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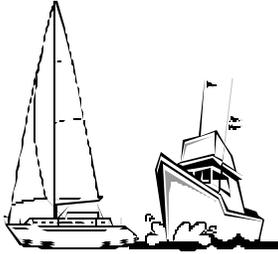
PORT ROYAL YACHT CLUB

Redondo Beach, CA

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



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Commodore Zeke's Comments

Hello to all from Mooring #176 (Sand Pebble), Avalon Bay, Catalina Island, CA. Your Commodore, Terri and our 16-year-old Shit-Tsu "Tasha" are spending the month of September on our boat "Love Catalina" at my favorite place in the whole world. Our daily routine consists of waking up between 8 to 9am, brewing fresh Starbucks coffee, reading the "Daily Breeze" and enjoying a homemade breakfast (bacon & eggs with OJ today). We dinghy to the Pleasure "Green" Pier two to three times a day to take the dog for a walk, to get ice and/or an ice cream and to have at least one meal a day at one of Avalon's many restaurants.

Each day we do something different. Today we visited the new Ruth Mayer Gallery. Ruth is an American Master Artist with her main gallery in Laguna Beach. Terri and I have one of her Catalina paintings and we both admire her vast variety of work which includes sports (Tournament of Roses 100th Anniversary 2002), yachts, harbors, beach scenes, seascapes, cityscapes (I Love New York, Hong Kong, Las Vegas Strip, etc) and many others all done in astonishing detail.

My first two nights were spent side-tied to the famous "White Russian" at mooring #179 formerly owned by Jim Zeitler. Erick is the new owner and he is carrying on the tradition of serving White Russians. Erick is the Captain of the glass-bottom boat "Moon beam" and his live-aboard renter; Scottie is the Captain of the green submarine glass-bottom boat "Neptune". They removed all the plants growing inside and the old refrigerator had to be cut into pieces to remove it. Erick and Scottie plan on putting a lot of hours this winter during their slow season on making the "White Russian" looking great again.

Everyday has been breathtakingly beautiful here in

Avalon with 82 to 88 degrees F, a gentle rolling Pacific Ocean, crystal clear nights with stars glowing and friendly boaters on every mooring.

Club News: Congrats to Dick Lamb on his retirement from American Airlines. May each day of your retirement be better than your best day with American Airlines.

Thanks to The Board of Directors for approval to purchase and install a new garbage disposal in our kitchen sink.

Please check the calendar in this newsletter and at the club for the various events for September and October.

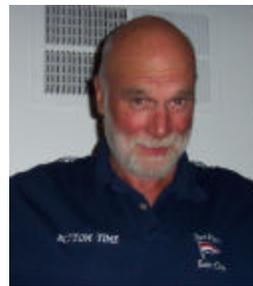
Commodore Zeke Wheeler

Fish Fry!

Larry is coordinating (and catching most of the fish) a fish fry this Sat, Sep 13, at 6 pm. He will collect \$5 a head to pay for fix'ns to go along with the fish. This is also the Sep club birthday party for members who have a Sep birthday. (I am one of them so feel free to bring me a present). If you have a Sep birthday you will get a couple of free drinks along with a happy birthday song.

Hope to see you there

Don



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LARRY BROWN



Penny Towne-Vowles



DICK
"HEAR-NO-EVIL"
LAMB

Dick Lamb's Retirement Party

If you weren't there, you missed it. And, if you were there and didn't have a good time...well, it's your own darn fault. But, of course, we're talking about Dick Lamb's retirement party on August 23.

The festivities started at 3 p.m. (does anyone show up on time anymore?). However, the crew from American Airlines landed right on time. Hey, they're airline people: of course they're on time!!

The Marina patio was decked out in the "Aloha" spirit (only because we had the decos in our closets). It looked very festive. Thanks to Marion and the Marina staff for helping with the preparations. As always, they were great. And, they had a great time as well.

Hors d'ouvres were provided by Jack Laisure, Sue Meyer, Penny Towne-Vowles, and Laurie and Ed Boussart. Jack made his famous deep-fried won-tons. If you haven't had any of Jack's fried won-tons, you need to come to the next party. Laurie and Ed made a great flank-steak skewer – tender and tasty. Thanks, Sue, for the stuffed eggs – what's a party without stuffed eggs? They were great.

Eventually, the party started swinging and

guests were mingling. Amy Meyers (new member) made some wonderful "greeting sheets" for everyone to sign to wish Dick a good retirement. They were creative and a hoot. If you missed them, you missed some very funny stuff.

Some of Dick's friends actually flew in from Texas. The two Ronnies and their wives (in from Texas), Gale and Andy, Harvey (from Ojai) and Dick have known each other for 40 years!! Now that's worth celebrating. And, Dick's great-nephew Steen (3 months old), Mike, Dick's nephew and Mike's wife, Kim were there to help Uncle Dick celebrate his (finally) retirement. But, they only had to fly in from Long Beach.

Before dinner Penny and Andy had a few things to say about Dick (you can imagine). Penny then presented Dick with his retirement gift. It's a camera he has been researching and wanting for some time. He was truly surprised by the gift. So, thanks to everyone from Port Royal, American Airlines, and other friends whom contributed to his retirement gift. He loves it.

Dinner was served (on time!) and, thankfully, there was enough for everyone. Andy, of course, provided us with (what else?) wonderfully barbecued tri-tip and chicken. Potato salad, cole slaw, rice and fruit salad were served as side dishes. Thanks Laurie, Pat (Paxson, new member), and Penny.

As the sun receded into the ocean, we retired to the Club where we danced, danced, and danced. As always, Gale and Penny led this effort with great success.

Then Dick had a chance to tell American to kiss his "ass" goodbye. Pat baked the best-tasting cakes in the shape of, well, an ass. She did a great job.

It was a very good party, a great evening, and everyone had a fabulous time.

Have a great retirement, Dick.



Port Royal Yacht Club Commodore's
Cruise - 2004

**Gulf of Alaska - Voyage of the Glaciers:
Whittier/Vancouver**

7-day Voyage of the Glaciers cruise sailing from Whittier via College Fjord, Glacier Bay, Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan and Inside Passage to Vancouver, B.C.



Departure Date:

Itinerary: D433 | Ship: [Dawn Princess](#)

DAY	PORT	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	Whittier, Alaska		10:00 PM
2	College Fjord Scenic Cruising, Alaska	6:30 AM	9:30 AM
3	Glacier Bay Scenic Cruising, Alaska	10:30 AM	8:30 PM
4	Skagway, Alaska	5:00 AM	8:00 PM
5	Juneau, Alaska	6:30 AM	4:00 PM
6	Ketchikan, Alaska	8:30 AM	5:45 PM
7	At Sea		
8	Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada	7:30 AM	

PLEASE REFER TO MAP IN CLUBHOUSE

Please RSVP ASAP to Dave Coleman, Vice-Commodore, dcoleman4@socal.rr.com OR
Port Royal Yacht Club, David Coleman, 555 N. Harbor Dr., Redondo Beach, Ca. 90277

Category	Cost (each; double occupancy)	Cost (3 rd person in room)
Balcony (BB) 183 square feet including balcony	1624	599
Window (E) 147 to 155 square feet	1339	499
Inside 135 to 148 square feet	929	299
Air & Bus Fare *	509	509
Federal Taxes	73	73

Payments: \$350 due on booking; remainder due by April 12, 2004

We are currently holding 14 balcony, 8 outside & 10 inside state rooms. If we need more, we need to reserve them ASAP.

*** Air & Bus Fare** includes flight from LAX to ANCHORAGE, bus to ship, bus from ship to airport, & flight to LAX.

KICKIN' BACK AT CABRILLO BEACH YACHT CLUB



Bon Voyage!



As good as it gets!



The club is over there ...somewhere!



Guess who forgot her sunglasses!



Lookin' for a good time, sailor?



Livin' it up!



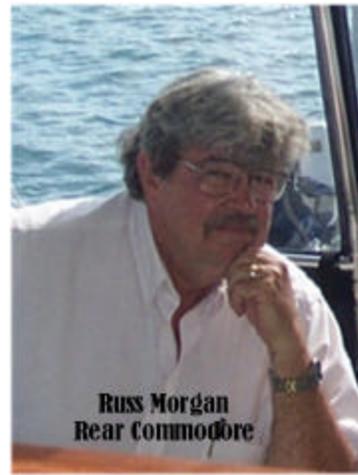
Snugglebunnies



Russ makes his big move!



"You put your left foot in..."



The cat is out of the bag

The cat o' nine tails was kept in a cloth bag and only pulled out immediately prior to flogging. Hence the phrase signifies that one has crossed some line of misconduct.

Not enough room to swing a cat

During punishment all hands were called on deck to bear witness. On a ship with a full crew this could make for a very crowded deck, so crowded that a cat o' nine tails couldn't be used without hitting the observers.

Three sheets to the wind

On a small boat there are three ropes that control the sails. The main sheet controls the mainsail, and two sheets control the headsail, the windward sheet and the leeward sheet. So if all three sheets are flying with the wind, the boat is out of control. Hence, someone with three sheets to the wind does not have control of himself.

The whole nine yards

If you look at a picture of a typical square-rigger, you will see that there are three masts with three yards on each mast. So when all square sails are set, you would have the whole nine yards in operation, i.e., everything.

Freeze the balls off a brass monkey

Not what you think! On warships, cannon balls were sometimes stacked in what was called a monkey, usually made of brass. When it got really cold, the monkey would contract, causing some of the balls to fall off.

Scuttlebutt

Scuttle is a fairly old term for a small rectangular hole cut into the deck or side of a ship for light, ventilation, etc. A butt was simply a barrel. Traditionally, a barrel of water had to last two days. To keep the crew from drinking too much, someone thought to scuttle a butt, (put a hole halfway up) and pour the day's ration in up to the hole. So, the place to get a drink was the scuttled butt, or **scuttlebutt**, and the term eventually was applied to the rumors passed around while waiting to get a drink.

—Gibbons, Burke: *Nautical Expressions in the Vernacular*

September 2003
Port Royal Yacht Club

Rev D Removed 9/5 GYO and 9/28 Sunday BBQ and cancelled Avalon Cruise due to no moorings.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Week 35		1	2	3 6p PRYC Board of Directors Meeting	4	5	6
Week 36	7	8	9	10	11	12	13 6p PRYC Group B'day Potluck Dinner
Week 37	14	15	16	17	18	19 PRYC Cruise-Avalon- Cancelled No Moorings	20 PRYC Cruise-Avalon- Cancelled No Moorings
Week 38	21 PRYC Cruise-Avalon- Cancelled No Moorings	22	23	24	25	26	27
Week 39	28	29	30				

October 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 <i>Birthday Party Potluck dinner Hosts: Russ & Helen</i>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	<i>November 1— Halloween Party</i>