

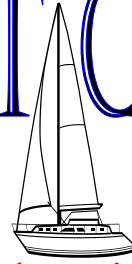


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March
2012

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

SOME PICS FROM OUR JANUARY & FEBRUARY EVENTS



IOBG Wine Tasting, January 28, 2012



Valentine's Day/Whale Watching, February 12, 2012



Larry Brown's Fish Bake, February 18, 2012



Academy Awards Oscar Party, February 26, 2012

◀More pics can be seen on the Port Royal Yacht Club Group page on Facebook▶

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❖ COMMODORE *Jim Tessman*

Hello to all:

First, a big thank you goes to Cathy and Scott Dow for the fabulous job on the newsletter. Wow, I think we may just have the best publication of any So Cal Yacht Club.

It's good to see more people coming to the club, having a good time and enjoying the parties. Even when there is not an event please come on down and relax - take a moment to appreciate our spectacular view.

How about the new point of sale (POS) register at the bar? Pretty cool, I just can't stop looking at all the great photos. Yes I know the operation of the system gets frustrating at times, especially if you are like me and not very computer savvy. It is getting easier with use and the instructions on the counter really help. I want to give Maria Frasier a much appreciated thank you for setting the system up, writing the instructions and all the other work involved in taking us into the Tech Age. [More info on P. 2]



Larry Brown is at it again. We will soon be having another fish fry to benefit the club. A gigantic THANK YOU goes out to Larry for spending so much time catching, cleaning and cooking all the fish that we all enjoy as well as the goodies that we are able to purchase for the club because of his fundraisers. Now that we have a new refrigerator and work table in the kitchen it's time to start saving up for something else we all can use.

Appreciation seems to be the theme this month and there are a few other members to thank:

Craig Allsopp for fixing the regulator on our BBQ. We thought we may need to buy a new BBQ for the summer season but Craig's handiwork will at least get us by for another year.

Our new Quartermaster, [John Elder](#), for making sure the club is well stocked and for taking the time to scout out the best prices on his purchases.

Thank You to our Club Manager, [Jim Mather](#). We have heard many comments lately from long-time members who think the club has never looked better. Jim is always there cleaning up something, with a smile on his face and pride in keeping the club looking its best.

Finally, [Bruce Stafford](#) has secured dates for the club cruises to Cal Yacht Club and Cabrillo Yacht Club. Dates will be posted soon. Thank you Bruce.

See ya at the club. . .

❖ VICE COMMODORE *Shelia Anderson*

Hello Members,

Daylight saving time is upon us, this means later sunsets. Where better to enjoy the most beautiful sunsets than at PRYC. Come enjoy the upcoming events.

It is time for members to sign up for Officer of the Day. Please come to the club and choose your date before the calendar is full. We are looking forward to an exciting season.

I would like to create a PRYC Officer of the Day Cookbook; this cookbook would contain all of your fabulous recipes. What a great additional to our ship's stores and a perfect gift. Sign up soon and plan to serve your favorite recipe.

See at the club!

POINT OF SALE SYSTEM

PRYC is implementing a new point of sale system at the bar. Planning and implementation have been going on for nearly a year and it is finally time to roll out the system. This will be a phased rollout, with new features to be added over the coming months.

The first phase is the POS terminal itself. It is a touch screen computer with the POS software running on it. There are two areas that the system is already showing great benefit. First, is the improved security of the bar tab system. No more pencil marks on the paper! Customers can now 'login' and have purchases added to individual accounts. Secondly, the system keeps track of what drink items are being purchased, which is a great help to the quartermaster and treasurer.

There are other improvements being considered. One is to integrate the secure-key card reader with the system. This would allow the use of the key used to open the door to access your bar tab without having to enter the customer ID code. Another is the incorporation of an accounting system with access to credit card payments. This would offer the most flexibility to our members to enjoy our wonderful bar!

Thanks to John Nelson for the original inspiration and to Maria Frasier for the effort to get the system up and running.

20% SAVINGS AT WEST MARINE

Hello Boaters!

Do we have a great opportunity for you to save some money at your favorite store West Marine.

SCYA is offering their members West Marine Gift Cards at a 20% discount.

If you are interested please let me know.

Sea you on the Water,

LeDean Mills

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UPCOMING PRYC EVENTS

- **St. Patrick's Day Dinner**
Saturday, March 17, 2012

Dinner service 6-8pm, \$7.00

Corned Beef & Cabbage

Drink specials: Guinness & Harp: Black & Tans,
Irish Whisky & Irish Coffees

Hosts: Lynda Peterson & Cathy Dow



- **Clean Up Day #1**

Sunday, March 25, 2012

9am until it's done.

Please join host Director, Dave Sarazen in getting the club ready for Opening Day. All are welcome; many hands make light work for all!

- **Clean Up Day #2**

Saturday, April 7, 2012

9am until all is done to get ready for
Opening Day!

All welcome, many hands make light work for all!



- **Opening Day**

Sunday, April 15, 2012
3pm

- **Bicycle Pub Tour**

Saturday, May 5, 2012

9am

Host: Mike Williams



- **Kentucky Derby Party**

Saturday, May 5, 2012

1-5pm

Join hosts, Director Scott Dow and first mate Cathy for a potluck brunch.

Come dressed up,

ladies wear your favorite hat!

Drink specials: Mint Juleps

and Belgian lager

Stella Artois.



- **Isthmus Cruise w/LSFYC**

Friday-Sunday, May 18-20, 2012

Host: Rear Commodore Amy Irwin

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

If you would like to submit an article, photos, etc. please be aware of the following deadline dates below.

We welcome any submissions and will print as room allows. Send to: encantadaiicrew@gmail.com

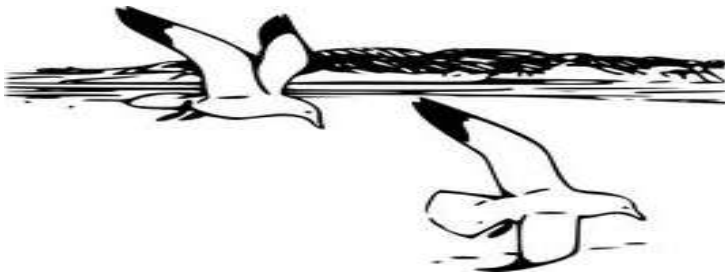
DEADLINES:

April 4
May 9
June 6
July 4
August 1
September 5
October 3
November 7
December 5

CONNECTIONS Newsletter



Thank you,
Scott & Cathy Dow



Save the Department of Boating and Waterways! [Cal Boating]

The governor is proposing to eliminate our Department of Boating and Waterways, and absorb it into the Department of Parks and Recreation, appropriating all of our boating facility funds, ~\$70M. These are our boater derived fuel taxes that are used for boating facilities. King Harbor has often benefitted from various DBW grants, and we will require these funds for planned boating facilities. Please sign the boater's letter, posted at the Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC): www.rbo.org



CELEBRATION OF THE SEA

A photograph of a seafood feast on a white plate. The dish includes a seafood bouillabaisse with various seafood items like fish, shellfish, and vegetables. The plate is set on a table with a blue and white patterned tablecloth.

A seafood feast celebrating the bounty of the sea featuring a seafood bouillabaisse using the time honored recipe of the TRW SEA DIVERS

Sunday May 27, 2012 2pm At The Port Royal Yacht Club Patio

Videos Featuring Ocean Life Above And Below The Surface Shown Continuously in The Clubhouse
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Proceeds to support the Animo Marine Biology Club research trip to The Monterey Bay Aquarium
(The Animo Charter High School serves the lower income inner city families of the Inglewood/Lenox area)

Donation \$15 Sponsor a student \$30

ANIMO MARINE BIOLOGY CLUB FUNDRAISER

About Animo Marine Biology Club: The Animo charter high school is located in Inglewood and serves low income minority families in that area. It is a high achieving school with a very high graduation and college entry rate. You can read more about this at

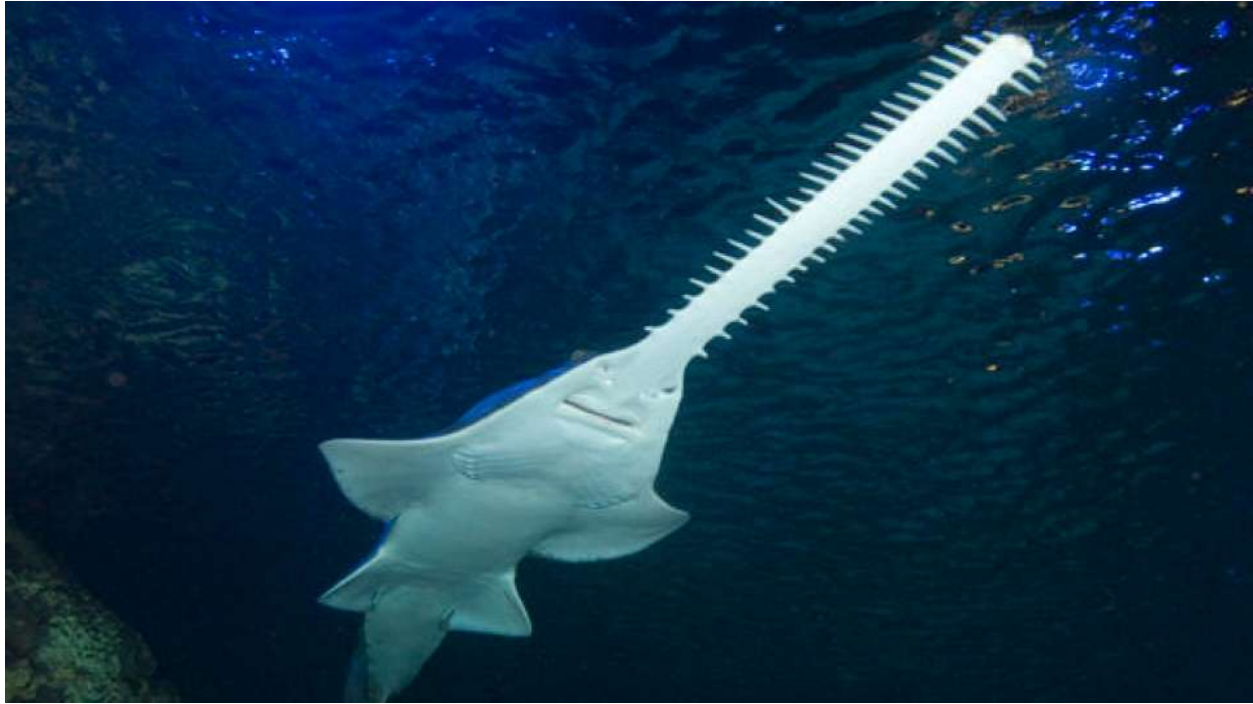
<http://education.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-high-schools/listings/california/animo-leadership-charter-high-school/>

About the Marine Biology Club; This is an honors program run by Mark L. Friedman, Educator, Physio-Anatomy and Marine Biology Chair, Animo Leadership Science Department

The club is composed of mostly juniors and seniors from Animo. Most of them are looking to go to college and make a career out of marine biology. I have been supporting them the past 3 or 4 years by collecting maine samples through my diving activity for them to use in their labs. The following link shows a video of one of their labs experimenting with sea urchins.

<http://vimeo.com/31764768>

— Lobsterdon Mueller



It turns out sawfish actually wield their snouts like chainsaw-toting madmen

On second thought, that's not entirely accurate. Comparing a sawfish to a "madman" might give you the impression that these cousins of stingrays are unruly or careless when it comes to dispatching prey with their serrated snouts, when, in actuality, recent evidence suggests the exact opposite to be the case. Truth be told, sawfish are a lot more like chainsaw-toting surgeons.

This observation was made by University of Queensland Biologist Barbara Wueringer, who used chunks of mullet and tuna meat to observe the predatory behavior of juvenile *Pristis microdon* — one of the seven known species of sawfish. In tomorrow's issue of *Current Biology*, Wueringer and her colleagues write that the rapid, back-and-forth swiping motion of a hunting sawfish is strong and accurate enough to "split a fish in half, impale it on the rostral teeth, or sweep it [to the sea floor]," where the sawfish could use the blade of its saw to pin its prey in place.

The team's observations provide some of the most compelling evidence to date that sawfish use their snouts actively and deftly as a predatory weapon. But it's also significant for two other reasons.

The first is that it suggests sawfish are an exception to a long-standing rule. Sawfish, like other rays and sharks, can detect electrical fields given off by their prey. This adaptation allows these creatures to seek out food even in dark or murky environments. But according to Wueringer, fishes with elongated rostrums like the sawfish typically use them to either sense prey or manipulate it, but not both.

The second reason is that these findings could play a vital role in saving the sawfish — already classified as critically endangered — from extinction.

"Sawfish are skilled predators but, ironically, the saw is partly to blame for their global decline: the saw is easily entangled in fishing gear, perhaps as a result of targeting prey caught in the net," write the researchers. With any luck, conservationists operating with an improved understanding of how the sawfish hunts and forages will be better equipped for looking after and protecting these striking creatures.

The researchers' findings are published in the latest issue of [Current Biology](#).

Submitted by Contributing Editor, Amy Myers

HELPFUL HINTS

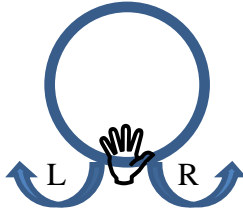
- Canvas Cleaning:

To get rid of that pesky mold/mildew growing on the inside of your canvas enclosure, dodger or bimini:

- Mix 1 cup white distilled vinegar to 1 quart of water. Spray it on the affected area and wipe it off with a damp sponge. Rinse sponge periodically in plain water and wipe again.

- Backing up with a trailer:

Hold the bottom of the steering wheel with one hand. If you want your trailer to go to the left move your hand to the left. If you want your trailer to go to the right move your hand to the right. Simple as that!



If you have any "Helpful Hints" please send them to encantadaiiicrew@gmail.com.



Jill Toth who won the pot at our 3rd annual Academy Awards viewing party. Jill correctly guessed the most winners and took

home \$55.00. Jill and Lou should also be congratulated for being the best dressed of the evening - Jill was glamorous in her designer gown and Lou looked like he came straight out of The Artist, dapper and debonair.

As always, food was the theme. We had plenty of goodies to savor, all apropos of the glamour of Hollywood. Sadly Betse once again succeeded in burning her appetizers. Keep her out of the kitchen!!

Finally, thanks to everyone who pitched in to help clean up. You all made it so easy on Monday morning. That's what our club is about!

THE WEIRD GLOWING BACTERIA THAT BEG TO BE EATEN

Jamie Condliffe -

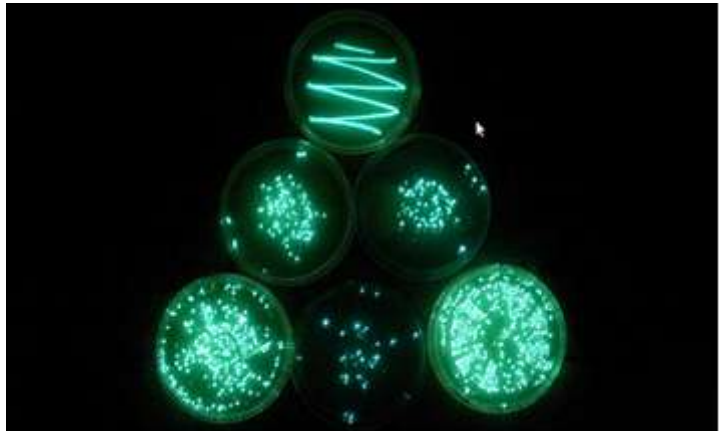
Heaps of sea creatures glow to produce light—often in order to see in the murky depths. But scientists have discovered that many bacteria glow for a very strange reason; they want to get eaten.

A team of researchers from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem have discovered that the light emitted by marine bacteria attracts predators—

usually zooplankton—which eat them, but aren't able to digest them. Because they don't get digested, the bacteria continue to grow, and over time light up the zooplankton in which they find themselves. In turn, predator fish are attracted to the zooplankton and eat them.

But why the hell is that a good thing for the bacteria? Well, it turns out that, even though the zooplankton are digested, the bacteria safely survive a passage through the fish guts, a finding which is reported in PNAS. Effectively, the bacteria use the concept of being eaten, twice, to hitch a ride and move between different spots in the ocean. "As far as the bacteria are concerned, their access to the fish digestive systems is like reaching 'paradise' – a safe place, full of nutrients, and also a means of transport into the wide ocean," explained Prof. Genin, one of the researchers. Nature never fails to amaze me.

[PNAS via Alpha Galielo] bacteria, biology, glow, nature, science



Submitted by Contributing Editor, Amy Myers

NEW MEMBERSHIP PROCESS

The new member process was brought up at the March Board Meeting. Last year's Board came up with the following procedure and we feel this info is helpful to all members.

Port Royal Yacht Club 2011 Membership Process

1. Prospective member(s) must submit a completed membership application and include all fees. The PRYC sponsor must be a PRYC member for at least one year.
2. The sponsor and prospective member will present their application at a board meeting.
3. Prospective member(s) will begin a six-month trial period immediately upon approval of their applications.
4. During the trial period, the prospective member(s) must make efforts to become familiar with club policies, attend functions, volunteer for events, and interact with club members.
5. Prospective member(s) may request to be removed for consideration for membership and be refunded a percentage of the fees paid based on the number of participating months.
6. Before end of the trial period, the Board will discuss the prospective member's club participation and vote on the prospective member's approval for membership. If the prospective member is not approved, they will be refunded fees paid, based on the number of months being a prospective member.
7. Prospective member(s) will be notified by either e-mail or regular mail, if approved or denied Membership.

Trial Period - The interaction period is a maximum six- month period which allows the club's prospective member time to evaluate the benefits of becoming a PRYC member and allows the Board time to become familiar with the prospective member. The prospective member will be given a startup packet, access to the club and bar. A club membership card and burgee will be delivered to the applicant after the board has approved them in as a member.

BECOME A MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE BOATER



Courses are offered by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. If you attend one (or more) of these courses you can earn points towards PRYC's run for *Club of the Year*! Click on the hyperlink below to see all of the courses that are offered:

http://www.cgaux.org/boatinged/class_finder/index.php.

Please email Kevin Herink (herinkk@gmail.com) and let him know that you are planning on attending.



PORT ROYAL YACHT CLUB

2012 Event Calendar

Red = Clubhouse Event, **Blue** = Boating Event

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
25	Sun	Clean-up Day 1	9:00 am
April			
7	Sat	Clean-up Day 2/Opening Day Fulfillment	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
5	Sat	Kentucky Derby Party	12:00 pm
9	Wed	Board of Director's Meeting	6:30 pm
18-20	Fri- Sun	Isthmus Cruise w/LSFYC	
27	Sun	Club Rented (Mueller)	
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/Cal Yacht Club Cruise	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
27-29	Fri - Sun	Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club Cruise	
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			
8	Sat	Tree Trimming Christmas Party & General Meeting/Elections	6:00 pm
15	Sat	King Harbor Boat Parade & PRYC Party	4:00 - ?
21	Fri	Club Rented (Towne-Vowles)	5:00 pm
24	Mon	Christmas Eve Party	6:00 pm
31	Mon	New Year's Eve Party	8:00 pm



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- Snail mail it to the club with "Attn: Newsletter Editors/Advertising" on the envelope
- Leave it up at the club in an envelope marked "Newsletter Editors/Advertising"

The deadline to submit business cards will be the first of the month. We hope that many of you will take this opportunity to advertise in the Connections.

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