



CONNECTIONS

MAY, 2005

www.pryc.us

PORT ROYAL YACHT CLUB REDONDO BEACH, CA

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



COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Thank you , all you who turned out for the annual Cinco de Mayo Fiesta. I bet you're glad you did. The food was delicious, the margaritas were flowing, and the party spirit was upon us. Thanks go to Pat Paxson for sponsoring, promoting, and engineering a great event.

There was another party here this month and just as spectacular. A remarkable young man by the name of Woody Henderson was honored for his completion of a two year circumnavigation in his trusty Cal 31 **Low Key**. If you're a reader of the magazine *Latitudes and Attitudes*, you know him already: He's a frequent contributor of articles about his adventures and timely advice derived from his experiences. The party was hosted by members Jim and Emma Mather who are planning a similar voyage themselves. Among the guests were many of Woody's friends and relatives (He is a local boy) and several of the staff of *Latitudes and Attitudes* including the legendary Bob Bitchin and our own A Dock denizen, Sue Morgan. My only regret the entire evening was missing Mike Morgan's fabulous grilled salmon which was gone before I realized it had even entered the building. But there were compensations: the other potluck fare was great, the bar did a land-office business, and Woody and his friend Mike Williams filled out an application to join the club!

Port Royal Yacht Club continues in its efforts to become part of the larger yachting community. After our acceptance into Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA), we were invited to become members of the Association of Santa Monica Bay Yacht Clubs (ASMBYC). With our Board of Directors' approval, I submitted our application to them this month. They will vote on it at their June meeting. We have also become members of U.S. Sailing as of this month.

Two big events are coming up. Memorial Day Weekend features a cruise to Santa Barbara Island. If you're interested in participating, contact our Fleet Captain Jack Laisure. The Plastic Classic Regatta is on the horizon. June 18th will be here before you know it. Its success will depend on members volunteering to do the many tasks this project will require. Please, if at all possible, show up and let us put you to work!

Port Royal Yacht Club

555 N. Harbor Drive
Redondo Beach
CA 90277
310-372-3960

PRYC OFFICERS

Commodore
Russ Morgan

Vice Commodore
Sue Meyer

Rear Commodore
Penny Towne-Vowles

Secretary
Helen Morgan

Fleet Captain
Jack Laisure

Junior Staff Commodore
Dave Coleman

Quartermaster
Pat Paxson

PRYC DIRECTORS

Andy Davidson
Larry Brown
Pat Paxson
Mike McCarthy

Treasurer
Chris Dalziel

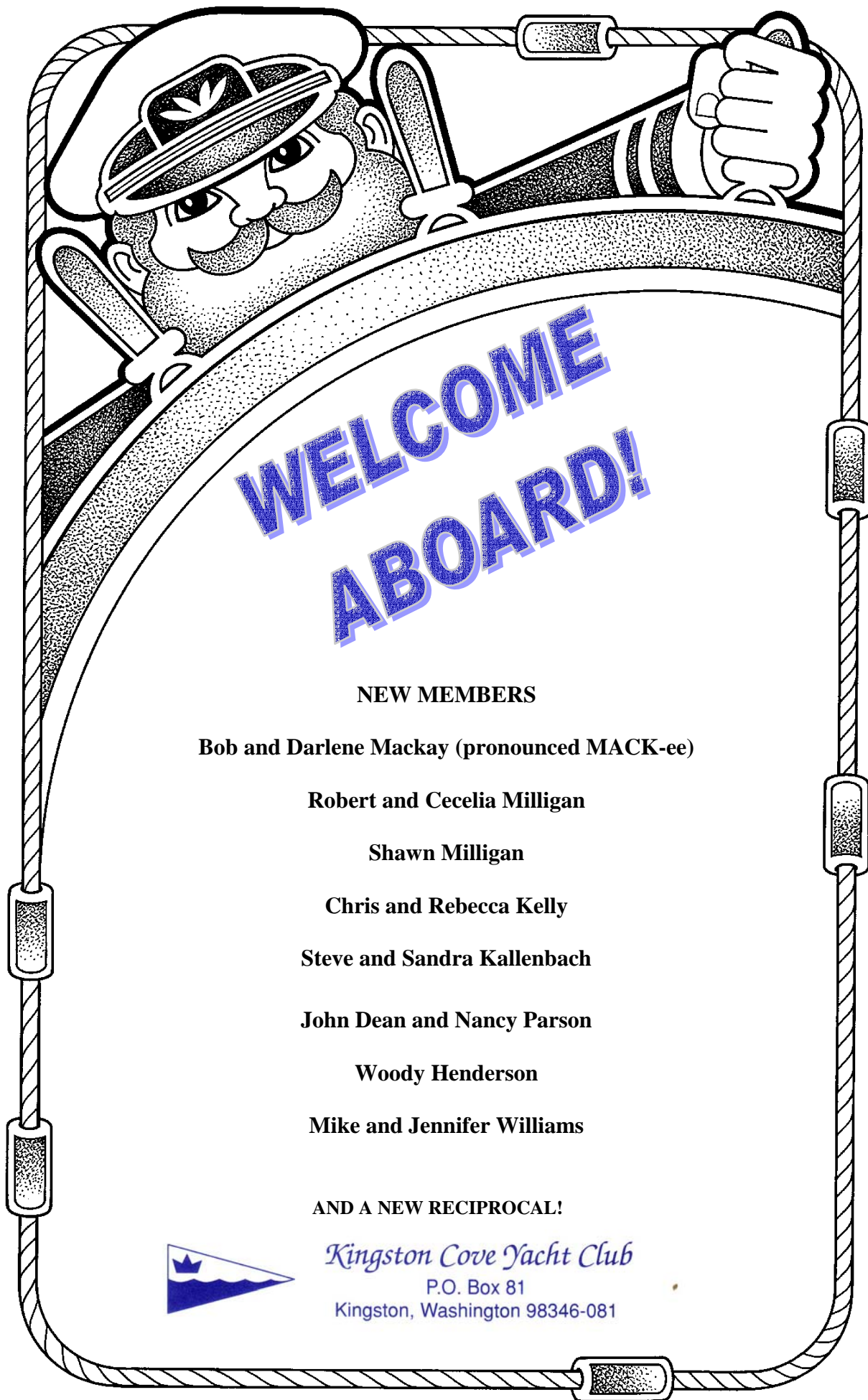
Chaplain
Carolyn Coleman

Newsletter Editor
Amy Meyers
Russ Morgan
Helen Morgan

Judge Advocate
Tree Curtis

Website Manager
Cathy Mueller

Historian
Lou Toth



WELCOME ABOARD!

NEW MEMBERS

Bob and Darlene Mackay (pronounced MACK-ee)

Robert and Cecelia Milligan

Shawn Milligan

Chris and Rebecca Kelly

Steve and Sandra Kallenbach

John Dean and Nancy Parson

Woody Henderson

Mike and Jennifer Williams

AND A NEW RECIPROCAL!



Kingston Cove Yacht Club

P.O. Box 81

Kingston, Washington 98346-081

WELCOME HOME WOODY!



Home from the Sea



As the Sun Sets Slowly....



The Party Begins to Gain Momentum.



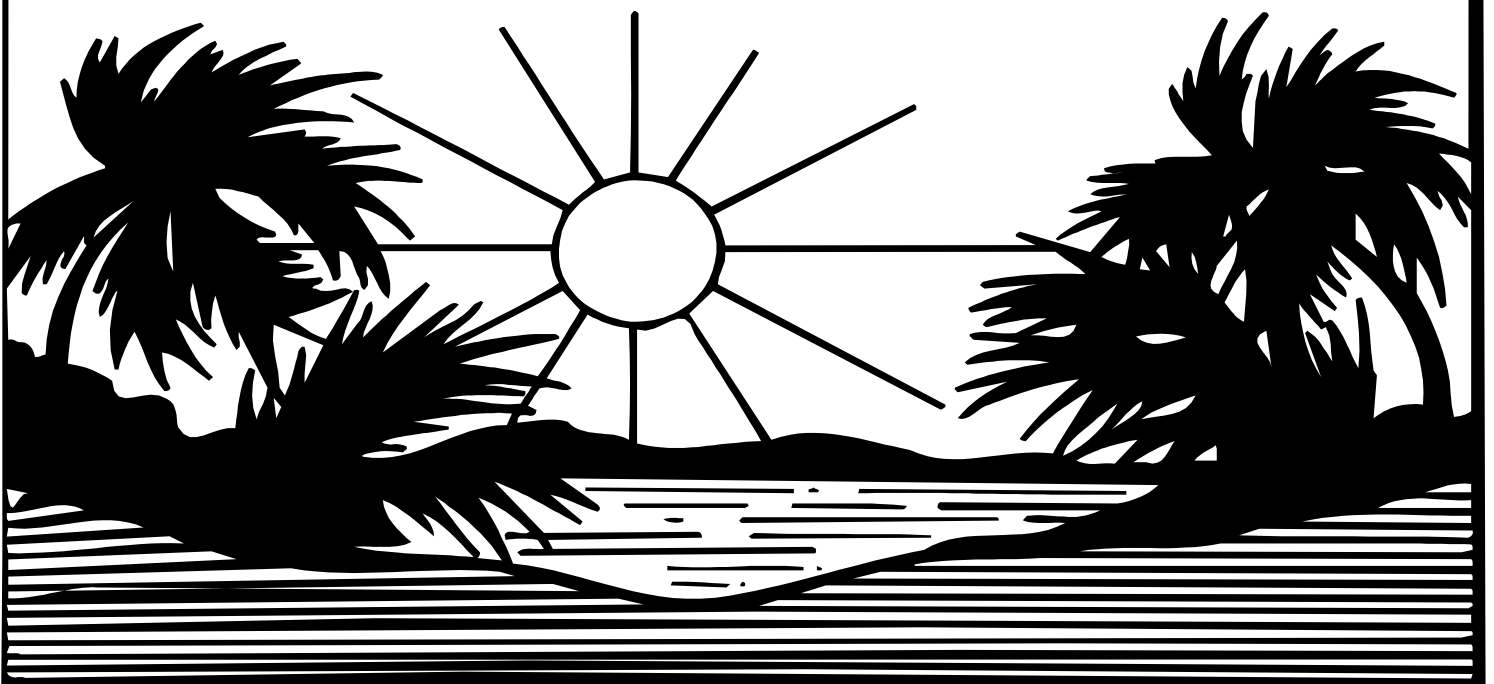
Bar Business Booms,



And Woody Relaxes with Friends



Lats & Atts people mingle with the locals.



This article from BBC Sport may be inspiring to all of our Plastic Classic entrants.

Good luck to one and all!

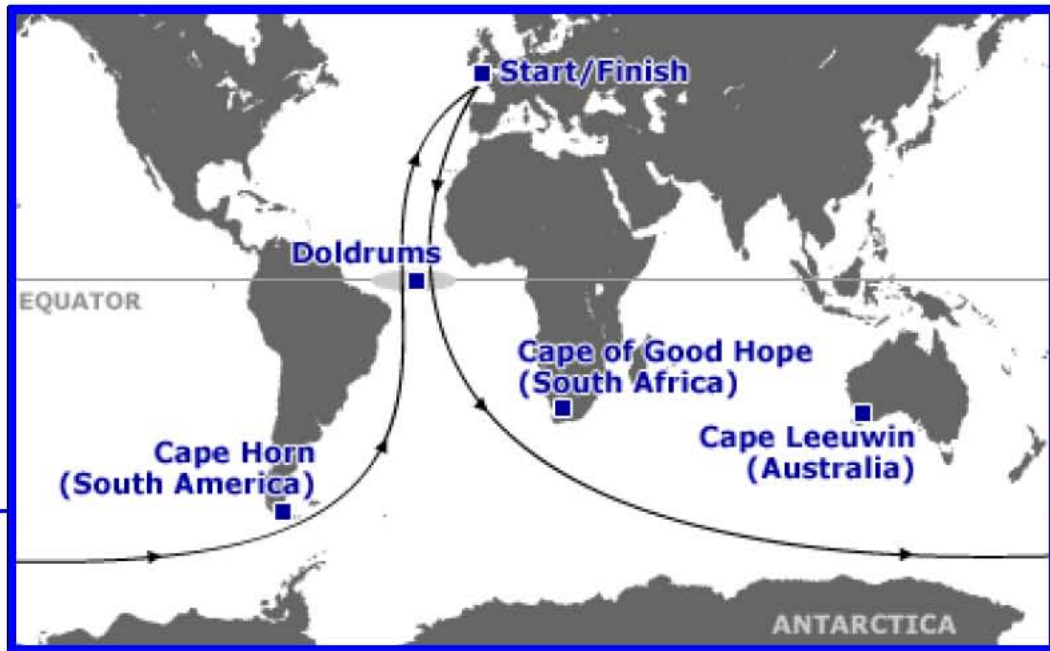
MacArthur sails into record books

Britain's Ellen MacArthur has completed her single-handed round-the-world voyage in record-breaking time.

She crossed the finish line at 2229 GMT on Monday, beating the previous mark set by Francis Joyon of 72 days, 22 hours, 54 mins and 22 secs. The Isle of Wight-based yachtswoman completed the 27,000-mile voyage in 71 days and under 15 hours. After achieving the record time, MacArthur said: "I feel exhausted but I'm elated to be here." She added: "It has been an unbelievable journey." The 28-year-old added: "I always believed I could break the record, and Francis agreed it was breakable but I really didn't think I would do it at the first attempt."

When MacArthur set sail on 28 November, she was under no illusions as to the scale of the task that lay ahead of her. Joyon's achievement in February 2004 raised the bar in round-the-world sailing. The Frenchman smashed the previous record by a massive 20 days and it was widely believed in the sailing world that his mark would go unchallenged for several years. MacArthur chased Joyon's record with a boat that is smaller, and therefore slower than his, although its lighter weight helps counterbalance that disadvantage. However, the 75ft vessel she has guided across more than 27,000 miles was specially built with this task in mind.





And MacArthur is no newcomer to round-the-world sailing despite growing up in landlocked Derbyshire. She first came to prominence when she finished second in the Vendee Globe round-the-world race in 2001. Feted by French fans of the Vendee, her achievement caught the imagination in Britain and MacArthur finished as runner-up to David Beckham in the BBC Sports Personality of the Year awards. MacArthur won the gruelling Route du Rhum race the following year before setting her sights on breaking more records in multi-hulls. However, she failed in an attempt to chase down the Jules Verne round-the-world mark for full crews in 2003, as well as a tilt at the solo transatlantic record. MacArthur has had to contend with extreme weather conditions and technical problems in her bid to better Joyon. Mountainous seas, ice-bergs and gale force winds have threatened to capsize her boat - and she narrowly missed a collision with a whale on day 63. MacArthur burnt her arm trying to stop fumes and heat leaking into her cabin early on in the race and suffered bad bruising after scaling the mast to make repairs on the return Atlantic leg. She had lost ground since being five days up on Joyon's record when she rounded the tip of South America. But before she had even finished she had already broken five records on the trip - beating Joyon's times to the Equator, the Cape of Good Hope, Cape Leeuwin in Australia, Cape Horn and back again to the Equator.

Story from BBC SPORT:



Celebrate Cinco de Mayo



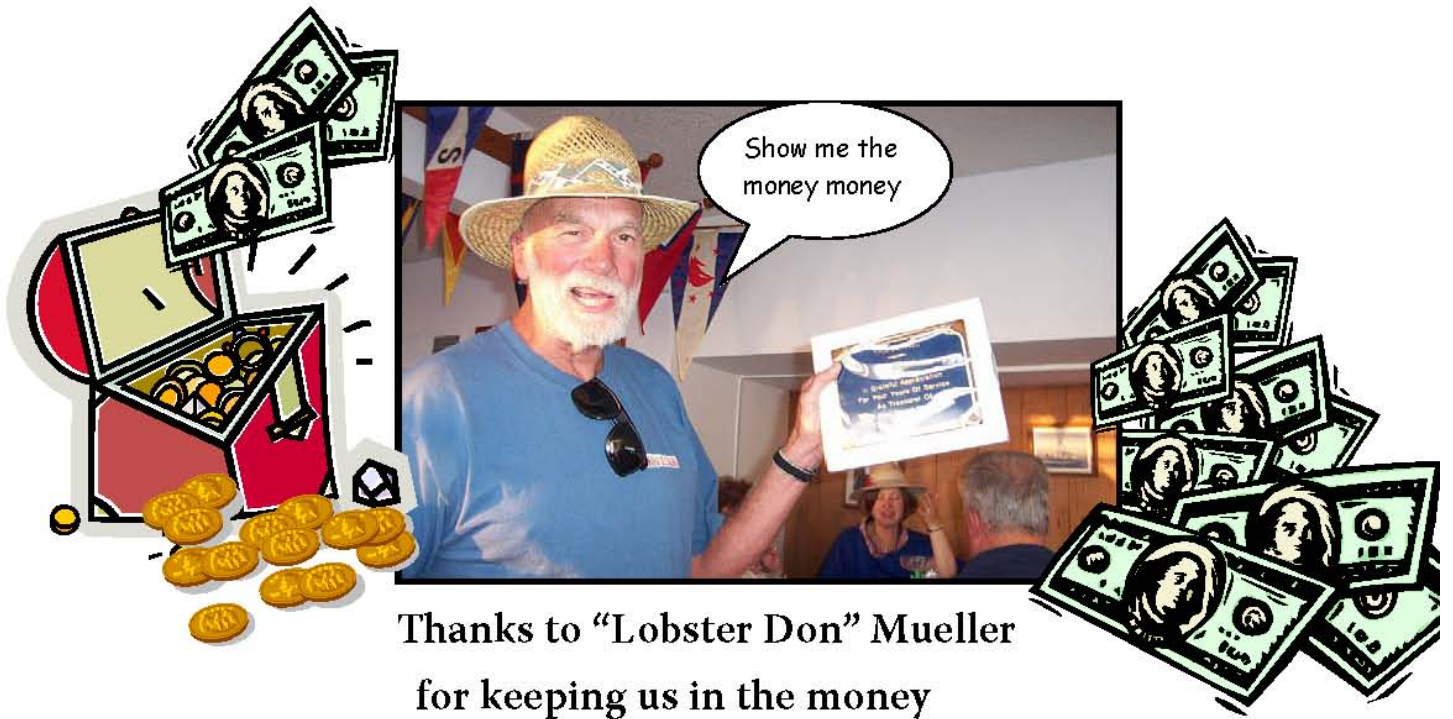
*A good time was had by young and old alike at the PYRC Fiesta!!
Muchas Gracias amigos*





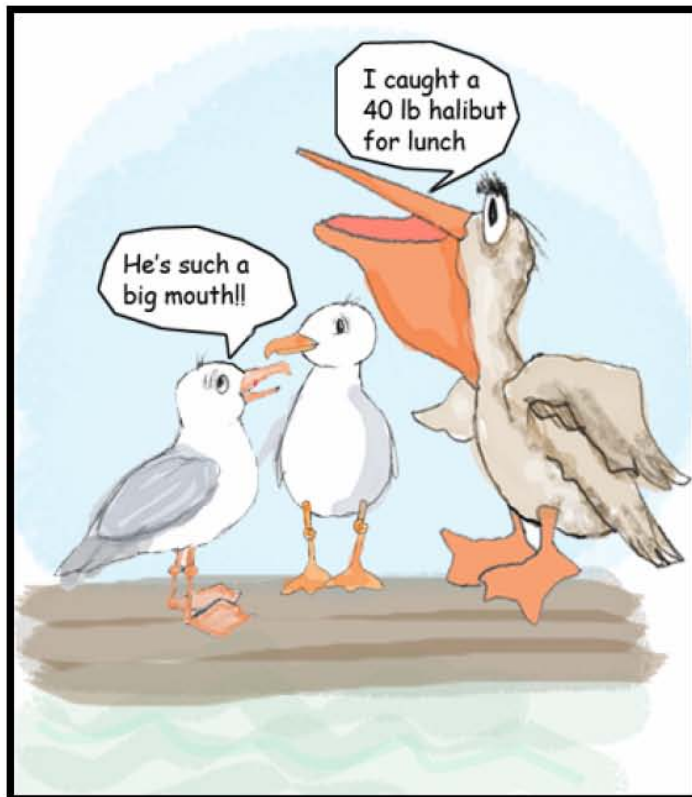
Celebrate Cinco de Mayo !!





Thanks to "Lobster Don" Mueller
for keeping us in the money

Change of Plans



As you may have heard, the landing facilities at Two Harbors was severely damaged when struck by an incoming Catalina Express. Also, late June is a high-volume month and securing a mooring at that time would be problematic anyway. So, the Board of Directors has decided to reschedule our Isthmus Cruise in October and make our destination Cat Harbor.