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A Friendly, Casual, Fun-loving Group Devoted to Social and Boating Activities

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Hi folks! August flew by! What a month, we entertained Emma, Phoebe and Drake from Blue Sky along with their friends. The Toga Party was a blast; most members came in costume and they were quite creative. And what about that PRYC Punch... Hey that got folks going. We had a great time down at Cabrillo Yacht Club thanks to Bruce and Tony on "Last Resort". Bruce, once again, thanks for making the arrangements. Don & Cathy on "Bottom Time"

along with Tammy on "Newfie's Land" and Kevin powered down together. What a wonderful spread on the dock along with Cathy's fresh catch of scallops which she sautéed for the group. For dinner we went up to the club and dined on the veranda. Cabrillo YC is beautiful and the people are quite friendly.

I missed the Pot Luck Olympic Party, but have no regrets because I was in Avalon for the weekend and attended the Kenny Loggins concert. The man and his band put on a great show. This was the first time I was inside the Casino and as I walked up the wide hall into the main ballroom and out to the balcony I felt like I went back into time. My yard sale buddy 85 year old Bonnie Peacock 85 told me some great stories about dancing to the orchestra on the Catalina Steamer and her adventures on the island when she was young. She also said back in the day South Bay High School Seniors would go to the island for Ditch Day. I wonder if that is still the destination.

Now back to PRYC and our Summer Bash, which was an all day affair. Thanks to John Ellinwood for heading up the Committee Boat and for speaking the night before at the Race Clinic and to Amy, Shawn, Jack and Pat for assisting John. Carl for getting the paper work together for the race. I almost started to hyperventilate when Carl said he was stuck in San Diego on business and couldn't make the race. A big thanks to Tom and Maria for offering their boat to the Committee especially with our current gas situation. Thanks to the cooking team of Jan and Tree who prepared a succulent pork dinner and to Jack for grilling the Huli Huli chicken. Another thank you to Ann McCarthy for sending letters and soliciting merchants and our members who donated items and prepared baskets of goodies for the auction. And as always thanks to our veteran members Lou and Jill for heading up the registration table and Sue who is always watching my back and jumping in to do whatever.

We didn't make last years numbers for the Silent Auction, yet it wasn't bad, we brought in \$1782.00. As for our Home Port Regatta Race, the turnout was low but the sailers had a good time and they returned to the awesome tunes from Tres Hombres. No worries, next year should be better. *Comments Continued*

Commodore's Comments cont.

Our success this year is due to the handful of dedicated members who work at the events and volunteer around the club, folks who love the sea, the boating community- cruising and racing, as well the reciprocals. Thanks to their participation in events and maintenance of the club, PRYC is recognized for its fulfilled social activities, warm and friendly people and relaxed family atmosphere.

One of our truly dedicated members is your Vice Commodore Shawn Milligan. When you see him thank him for giving up his time on the water to refurbish our walls with spackle and paint, installing the new track lighting (in process) and running the vacuum pretty much every day.

*****UPCOMING EVENTS*****

Get ready for the Isthmus Cruise on the 19th, contact Bruce lastresort@jps.net. A flyer will be released shortly with details. We had a blast back in June when we met with Little Ships Yacht Club, check out the pictures at the club. Hope to see you at the club.

Your Commodore Pat

MEMBER NEWS

Jason Daziel, Chris Daziel's son is starting a business as a floral designer. The pictured arrangements were created for **Jennifer and Mike Williams** on the birth of their new baby girl **Presley**, and as a get well cheer up for **Bob Milligan**, member and dad of **Shawn**, who is recuperating from surgery. Congratulations to **John and Mary Nelson** on the birth of their first granddaughter, **Nehlani**. We also want to wish a welcome to **Max, Kurt and Barb Romsbacher's** newest canine member of the family. You'll be seeing him at the marina and the club. Congratulations to **Andy Pokk** and **Tim** on their 50th birthdays and thanks **Jan** and **Lynn** respectively for hosting fabulous celebrations in their honor.



CABRILLO YACHT CLUB CRUISE

Fleet Captain Bruce Stafford organized the club's annual weekend to Cabrillo Yacht Club in San Pedro. Members sailed or drove down to the party, hosted at Bruce and Toni's boat, Last Resort. Everyone was high on life and Jimmy Z's White Russians while they enjoyed a potluck dock party and later, dinner in the Cabrillo Yacht Club. Always a fun event. If you didn't make it this time, check the calendar for next year's cruise.





CLEAN WATERFRONT REDONDO UPDATE & COMING EVENT

Since our Earth Day presentation and the fund raising fish fry held at Port Royal Yacht Club, we have been rapidly moving forward. We now have been officially awarded 501 c3 status by the IRS which means that any contributions to CWR are fully tax deductible.

We are in the planning stages for a major event to be held at the Seaside Lagoon in Redondo on **Saturday, Oct 11, 2008**. This event is called the "**Redondo Beach Clean Waterfront Festival**" and will feature several presentations by leading experts in the field of clean water. There will be participation by local area students in hands-on workshops. There will be demonstrations on several topics including water sampling and testing. Various organizations with a focus on coastal water quality will have tables set up to highlight what they are doing to improve our water quality. This event will last all day and is free to the public. In the evening there will be a fund raising dinner at Seaside Lagoon with proceeds going to support Clean Waterfront Redondo programs. The event is co-sponsored by the City Of Redondo Beach.

For this event to be a true success, we will need community support in the form of event volunteers. We are working on an event volunteer program, but for now, please keep the date open if you would like to help us out with this event. We hope that you would like to participate by attending the event or volunteering. We would also like you to become one of us by joining our organization. There are several levels of membership. Go to our membership page on the web site to join. :

<http://www.cleanwaterfrontredondo.org/membership.htm>

From here you may also navigate to our calendar and newsletter pages and get the latest on CWR.

Thank you
Clean Waterfront Redondo Board of Directors

Restoration SV Cariad Built 1896



Cariad at sail in 1896



Original crew with Lord Dunraven



Hull before renovation began



Hull renovation complete

As I was reading Jim and Emma Mather's blogs about their round the world voyage on SV Blue Sky, (<http://www.thevoyageofbluesky.com>) I came upon an entry about a vintage yacht that was being restored that he wanted to see in Thailand, When I read the name "Cariad" (Welsh word meaning 'beloved') . "I thought that was the name of the charter yacht I crewed on in the 70's in St. Lucia in the West Indies. When I read further that she was built in 1896 for Lord Dunraven for the 1898 Lisbon to Bombay Vasco Da Gama Cup, I knew it was indeed the same boat! Talk about small world. I was the stewardess/hostess/ bartender/ sou chef when the boat was owned by Nick Bowden from South Africa. He and his wife owned a small hotel called Hurricane Hole and we would take guests out from there for cruises through the West Indies. Cariad is the largest and oldest Gaff Ketch in the world today.

It was really interesting for me to read what had happened to it in the years since I had lived on it. So sad to thing a beautiful piece of history could al into such disrepair. Fortunately, there is an interest in restoring these great sailing vessels and the Cariad I in the process of being returned to its original state now thanks to Stuart Williamson, a English executive and avid sailor who lives in Malaysia. He assembled an experienced and talented crew to do the restoration. Please visit their website if you want to see and read more about this fascinating piece of sailing history. Here are just a few highlights:

"Build a Yacht that will race and beat the Kaiser"

Returning from the defeat at the 1895 attempt to win the Americas Cup back for the UK.

A disenchanted Lord Dunraven puts his focus on long range Cruiser Racer and not Match Racing. On the instruction of Queen Victoria he lays down the designs for Cariad for a Yacht to beat the Kaiser.

1896: May:

CARIAD leaves for Lisbon to participate in the "Vasco da Gama Cup", a regatta to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Vasco da Gama's voyage around the Cape of Good Hope to India. Achieved first place and returned home to the Royal Yacht Squadron with the cup. **1899:**

Use by Lord Dunraven for the fishing grounds off South West Ireland, chartered to Richard D'Oyly Carte of Gilbert and Sullivan fame, rocking to the strains of HMS Pinafore and the Pirates of Penzance.

1981 January: (Information from Gordon Skinner)

Following several years of chartering in the West Indies, it was decided to completely gut CARIAD I and restore her to her original style and beauty. This was commenced in Antigua, West Indies in January 1981 and, when the vessel returned to England to participate in Cowes Week in 1983, the work was completed by Southampton Yacht Services. The modification was extensive, the gimballed table, steering gears and wheel, ship's bell and the binnacle being the only equipment reused. 35% of the hull is replaced. The fantail is rebuilt, new deck and superstructures, the "playpen" (area for guests so they don't get I the way whilst sailing) is made. Table in playpen is 32 inches wide and made from one piece of teak! Rig is replaced with Norsealay rig. New sails, all foresails are on Schafer roller systems, (the flying jibs rolling sys-

SV CARIAD cont.

tem breaks down shortly after we left St. Maartan). All woodwork down below is made at SYS in England and sent out to Antigua and then fitted. This idea work well except for the crews quarters up forward and the 2 guest cabins, the naval architect made a blunder with the beam of the boat in these 2 areas. The drawers in the guest cabins had to be removed, and the berths in the crew's quarters were so narrow that we had to sleep with the lee cloths up even in harbor! (I am 193 cm tall and weigh 100 kgs.).

1983 March: (Information from Gordon Skinner)

Had to leave England because of VAT laws. Sails to Malta to take on new Crew.

May-Aug: Sail to Greece and Sardinia for charter. Charter crew is skipper, mate, decks hand, cook(skippers wife), and stewardess.

Sept: Gordon Skinner leave ' Cariad I ' after a fall out with the new skipper.

1983 September 8:

CARIAD I bought by Pamela Anne Marvyn of London, England.

1985 April 13:

CARIAD I set sail for Turkey, experiencing storms on the way whilst in Greece. Attended Agents Week in Marmaris and stayed for the charter season in Turkey. The voyage to Malta in September took 4 weeks due to stern shaft problems, adverse weather, and lack of an inner jib which blew out after the failure of the roller furling gear. Repairs were completed in Malta

including replacement of a number of planks and the return to hanked on headsails. A new boom was made for the staysail. The winter was spent in Antibes, France.

1981 November:

Gordon Skinner join Cariad 1 in Antigua as first mate. Help out with the refit.

1993:

CARIAD I had been left abandoned by the Japanese corporation that was about to go bankrupt at the burst of the Japanese economic bubble. The Japan Charter Yacht Association heard about CARIAD I and decided to see if she could be saved. They took up a collection from interested members and bought CARIAD I from the corporation that went bankrupt shortly after the sale. Extensive repairs were done in Singapore including replacing the broken main mast which was brought all the way from England.

On the way back to Japan from Singapore , further work was done in Taiwan such as laying down new teak and holly cabin soles. **August 26:** CARIAD I arrives in Tokyo, Japan. Since then, she has been active as the flagship of the Japan Charter Yacht Association in trying to promote charter sailing and ocean leisure in general. Promotional info for the JCYA below

1996 to 2004:

CARIAD I fell in to disrepair and virtually abandoned in Tokyo.

2004:

CARIAD I sailed to Thailand and abandoned at anchor offshore Laem Cabang.

July 2006:

CARIAD I purchased by Mr.Stuart Williamson then sailed to Langkawi, Malaysia where the inside was stripped out preparatory to the refit.

September 2006:

CARIAD I arrives PSS Shipyard, Satun, Thailand to commence full restoration.

Thank you for more information from Gordon Skinner

A 'classic yacht' must represent a graceful and well-proportioned hull whose individual parts are not only enduring but are created by a traditional process of skill and inspiration. A classic yacht speaks to you in a distinct and compelling voice. Their histories are as rich as the woods from which they were built. These classic yachts transcend their owners. They have lives of their own. In the last decade or so, there has been a resurgence in Yacht Restoration and a desire to preserve the past.

All information is from the Cariad website... it's really interesting, check it out.....amy, ed.

<http://www.cariad1896.com/index.html>



The **2008 Summer Bash and Hometown Regatta** raised money for **Operation Topsail**. There was a good turnout to enjoy **Jan Pokk's** and **Tree Curtis's** Luau dinner (plus **Jack's** Huli Huli chicken). **Tres Hombres Band** played requests including one of our favorites "Tequila". No one can sit down for long when this band plays. Thanks to **Ann McCarthy** and **Sue Meyer** for handling the silent auction as well as all the contributors. We had a good race, thanks to **John Ellinwood** from Redondo Beach YC. John showed **Pat Wyatt, Jack Laisure, Shawn** and me how to officiate a race on the committee boat which **Tom Fraser** generously provided and captained. It was a great opportunity for our newer racers to get out there and learn the ropes and seasoned ones to practice their skills.





Trophies for all the Hometown RacersCongratulations to all, see you next year



Sue with auction baskets



The littlest PRYC Sea Sprite



Old Salts telling fish tales

RACE RESULTS

MARINER

Sail #	Boat	Skipper	Club	Mfg. Type
32	Stargazer	Darrel Yocum	PRYC	Eric 32-2
57260	Wind Lass	Andy Pokk	PRYC	Eric 32
623	Fleet Wind	Tom Adamski	PRYC	Cat 30
	Enigma 2	Kevin F. Herink	PRYC	Lancer 36

SPINNAKER

Sail #	Boat	Skipper	Club	Mfg. Type
87309	Priorities	Bob Cole	KHYC	Olsen 30
56211	No Way!	Don/Bob Souther	KHYC	Capri 25

SCIENTISTS DISCOVER GIANT SQUID IS "JUST A LAZY GLOB"

The 495 kilogramme (1,090-pound) female, accidentally hauled in by a fishing boat in the Antarctic last year, was an overweight breeding machine, leading marine biologist Steve O'Shea told AFP Thursday. The colossal squid (*Mesonychoteuthis hamiltoni*), donated to the country's national museum, was probably quite docile when alive, said O'Shea.

"The colossal species has a reputation for being an aggressive and dangerous predator and have been feared and misrepresented in the past," O'Shea said. "My research suggests they're not the T-rex of the sea, they get more docile as they mature, a strange phenomenon that has caught scientists off guard.

"We are looking at something verging on the incredibly bizarre. As she got older she got shorter and broader and was reduced to a giant gelatinous blob, carrying many thousands of eggs," he said. "Her shape was likely to have affected her behaviour and ability to hunt. I can't imagine her jetting herself around in the water at any great speed, and she was too gelatinous to have been a fighting machine. "It's likely she was just blobbing around the seabed carrying her brood of



eggs, living on dead fish, while her mate was off hunting." The squid began to reveal its secrets to a team of fascinated scientists in April when it was thawed after being frozen on the fishing boat. They were struck initially by her beach ball-sized eyes, describing them as the biggest known in the animal kingdom. The enormous eyes would help the squid locate prey in the dark of its habitat 1,000 metres (3,300 feet) or more below the surface of Antarctic waters. Two long tentacles carry up to 25 rotating hooks each, while eight arms each contain up to 19 fixed hooks used to capture prey and bring it to the squid's beaked mouth. O'Shea and his colleagues believe larger squid still lurk in the southern ocean depths. The New Zealand squid's lower beak measures around 40 centimetres across, while other beaks have been found -- usually in the stomach of predator sperm whales -- measuring up to 49 centimetres. O'Shea said it is possible that colossal squid may grow to up to 750 kilograms but there was not yet enough information to be sure.

The squid is expected to go on display in a special tank at Te Papa museum in Wellington later this year. She is believed to be the biggest complete adult of her species ever landed, and very little is known about the colossal squid because they live at extreme depths in Antarctic waters. But research suggests they have a penchant for toothfish and are no strangers to cannibalism.