



# CONNECTIONS

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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

The First Annual Southern California Plastic Classic is now history. From all accounts, it was a resounding success. It seems impossible to thank all the people who made it so, but I'm going to try.

First and foremost, we all must thank Staff Commodore **Graham Grice** for getting the Plastic Classic for us. Without him, it would not have happened. He got

the Secretary of Bay View Boat Club **Allen Frasier** to come down and pitch the idea to our board.

**John Super** was our go-to guy who guided us through all the stages of developing this weird idea of having a race for old boats. He orchestrated the whole operation, along with **Allen, Paul, Robin,** and **Don Martin**.

We owe a debt of gratitude to **John Ellinwood** of RBYC for his generosity in sharing his time, expertise, local knowledge, and equipment. A true gentleman of the old school.

We are also indebted to our own **Robert Hutchison** for contributing the use of his magnificent vessel **Grand Slam** as our committee boat.

**Lou & Jill Toth** were our merchandisers extraordinaire. They took charge of selling our commemorative shirts with the distinctive Plastic Classic logo as well as drinks and wristbands for food. **Lou** also took some great photos to memorialize our event.

**Andy & Gail Davidson** should be recognized for prepping the Clubhouse. The first thing I saw when I walked in Saturday morning was **Gail** running the vacuum. **Andy** sacrificed his chance for fame and glory in the first ever Southern California Plastic Classic Regatta by withdrawing from the race in order to properly prepare those fabulous ribs and tri-tips for our dinner.

Give a cheer for **Jennifer Martin** for supplying us with hamburger, hot dogs, buns, chips, and salad fixings, and for participating in the race with her grandfather for crew.

**Sue Meyer** telephoned the membership, reminding you all about the event and personally inviting you all to come on down and get in on the fun. She also brought two platters of deviled eggs and two very cutely decorated cakes for us to enjoy.

Give it up for **Dave & Carolyn Coleman** who sorted out all the medals and mugs and made the presentation go very smoothly. **Dave** is also to be commended for the admirable execution of his duties as Race Committee Chair—providing valuable liaison between PRYC and KHYC, RBYC, and BVBC.

We want to thank **King Harbor Yacht Club** for graciously allowing us to use their racing marks, and also for their words of encouragement.

We thank **Redondo Beach Yacht Club** for their support and participation. The quality of their racing program certainly was proven by the number of medals their racers took away Saturday.

Kudos to our own stalwart racers who braved the briny deep: *Paul Gianinni* (Better luck next time!), *Shawn Milligan* (How much braver can you be than to volunteer to crew on a stranger's boat), *Jennifer Martin* (Uh, sailing is not supposed to be a contact sport), *Pat Paxson* (the idea is to get *ahead* of all the other boats), and *Jack Laisure* (who showed magnanimous consideration and courtesy in letting all those other boats go ahead of him).

Here's to the *Knotty Girls, Penny, Pat, & Amy* for their yeoman work behind the bar, as well as for their success in the Concourse D'Elegance.

Once again, thanks to *Graham* and his wife *Haidee Grice* for working the bar. They kept the whiskey flowing and the beer chasing our blues away.

*Mike McCarthy* needs to be commended for all his work around the club and especially for locating and securing dynamite entertainment for such a reasonable price.

*Spank* is the name of that band--- overwhelming talent, vibrant energy, compelling intensity—Triple-A+!

And the best for last, *Helen Morgan*, for her artistic talent (She created the poster that we hung up all over the marina and elsewhere), the balloons that gave us a festive atmosphere, her culinary contributions to the dinner table, and most importantly, her relentless efforts to keep me on task, I love her.

To *all* who contributed to the success of the First Annual Southern California Plastic Classic, and I'm sure I've missed some important ones (sorry!), my undying gratitude.

Sincerely,

Russ Morgan  
Commodore

## AND THE WINNERS ARE...

### CONCOURSE D'ELEGANCE

**NICEST INTERIOR**  
**1ST PLACE: KNOTTY GIRLS**  
**2ND PLACE: MY CRISTAL**

**SIMPLEST TO SINGLE-HAND**  
**1ST PLACE: MY CRISTAL**  
**2ND PLACE: KNOTTY GIRLS**

**PRETTIEST**  
**1ST PLACE: MY CRYSTAL**  
**2ND PLACE: KNOTTY GIRLS**

**MOST STOCK**  
**1ST PLACE: KNOTTY GIRLS**  
**2ND PLACE: MY CRISTAL**

### PLASTIC CLASSIC REGATTA

**SPINNAKER CLASS**  
**1ST PLACE: AL CASTILLON, *HOT RUM*, CF33**  
**2ND PLACE: DON CURRIE, *COMET*, MORGAN36**

**NON-SPINNAKER CLASS**  
**1ST PLACE: NORMAN KEIDSER, *EL TIGRE*, CAL30**  
**2ND PLACE: DON LAVERTY, *MY CRYSTAL*, EXCALIBUR 26**  
**3RD PLACE: ANDREW SPISAK, *VOICE OF REASON*, ERICSON 32**

**OVERALL**  
**1ST PLACE: AL CASTILLON, *HOT RUM*, CF 33**  
**2ND PLACE: DON CURRIE, *COMET*, MORGAN 36**  
**3RD PLACE: NORMAN KEIDSER, *EL TIGRE*, CAL 30**



The club was festive inside and out, ready for the big race. The colors were flying and the weather was perfect. Merchandise was displayed and ready to sell. Time for check-in and registration... and learning the rules. Now let the sailing begin!



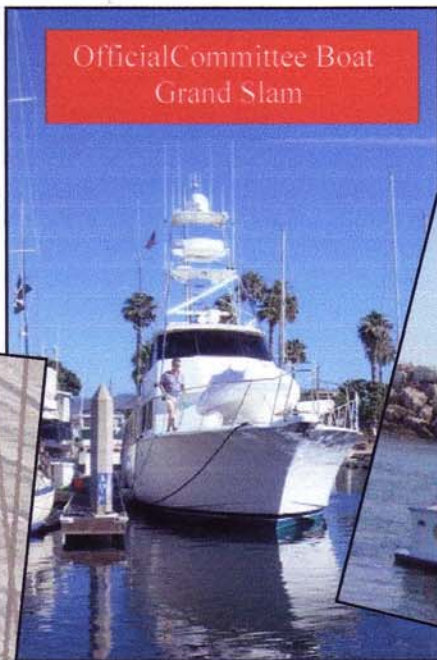
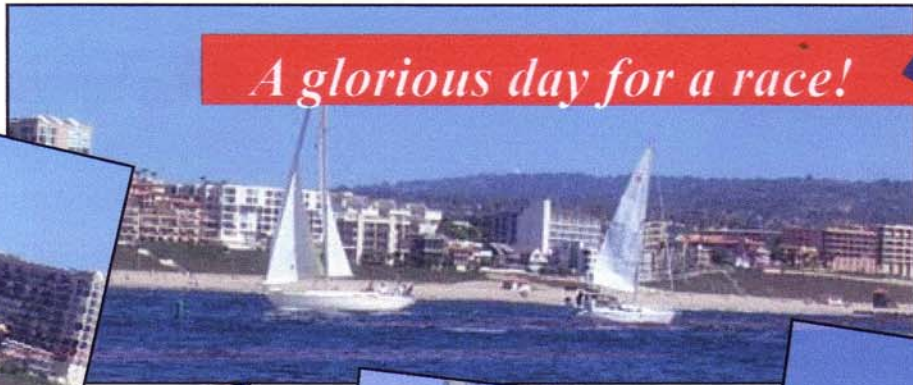
## *FIRST ANNUAL* **Plastic Classic Regatta**



**Great Success!**

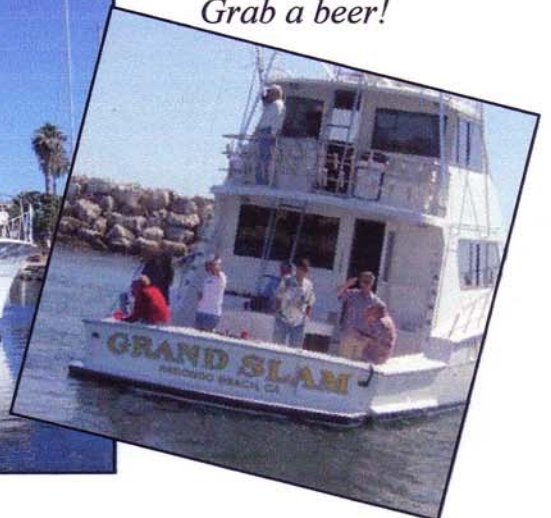


*A glorious day for a race!*



Official Committee Boat  
Grand Slam

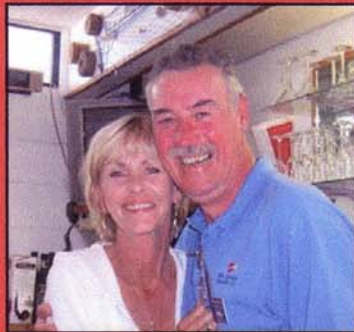
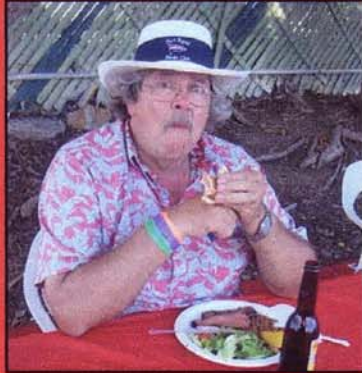
*Stay the course!  
Drive her hard!  
Tack to starboard!  
Head for Buoy S  
Fall off, come about  
Grab a beer!*



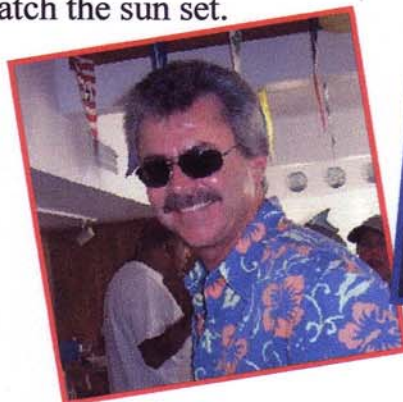


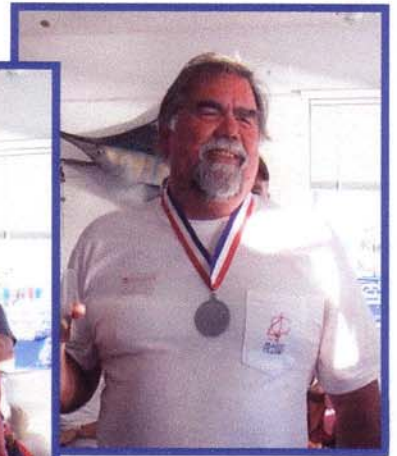
*Time to eat, drink  
celebrate & drink*

The race is over. Let the party continue. Several toasts were made to our friends from the Bayview Yacht Club for teaching us the ropes. We had racers from Redondo Beach Yacht Club too. Andy cooked his famous meat and ribs and a fabulous feast was enjoyed by all.



Needless to say, the drinks were flowing. You can never have too many beers after a long day in the sun, and you can never drink too many Margaritas as you discuss the race tactics, the boats and watch the sun set.





*And the Winners are:*



**Concours d'Elegance**

1st Place Overall...

Don Laverty's *Excalibut 26, My Cristal, RBYC*

2nd Place Overall..

Pat Paxson & Penny Vowles' *Islander 28 Knotty Girl, PRYC*



**Plastic Classic Regatta**

1st Place Overall..

Al Castillon's *CF33, Hot Rum RBYC*

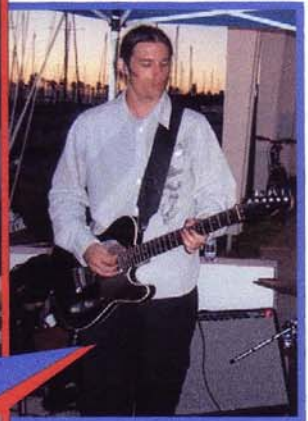
2nd Place...

Don Currie's *Morgan 36, Comet, SBYRC*

3rd Place..

Norman Keidser's *Cal 30, El Tigre, RBYC/KHYC*





**SPANK!**

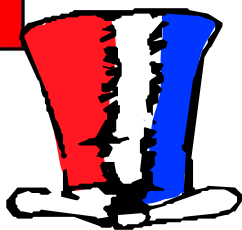
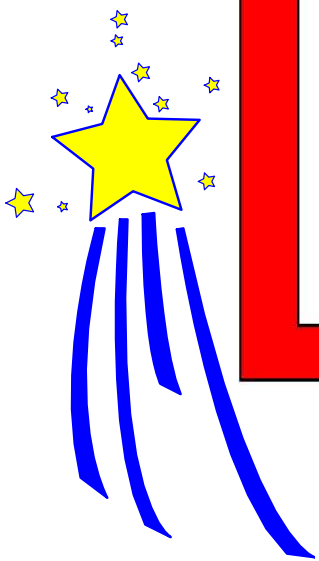


*Do a little dance, make a little love, get down tonight!*



*...Bring on the band!  
Live music was supplied  
by Spank! Folks put on  
their dancing flip flops  
and boogied. Thanks to  
everyone who made  
this event a great  
Success. Looking  
Forward to the 2nd  
Annual Plastic  
Classic Regatta.*





# I WANT YOU

**PLEASE JOIN US AT THE CLUB TO  
CELEBRATE THE BEGINNING OF  
OUR GREAT NATION.**

**ALL DAY**

**POT LUCK BARBEQUE LUNCH AND DINNER  
SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS SHOWS**

