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PORT ROYAL YACHT CLUB Redondo Beach, CA
A Friendly, Casual, Fun-loving Group Devoted to Social and Boating Activities

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Dear Members– Happenings around the club...

Our yacht club picture display is complete and looks fantastic! John Nelson designed this system out of oak to match our décor. Our boats will now be displayed in matching oak frames. We have room to add your boat picture. Contact John for details on getting your boat on the wall. We also thank Jim Tessman for the installing the track system on the wall. Great job both of you.

Shawn Milligan and Dave Randrup have been busy with purchasing additional chairs for our club. Time has taken its toll on many of them so they needed to be replaced. Shawn and Dave did some special modifications to make the foot supports sturdy. Shawn was also very pleased with Graham Grice and Tony Diulio. Graham has been busy collecting burgees from England and Tony recently swapped burgees with the Pearl Harbor Yacht Club. Most of the new burgees are along the bar - check them out.

The holiday season is upon us and that means lots of activities happening at the club. Our Thanksgiving Day event November 25th will be member's sponsored potluck featuring Jim and Betse Tessman cooking turkey and being your hosts.

Our Annual General Meeting/Tree Trimming December 4th The event will feature a bouillabaisse sponsored by the board of directors. The remaining entrees of the dinner will be a member pot luck with appetizers, sides, and desserts. Remember to bring an ornament for the tree! It is a tradition at Port Royal for the members to bring ornaments. Usually the ornaments have a boating/water theme.. We have a great collection of fun ornaments. Many members also mark their ornaments with their name and year on them. Help us carry on this annual tradition.

Boat Parade 2010 December 11th

Mike Williams has generously offered to decorate his boat as a Port Royal Yacht Club entry in this year's boat parade. We will be seeking volunteers to assemble our creation on December 5th. We will also be donating two baskets for a silent auction to be held at King Harbor Yacht Club December 11th. All members are invited to King Harbor YC for this event, so if you have never ventured over there – this is a great opportunity. Although the boat parade is sponsored by King Harbor Yacht Club it is really an event for all boaters in our harbor.

Enjoy your Club!
Commodore Kevin

PRYC 20th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

2010 was a big year for us as we turned 20 years old. Commodore Kevin led the event. The original founding members were invited back and acknowledged. The affair was catered and we had a jazz combo playing. Thanks to Penny and Shelia for organizing and all the wonderful volunteers who helped to make it a memorable event.





HALLOWEEN PARTY

The costumes were very creative and as usual everyone had a fun time. Thanks to Kevin and Shelia who did the decorating, everyone who supplied the food and Darrel Yocum for the photos.



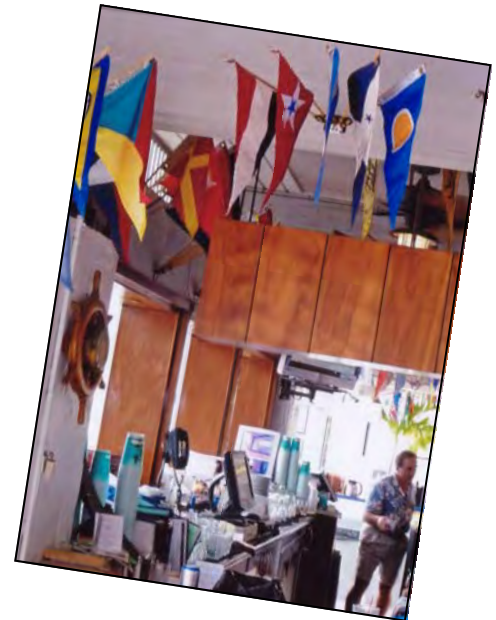
Welcome our new members-

Jim and Melinda Flynn



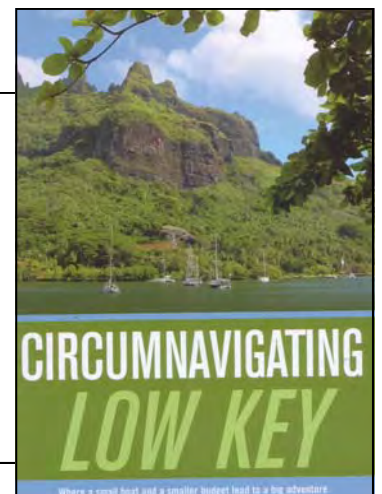
Jim and Melinda relocated to the South Bay seven years ago. Prior to moving down here, Jim sailed on a racing team in San Francisco on a Custom Farr 52 named Zamazan. Jim is an engineer at Nothrup Grumman. Melinda is a real estate agent. Both love boats and the water and are looking forward to hanging around other boating enthusiasts.

Welcome Aboard



Club member Tony Diulio exchanges burgees with Commodore W. Dean Smith of Pearl HarbSeptember 24, 2010or Yacht Club in Honolulu HI, .

Congratulations to Captain Woody Henderson...
on the publication of his new book Circumnavigating Low Key. It is a fascinating read about his travels around the globe. He has copies for sale if you would like to purchase one. Contact Woody directly, or we may have some copies at the club. He'll even autograph one for you.



John Rubasky

I was born and raised in a little industrial town, Whiting, Indiana on the outskirts of Chicago. Experiencing a normal childhood growing up on the shore of Lake Michigan. An early dream of mine was to venture to California. I worked in the steel mills of that area my senior year in high school, realizing early on that that was not for me.

After High School I enlisted in the United States Navy, in lieu of being drafted spending four years in the Navy's weather service. Two of those years off the coast of Vietnam on the aircraft carrier Ticonderoga, in a little bay called the Gulf of Tonkin.

On returning to the states I knew that I wanted to learn to fly. I started flight training and that led one thing to another ending up with a 40-year career in corporate aviation. You know, flying those big costly jets around that caused the economic downturn, ha, ha, ha. During those 40 years my flying involved working for Hughes Aircraft on the B2 project, flying for the Hollywood set, and Apple Computer's Steve Jobs, just to mention a few. Transporting the likes of Robin Williams, Tom Hanks, John Travolta, Cameron Diaz, and Jamie Lee Curtis, to exotic locales all over the world. As many of you may now know, I ended that most illustrious career last February due to medical issues.

I have been married to my current wife, the bubbly, energetic and wonderful Gay Rubasky for 12 years. She is an elementary school teacher in Redondo Beach. In the learning center, she works with students using a modified curriculum for slower learners. We have six terrific grandchildren, four girls, Sophie 13, Kathryn 6, Brenna 6, Mena 3, and two boys, Aidan 9, and Van 6. Many of you have had the chance to meet them. I expect they will be around again next summer.

That is it in a nutshell, oh yes; the California dream has come true. I came out here in 1976 after being laid off by United Airlines from Chicago. Bought a boat soon after arriving, put it in Port Royal Marina, and now enjoying number 8. After all of those years in and around the harbor, thought it was time to join the yacht club, we did in 2009.

I am currently a volunteer at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. I also list and sell boats for a local yacht broker. Last but certainly not least, I am running for Director of this wonderful club called Port Royal Yacht Club. The little kid from Whiting is now living that California dream!



*If anyone has an article or a story he or she'd would like to share about sailing, fishing, or anything else that would interest our members, I'd be happy to print it here. Tell us about yourself, your boat or your adventures. Just send it to me in Microsoft word format if possible. Thanks, Amy Myers, editor
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Cruising on a Gulet

This past October I went to Turkey. One of the highlights of the trip was cruising in the Aegean Sea on an all wooden Gulet boat.. Think of the varnishing!. There were 7 cabins and 4 crew . We sailed, visited ancient ruins and anchored in gorgeous coves. These boats are available for charter.



Just outside of [Bodrum](#) is Içmeler, here you find Europe's largest ship-yard for wooden yachts. An eighteen meter Gulet can be built from scratch in eight to twelve months.

Since the time of King Mausolos Bodrum has been an important center for boat building. Ptolemäus from Egypt had his warships made here in 300 BC.

A Gulet is a wooden motor sailing vessel, the modern version of the ancient cargo bearing craft which used to trade along the coast of Turkey. The original design has evolved into a comfortable cruising vessel and some have air conditioned accommodation for up to eighteen guests in self-contained double cabins.



The cabins are usually for two (double beds not twin beds). All of the cabins have enough storage room for your belongings.



Gulets are traditional boats of Southwest Turkey. In general, gulets vary in length between 14 and 35 meters (52-110 feet) hence varying passenger capacity.

In many ways a gulet is like a full service hotel where every room has a sea view and the scenery changes constantly.

Researcher Explores Whether [Fish](#) Feel Pain; 'Fish Are More Intelligent Than Previously Thought'

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UNIVERSITY PARK, Pennsylvania -- Do fish feel pain? Victoria Braithwaite, Penn State professor of fisheries and biology, has spent decades studying that question. In her recently published book, "Do Fish Feel Pain?" she examines whether fish are capable of experiencing pain, whether humans cause them to suffer and whether it even matters.

Braithwaite recalled that she initially was drawn to the question by fish-farming concerns rather than angling-ethics considerations. "By 2030, half of all fish that humans [eat](#) will come from fish farms," she said. "It seemed logical to me to care about fish, because agriculture in general is confronting animal-welfare issues. If we are concerned about animal welfare, we should be concerned about fish welfare."

Through exhaustive experiments with fish, explained in her book, Braithwaite found that fish have the same kinds of specialized nerve fibers that mammals and birds use to detect noxious stimuli, tissue damage and pain. She also explored whether fish are sentient beings and whether an organism must possess "awareness" to experience pain.

"We now know that fish actually are cognitively more competent than we thought before -- some species of fish have very sophisticated forms of cognition," she said. "In our experiments we showed that if we hurt fish, they react, and then if we give them pain relief, they change their behavior, strongly indicating that they feel pain."



Braithwaite, who points out that she eats fish, emphasizes that she is not against sport fishing. "I recognize how valuable the efforts of anglers have been historically for conservation -- many fishermen are staunch stewards of the aquatic environment, guarding our waterways against pollution and degradation. We would not want to be without them or their efforts.

"Perhaps my book will influence people to be more humane when sport fishing," she said, "persuading them to make quicker kills and use barbless hooks and not keep fish out of the water long if they are practicing catch and release"

The United States, Braithwaite estimates, is ten years behind Europe right now in its thinking about the way it keeps and kills animals in [agriculture](#). Those concerns are just now starting to be extended to [aquaculture](#). In fish farming, she pointed out, producers are searching for more humane ways to kill fish

"Electrical stunning may change the way we [harvest](#) fish at sea she said. "We have a responsibility, I think, to make clean and quick kills of fish we eat. Certainly, most of us are not comfortable with piles of fish slowly suffocating on the decks of fishing trawlers at sea and in port. People are rightly asking, 'Isn't there a better way?'"

According to Braithwaite, the latest scientific evidence suggests that the protections currently given to birds and mammals should be widened to include fish.

"There is a perception that fish have simple brains and are incapable of feelings, and this has somehow made them different from birds and mammals when it comes to our concerns for their welfare," she said. "But we now have strong evidence that suggests fish are more intelligent than previously thought and their behavior more complex."

"Do Fish Feel Pain?" is published by Oxford University Press

