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PORT ROYAL YACHT CLUB Redondo Beach, CA

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

Port Royal Yacht Club

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A Couple of Board Members on Their Way to the February SCYA Meeting

As you know, we have been pursuing, and I mean *actively* pursuing, the SCYA dream for the last year. And just as it seems we have finally arrived at the coveted membership, like the dream it is, it dissolves into mist. Or in our case this time, into drizzle.

Helen and I, Sue and Jim, Penny and Jack, Pat, Andy and Gale, Dave and Carolyn all braved the elements to wend our way down to the Mission Bay Yacht Club to, as we expected, be voted in by the SCYA General Membership and exchange Burgees with the SCYA Commodore.

Alas, it was not to be.

After slogging through the sloppy weather, paying our twenty bucks per head for the Mexican Buffet, and my nervously rehearsing an acceptance speech in my mind, we are informed that the Meeting of the General Membership of the Southern California Yachting Association does not have a quorum and therefore cannot conduct business. Not enough yacht clubs showed up to vote on our application.

Crestfallen, we retreated to Port Royal Yacht Club and drowned our sorrows in the champagne we had expected to celebrate with.

Oh well. We'll try again next month at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club in Corona del Mar where the next SCYA meeting will be held. If nothing else, we'll broaden our experience of yacht club décor.



Don't miss the
St. Patrick's Day Party!
7:00pm
Saturday,
March 19
At the Club

Start the New Boating Season Right by attending

Opening Day



**Sunday,
April 10,
3:00pm**

Superbowl Chili Cookoff Officer Installation



Port Royal Yacht Club Chili Cook-Off, Super Bowl Party and Officer Installation February 6, 2005

Port Royal's annual Super Bowl Party, Chili Cook-off and Officer Installation never fails to draw a big crowd and a lot of fun. And, this year was no exception.

The Chili Cook-Off always gives the "chefs" in the club a chance to show off their culinary skills. This year we had 10 different chilis to choose from and everyone took the balloting quite seriously. We kept the voting simple by having 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place - spicy, exotic, beans or no beans – it didn't matter; there would be only the top 3 honors given.



And, the winners are? **Don "Lobster Mobster" Mueller and Cathy** tied for **1st place with our Commodore's son, Rich Morgan. Pat Paxson** took **2nd place** for her special "New Joisey" chili, and finally **Andy Davidson** took **3rd place** for his "No-Beans and Whatever" chili. But, in true Port Royal spirit, all of the contestants are winners and all of the chilis were tasty. Thanks should also go to all those who brought cornbread, dips and assorted additions to the chili dishes. Fancy Hors d'oeuvres were served up by Rich Morgan who decided to practice his culinary skills on the chili crowd. Everyone was impressed.

We use this event to install our officers for the year. Jr. Staff Commodore Dave Coleman swore in **Commodore Russ Morgan, Vice Commodore Sue Meyer (in abstention), Rear Commodore Penny Towne-Vowles, new Directors Pat Paxson and Michael McCarthy, existing Directors Larry Brown and Andy Davidson, Treasurer Steve Izunza, and Fleet Captain Jack Laisure.** This is a good board led by Commodore Russ and we should have a great year at Port Royal.

Many of us signed up for the "pools" and cheered on for our winning numbers or for our favorite team. Some of the winners were Don Mueller, Jill Toth, Doug and Emily Galloway, Dick Krebs, Jack Laisure, Cathy Mueller, Dean Curtis, Tree Curtis and Ali and Sophie won 3 different times!!!

Thanks to Pat Paxson who headed up this event with help from Michael McCarthy. A fun time was had by all.

Oh, yeah, the game was pretty good, too!!

Penny Vowles



Redondo Beach Boaters Association (RBBA) update:

The Redondo Beach Boaters Association, Inc. is a California non-profit corporation representing boaters and boater friends in the King Harbor, Redondo Beach, California area.

One of their current activities is to assure proper Harbor Patrol services survive the 2005 budget process. Toward this end the RBBA is meeting with members of the Redondo Beach City Council and is drafting a list of desired Harbor Patrol services to be presented to the City Manager, and ultimately the City Council in session.

The Redondo Beach Boaters Association (RBBA) is sponsoring a series of educational seminars geared to the interests of boaters in the Redondo Beach Area. The first event, co-sponsored by King Harbor Yacht Club, will focus on Catalina Island and will be held at KHYC on Saturday, March 26, 2005 at 10 a.m. -- 12 noon. The seminar is meant to provide practical advice and help boaters get the most out of their Catalina Island experience. Representatives of the Catalina Harbor Patrol and Catalina Island Conservancy will be participating in this event along with Bobby Meistrell of Body Glove and Dive-N-Surf. Please join us for this inaugural event.

Some recent improvements:

The RBBA has a new website, www.rbba.us/

Membership cards will soon be issued. They will be good for discounts at many Harbor establishments.

Membership applications may be obtained from Kevin Herink 310-371-2413, Dick Krebs 310-540-2346, or Stuart Strachan 310-546-3058. Applications are also available at the club.

PORT ROYAL History



[Navy Fact File: CG \(Cruiser\)](#)



A Brief History of the USS PORT ROYAL (CG 73)

The life of USS PORT ROYAL (CG 73) as an AEGIS cruiser began at Ingalls Shipbuilding division of Litton Industries in Pascagoula, MS, with the start of fabrication work on November 9, 1990. CG 73's keel was laid on October 18, 1991. CG 73 was launched on November 20, 1992, and was christened on December 5, 1992, by Mrs. Susan G. Baker, wife of then Chief of Staff and Senior Counselor to the President, James A. Baker III. On December 6, 1993, CG 73 sailed into the Gulf of Mexico for her first pre-delivery sea trials. The ship was delivered to the U.S. Navy by Ingalls on April 25, 1994, in preparation for formal commissioning ceremonies on July 9, 1994, in Savannah, GA. PORT ROYAL is the 27th Aegis Cruiser, and the last cruiser to be constructed in the 20th century. PORT ROYAL was also the first cruiser to integrate women into the crew, a process which was accomplished smoothly with great success. After successfully completing COMPTUEX and JTFEX, PORT ROYAL deployed on September 03, 2003 with PELELIU Expeditionary Strike Group-One (ESG-1) in support of the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT). Following a highly successful deployment, PORT ROYAL returned to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on March 11, 2004.

PORT ROYAL Heritage

CG 73 is the second United States Navy warship to commemorate battles of the American Revolutionary and the Civil War in the waters of Port Royal Sound and on the adjacent South Carolina sea islands. In February 1779, South Carolina troops under the command of Colonel William Moultrie repelled an attempted British attack. In November 1861, a combined Union Army-Navy expedition, under the command of Flag Officer Samuel du Pont, captured the island, which became the principal coaling and refitting base for the Southern Blockading Squadron.

The first ship of the fleet to bear the name "USS PORT ROYAL" was a 1163-ton "double-ender" side wheel steam gunboat, built in New York City. Commissioned in April 1862, she was soon in action against the Confederate Navy in the Hampton Roads and James River areas, taking part in bombardments at Sewell's Point on 8 May 1862 and Fort Darling on 15 May 1862. In August, she covered the Army's withdrawal from Harrison's Landing. Later in 1862, PORT ROYAL operated on the North Carolina Sounds. The gunboat was next assigned to the Gulf of Mexico blockade, raiding Apalachicola, Florida, in April and July 1863 and capturing a sloop in May. In August 1864, PORT ROYAL participated in operations in Mobile Bay, entering the bay with Admiral David Farragut's fleet on August the 5th and later assisting in the bombardment and capture of Fort Morgan. Remaining in the Gulf beyond the end of the Civil War, the first USS PORT ROYAL was decommissioned in May 1866 and sold in October.

RECIPROCAL YACHT CLUBS AS OF February

1. ALAMITAS BAY YACHT CLUB, Long Beach
2. LONG BEACH YACHT CLUB, Long Beach
3. POINT LOMA YACHT CLUB, San Diego
4. QUARTERMASTERS YACHT CLUB, Vashon Island, Washington
5. SOUTHWEST YACHT CLUB, San Diego
6. CABRILLO YACHT CLUB, San Pedro
7. SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB, Santa Barbara
8. LITTLE SHIPS FLEET YACHT CLUB, Long Beach,
9. BALBOA YACHT CLUB, Corona Del Mar
10. SHORELINE YACHT CLUB, Long Beach
11. MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB, Morro Bay
12. THE CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB, Oxnard
13. SILVER GATE YACHT CLUB, San Diego
14. SAN FERNANDO VALLEY YACHT CLUB, Van Nuys
15. SOUTH COAST CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB, Marina del Rey
16. THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB, Belvedere
17. THE HOLLYWOOD YACHT CLUB, Wilmington

Devil's Dictionary:



Expert:

*A person who can
take something you knew already
and make it sound confusing.*

—Herbert Prochnov