



# 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



Dear Members

2010 will be a special year for the club. Port Royal Yacht Club is celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. On July 17<sup>th</sup> we will have a club party to celebrate this event. What will the event include? What else - good food, merriment, and a live band. We will have a program in which members share stories about the club both new and old.

Over the last year our club went through some great renovations. We remodeled the back wall to include a trophy case and entertainment center. The bridge and committee also spent 6 months trying to decide on the carpet color and quality. After much agonizing we came up with a quality commercial carpet that was so similar to the old that many thought we just got the carpet cleaned. We have also added a new wainscoting which really ties out both ends of the club. We replaced the stand-up cooler in the kitchen, replaced the large cooler in the bar area, and repainted the club. There are many members to thank for their participation in the improvements, but Shawn Milligan provided great leadership, spearheaded working with the contractors, motivated members to assist and always provided personal sweat equity to insure the improvements were completed professionally.

This year we will continue to make improvements to the club, we are planning to make some upgrades to the bar area, upgrade the clothing selection, and offer members the opportunity to sponsor chairs to embroider their boat names on the backs of the chairs. We are also planning Fundraiser Friday's in which member's sponsor Friday night events to support our club's community support.

I look forward to serving the club with the help of our board and membership.

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Commodore Kevin

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### PRYC OFFICERS

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Rear Commodore  
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Secretary  
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Bruce Stafford

Junior Staff Commodore  
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Quartermaster  
Amy Irwin

Club Manager  
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### PRYC DIRECTORS

Pat Wyatt  
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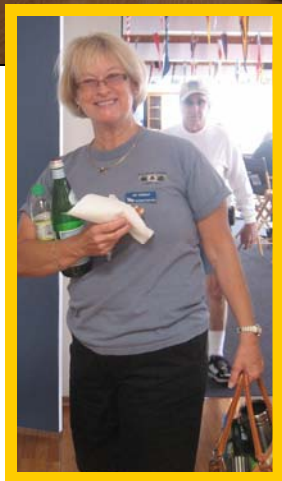
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Here is a photo recap of our past year. What a beautiful sailing season. Thanks to all who participated in the various activities— OD's, trips to the isthmus, races, Larry and Larry Fish Frys and Friday night burgers. Thanks to Jan for all the great meals at all our events and of course, a big thanks to Shawn. He had a fabulous Opening Day and got us involved with other yacht clubs. Under his leadership we've made some wonderful improvements to the look of the club and he's not done yet! So onto another great year, our 20th anniversary. Looking forward to another exciting year under Commodore Kevin's watch!









Hey Member,

Hope everyone it had a great holiday season and looks forward to the new year. We on the board are here to help PRYC have a great year also, so one of our initiative is to use the internet more to communicate and let you know what's going on. Kevin did a great job last year sending out weekly emails hopefully you found it helpful. In the spirit of getting to the point let me talk about the bar and some helpful reminders for new and old members.

#### Premium Wines:

Over the last year we have been trying to stock some good Northern California Wines at the club. The Red is located under the bar and the whites are located in the cooler in the kitchen. I just stocked it with some Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Zinfandel and Syrah. For the white we have Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay. If there is a varietal of wine you would like to see I am always looking for suggestion. A varietal is a type of grape not a winery.

#### Just some helpful reminders:

- All bottles of wine (not the box stuff) are \$20, there is no premium wine by the glass except at very special designated events like opening day. Any bottle in the club is consider premium (White or Red) and is \$20.
- Please don't put your open white bottles in the cooler to save for later.

You pay the \$20 to the register but for corkage fees you put your \$5 / bottle in the tip fish (the reason for that is we don't have to pay taxes on tips or corkage fees).

In case you didn't catch that I have also been asked to remind our Member run club, there is a \$5 corkage fee per bottle that you bring in. Please feel free to remind those other members you see, sometime we forget :-)

#### Also:

We have a new beer fridge, our last one quit on us so thanks to Mike Williams we have a shinny new one. Some reminders:

- Feel free to restock the beer if you see it is getting low.
- Please try and use the box wine in the cooler before you open up a new one in the back.
- Please check the cooler for an open mixer before you go in the back and open a new one.

There should only be 1 open bottle of any given mixer at a time. This will help with space and costs.

Thanks for your time and lets have a great new year!

Rear Commodore

Larry Halvorsen



## Good Times at PRYC

Our club has a reputation for being the most fun party club in the Southern California yachting club scene. We've supported some good causes-RBYA and Operation Topsail. We've run two races-Plastic Classic and Homeport Regatta. Our parties have been so successful, starting with Opening Day, all the way to the Boat Parade. If there is a holiday, PRYC will celebrate it...July 4th, Cinco de Mayo, St. Patrick's day to name a few. Plus, our OD's have been delicious all summer long.

Of course since we're an all volunteer club, our success is due to our members old and new, our board and bridge. Let's face it we're just chocked full of the Corinthian spirit. I want to take this opportunity to thank Shawn for his tremendous efforts as Commodore. I'm looking forward to our anniversary year with Commodore Kevin at the helm.....*editor*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Change of Watch/Super Bowl and Chili Cookoff  
*February 7*

Whale Watch/Valentine's Day Brunch  
*February 13*  
IOBG

Wine Tasting  
*February 14*



# PORT ROYAL YACHT CLUB

## 2010 Events

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January 13	Wed	Board of Directors Meeting	6:30 p.m.
February 7	Sun	Change of Watch/Super Bowl & Chili Cook off	1:00 p.m.
February 10	Wed	Board of Directors Meeting	6:30 p.m.
February 13	Sat	Whale Watch/Valentine's Day Brunch	9:00 a.m.
February 14	Sun	IOBG Wine Tasting	2:00 p.m.
March 9	Wed	Board of Directors Meeting	6:30 p.m.
March 13	Sat	St. Patrick's Day Party	6:00 p.m.
March 27	Sat	Clean up day	Noon
April 3	Sat	Clean up day	Noon
April 11	Sun	Opening Day	3:00 p.m.
April 14	Wed	Board of Directors Meeting	6:30 p.m.
May 1	Sat	Cinco de Mayo Party	6:00 p.m.
May 12	Wed	Board of Directors Meeting	6:30 p.m.
May 22	Sat	PRYC Wine Tasting	4:00 p.m.
May 28-30	Fri- Sun	Isthmus Cruise w/LSFYC	
June 5-6	Sat-Sun	First Weekend of Officer of the Day Duty	10 – 2pm
June 9	Sun	Board of Directors Meeting	6:30 p.m.
June 19	Sat	Plastic Classic Race/Live Music sign-up 10am	Noon - ?
July 3	Sat	Independence Day Bring Your Own BBQ	
July 14	Wed	Board of Directors Meeting	6:30 p.m.
August 7	Sat	RBOC Fundraiser-	6:00 p.m.
August 11	Wed	Board of Directors Meeting	6:30 p.m.
August 14	Sat	Summer Bash/ Fundraiser/Live Music Home Port Regatta sign – up 10am	Noon - ?
Sept 8	Wed	Board of Directors Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Sept 18	Sat	Last Weekend of Officer of the Day Duty	
Sept 24-26	Fri- Sun	Isthmus Cruise	
October 10	Wed	Board of Directors Meeting	6:30 p.m.
October 30	Sat	Halloween Party	8:00 p.m.
Nov 11	Wed	Board of Directors Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Nov 25	Thu	Thanksgiving	4:00 - ?
Dec 4	Sat	Tree Trimming Christmas Party & General Meeting/Elections	6:00 p.m.
Dec 18	Sat	King Harbor Boat Parade & PRYC Party	4:00 - ?
Dec 24	Fri	Christmas Eve Party	6:00 p.m.
Dec 31	Fri	New Year's Eve Party	8:00 p.m.

**NEWS OF THE DEEP**



Wrecker driver Gilbert Harrison, with MCH Towing, pulls a Bugatti Veyron, one of the world's fastest production cars, from the water by the north frontage road of Interstate 45 near Omega Bay on Wednesday afternoon.

## **\$2 million Bugatti crashes into lagoon**

The Daily News,

Published November 12, 2009

LA MARQUE — The owner of one of the world's fastest production automobiles accidentally drove his fine-tuned, French-built car into a saltwater lagoon Wednesday. The man, who police said was from Lufkin, was uninjured after escaping the partially submerged Bugatti Veyron as it came to rest in about 2 feet of saltwater.

The two-seater, with 16 cylinders and four turbo chargers, can reach speeds of more than 250 mph. New models sell for about \$2 million. The man, who refused to give his name, was looking at real estate in Galveston. About 3 p.m. a low-flying pelican distracted him as he traveled north on Interstate 45 just south of the hurricane levee near Omega Bay. The man jerked the wheel, dropped his cell phone, and the car's front tire left the frontage road and entered a muddy patch, which foiled his attempt to maneuver away from the lagoon. The Veyron's powerful engine gurgled like an outboard motor for about 15 minutes before it died.

**By Chris Paschenko**

[Video: \\$2 million Bugatti crashes into lagoon](#)



*We congratulate Shawn on his banner year as the 2009 Commodore of Port Royal Yacht Club. We made new friends and contacts with many other yacht clubs up and down the coast and involved us with the SCYA. He made some wonderful improvements to the club– wainscoating and our new shelves and countertops. He relentlessly traded our burgee with yacht clubs all over the globe. Finally, I want to say thanks to Shawn for playing Herb Alpert’s theme to the Dating Game endlessly. It’s repeating in my head over and over and over and over....ed*

## **Parting Comments from Commodore Shawn**

Mahalo Portroyaleans,

It is hard to believe that an entire year has passed since I assumed the helm of the good ship P.R.Y.C. I wanted to thank everyone for allowing me the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful club as your commodore of “Corinthian Spirit” (still not sure what Corinthian means)...

Over the past year, our Port Royal Yacht Club was able to raise a record amount of money for charity as well as for the Recreational Boaters of California lobby group in Sacramento. This year we achieved a record number of yachts for our Plastic Classic and King Harbor Home Port Regattas. Also, the Port Royal Yacht Club found itself host to the final Southern California Yachting Association board meeting. In addition, we hosted many visiting yachtsman. The people who visited us this year said we have a beautiful club, a wonderful group of members and the best food anywhere! I have to agree!!!

I want to thank everyone for all the help I received this year. The year went by smoothly, and I have many of you to thank for that. I was fortunate to have a great board of directors and a terrific bridge. I can’t think of anyone better to have in my corner than Kevin Herink and Mike Williams, and I know this year’s board, lead by Commodore Kevin will do the best job ever for P.R.Y.C.!!!

Staff commodore Penny Towne Vowles asked me the other day if I feel like I have changed as a person after this year’s experience. I don’t know if I changed as a person, (maybe you can’t teach an old commodore new tricks); however, all of you trusted me, saved me from rough water at times, and became my friends. I guess after this year’s experience with all of you, I finally understand what Corinthian spirit is.

Thank you all,

Shawn