinstated regarding the timely payment of the bar tabs. The sign will be posted over the register as a reminder as well.:

BAR TABS MUST BE PAID BY THE 15TH DAY OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH OR THERE WILL BE A 20% SURCHARGE ADDED TO YOUR BILL



CORKAGE FEES

Please don't forget to pay your corkage fees when you bring your own wines. Put the money in the fish on the bar.

SMALL BOTTLE.....\$5.00
LARGE BOTTLE.....\$7.50



[Erdw#whulcj#](http://www.speedysigns.com/lettering/)

Anita Hirsch sent us her link for online ordering . Take a look if you if you are in need of such a service. <http://www.speedysigns.com/lettering/>

Description: Order boat lettering, boat graphics, or boat registration numbers for your boat, yacht, jet Ski, or personal watercraft. Add your own personal touch with custom names dates and much more

PASSINGS

BOB VAN ETTINGER

We were saddened by the loss of his wife Ann just a few months ago and now we say goodbye to Bob and send our sympathy to his family and loved ones. Bob was very talkative, always telling wonderful stories about his kids and the old days. Bob was a very loving and caring person and will be missed at the club.



SKIPPY

Skippy, the PRYC poster pup and my dearest companion died this month. I want to thank all of you who helped me with your kind and caring words. It is so hard to lose a member of your family. It doesn't matter if they're furry. I will be "Dog Day Afternoon" later this summer in memory of Skippy and Patrone who were so well known and loved around the marina. They would want us humans and canines to celebrate the joy and happiness of having our pets.....ed.





IOBG Wine Tasting



Valentines Whale Watch & Brunch



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Hosts Tree Curtis & Jan Pokk



Really Irish





Russian Fishermen Catch Squeaking Alien and Eat It

Village residents from the Rostov region of Russia caught a weird [creature](#) two weeks ago after a strong storm in the Sea of Azov. The shark-looking creature was producing strange squeaky sounds. The fishermen originally believed that they had caught an alien and decided to film the [monster](#) with the help of a cell phone camera. The footage clearly shows the creatures' head, body and long tail. The bizarre catch was weighing almost 100 kilograms, the *Komsomolskaya Pravda* reports. However, ufologists and scientists were greatly disappointed when they found out that the fishermen had eaten the monster. They said that they were not scared of the creature so they decided to use it as food. One of the men said that it was the most delicious dish he had ever eaten.

Chairman of the Anomalous Phenomena Service, Andrei Gorodovoi, stated that the creature, which he could see on the short video, was an [anomalous](#) being. However, it could hardly be described as an [extraterrestrial](#) form of life, he added. Gorodovoi rejected the version about mermaids too. "There are many legends about mermaids living in the Sea of Azov. Nevertheless, specialists of the Service for Anomalous Phenomena have never confirmed those fairytales. On the other hand, we do not deny the possibility of other forms of life in the Sea of Azov," the ufologist said.

A spokesman for the Rostov-based zoo, Alexander Lipkovich, contacted local ichthyologists and asked their opinion about the Azov alien. "They said that the fish bears resemblance to a sturgeon. It was an extremely interesting individual. I have never seen anything like this before in my whole life," the specialist said.

Translated by Dmitry Sudakov
Pravda.ru

Mr. Potato Head Makes Octopus Pal

A giant Pacific octopus living in a Cornish aquarium has formed an unlikely bond with a child's plastic toy. Louis regularly plays with the Mr Potato Head figure which was given to him as part of an enrichment project at Newquay's Blue Reef Aquarium. "We wanted an octopus-friendly toy which had a compartment to hide food in," said the aquarium's Matt Slater. He says Louis gets very excited when sees the toy, which he plays with for an hour at a time. "Its bright colours, strange shape and moveable parts make it fascinating for Louis," said Mr Slater. "The secret space within Mr Potato Head allows us to hide tasty treats like fresh crab inside and that perhaps more than anything has resulted in him becoming such a hit." In the past, keepers have used everything from rubber toys to fishing floats to keep Louis, who came from Vancouver about nine months ago, mentally active. The giant Pacific octopus is the world's largest species of octopus and are found from Japan to Southern California. The biggest recorded specimen had a span of 10m (33ft) and weighed 270kgs (600lbs). Louis, who is 18 months old, stretches about 1.5m from tip to tip. As well as being the largest, the giant Pacifics are also among the cleverest members of the cephalopod family. "Louis is well known for his curiosity and intelligence," said Mr Slater. "We've devised a series of puzzles, games and toys to ensure he's getting the mental stimulation he needs, but Mr Potato Head is definitely his favorite at the moment .

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Richstone Pier to Pier Walk-a-thon



**Walk with Port Royal Yacht Club and
Support Richstone Family Center Prevent Child Abuse**

**Start at Manhattan Beach Pier and finish at Hermosa Pier
Then come back to the club for bagels and mimosas. Redondo
Beach Marina is contributing an additional \$10.00 per walker
Contact Commodore Pat for details.....patpaxson@aol.com**

*Please bring family and friends; suggested minimum individual do-
nation is \$25 for adults and \$10 for kids. Additional info is on their
website www.richstonefamily.org .*



*Port Royal Yacht Club
Opening Day
Ceremonies Commence
at 1500 Hours
April 13th, 2008
on the patio*



Upcoming
events:



Celebrate Cinco de Mayo !!

Saturday, May 3rd, 2008 at 6 PM
Authentic Mexican Cuisine \$10.00
Margaritas \$3.00

Dress-a for the Fiesta Latin Style!!!