



# CONNECTIONS

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**PORT ROYAL YACHT CLUB** Redondo Beach, CA

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

## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

**February was a busy month for Port Royal, but more about that later.**

The Opening Day season is upon us which means that your Flag Officers get to visit lots of different Yacht Clubs from Santa Barbara to San Diego....



We get to drink champagne or Bloody Marys, eat a lot of cheese, little pastry goodies, and crudités. We are announced to the hosting Commodore, salute him (or her) in recognition of his (or her) position. But that's all pomp and circumstance and extra calories.

One of the best parts of Opening Days is that we get to see a lot of beautiful Yacht Clubs in a lot of beautiful venues. We get to experience how other clubs operate and how they compare to our club. While our club is smaller than most other clubs, we can be very proud of our beautiful view, friendly atmosphere, and great club house.

Our own Opening Day is set for April 15. We will have a clean up day on April 7 and we'll need lots of help to get Port Royal ready for our guests. Details to follow *and* dinner will be served!!

Anyway, speaking of visiting other venues, brings me to the reciprocals that we have with most of these other Yacht Clubs. It's a great treat to be able to take a road trip and stop in to visit one of these clubs, take in the view and enjoy their hospitality. But, the best way to experience the reciprocals is by boat. Let's get those boats out there this season and take a cruise to one of our neighboring marinas and visit a friendly Yacht Club. Our first cruise this year is to Cal Yacht Club in Marina Del Rey in June — details later.

Bruce Stafford and Jr. Staff Commodore Sue Meyer, will be putting together a list of the reciprocals which will be posted in the club and on the website. Take the time and visit another beautiful Yacht Club. In the meantime,....

See you at Port Royal.....

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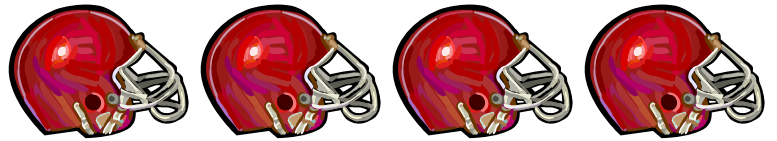
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# Chili



**SUPER BOWL SUN-DAY/CHILI COOK-OFF/CHANGE OF WATCH** took place on Sunday, February 4.

Jack Laisure won 1st Place for the best chili (2nd year) and received a Port Royal hat and shirt.

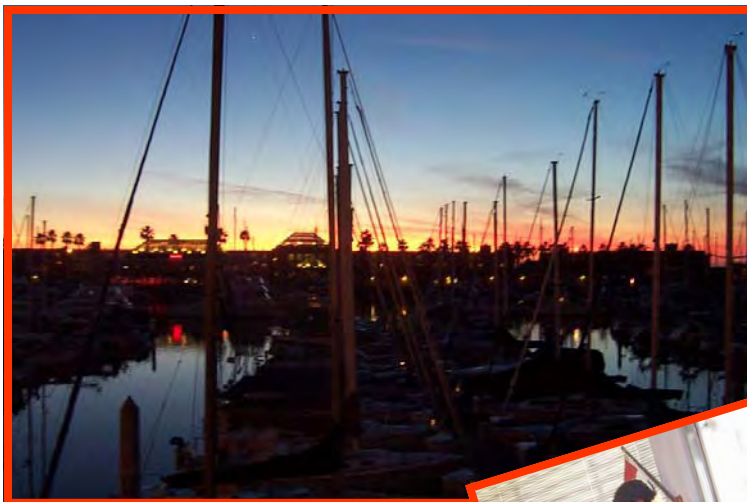
Lobster Don and Cathy took 2nd Place for their famous "Is it Chili or Isn't It?" lobster chili and they received a Port Royal shirt.

Dick and Fran Krebs took 3rd Place for their chili and received a Port Royal hat.

All of the chilis were excellent and everyone enjoyed them.

You already know how the SuperBowl ended...but, the real winners were Penny, Jill, Cathy, Jim and Sharon....we'll just leave it at that!!!

And, finally the new Board of Directors were sworn in—kind of...



# Cookoff



# FEBRUARY EVENTS

***SUPER BOWL SUNDAY/CHILI COOK-OFF/CHANGE OF WATCH*** took place on Sunday, February 4.

*The INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL* held their 2nd annual kick-off event by having a Wine Tasting at Port Royal on Saturday, February 10. This is a fund-raiser for them and it kicks off their year. They really like our Club House for this event and have already booked it for next year!!

Here's how it goes: participants bring 2 bottles of their favorite wine and \$15 for 5 tickets. You get to taste a lot of different wines and you put your ticket in the bowl in front of your favorite wine for a chance to win that wine. It's easy and the anticipation of hearing that you have the winning ticket is great fun.

However, it was quite embarrassing when Port Royal members won most of the wine!! I think we won 6 out of the 12 participating wines. Shawn won 1 bottle, Jimmy and Sue won 2, Jill and Lou won 3. Well, don't mess with the pros.....

***VALENTINE'S DAY BRUNCH*** held on Sunday, February 18 was a great day. Some members were a little disappointed that we weren't able to go out Whale Watching. But, we just didn't have enough boats. So, we made the best of the situation and had a great Valentine's Day brunch.

Strawberries and champagne and mimosa's flowed thanks to Jimmy Z and Sue for the champagne and Penny for the strawberries. Cathy and Don Mueller provided their famous lobster benedict!! We had tasty egg casserole, sausage gravy and biscuits (Jill and Lou Toth), cheesecake with fruit on top (Commodore Penny) and lots of other goodies provided by Craig and Deborah Alsopp, Tree and Dean Curtis, Vice Commodore Pat Paxson, Bob and Cecilia Milligan, and, and, and I'm sure I'm forgetting someone...but, it was all good. And, a special thanks goes to Rear Commodore Shawn Milligan for those Ding Dongs—quite the treat!!!!



# Valentines Day 2007



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OPENING DAY

Sunday, April 15.  
Hor D'Ouvres at 1500 hours  
Ceremony at 1600hours  
Reception at 1700 hours

Clean up Day for Opening Day will be Saturday, April 7 around 12:00 noon. Help make the Club House look shiny and bright for all of those guests. Dinner will be served.

If you would like to decorate your boat for Opening Day with flags, Jack Laisure can get a great discount for a set of flags. Call Jack or any Board Member to order your flags and Jack will show you how to tie them on and get them up the yard arm or mast or whatever you can find to attach them to.

Let's make Port Royal Marina look festive and welcoming on April 15!!

### NEW EVENTS ADDED!!!

Port Royal will do our annual **CAL YACHT CLUB CRUISE** on June 22—24. This is a special event because not only do we get to celebrate Jimmy Z's birthday with White Russians, we get to dine in the beautiful dining room at Cal Yacht Club. The slips and docks are beautiful and we always have a good time. Contact Bruce Stafford at [lastresort@jps.net](mailto:lastresort@jps.net). Oh, yeah, Cal Yacht Club is in Marina del Rey.

777!!!! Yep, July 7, 07 falls on a Saturday and we've picked that day to have our **RAT PACK PARTY** - Yeah, baby, swing to the tunes of Frank, Dino, and Sammy, try a Martini from our cool ice slide and graze from all your favorite foods from the 50's and 60's—fondue, prime rib carving station, mashers in a martini glass, and whatever else we can dream up. Ideas welcome!!!



# MARCH EVENTS



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Once again, Port Royal's St. Pat's Day turned out to be a blast.

Jan Pokk did a great job re-creating her Scottish Grandmother's recipe of corned beef, cabbage, carrots, and potatoes. It was fabulous!! Good food, good music, a few Guinness' and a good time was had by all!! Thanks to everyone who helped make this a fun event!

