



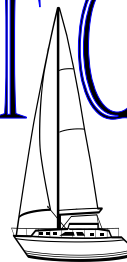
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## **OPENING DAY APRIL 15, 2012**

We want to thank everyone for all that you did to make our Opening Day a great success. We had people from Dana Point to Ventura make a point of showing up for our day.....as Councilman Bill Brand said, "...Port Royal is fun!"



It's a lot of work and takes a team of people...but, also, the members who show up and support help too.....

It's one of our most attended and successful events of the year... and should be...it's the Opening of our Club for the season!!

A special shout out to Mr. Tim Nail and his Calle Mayor Swingin' Sailors Jazz Band....they are the best in the land....it makes our Club stand out among all of the Clubs...and makes our Opening Day so special....thanks Tim for another spectacular event.

Penny

◀More pics can be seen on pages 6 & 7 and on the Port Royal Yacht Club Group page on Facebook▶

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### ❖ COMMODORE *Jim Tessman*

◀◀WOW▶▶

What a great Opening Day Celebration!

A great big thank you to Penny, with her experience and knowledge it couldn't go wrong.

Many thanks to Lynda Peterson for arranging all the food, tables and chairs and the bar-b-que, and she did it all from Florida, amazing.

Linda Wells with her expertise in organization made everything flow perfectly.

Flowers provided by Monette were beautiful!!!!

Thank you Graham for sticking it out at the bar. I don't remember everyone who helped upstairs, I was busy and might have had too much to drink, but you know who you are and so would many others so thank you all. John and Bob worked the bar downstairs, thank you. Jill, Lou, Sue and Penny, thank you for your work at the registration desk.

Thanks again Andy for cooking up some great Tri-Tip and thank you Gil and Jill for carving it all up. Thanks go to all that served the champagne. Thank you Johnny, Amy and Shawn for all the shopping you did.

I want to thank everyone for all their help. There are so many people to name and I would probably forget some, you know who you are and so does everyone else. So let me just say;

*THANK YOU VERY MUCH,*

*IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN DONE WITHOUT ALL OF YOU.*

I'm looking forward to the rest of the year filled with fun events, big and small! See ya at the club!

### ❖ VICE COMMODORE *Shelia Anderson*

Hello Members,

I would like to add my personal "Thank you" to everyone who helped with the preparation for wonderful Opening Day.

Commodore Tessman lead the team to again prove PRYC can throw a great party! We have had several comments of how many people enjoy the event.

This is a reminder all new members are required to host an Officer of the Day, it is fun. Invite all your friends and family to the best little yacht club in California. All other members please come to the club and choose your date before the calendar is full. We are looking forward to an exciting season; we have some of the best cooks in town. I can't wait to create our PRYC Officer of the Day Cookbook; this cookbook would contain all of your fabulous recipes. What a great addition to our ship's stores and a perfect gift.

It is going to be a beautiful summer, plan on cruising to the island in May and so many other fun times. See ya at the club!

## CLEAN UP DAY #1 (and only)

It was my first Directors event, and I wanted it to be a success. I worked up a “things to do” list segregated by kitchen, bathroom, bar, etc., complete with specific tasks and line entries where members could sign up. To get the word out I put up three notices in the Club informing members of the date and asking for their help. I met with John Elder, our Quartermaster, and Jim Mather, our Club Manager, to work up a list of supplies a week before the event. It was then that I started to worry. Just five days before Clean Up Day only one person had signed up to help. Penny Townes and Amy Irwin told me not to worry. “You’ll have more people than work,” they said. But Jim Tessman kept the pressure on, telling me I’d be cut off at the bar for a month if the event didn’t go well. Worried Hell! Now I was plain scared! Well, as it turned out my worries were for naught because when I arrived on Saturday morning fifteen minutes before the scheduled start, people said, “you’re late!”

The Club was already bustling with people. There were four or five in the kitchen, two in the bathroom (pretty cramped, I know), and a full crew in the main club room. The Burgees were getting dusted, the wood was getting polished, and the chairs were being cleaned and repaired. I grabbed some brass polish and went to work on the Bells, marveling while looking out on all of you whistling while you worked. About three hours into the day I realized my “things to do” list was pretty anal. I called out to get everyone’s attention and asked for you to sound off as to what has been done to get a sense of where we were. In quick succession, someone yelled out, “the wood’s polished.” Then another “the tables and chairs are cleaned.” On it went, “the bar is done, the kitchen is cleaned, and the windows are washed.” At the end of the day, someone remarked, “it’s clean, but it doesn’t look any different.” I thought to myself, it doesn’t look any different because the club is most always clean and ship shape. And that, my friends, is a testament to all of you. THANK YOU!

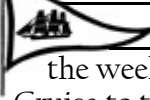


Director  
Dave Sarazen

## UPCOMING PRYC EVENTS

- Bicycle Pub Tour  
Saturday, May 5, 2012, 9am  
Host: Mike Williams (see page 5)
- Kentucky Derby Party  
Saturday, May 5, 2012  
1-5pm  
Host: Director Scott Dow & Cathy  
(see page 5)
- Isthmus Cruise w/LSFYC  
Friday-Sunday, May 18-20, 2012  
Host: Rear Commodore Amy Irwin  
(see below)
- King Harbor Sea Fair  
Sunday May 20, 2012, 1-5pm  
Host: Director Dave Sarazen (see page 5)
- Amino Marine Biology Club Fundraiser  
Sunday, May 27, 2012, 2pm  
\$15.00 Donation, Sponsor a student \$30.00  
Host: Lobsterdon & Cathy Mueller (see page 8)
- Plastic Classic Race  
Saturday, June 16, 2012, Noon - ?  
Hosts: Amy Irwin & Tim Philpott – Race
- Cal Yacht Club Cruise  
Friday – Sunday, June 22-24, 2012
- Rafting Party/Dinghy Pub Tour  
Saturday, June 23, 2012, 10am  
Host: Mike Williams

## LITTLE SHIPS FLEET YACHT CLUB

 Let’s all join LSFYC & Marina Sailing the weekend of May 18-20, 2012 on their Spring Cruise to the Isthmus of Catalina. More details can be found at: [www.lsfyc.org](http://www.lsfyc.org). Click on the “Cruising” link (on the left) then again on “Spring Cruise to the Isthmus”.

PRYC is providing hors d’oeuvres and dessert for Saturday night’s festivities which start at 1700 (5pm).

Look for the Sign-up sheet up at the Club & let us know if you will be attending, or contact our Host: Rear Commodore Amy Irwin.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

An absolute success, super fun, great turnout with yummy food & drink!

Thank you to the following wonderful members:

- the decorators; Karen Milleran & Maggie Merfy
- the shoppers; John Elder & Kennedy Woodruff
- the choppers: Kennedy, Karen, Maggie, Cathy & Lynda
- the cooks: Lynda Peterson & Kennedy Woodruff
- the slicer: Andy Davidson
- the additional kitchen helpers: Jim (Catfish) Houghton & Jill Irwin
- the desert lady: Cathy Dow
- the bartender: Scott Dow who served Black & Tans and delicious Irish coffees!
- the music man: Mike Williams
- the money collector: Sue Mayer

We could not have done it without all of you!  
Thank you to all the members who attended.



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## HELPFUL HINTS

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To eliminate this potential problem, check the chart datum on your charts and compare it to the navigation setup of your GPS. North American charts commonly use NAD 83, WGS 84, or NAD 27 on some older charts. If the chart datum and your GPS setting are not the same, you can miss a waypoint by a wide margin; sometimes hundreds of yards! That could make the difference between an interesting trip or a disaster some dark and stormy day! ←—————→

If you have any "Helpful Hints" please send them to:  
[encantadaiiicrew@gmail.com](mailto:encantadaiiicrew@gmail.com).

It's that time again, our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bike Pub Crawl will be taking place on Cinco de Mayo. There should be a lot of people out celebrating, so we're all in for a great time. Jen & I will provide breakfast at 9am, and we'll hit the road at 10am. If you don't have a bicycle but would like to join us, call me on my cell at [310-503-6045](tel:310-503-6045) to see where we will be. Here is our likely route for drink stops:

- PRYC
- Old Tony's on the Pier (upstairs)
- Naja's
- On the Rocks
- Rocky Point (fuel dock)
- HBYC
- Barnacles
- The Mermaid
- The Poop Deck
- The Lighthouse
- back to PRYC



Seems ambitious, but a few of us have hung in for the whole trip the last 2 years. The sign-up sheet will be up at the Club. We hope you can join us, as we always have a great time.

Cheers,

Mike Williams

Jr. Staff Commodore

PRYC

**KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY**  
 PORT ROYAL YACHT CLUB

Saturday, May 5, 2012  
 1-4pm

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# OPENING DAY MEMBERS



# AND GUESTS 4/15/2012



## CELEBRATION OF THE SEA

The event will be held on May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Port Royal Patio and the PRYC clubhouse. This is a fundraiser for the Animo Marine Biology Club. Many of you remember last year when we had a Larry Brown fish fry and were able to raise funds to help this very worthy organization to go the USC Marine Center at the Catalina Isthmus for a research field trip. This year they will be going to the Monterey Bay Aquarium to do research.

The Animo Marine Biology Club is part of the Animo Leadership Charter High school of Inglewood. They do a wonderful job of providing opportunities for the youth of the lower income, intercity area of Inglewood and Lenox. I am especially interested in the marine biology education that they receive and through my diving activities have participated in their club. I like working with them and it is very rewarding to help. They are local to our area and we can see firsthand what our contributions are doing.

This year we will be providing a seafood bouillabaisse as the main attraction. It will be served on the patio starting about 3pm or so. Of course we will have adult beverages, which may be purchased through the club. The bouillabaisse is from a time-honored recipe of the TRW Sea Divers (hope to have a few Sea Divers there) and includes such things as lobster, scallops, crabs, fish, shrimp, and maybe even crawfish plus whatever else we can come up with. If you would like to donate an item to the bouillabaisse or side dish, please let me know.

We will be having an underwater highlights show from diving in Hawaii, New Zealand and local southern California. This will be the best shots from these area's and you will be surprised as to how well our local underwater scene stacks up against these outstanding diving areas from afar.

For now, just mark the date, May 27<sup>th</sup> (note: this is on Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, a way to celebrate locally and avoid holiday crowds and high gas prices). If you would like to participate in any way (help day of event, donate seafood or side dish, lend moral support, whatever) please e-mail me at [Lobsterdon@earthlink.net](mailto:Lobsterdon@earthlink.net) or catch me at the club. I'll provide more details in next month's newsletter. You can view the flyer at <http://www.pryc.us/Flyers/CelebrationOTheSeaflyer.pdf>.

Thanks

Lobsterdon & Cathy

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### BECOME A MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE BOATER



Courses are offered by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. If you attend one (or more) of these courses you can earn points towards PRYC's run for *Club of the Year*! Click on the hyperlink below to see all of the courses that are offered:

[http://www.cgaux.org/boatinged/class\\_finder/index.php](http://www.cgaux.org/boatinged/class_finder/index.php).

Please email Kevin Herink ([herinkk@gmail.com](mailto:herinkk@gmail.com)) and let him know that you are planning on attending.

## SQUIDS THAT FLY . . . . . reported by the LA Times

Squids can fly? If you are a member of the relatively small community of squid aficionados you've known this for a while.

But if you are a normal person with just a passing interest in cephalopods and all their many diverse abilities, the fact that these underwater creatures also occasionally get from point A to point B by flying above the water for distances of up to 164 feet at a time might just blow your mind.

Ron O'Dor, a marine biologist at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Canada, and co-author of a poster called "Squid Rocket Science" presented at the American Geophysical Union's Ocean Sciences Meeting in Salt Lake City, said squids have good reason to fly. It is not to avoid predators, as was previously thought, but rather to save the animal energy as it migrates across vast expanses of ocean, O'Dor said.



"The acceleration rate in air is five times faster than any acceleration I've measured in a squid in water," he said. "And once they are gliding in the air, they aren't expending any resources."

Squids are able to propel themselves out of the water in the same way they swim through the water — by filling their mantle up with water and then forcing it out at very high velocities and pressures. Once a squid has propelled itself above the water, it can contort itself into a rocket — its fins catching the air like wings, the tentacles curled up to create another flat surface in the rear. How far the squid can go at that point is limited only by the wind.

If squids are such proficient fliers however, why isn't squid flight something more people know about?

O'Dor thinks the reason is that squids are more likely to fly at night, when it would be harder for predators such as birds, as well as human observers, to catch them in the act.



He came to this hypothesis after observing some squids that he kept in a 15-meter pool at Dalhousie University. Each morning, when the research team checked on the squids, they would find a few dead squids around the outside of the pool. O'Dor found that by not completely turning off the lights at night, and only dimming them, the squids were less likely to jump out of the pool. Conclusion: Squids only like to fly in the dark. Reports of squids gliding above the waves go back to the 1890s.

In 1947 [Thor Heyerdahl](#) noted that squids would occasionally fall from the air onto his raft as he attempted to sail from Peru to the Polynesian islands in an effort to prove that people from South

America could have settled in the South Pacific islands. But photographic evidence was hard to find. In 1970 National Geographic obtained an 8 mm video of a large flying squid 6.5 feet long. And then, in 2010, a man named Bob Hulse shot a bunch of photos of squids rocketing above the ocean, off the coast of Brazil.

O'Dor, who hopes to publish a paper about squid flight soon, says there is still much more research to be done to understand the ins and outs of rocketing squids. He is trying to get funding to tag species of squid that he suspects of flying, to see how much they fly and at what times.

*Submitted by Contributing Editor Amy Myers*



# PORT ROYAL YACHT CLUB

## 2012 Event Calendar

Red = Clubhouse Event, Blue = Boating Event

May			
5	Sat	Bicycle Pub Tour	9:00 am
5	Sat	Kentucky Derby Party	12:00 pm
9	Wed	Board of Director's Meeting	6:30 pm
18-20	Fri- Sun	Isthmus Cruise w/LSFYC	
20	Sun	King Harbor Sea Fair	1 - 5 pm
27	Sun	Club Rented (Mueller) – Animo Marine Biology Club Fundraiser	2:00 pm
June			
2-3	Sat-Sun	First Weekend - Officer of the Day Duty	10 – 2 pm
13	Wed	Board of Director's Meeting	6:30 pm
16	Sat	Plastic Classic Race/Live Music!	Noon - ?
22 – 24	Fri – Sun	Cal Yacht Club Cruise	
23	Sat	Rafting Party/Dinghy Pub Tour	10:00 am
July			
4	Wed	Independence Day - Bring Your Own BBQ	3:00 pm
11	Wed	Board of Director's Meeting	6:30 pm
27 – 29	Fri – Sun	Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club Cruise	
August			
4	Sat	RBOC Fundraiser	6:00 pm
8	Wed	Board of Director's Meeting	6:30 pm
11	Sat	Summer Bash/Home Port Regatta Fundraiser/Live Music!	Noon - ?
September			
12	Wed	Board of Director's Meeting	6:30 pm
14-16	Fri-Sun	PRYC Isthmus Cruise – Microbrew Festival	
October			
10	Wed	Board of Director's Meeting	6:30 pm
19-20	Fri- Sun	Lats & Atts Cruiser's Weekend	
27	Sat	Halloween Party	8:00 pm
28	Sun	Last Weekend - Officer of the Day	
November			
14	Wed	Board of Director's Meeting	6:30 pm
22	Thu	Orphan's Thanksgiving Party	4:00 - ?
December			
8	Sat	Tree Trimming Christmas Party & General Meeting/Elections	6:00 pm
15	Sat	King Harbor Boat Parade & PRYC Party	4:00 - ?
21	Fri	Club Rented (Towne-Vowles)	5:00 pm
24	Mon	Christmas Eve Party	6:00 pm
31	Mon	New Year's Eve Party	8:00 pm

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