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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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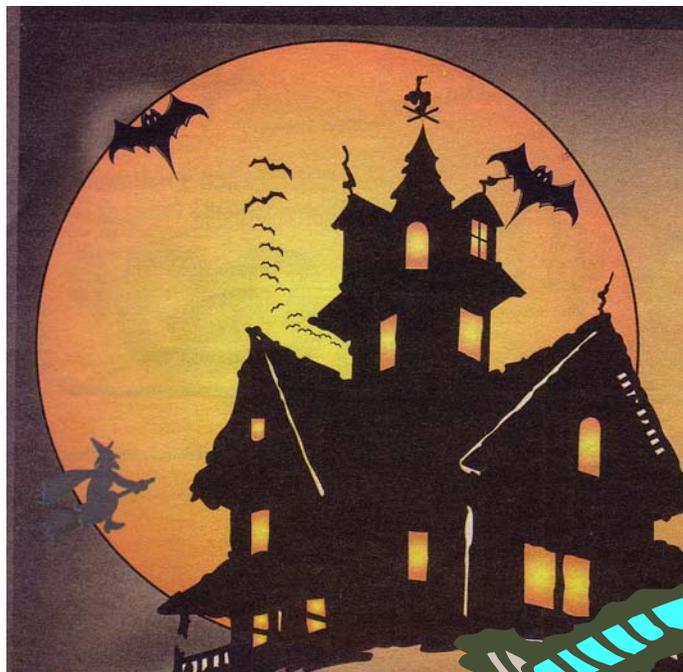
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HALLOWEEN PARTY!



Saturday, October 30th

6:00 P.M.

Food, Music, Costumes!
For the frighteningly low
price of
\$10.00 per person



PRYC WINE TASTING



The First Annual Port Royal Yacht Club wine tasting was held on Saturday, October 9. The event was well attended and quite lively. A beautiful array of appetizers complemented the wines and everyone had a chance to taste 4 different wines in the white and red categories. Of course, it was a blind taste test to see how well some of our members "claimed" they knew their wines. And... they proved to be pretty knowledgeable.



The objective of the wine tasting was to sample other wines that are reasonably priced and compare them to Two-Buck-Chuck. There are quite a few good wines out there for under \$10. A good source of information is Wine Spectator magazine. Our own Ann McCarthy is quite the connoisseur and guided the wine selection enjoyed by all.



In the white category, we tasted a 2002 Meridian Sauvignon Blanc, a 2003 Lindeman's Bin 45 Chardonnay (a Bronze Medal winner from Australia), 2003 Charles Shaw Chardonnay, and a 2002 Hogue Chardonnay from the Columbia Valley in Washington State. The outstanding winner by 30 points was the Hogue. You can usually find a bottle of this at any supermarket for around \$7 or \$8 dollars. Very good. And, while you can buy Lindeman's almost any time for \$5 or \$6 dollars a bottle, it scored the same as the Charles Shaw.



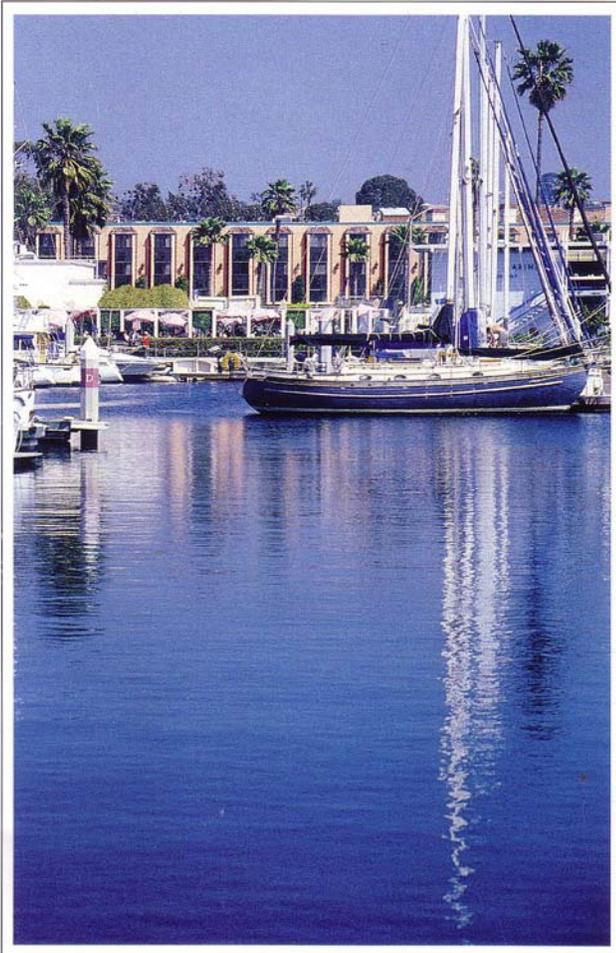
In the red category, we tasted a 2003 Yellowtail Shiraz from Australia, a 2001 Pepperwood Grove Merlot, 2003 Charles Shaw Merlot, and a 2001 Columbia Crest Cabernet Sauvignon. The Pepperwood Grove Merlot, Yellowtail Shiraz, and Columbia Crest Cab were all scored by Wine Spectator magazine in the high 80's. But, our tasters gave the kudos to the Columbia Crest by 30 points above the other 3 wines. A good find for \$8 a bottle.

Many thanks to Fran and Dick Krebs for helping with the decorations and coordination, to Sue Meyer for helping out at the door, Amy Myers for her poster, to Russ and Helen Morgan for their help, and to Ann McCarthy for sharing her expertise.



WHERE IN THE WORLD IS CARMEN SAN DIEGO?

Can you tell what geographic location
this photograph depicts?
(answer below)



*This photograph appears on a brochure for
BEST WESTERN
SUNRISE HOTEL,
REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA.
To say the perspective is distorted
Is a bit of an understatement.*

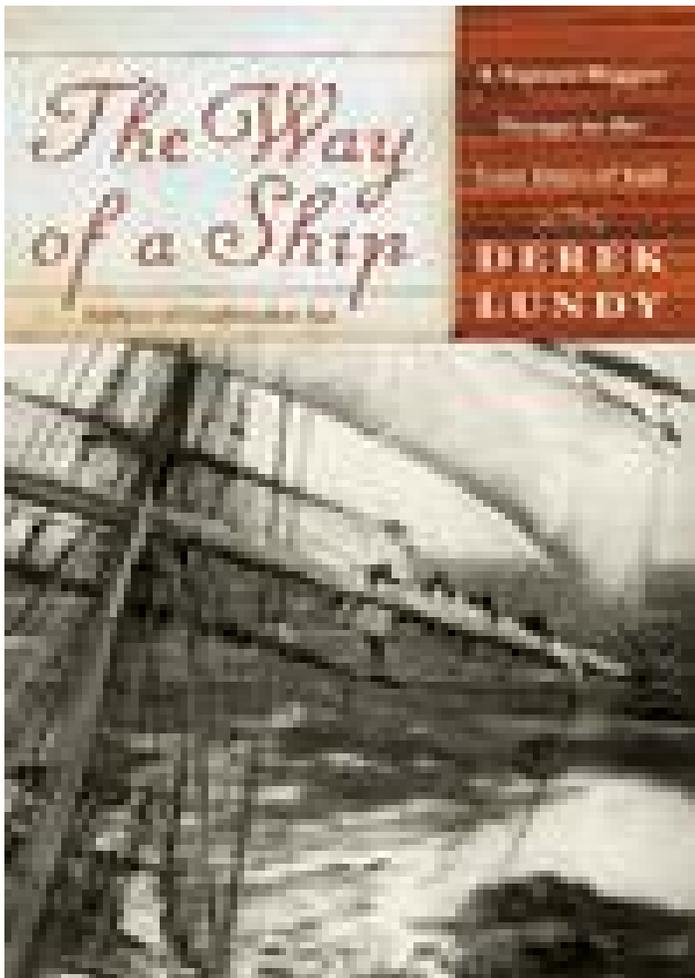
* CLUB ALERT *

The cleanliness of the club is a full time job for all of us!
We need your help. If you wish to use the club, PLEASE
clean up after yourself. If you can't get to it the evening in
question, then please clean it up the next morning. Here are
a few things to consider:

1. Don't leave utensils in the sink to "air dry". Put them away.
2. Used cooking oil should be disposed of within 12 hours of use.
3. If potholders or other kitchen items are burnt, notify the quartermaster for replacements.
4. If it's dirty, clean it!
5. Wipe tables after use.
6. If you run low on something, put it on the list on the bulletin board.
7. Bar should always be clean.
8. Kitchen and restroom should be wiped down after use.

We have someone to clean the club once a week. With a little cooperation on everyone's part, that should be enough. Do your part to keep our club a place to be proud of.





Lundy, Derek. *The Way of a Ship: A Square-rigger Voyage in the Last Days of Sail*. New York: Harper Collins, 2002.

I'd like to recommend a book that I've just read. I got it cheap at Costco, and if that's too much for you, you can borrow it from me. That is, after Dave Coleman gets done with it.

It's what you might call a docu-novel. According to family legend, Derek Lundy's great great uncle, Benjamin Lundy, signed on as novice seaman on a square-rigged commercial vessel and came to San Francisco by way of Cape Horn. To this slender thread of a story, Derek applies a massive amount of research and creates an extremely realistic voyage aboard a three hundred foot, four masted, iron-hulled square-rigger from Liverpool to Valparaiso by way of Cape Horn, with a cargo of Welch coal destined, ironically, to become fuel for the steam ships that

eventually would deliver the death blow to the golden age of sail.

The book is fascinating on many levels. We follow Benjamin as he finds his place in the social structure of this isolated little world surrounded by water. We feel his fear as he climbs 150 feet above a wildly pitching deck and desperately claws at tons of sodden canvas, his eyes blinded by rain and gale-force winds and his feet supported only by a thin line that he must share with four other men.

We learn about how the ship actually sails; we learn the navigation used at the time. There is the history of commercial sailing, how the business end of it went, and the development of the technology for making those magnificent ships go faster and faster. Added to all that are references from the masters of sailing literature, Conrad, Melville, and Dana. And so much more. Exciting. Educational. Enjoyable.

----Russ Morgan



We have decided to move the November 20th lobster potluck to our club this year due to the possibility of inclement weather on the high seas. Please sign up at the club. Typical menu items include lobster, ribs, chicken, salads, beans, and desserts.



December 11th is our annual Christmas tree trimming party and **MEMBER'S GENERAL MEETING**. We will be voting for our flag officers and Directors for 2005. You must be present to vote and know what's going on in the club! All active members should plan to attend and bring an ornament for the tree. There are still a few openings for staff positions – see Russ Morgan for details.



DON'T LEAVE YOUR BOAT IN THE DARK THIS CHRISTMAS!

The King Harbor Yacht Club Presents the Thirteenth Annual Christmas Boat Parade

Holiday Salute to Sports Recognizing Local Athletes

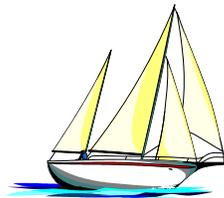
GRAND MARSHALLS: BOB AND PATTY MEISTRELL, FOUNDER OF BODYGLOVE

Saturday, December 18, 2004
5:30 to 7:00 P.M.
Main Channel of King Harbor
Redondo Beach



For an application and additional information, goto:

http://khyc.org/events/boat_parade/2004boat_parade/2004parade.htm



SCYA NEWS

King Harbor Yacht Club, Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club, and California Yacht Club have sent us letters of sponsorship. The Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club has promised to do so. We are still waiting word from Del Rey Yacht Club. They are the fifth and final club needed to satisfy this part of our application.

PREVIEW OF COMING ATTRACTIONS

October 30—Halloween Party

November 20— Lobster Fest

December 11—Christmas Tree Trimming Party

December 31—New Year's Eve Party