

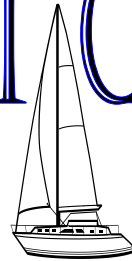


# PORT ROYAL YACHT CLUB

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

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## PRYC OFFICERS

**Commodore**  
**Jim Tessman**

**Vice Commodore**  
**Shelia Anderson**

**Rear Commodore**  
**Amy Irwin**

**Treasurer**  
**Tom Fraser**

**Secretary**  
**Penny Towne-Vowles**

## PRYC DIRECTORS

**Scott Dow**  
**Craig Alsopp**  
**Dave Sarazen**  
**Lynda Peterson**

## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

**Club Manager**  
**Jim Mather**

**Quartermaster**  
**John Elder**

**Judge Advocate**  
**Frank Sandelman**

**Fleet Captain**  
**Bruce Stafford**

**Race Captain**  
**Tim Philpott**

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**Scott & Cathy Dow**

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**Amy Myers**

**Web Master**  
**Cathy Mueller**



## ❖ COMMODORE *Jim Tessman*

Welcome all Members to 2012

The Club accomplished quite a bit last year under Mike Williams' Commodoreship; new ceiling light fixtures, new window, new bar doors to galley, new ceiling in bar area, new electronic door system, and the computerized bar system coming soon. Also, a great Opening Day and a whole lot of fun events. Thank you Mike!

A very special thank you goes to Larry Brown for catching, cleaning and cooking all the fish for his fish fry fund raisers. Because of Larry's hard work and our club member's generosity we were able to buy a new refrigerator, Thank you all!

My goal for 2012 is to continue with some improvements, organizing the galley and storage areas. If everything has its place it will make it much easier to find what you need for cooking, setting up, decorating etc.

The Board will be doing all we can to keep all members informed of club activities and up coming events. We do need your help with this, so please let us know how you would like to be contacted, by telephone only, facebook or e-mail only. We then can have you on an appropriate list to keep you informed.

I'm looking forward to a great year filled with activities and fun. With your help we will make it happen.

See ya at the Club.

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### A little something about the people that have stepped up to serve PRYC for the year 2012

Commodore: Jim Tessman, involved as Club Manager, Director and Vice Commodore

Vice Commodore: Shelia Anderson, Secretary for two years, Director for one year and Rear Commodore.

Rear Commodore: Amy Irwin, Director and Quarter Master for three years.

Secretary: Penny Towne-Vowles, Her involvement has been immense over many years from coordinating events to Director, all the way to Commodore and as a senior Commodore still willing to give her time to be Secretary.

Treasurer: Tom Fraser, he has served as Treasurer for the past few years and is still willing to continue for at least one more, thank you.

## ❖ VICE COMMODORE

Shelia Anderson

Greetings PRYC,

Happy Year! I am very excited to service PRYC as Vice Commodore for 2012. I have been a member of the best yacht club in southern California for 5 years. First, as an associate member with Penny Towne Vowles then as a full member. I believe in jumping in with both feet and I did here at PRYC. I have always had a love of the sea. Being a member of this fun focused club has allowed me to learn to sail and enjoy the ocean even more.

It will be my pleasure to work with all of you to ensure the Officer of the Days for 2012 will be fun and relaxing for our members. OD is the perfect way for our new members to get acquainted with the membership and show off the club to their friends and family. I can't think of a better way to start the weekend. This year we will extend the dates for OD from June 1 to October 28. Fridays will be an option to host an OD; we would like to fill Saturdays and Sundays first. This year there will be no free liquor served. All drinks must be purchased at the bar. The schedule is posted on the bulletin board. Please choose your date early they fill up quickly.

As a novice sailor I look forward to learn more and crewing with some of you serious sailors.

See you at the club!

## ❖ CLUB MANAGER

The Board of Directors and Bridge made the decision to change the cleaning service. We now have had the new service in place for two months.

The biggest change is that the two member cleaning has the strength to physically move the furniture & Bar/Galley stores to really clean under and behind these items.

We increased the list of what is cleaned weekly and add one major project each week.

The major projects include:

1. Taking down all the glassware in the bar. Washing all the glasses & wiping down the glass shelves.
2. Clean the interior of the 3 refrigerators by removing all the contents. Clean, organize & replace refrigerated items. (They have the authority to dispose of items that are bad.)
3. High dusting the burgees, awards cabinet & wall photographs.
4. Cleaning the interior of the stove & oven as well as polishing the exterior and hood with stainless steel polish.

They also offer carpet cleaning and are used to doing this job late at night. Thus we can get the carpets cleaned with minimal disruption to the members.

Here is the best part. They are doing more, doing it better and more completely. They do not charge more than the previous service.

The wooden bar floor was sanded, sealed and re-coated with a very durable polyurethane coating. The job was

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## CLUB MANAGER, (Con't).

completed over two days with a third day to allow the polyurethane the chance to really cross-link and achieve its optimum durability.

That said, it's still not concrete. Please consider your choice of footwear and do your best to ensure that the bar stools have their "feet protectors" on to reduce damage.

The contractors will come back on a regular basis for a cost of about \$175 to fix minor damage and re-coat with the same polyurethane coating.

I am working with members who currently do not have a picture of their vessel on the PRYC wall. If you have a high resolution photograph you would like to submit, please contact me and I will work with you and the board to get the photograph printed, captioned & framed.

Jim Mather  
s/v *Blue Sky*  
Mobile **818-371-2087**  
[www.thevoyageofbluesky.com](http://www.thevoyageofbluesky.com)

## ORPHAN'S THANKSGIVING AT PORT ROYAL



It's amazing how things always seem to work out. Take Thanksgiving dinner for example. We chose to host the turkey day celebration again this year for our orphan members at Port Royal. We assumed all was under control even though we forgot to send out the obligatory e-invite. How could we mess it up, we thought, we hosted last year and everyone seemed to enjoy so we should be pros by now.

Turns out we did not have to worry at all. Our club has the BEST members! Thanks to Ron Brown for bringing up his instruments. Jim and Ron jammed providing live background music for dancing off the calories.

Speaking of calories, we had the most incredible array of chow - cuisine to rival any 5 star restaurants. Everyone brought something different so we were able to have a variety of salads, stuffing, potatoes, gravy and of course, desserts.

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Thanks to everyone who helped out. As you know, Betse does not cook and, if left to her, we would have had to suffer with Stouffers.

A special thanks also goes out to Monette Thomann for taking the turkey cadaver home and making incredible turkey soup for our Tree Trimming Party in December. Gotta love someone who can take bones and turn them into a delicious treat.

Finally, we so appreciate all who helped clean up the mess - you know who you are. It is always a thankless, but important, job to leave the club spotless after an event and when everyone pitches in the clean-up is done in a flash.

We love our club and all of the members and we're grateful to have you all as friends. We look forward to an exciting 2012 at Port Royal.

Jim & Betse



**LARRY BROWN'S FISH FRY**

October 24, 2011

**WOW !!** What a great turn out for Larry's Fish Fry. Thank you all for coming.

A very special thank you goes to Larry for catching and cooking the fish, to Betse Tessman for purchasing and putting together all the salads and dessert. I would also like to thank Don Karasevitz for his help in the clean up and the Sandelmann boys for taking out the recycling and trash.

A big special thank you to Jim and Emma Mather for cleaning the galley, heck they didn't even have dinner they just came up to clean.

We took in \$375 just for the food which puts us where we needed to be to purchase the new refrigerator, **YAHOO !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Hey, should we work towards a new Bar-B-Que next? Just a thought. . .

Commodore Jim



**WINE TASTING AT PRYC**

I would like to thank the members and friends of PRYC who joined us for our awesome wine tasting event. The wines were supplied by a local wine store "Uncorked" of Hermosa Beach. The appetizers were fantastic!!! A great time was had by all.

Special thanks to Jeff of Uncorked for the descriptions of all wonderful wines, to Penny Towne-Vowles for all the beautiful decorations, to Scott and Cathy Dow for pouring the wine and Melinda Flynn for helping with the clean up.

Sheila Anderson



**TREE TRIMMING PARTY/GENERAL MEETING**

This event held on December 4th was well attended and was a lot of fun. The pot-luck featured many fine dishes prepared by club members. There were lots of new Christmas tree ornaments added this year to complement the many ornaments from previous years.

The general meeting was held, including a presentation about the details of the upper deck expansion proposed for the coming year.

Thanks to Kevin and his chauffer (Betsy) for helping to get the tree. Thanks to Jim and Emma for helping to stage all the ornaments and decorations, for helping with bartending and clean-up. Thanks to all who brought wonderful dishes to share!

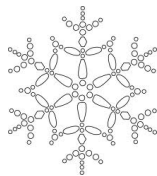
Scott & Cathy Dow



**20th ANNUAL KING HARBOR CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE**

The weather for the boat parade on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> was excellent, thanks to everyone who brought appetizers and desserts that were enjoyed by all. We had live music by Mel Harker who had as much fun as we did. Mel played for 25 years at Texas Loosey's and also plays down on Pier Ave from time to time. The Friday night guitar group relieved Mel around 10pm so thanks to Jim, Matt and Mike for keeping the party going! Kudos and thanks to our fine bartender Jim Mather who kept our glasses full and still found time to welcome our visitors.

Jerry and Denise Stark



Category	Boat	Skipper	Boat
Execution of Theme	Duet	Baldeep Sadhal	8
Best Costumes	Mottley Crew	Jack Mott	4
Best Animation	Das Schiff	Sea Scouts Ship 618	2
Best Lighting	Pascal's Wager	Lee and Lorain Coller	32
Best Sail Boat	Pier Pressure	Bruce Neighbors	6
Best Power Boat	Distraction	Jeff Wolfe	38
Sweepstakes Winner	Hydrotherapy	Bruce Honer	34
Best in Fleet - Cove Fleet	Racer Chaser	Bob Travis	5

## **PRYC Christmas Eve No Chintzy Affair!**

By Amy E. Irwin

Christmas Eve 2010 proved to be a great opportunity for members who don't always have the chance to come to an event, to show-off their culinary skills, reacquaint themselves with friends at the club, get to know some of the new board members, and even meet some new friends from King Harbor Yacht Club.

The word went out at the beginning of December that Christmas Eve would be in full swing at the club, and the approximately 40 members and guests who arrived looking for a place to ring in the holiday hassle-free were not disappointed.

"Christmas Eve is one of the easier events to host," Quartermistress Amy Irwin, said, "I only had to buy a ham, and everyone else did the rest!". Club members were creative in their side dish and dessert endeavors, including the traditional green bean casserole made with asparagus, by our new member Kennedy Woodruff. "There was an awesome Asian pear with honey sauce that was outstanding!" Barry Anderson, commodore, King Harbor Yacht Club, added, "I just wish I could remember who made it!"

*Special thanks to Cathy Mueller, Monette Thomann & Shawn Milligan for their help in making this party a smash! If you brought a dish to Christmas Eve, we'd like to publish your recipe in our newsletter! Please submit your recipes to: Director Scott Dow at [encantadaiicrew@gmail.com](mailto:encantadaiicrew@gmail.com)*



## **INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL IOBG DISTRICT #11 WINE TASTING**

**4 pm Saturday 28, January 2012**

**Port Royal Yacht Club**

*Come and enjoy a wonderful late afternoon and evening wine tasting with a special local wine expert*



**Hospitality provided by  
Port Royal Yacht Club**

**Bring 1 bottle of wine for the tasting and raffle**

**Please bring an appetizer**

*Proceeds of the event will go to King Harbor Youth Foundation/Youth Sailing in Southern California*

**Cost \$15.00**

**RSVP to Vice Commodore Shelia Anderson  
626-484-7822**

## **PRYC NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

Imagine soft lights, great music and amazing food, you have just experienced the New Years Eve 2012 party at PRYC.



The Small intimate group danced to the music of Mike O'Brien and celebrated the New Year together. Some dressed up and others dressed for comfort but we were all dressed for a great time. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the event. It was the start to a great yachting season.

A special thanks to Ann McCarthy for the amazing food, to Linda Wells for decorating and set up and Jim Mather for clean up.

See you all at the best club in Southern California!

Shelia Anderson

## **Superbowl #46**



**Sunday Feb. 5 4:00pm until 7:00pm**  
Patriots vs Giants. It should be a great game but....

You also don't want to miss our world famous  
**CHILI COOK OFF!**



The game starts at 6:30 but, you don't have to wait until then to come on down.

Come early and stay late.

Bring your best chili or a side dish to share.

## **Larry's Famous Halibut Bake**



**Saturday, February 18, 2012**  
5:00pm until 8:00pm

Oven baked halibut including, salad, garlic bread, and vegetables for only \$10 per person. Yes I know, it's a very low price you'll be paying for such a great meal, but it's for a good cause, so come and eat.

All proceeds from the food will go directly towards other purchases for the club. Such as; a new bar-b-que, an additional stainless steel worktable for the galley, new fold away serving table, you get the idea.

We do have some money left from the purchase of the new refrigerator to put towards new items but let's keep it going! Thank you.

# Underwater Neutrino Detector Will Be Second-Largest Structure Ever Built

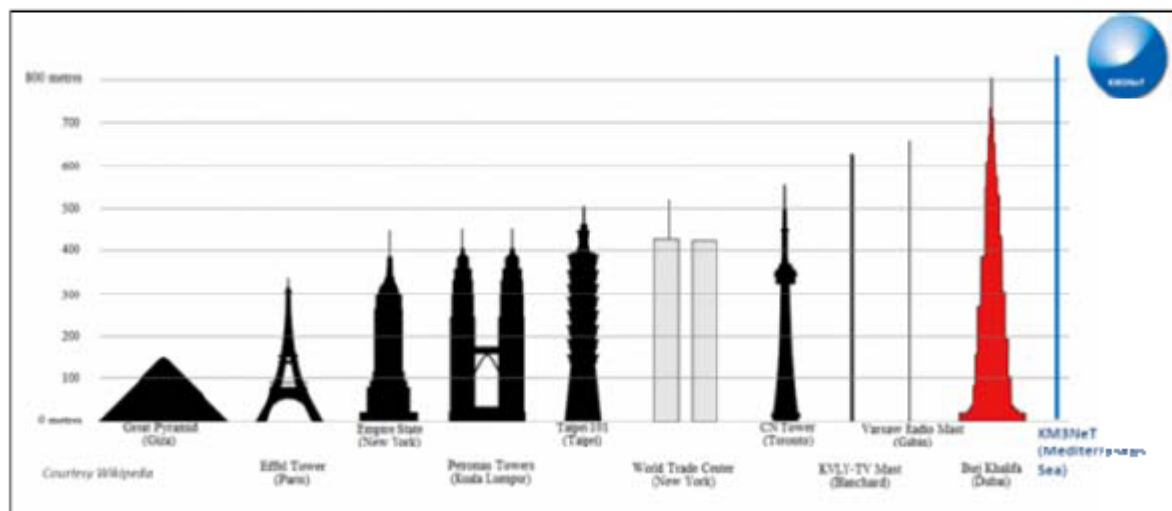
*by JASON MAJOR on DECEMBER 20,*

The hunt for elusive neutrinos will soon get its largest and most powerful tool yet: the enormous [KM3NeT](#) telescope, currently under development by a consortium of 40 institutions from ten European countries. Once completed KM3NeT will be the second-largest structure ever made by humans, after the Great Wall of China, and taller than the Burj Khalifa in Dubai... but submerged beneath 3,200 feet of ocean!

KM3NeT – so named because it will encompass an area of several cubic kilometers – will be composed of lengths of cable holding optical modules on the ends of long arms. These modules will stare at the sea floor beneath the Mediterranean in an attempt to detect the impacts of neutrinos traveling down from deep space.

Successfully spotting neutrinos – subatomic particles that don't interact with “normal” matter very much at all, nor have magnetic charges – will help researchers to determine which direction they originated from. That in turn will help them pinpoint distant sources of powerful radiation, like quasars and gamma-ray bursts. Only neutrinos could make it this far and this long after such events since they can pass basically unimpeded across vast cosmic distances.

“The only high energy particles that can come from very distant sources are neutrinos,” said Giorgio Riccobene, a physicist and staff researcher at the National Institute for Nuclear Physics. “So by looking at them, we can probe the far and violent universe.”

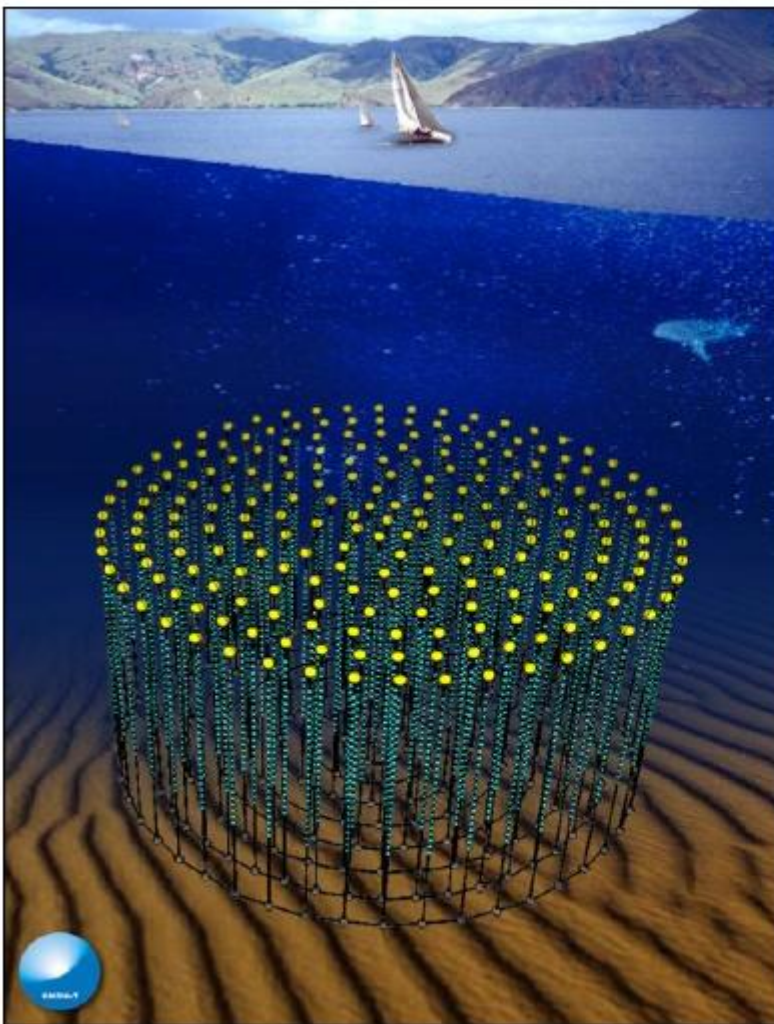


n effect, by looking down beneath the sea KM3NeT will allow scientists to peer outward into the Universe, deep into space as well as far back in time.

The optical modules dispersed along the KM3NeT array will be able to identify the light given off by muons when neutrinos pass into the sea floor. The entire structure would have thousands of the modules (which resemble large versions of the hovering training spheres used by Luke Skywalker in *Star Wars*.)

In addition to searching for neutrinos passing through Earth, KM3NeT will also look toward the galactic center and search for the presence of neutrinos there, which would help confirm the purported existence of dark matter.

Read more about the KM3NeT project [here](#), and check out a detailed article on the telescope and neutrinos on [Popsci.com](#).



Each Digital Optical Module (DOM) is a standalone sensor module with 31 3-inch PMTs in a 17-inch glass sphere.

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Artist's rendering of the KM3NeT array. (Marco Kraan/Property KM3NeT Consortium)



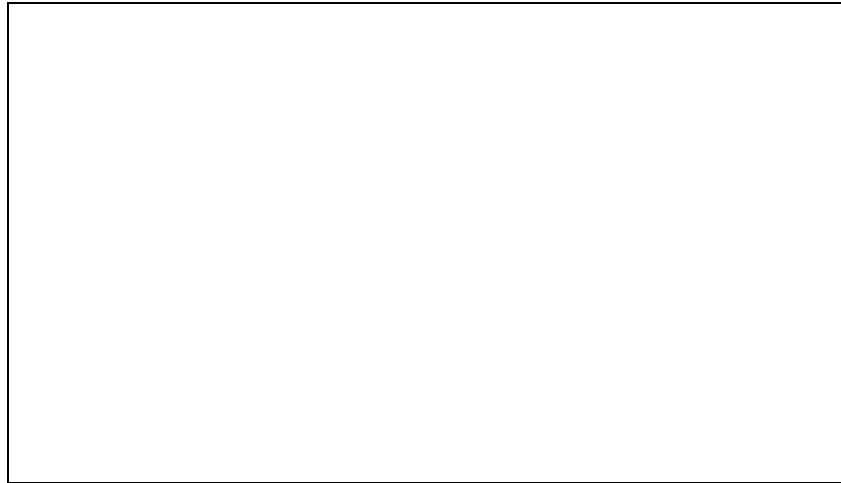
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## 2012 Event Calendar

Red = Clubhouse Event, Blue = Boating Event

January			
11	Wed	Board of Director's Meeting	6:30 pm
14	Sat	Club Rented (Williams)	2:00 pm
28	Sat	IOBG Wine Tasting	4:00 pm
February			
18	Sat	Halibut Bake	6:00 pm
5	Sun	Change of Watch/Super Bowl & Chili Cook-off	1:00 pm
8	Wed	Board of Director's Meeting	6:30 pm
11	Sat	Whale Watch/Valentine's Day Brunch	9:00 am
26	Sun	Academy Awards Party	3:00 pm
March			
3	Sat	Club Rented (Paxson)	Noon-5pm
14	Wed	Board of Director's Meeting	6:30 pm
17	Sat	St. Patrick's Day Party	6:00 pm
24	Sat	Club Rented (Paxson)	TBD
25	Sun	Clean-up Day 1	9:00 am
April			
7	Sat	Clean-up Day 2	9:00 am
11	Wed	Board of Director's Meeting	6:30 pm
15	Sun	Opening Day	3:00 pm
May			
5	Sat	Bicycle Pub Tour	9:00 am
9	Wed	Board of Director's Meeting	6:30 pm
18-20	Fri- Sun	Isthmus Cruise w/LSFYC	
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 - ?
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
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			
1	Sat	Tree Trimming Christmas Party & General Meeting/Elections	6:00 pm
15	Sat	King Harbor Boat Parade & PRYC Party	4:00 - ?
24	Mon	Christmas Eve Party	6:00 pm
31	Mon	New Year's Eve Party	8:00 pm

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Attention Members:

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