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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



Hello fellow P.R.Y.C. Members,

Let me "officially" welcome you to the 2009 season of yachting, fun and of course, cigars on the patio. It gives me great pleasure to be your commodorial leader this year as we navigate another season of fun in the sun and, in the words of the late Ricardo Montalban, "Rich Corinthian Spirit". I promise that the 2009 year

of the good ship HMS P.R.Y.C. will be filled with great excitement with pleasure at the helm. So let us hoist our mighty sails up high and yank anchor.

PLEASE PARDON OUR DUST!!! At the January board meeting the board and bridge decided unanimously to approve a plan of upgrades to our club throughout 2009. This is a continuation of club upgrades that has taken place over the past two years. This year's capital improvements include: trophy and library cabinets, wainscoting where the wood paneling now exists and new couches. New carpeting, floor moldings and lighting will be installed this year completing Commodore Pat Paxson's phase of club restoration.

I look forward to seeing all of you for our installation of club officers on Super bowl Sunday (during half time) and also to honor a terrific woman and Jr. Staff commodore Pat Paxson for a great year of service. Also I will invite everyone on February 14th for our annual Valentine's breakfast and romantic whale watch.

As your new commodore I feel I would not be doing my job unless I used the word "Corinthian" at least one more time. Now that I have taken care of that matter, let's have a great year!!!

At Ease,

Commodore
Shawn

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**PRYC CHILI COOKOFF &
OFFICER INSTALLATION 2009**



**WATCH THE GAME AND ENTER THE CHILI COMPETITION
1PM FEBRUARY 1ST (SUPER BOWL SUNDAY)
PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE WINNERS**

TOGA PARTY 2008



TRIM-A-TREE 2008



More pictures from these events are at the club. When you're there, stop by for a look.////Thanks Lou for recording all these great Port Royal moments



Happy 2009!!

Valentines Day Brunch & Whale Watch



***Saturday, February 14th
Boats depart at 8:30 AM
Champagne brunch will be served***

Sign up at the club if you want to take passengers on your boat or if you need a ride

KEEP 2/14 OPEN FOR THE WHALE WATCH/BRUNCH!!

FAREWELL FROM PAT

Hi Folks,
We had a great time this year. We accomplished a lot. The club looks great. Thanks to all the bridge, board and club members who helped make it possible. Also thanks to you, we are gaining a reputation of being the "go-to club" for parties and fun events. The trip to the Isthmus with the Little Ships club was a blast. Being Commodore was hard work but in the end it was a terrific experience. Again I really appreciated spending the time with a hard working board and bridge and meeting all the new members. I want to wish best of luck to Shawn as he takes the helm for another fabulous year at PRYC. Life is good!

Junior Commodore, Pat!



PIGLET SQUID COLLECTED FOR CABRILLO AQUARIUM

The animal, named because of its tuft of bristle-like arms and tentacles and rotund shape, is normally found more than 320 feet (100m) below the surface of the ocean. Because of its deep water habit, little is known of the behaviour of the squid, although not surprisingly, judging by its body shape, it is known to be a sluggish swimmer. The squids' bodies are almost completely clear except for some pigment-containing cells, or chromatophores, which give this specimen its distinctive appearance. Properly called *Helicocranchia pferi*, the animals are also noted for the light producing organs known as photophores located beneath each of their large eyes. This specimen, about the size of an orange, was collected by the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium where director Mike Schaaf managed to capture it on film.

GIANT OARFISH MISTAKEN FOR SEA SERPENT!!!



Who said there are no sea monsters? The 15-foot oarfish in a photo being passed around by Bill Roecker of Fishingvideos.com was actually taken in May 2007 at Baja California's East Cape region, near Rancho Leonero Resort, by Troy Tinney of Encinitas. These bizarre denizens, who occupy the dark depths most of the time, occasionally surface, usually dead or dying. A few have been discovered in recent years in the Sea of Cortez. They can measure 50-plus feet and undoubtedly -- with their long, oar-shaped fins and crimson manes -- are among species to have spawned tales of sea serpents among ancient mari-

ners. You may recall the surfacing of a live oarfish in 2006 inside a bay at Santa Catalina Island. Harbormaster Doug Oudin donned snorkeling gear and swam alongside the fish, before it died. Their modern discovery may date to 1808, when a 56-foot serpent-like creature washed ashore in Scotland. In 1901, a 22-foot oarfish drifted onto the sand in Newport Beach, becoming, according to one reference book, "the basis for many sea-serpent stories told by local bar patrons for more than a decade after its discovery." The oarfish in the photo looks to have had its tail bitten off. In the Sea of Cortez, apparently, there is no dignity in dying.

-- Pete Thomas

Weather Seminar at Shoreline YC

Vice Commodore Kevin Herink and I attended the weather seminar presented by Captain Ed Getz at Shoreline Yacht Club in Long Beach. A self proclaimed “weatherholic”, Ed designed a workshop that was specifically designed for mariners. He began by explaining the type of equipment you need to hook up your computer and access the websites available that provide charts and calculations for wind speeds, forecasting and wave activity. We each got a weather binder explaining how weather is formed, how to read the charts and definitions or the terms and diagrams you see on the weather channel or the local news forecast. We also learned that the local TV forecast doesn’t necessarily match what is actually happening out on the ocean and he taught us how to access the information we need to determine more accurately whether to go for a sail or sit in the club.

He showed us some awesome footage of a stage 5 tornado in the Midwest, a very rare and frightening occurrence. Ed’s farm in Wisconsin was obliterated by one in

2004. We also watched a video about rogue waves, like the one in “The Perfect Storm” and the one that caused the wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald. I would NOT want to be in my kayak if one of them came up unexpectedly!

The information you can get off the weather and tracking websites is totally cool. Many of the charts and maps are done in real time so they are animated. One of my favorites charted the large container ships going in and out of the port. We also learned how to contact and interpret the data on the weather buoys. We learned about dew points and different types of fog, including June Gloom.

Shoreline YC is a beautiful club and the folks were very friendly. Some serious racers members there. They are also offering courses on Ham Radio, Coast Guard Captain’s License and a workshop for the Newport to Ensenada Race. Anyone in our club who is interested in these events can contact Marian Seaman at Shoreline.

At the end of the class, Ed asked us how to interpret one of the charts and predict a weather event to see if we could apply what we had learned. Move over, Dallas Rains, there’s a cold front moving in from the North!



Aaah, kayaking under the full moon, beautiful!!



Just one more shot Sweetie-pie!



PORT ROYAL YACHT CLUB

2009 Events

12/03/08

January 14	<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>	6:30 p.m.
February 1	Change of Watch/Super Bowl & Chili Cook off	1:00 p.m.
February 11	<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>	6:30 p.m.
February 14	Whale Watch/Valentine's Day Brunch	9:00 a.m.
February 15	IOBG Wine Tasting	2:00 p.m.
March 8	<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>	6:30 p.m.
March 14	St. Patrick's Day Party	6:00 p.m.
April 8	<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>	6:30 p.m.
April 4 & 11	Clean up Days	Noon
April 19	Opening Day	3:00 p.m.
May 2	Cinco de Mayo Party	6:00 p.m.
May 13	<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>	6:30 p.m.
May 23	PRYC Wine Tasting	4:00 p.m.
May 29-31	Isthmus Cruise w/LSFYC	
June 6	First Weekend of Officer of the Day Duty	
June 10	<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>	6:30 p.m.
June 20	Plastic Classic Race	Noon - ?
June 26-28	Cruise to Cal YC	
July 4	Independence Day Bring Your Own BBQ	
July 8	<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>	6:30 p.m.
August 12	<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>	6:30 p.m.
August 15	End of Summer Bash/ Fundraiser/ Home Port Regatta	Noon - ?
September 9	<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>	6:30 p.m.
September 13	Last Weekend of Officer of the Day Duty	
September 25-27	Isthmus Cruise	
October 14	<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>	6:30 p.m.
October 31	Halloween Party	6:00 p.m.
November 11	<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>	6:30 p.m.
November 26	Thanksgiving	2:00 - ?
December 5	Tree Trimming Christmas Party & General Meeting	6:00 p.m.
December 12	SCYA Board Meeting @ Port Royal Yacht Club	Noon
December 19	King Harbor Boat Parade & PRYC Party	4:00 - ?
December 24	Christmas Eve Party	6:00 p.m.
December 31	New Year's Eve Party	8:00 p.m.

Event dates are subject to change, other activities may be added..... Stay tuned!!