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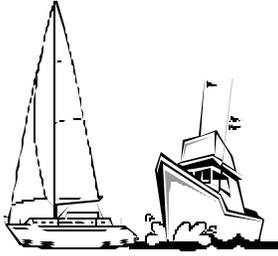
## PORT ROYAL YACHT CLUB

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



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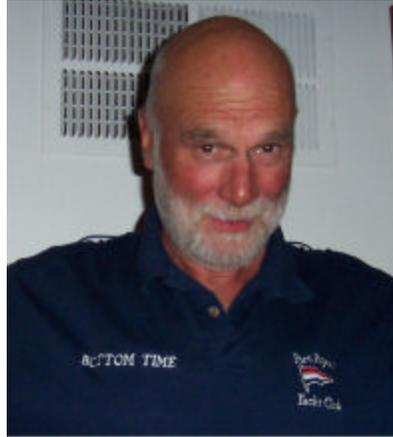
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### LIFE AND A CAN OF BEER

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar.....and the beer.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full.

They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with an unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cans of beer from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things-- your family, your children, your health, your friends, your favorite passions-- things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. "The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else--the small stuff.

If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups.

Take your partner out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house, and fix the disposal.

"Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the beer represented.

The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of beers."



Commodore  
Zeke Wheeler

### Commodore Zeke's Comments

**Our July 4th** Celebration/Fundraiser was a great success with approximately 120 members and guests attending. Preliminary results show we netted approximately \$800 for our [“Dream Come True Sailing Program”](#) for Redondo Beach needy children and \$2000 for our club. A special thank you to all Silent Auction and Raffle Prize donors and to all members and spouses/significant others who helped make this event so fun and successful. Fran Krebs’ 30+ pounds of homemade potato salad, Helen Morgan’s green salad, Don Mueller’s Torrance Corn, Larry Brown’s baked beans and sourdough bread, S/C chef Andy Davidson’s tri-tip and chicken, and V/C Dave Coleman’s dessert were delicious and appreciated.

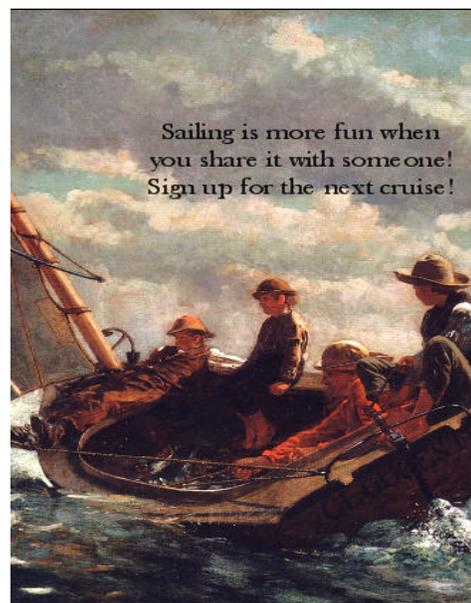
A special thanks to Carolyn Coleman for the decorations; Cathy Mueller, Terri Wheeler, Fran Krebs, and Judy Vavrek for handling the Silent Auction; R/C Russ and Helen Morgan for running the Dirty Dinghy Races, and for bringing the beautiful flowers; S/C Don Mueller, V/C Dave Coleman, and Charter Member Hal Dean for providing harbor cruises. Bob Carlson did an outstanding job cooking hamburgers and hot dogs and bartending. Junior Staff Commodore Tom and Judy Vavrek did a great job at helping with set-up, food service, bartending, and cleanup. Thanks to all the other bartenders (Jenel & Charles, William James, Dick Krebs

Krebs and others) and food service help and congratulations to the Raffle ticket winners and the Crab Fishing and Dirty Dinghy Race winners. Your Commodore and the other Club Officers really appreciate your attendance and your contributions to make this a special day.

**Cruise Fun:** Our annual cruise to California Yacht Club on June 20, 21, and 22 was attended by eighteen members and guests. Saturday’s luncheon was provided by Commodore Zeke and Terri Wheeler and was served on Don and Cathy Mueller’s party boat *Bottom Time* with some great background music. Saturday evening, dinner was enjoyed at CYC,s world-class club with a beautiful harbor view.

**Club News:** Thanks to R/C Russ Morgan, our new dishwasher is in the kitchen and I have asked Club Manager Tom Vavrek to coordinate installation. A reminder that the lock combination to PRYC’s BBQ is **5252**. Each time either BBQ is used, they should be cleaned while hot, the tank valve shall be turned off and each BBQ shall be locked and the cover placed over each unit after cooling.

Please check the calendar in this newsletter and at the club for the various events for July and August. Your Board of Directors want this summer to be the best you have ever experienced whether you are sailing, cruising, or just relaxing at our clubhouse. ***PRYC is your place! Volunteer, attend more events, and bring your family and friends!***



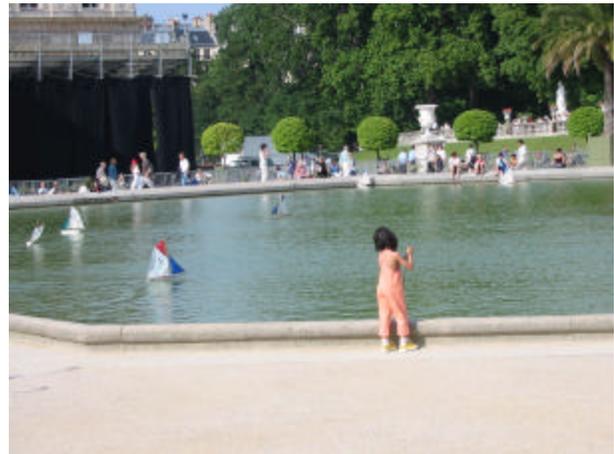
# CRUISIN' TO CALIFORNIA YACHT CLUB



*You shoulda been there!  
You shoulda seen it!  
You only have yourself to blame!*

# Cruisin' at the Jardin du Luxembourg

A year ago this month, your editors' cruising experiences were a little different than those to be had at Marina Del Rey. Here's a Parisian version of a summer youth sailing program.



Monsieur le Capitain, ees time to reef, non?

# Speaking of Beer, Who was complaining about the price of Corona?

## extreme beer

(eks. TREEM beer) *n.* A well-aged, usually high-priced beer with an exotic flavor or an exceptionally high alcohol content.  
—**extreme-beer** *adj.*

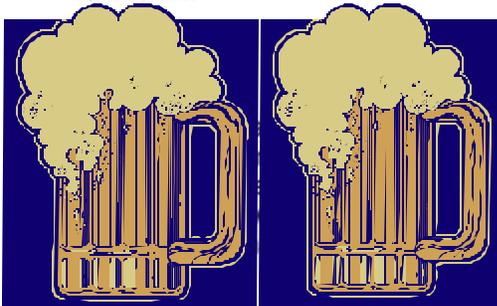
### Example Citation:

Daniel Bradford describes the beverage in elegant language: "Silky, rich, creamy, with slight caramel notes. . . . It has much in common with a very balanced single-malt whisky." If properly cellared, it should age very well, adds Mr. Bradford, an aficionado of the libation.

Bottles of this stuff sell at auction on eBay for \$150 to \$300. But this isn't Scotch — it's "**extreme beer**," a growing phenomenon at the far edges of America's 25-year-old craft-brewing movement.

This particular brew, Utopias, is produced periodically by the Boston Brewing Co., makers of Sam Adams beer. At 24% alcohol by volume, Utopias is also one of the strongest beers ever brewed, though it has an extreme rival down in Delaware: World Wide Stout, produced by Dogfish Head Craft Brewery, at slightly more than 23%. . . .

The **extreme-beer** movement marks the latest effort by specialty "microbrewers" to transform their quaff from a commodity to a premium product.  
—Ken Wells and Christopher Lawton, "It Ages Well, Goes With a Good Cigar And Is Kept in Cellars — It's Called **Extreme Beer** — For Price, Alcohol Content," *The Wall Street Journal*, April 29, 2003



<http://www.wordspy.com/words/extremebeer.asp>



Russ Morgan  
Rear Commodore

As editor of this newsletter and as a member of the Board of Directors of this Club, I always have at the back of my mind a host of questions concerning the nature of our membership.

Who, if I may be so bold to ask, are you, anyway? There are sixty, more or less, members and sixty, more or less, associate members, and I probably don't know half of you by name, and that is embarrassing to me because I am the appointed chairman of the Membership Committee.

And beyond that, what do you think of the club? Is it what you hoped it would be when you joined? Which activities do you enjoy the most? What about the club has been disappointing? What do you wish the club would do that is not being done now? What would make the club a better place to be, a place you would really want to come to?

I really would enjoy hearing your answers to these questions, and if there's any other comments or concerns you may have, please feel free to express them. My email address is:

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July 2003 Port Royal Yacht Club

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Week 26			1	2 6p PRYC Board of Directors Meeting	3	4 1p PRYC July 4th Celebration Charity Event	5
Week 27	6	7	8	9	10	11	12 6p PRYC Group B'day Potluck Dinner - Hosts Jenel & Charles Rubenstein
Week 28	13	14	15	16	17	18 6p PRYC Grill Your Own Party & Games Nite	19
Week 29	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Week 30	27 5p PRYC Sunday BBQ	28	29	30	31		

Port Royal Yacht Club August 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:00 pm Grill Your Own Party & Games Night	2
3	4	5	6 6:00 pm PRYC Board Of Directors Meeting	7	8 PRYC Cruise—Cabrillo Yacht Club	9 PRYC Cruise—Cabrillo Yacht Club
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31 5:00 pm PRYC Sunday BBQ						