



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

WELCOME TO THE BEGINNING OF FALL.

THE WEATHER IS STILL BEAUTIFUL AND SEAS ARE CALM.

Our big event - the End of Summer Bash/Silent Auction is now history and a great time was had by all. Many many thanks to all those who helped put the party together including all the decorations and moving furniture up and down the stairs.

The band - Tres Amigos - was outstanding (thanks, Mike McCarthy). To all those who cooked for our luau (Andy Davidson, Jack Laisure, Jan Pokk, Penny Towne-Vowles, Judy Vavrek, Pat Wyatt, Kevin Herink, & Fran Krebs) - great job!!! RC/QM Pat Paxson's Rum Punch certainly had one. Good thing we don't have those all the time.

The Silent Auction was a huge success thanks to donations from you all and our local businesses. Thanks also go to those who helped organize the auction before and collect afterwards (Fran Krebs, Helen Morgan, and Graham & Haidee Grice).

It was so good to see the Dirty Dinghy races back!! They were really missed. Shawn Milligan did a tremendous job handling the race for the first time. Mike McCarthy & Amy Myers beat out Cathy & Don Mueller for first place and Woody Henderson, Deena, and Mascot came in third.

I'm so sorry to see summer come to an end but that was certainly the way to end it. Thanks again to everyone who helped make this bash so great.

Next month - Oct. 15 - General Meeting & Wine Tasting
Oct. 28 - Halloween Party

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE FALL SEASON

dates are subject to change... check your email or the club for more info



Wine Tasting

Sun., Oct. 15th

2:00-5:00 PM

Cheese & Hors d'oeuvres
will be served

Call Penny Towne Vowles
for details... (310) 729-7165

**Halloween Party
Saturday
October 28th
Prizes for
best costumes
Drinks Dinner**



**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
TO VOTE ON REVISED BYLAWS
OCTOBER 15TH, 1PM**

PRYC CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale

**2 Kayak Paddles reasonably priced
Call Sue 310 372 0609**

Ship High In Transport



This fascinating article was sent in by contributing editor Tree Curtis. Thank you Tree for providing this interesting glimpse into our maritime history as well as the etymology of one our more frequently used words.....

Manure: In the 16th and 17th centuries, everything had to be transported by ship. As it was long before the invention of commercial fertilizers, large shipments of manure were common.

The manure was shipped in dry form because it weighed less, thus was more transportable. However, when the sea water hit it, the manure not only became heavier, but the process of fermentation began, of which a by-product is methane gas. As the stuff was stored in bundles below decks you can imagine what happened.

The methane gas began building up below in the storerooms and the first time an unsuspecting sailor came through with a lantern.....BOOM!!!

Several ships exploded before they concluded "*oops, it's the poops!*" that's making us blow.

After that, the bundles of manure were always stamped with the term "Ship High In Transit" them, which meant for the sailors to stow them high enough off the lower decks so that any that any sea water that got into the hold would not come in contact with this volatile cargo and begin the production of methane.

Thus evolved the term "S.H.I.T." - Ship High In Transport which has come down through the centuries and is in use to this very day.

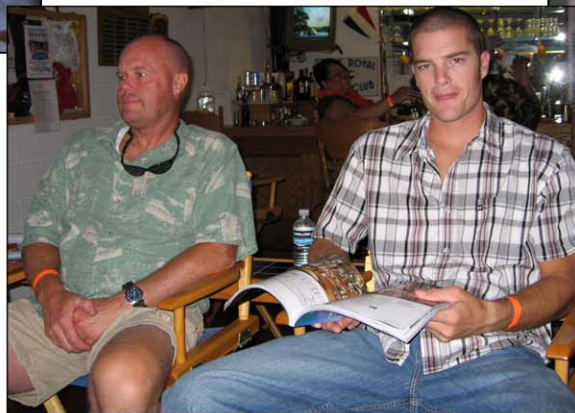


A Message from the Quartermaster...

To preserve our environment and as responsible members of the marina, we are reinstating our recycling policy. Please put empty bottles and cans in the designated receptacles and if you notice the bin is full, do empty it before it starts to overflow and replace the bag. If everyone helps out and does a trash run here and there, we will all be able to pat ourselves on the backs and know we're doing our part to be good global citizens. We're fortunate to be in such a lovely place, let's help keep it that way.. *Thanks, Pat*



Summer Bash 2006



We raised a lot of money for Operation Topsail & had a lot of fun doing it!





Now this was a band you could dance to...



IN FACT... you couldn't NOT dance to this band!!

