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## News From the Helm

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Greetings from the Helm!

I hope everyone's summer is going well. We've been blessed with great weather and we had some outstanding events at RBYC during July.

I would like to thank Ricardo Aburto for his work as Treasurer through July, and welcome Ann Mitchell to RBYC's Board as our new Treasurer. Her long-time knowledge of the club and her computer background will be a true asset to the club.

The remaining months of this year will be dedicated to specific goals. We have two goals for August. First, with Port Captain Woody Johnston's assistance, we will build and complete the sabot/dinghy storage floating dock. This will be adjacent to the RBYC clubhouse on B Dock and visible from our deck.

Secondly, the club will bring back a tradition. We will once again begin an Officer of the Day program. We'll start by staffing the club with an O.D. every Sunday. That person will be responsible for opening the club, setting the colors, greeting people who visit, and just generally being around. It offers a simple and friendly day, bring your friends, and it comes with a how-to list for those who want it.

We'll begin on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is a great way to ensure that our club is open and ready for visitors on a weekend day. We're filling our calendar with volunteers now, so please come in and put your name on the signup sheet next to the Sunday you'd like to cover.



## *Racing Stripes*

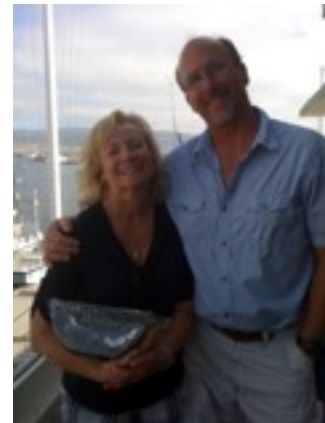
*Vice Commodore Patrick Shuss*

Welcome to the Summer Horizon Racing Series! We've already held three races and have had good competition. Recent races have been lightly attended due to the TransPac Race, but attendance should pick right up.

The Queen Mary Race was a great success. We had 28 boats registered and all who started finished in good time. The wind wasn't too light or strong and it was widely commented that the conditions were exceptional for the race. I want to thank Shoreline Yacht Club for supplying the race committee and their great hospitality after the race. Congratulations to all of the winners!

The Santa Barbara to King Harbor Race was run just this weekend. I was on Staff Commodore Don Laverty's boat *Distraction*. Thanks to *Midnight Run* for giving me a ride up. We hung out with John Dean and his crew plus RBYC member Mike Verla and his bunch. Mike's crafty plan was to ply his competition with Painkillers, which we were only too glad to accept. It must have worked because *Voice of Reason* finished first in PHRD D (where we were) and took honors for first PHRF boat to finish on corrected time. We couldn't have been beaten by a nicer crew.

*Distraction* came in fourth with Don and Valorie receiving a very nice glass salad bowl trophy (see photo). This was a very fast race with great wind. We took only a bit more than twelve hours to finish the 81-mile course. Our average speed was above hull speed for the boat. It was top fun surfing downswell and finishing before 1 p.m. We even got to celebrate last call at KHYC! Thanks to Don & Valorie for letting me be on the boat.

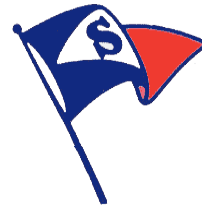


We have two upcoming Saturday races in August. On August 6, we had the re-scheduled Walti Regatta. The original race was cancelled due to the tsunami and the fish cleanup. This is a two-race series with one up-and-down race and a random-leg course.

On August 20, we have the third annual John Parker Race For The Cure. Enjoy the race but be sure to stick around for the live entertainment. This is a race celebrating one of our best members, John Parker, whose life was cut short by cancer. Proceeds from the festivities will go toward cancer research. Please support this good cause.

## 2011 Redondo Beach Series

### NOTICE OF SERIES of Six Saturday Yacht Races Sponsored by Redondo Beach Yacht Club (QMR is co-sponsored by SYCLB)



**FEBRUARY 5 – PALOS VERDES BLT** – A Beat-Leeward-Triangle course from K to an inflatable. Distance 8–17 nm. The race starts at 1300 hrs and lasts about 3 hrs. Fee \$16

**APRIL 9 – LIGHTHOUSE RACE** from K to a temp. mark off perhaps Portuguese Pt. and return. Distance is 9–17 nm. Race starts at 1300 hrs and lasts about 3 hrs. Fee \$16

**MAY 7 – 37 FATHOM RACE** from K to an inflatable in 37 fathoms and the R-10 bell. Distance is 10 – 18 nm. The race starts at 1300 hrs and lasts about 3 hrs. Fee \$16

**JULY 9 – QUEEN MARY REGATTA\*** – One-way blast to Co-Sponsor Shoreline YC via “Hurricane Gulch”. Everyone sails 23 nm. Noon start from S mark. Fee \$30 (late, \$35)

**AUGUST 6 – JOHN WALTI MEMORIAL REGATTA** –One up-down BUOY race\* and one RLC race. Distance is 2.4 - 7 nm each race. Race #1 starts at 1300 hrs. Fee \$16

**AUGUST 20 – JOHN PARKER MEMORIAL** – Uses an inflatable outside of F. Distance is 8 – 16 nm. Starts at S mark at 1300 hours. About 2.5 hrs. (Music at RBYC) Fee \$16

**CLASSES** – **PHRF-A** (Area RLC<150, 12-18 nm), **PHRF-B** (Area RLC>=150, 10-16 nm). If 3 entries **CAL-20** (courses of 8-14 nm), or **MAR-242** (**PHRF-B** courses), or **MARINER** (non-spinnaker class, courses of 8-14 nm, cruiser-adjusted rating.)

**RULES** – Boats in **PHRF-A,-B** shall be members of PHRF, meet Std PHRF Specifications & PHRF Equipment (Category 4 race). Except where \*, use Area RLC ratings. **ONE DESIGN** class rules and safety equip. apply. **MARINERS**: need crew of 2+, anchor, chain and rode, no free-flying headsail, no whisker pole > 1.4J, may add cruiser adjs.

**RULES APPLYING TO ALL BOATS**: have either VHF marine ch. 78 or a cellphone; Racing Rules of Sailing (omit RRS 35, 77); rules in this NOR, in the race NOR and SI, rules stated at entry or hailed under **L** flag. If they conflict, latest rules.

**SCORING** – At least four races not abandoned or cancelled will constitute the series. Series entrants are those who start all but at most one race of those completed. Others shall be removed from the series spreadsheet, and the series entrants rescored using RRS Low Point Scoring and RRS A8 and A9. Each entrant shall throw out one worst score from completed races, and the total of his remaining scores shall be ranked. Series trophies will be awarded in December: one if 3-4 in class, two if 5-7. The winning boat of each class will be immortalized on the Redondo Beach Series Perpetual.

**RACE INFO** John Ellinwood 310-645-9550 [jwellin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jwellin@sbcglobal.net). **RBYC** 310-374-4838



The happy crew of *Voice of Reason* being presented three! trophies. From left, Leslie Lunsford, Shannon Hunt, Skipper Mike Verla, VOR partner Jim McCone, and Aleks Swietlow.

### *The Santa Barbara to King Harbor Race*

Skipper Mike Verla and his crew, Aleks Swietlow, Shannon Hunt, and our own Leslie Lunsford, walked away with three trophies for *Voice of Reason* after their overnight blast down the coast from Santa Barbara to King Harbor.

They won First in Fleet D; and they won PHRF Overall (which is the fastest corrected time of all the PHRF-rated boats); and they won a third place overall (third fastest corrected time of all the boats including the ULDB racing boats and ORCA class multi-hulls.)

“It was better than a Six Flags ride,” said Skipper Verla, a RBYC Director. “We had persistent 20-knot winds and a lot of luck. This was Leslie’s first Santa Barbara race. We kept telling her again and again, that ‘It’s NEVER like this!’”

This is the second time that *Voice of Reason* has taken overall honors in seven years of participation in this race. However, this was the first time VOR co-owner Jim McCone has missed this race. It was a tough decision, but catch-up time with his family and business came first. Jim returned just before the Santa Barbara race after weeks gone crewing in the TransPac.

As a postscript, VOR team member Shannon Hunt, has had an adventurous racing year as well. She recently returned on *Peregrine*, another TransPac boat which had to turn back on its way to Hawaii when their water maker broke. In addition, she was racing in the Oregon Off-shore International Yacht Race earlier this year when a breaching whale landed on the boat ahead of hers taking out the mast, life lines and several stanchions. Miraculously, none of the crew on that boat were injured.

Congratulations to the entire crew of *Voice of Reason*.



**Redondo Beach  
Yacht Club**  
presents the  
**3rd Annual  
John Parker  
Memorial  
"Race For The Cure"**

**Saturday, Aug. 20th  
Race from 1-5pm  
Music from 4-7:30pm  
210 Yacht Club Way  
King Harbor Marina  
Redondo Beach, CA**

**Join us at RBYC as we celebrate the life and times of John Parker - Sailor, Racer, Entertainer & Friend**  
**If you are entering your boat in the Race For The Cure, go to [www.redondobeachyachtclub.org](http://www.redondobeachyachtclub.org) for entry and race info.**  
**You don't have to be a RBYC Member to race or attend.**

**RBYC Celebration starts at 4pm w/ Drinks and Live Music by "KELLY'S LOT" so bring your Dancing Shoes!!**

**\$5.00 Event Admission Fee (Racers get in free) goes to the American Cancer Society. John Parker T-shirts & CDs will be on sale with profits to the ACS and if you REALLY want to help in the fight against Cancer - make a Tax Deductible donation by check to the ACS thru the **John Parker Memorial ACS Cancer Fund****

**Trophies awarded & Dinner served at 6pm - cost \$15. Choice of Steak, Chicken or Fish w/ all the trimmings. Dinner RSVP to Dave Hegner at 310-766-5844 by Aug. 18**  
**Parking is free for RBYC Guests if you tell the Guard. Need help? Call Lynn Wolverton-Parker 661-810-5442**

## REDONDO BEACH YACHT CLUB



# Knot - So "Mystery Cruise"



Sunday August 28, 2011, from 12:01PM to 5:30PM

Join Bruce and Susan for a Fun Adventure on the High Seas (calm seas guaranteed). All water activity is included in this price. Bring your own lunch and drinks (i.e. water/wine/beer, etc.) Ice and paper goods will be provided.

\$35.00 per person

We need a minimum of 12 people to make this event happen.

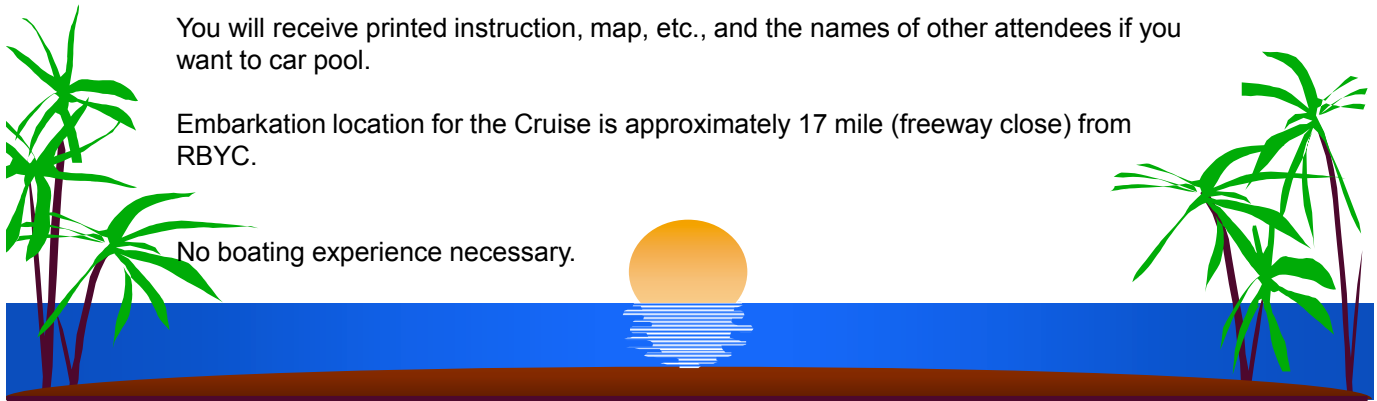
**Reservations will only be held with a prepaid check to Susan Neighbors (310-376-2521) and sent to 3417 S. Carolina St. San Pedro Ca 90731 and received by Tuesday August 23.**

Price does not include a parking fee of \$10.00.

You will receive printed instruction, map, etc., and the names of other attendees if you want to car pool.

Embarkation location for the Cruise is approximately 17 mile (freeway close) from RBYC.

No boating experience necessary.



They are ill discoverers that think there is no land, when they can see nothing but sea.  
[Francis Bacon](#)

Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try!  
[Dr. Seuss](#)

You can't depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus.  
[Mark Twain](#)

I like nonsense, it wakes up the brain cells. Fantasy is a necessary ingredient in living, it's a way of looking at life through the wrong end of a telescope. Which is what I do, and that enables you to laugh at life's realities.  
[Dr. Seuss](#)

I doubt that the imagination can be suppressed. If you truly eradicated it in a child, he would grow up to be an eggplant.  
[Ursula K. Le Guin](#)



# Contest!

*Be the one to name one  
(or more) of  
our four Sabots!*

RBYC has four sabot sailboats and they need names. These are the core fleet for our new Junior Sailing Program. Come to the club and write down your suggestions for what we should call them! There is a posterboard to receive your suggestions.

The winning names (as voted on by the Board at the next board meeting) will be affixed to each boat and the winning author will get to christen their named boat during our official naming ceremony. Naturally, this will call for a special naming celebration and gala party afterwards.

There is no limit to the number of names that you can submit. The only requirement is that they start with either "R", "B", "Y", or "C".

You can come to the club and write your suggested names on the poster (see below) or you can mail them to [patrickshuss@gmail.com](mailto:patrickshuss@gmail.com).

Put on your thinking caps and give the club's vessels glorious names!

Vice Commodore Patrick Shuss

Name the New RBYC Sabots!*			
R	B	Y	C
ROCKET - John	BOATITO - John	YACHT-Z JE	Conundrum - Joyce
<del>BELENTLESS</del> - TF	Bounty - PS	YACHT-SEA TLD	CONFISCATED - TF
RASTA JD	B-SEA-N-U - TF	Y-KNOT - TF	CREWBAIT - John

Here's a photo (thank you Gary Lehto) of the submissions poster at the club as of Friday night, August 5th. This looks like a great opportunity for some brainstorming sessions. Deadline is Wednesday, August 31st, before the next Board meeting.



*On Sunday, August 8, we will staff our Club with an Officer of the Day and reinstate a tradition. We'll begin by having an O.D. once a week, every Sunday. Commodore Craig has opted to be our first O.D. You'll find him there from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. this Sunday. Go visit him and then sign your name on the sign-up sheet next to the date you'd like to be the Officer of the Day,*

*The O.D fills in a log at the end of the day. We have three old logs. The oldest one dates from a December 1968 open house and Christmas Party, through January 1976. That one began as a guest register and wavered into being an O.D. log. The second log runs from January 1, 1978 through July 31, 1988. And the final one runs from August 6, 1988 through September 4, 2004.*

*Just in case you think you'll be following a painfully formal format, here's a sample of the more irreverent (and irrelevant) entries from past PVYC and RBYC logs which became a combination serious log, general gossip column, weather report and race report. It created a wonderfully human club history. It's a good tradition to maintain. Hope you'll be a part of it.*

## *Officer of the Day Log Entries From the Past*

**1971 April** Frank Ditmars O.D. Purchased 2-6 packs beer @\$2.70. (illegible) from Ice box and O.D. box. Bud Gottswan -- Hermosa Beach. Gave membership application.

**1972 January** Noon Alan & Ann Walti O.Ds are here and it's foggy and cold but a little wind WSW. Gabrielle Hoss taking out Cetus 1:30 Fincher @12:30, Jess Yarat 2:00 J. Walti 1:15. John Walti--Security guard informed me that on 1-22-72 all doors were found unlocked. Appropriate action should be recommended and implemented.

**1972 May** Erik & Lia Sluyter (address and phone) Prospective members. Gave them application. Jim Russi dropped by. Alan Walti stopped by with Victory burgee.

Bill Larsen was 1st ketch to finish. DuPuy, Dick, took 2nd in PHRF-E! Ray!

The Sorensens (mom and daughter) dropped by. Jim Bosco, Stan Wilson & ? dropped by Walt Glover called. Wants 5 announcements! (beer can). (He'll come by.)

The Woods were sabotaging. Stopped by on the way out of H2O.

**1975 January 1** 0900 Bianco, Hines, Mintey, Gifford cleaning up the semi-drastic results of the New Year's Eve party---setting up for Champagne Brunch.

**1978 January 15** Beautiful, clear, sunshine, good fishing and the T.V. is working better than ever for the Super Bowl Game -- M. Walters

*Frank Hine had the most interesting, off-the-wall entries ALL IN CAPS that usually ran two or more pages.*

**1988 July 4** S/C Frank T. Hine. O.D. 10:00-4:00 We have a wonderful time--the day was good, the people who came were good. Dean Shepherd, Dick McIntyre, Allan and Tom, John Walti, Zoltan Katinzky. Dean helped me a lot. I closed up with him. I had tea, hot chocolate, good soup, and a banana. June Cuthbertson was here but just for a minute. Anyway, enjoyed the 4th of July all day. Frank.

**1988 July** RBYC open at 10:00 a.m. I got here and Clara came to the club from the boat. She slept there all night. But did we work--clean up & straighten out the in and outside. Dean Sheperd, Tom Jett, Clara Allen & I were here. Not one person came here to see us. The sun forgot to come out all day. One more hour and the doors will close.

# Mid-Summer Swap Meet

*Ginger Clark*

Our Saturday Mid-Summer swap meet was a financial success with the generous help of donations of items to sell and the generous work of some intrepid volunteers who gave up their Saturday to help out. The event netted us a fairly tidy sum which will be used to offset costs of our new Junior Sailing Program (since my attempts to add it to my private vacation fund were unreasonably quashed). We had four other vendors who also reported success at getting rid of stuff---although one took home more than he sold.



Thank you so much to the following people for their donations:

**Mike Devine**

**Ski Tarnowski** (looking good after a stint in the hospital)

**Jim Aurit** (new member)

**Joyce Jerome**

**Bruce & Susan Neighbors**

**Craig Miller**

**Tom Bowling**

**Anonymous**

And thank you to the volunteers who spent time hanging signs and pitching wares and chatting up customers and taking in the money:

**Director Jerry Edwards** who combed his supplies and found tables for us.

**Jennifer Phillips** who creates great signs and used a lot of Joyce's tape hanging them all over on Friday, and then spent the better part of her Saturday helping out.

**Joyce Jerome**, who donated the tape for the signs, helped bring down some of them after the event, and spent part of her Saturday helping out.

**Julie Schulte** who worked at the swap meet in the morning even though she had to go to her real job that afternoon,

**Patrick Shuss** who sailed in the overnight race, took a nap, and then spent the day selling his and the club's items,

**Craig Miller**, who was up before anyone to make coffee and breakfast for the volunteers--that after a late Friday night dinner, and who managed single-handedly to get rid of the old television set in its custom-made cabinet.

**Bruce Neighbors** who sold half his donations in an hilarious presentation to the late nighters at the bar on Friday night (easy as shooting fish in a barrel.)

And finally thank you so much to **Toni Denton**, who despite a grueling work week, arrived early on Saturday and took care of the cash box all day and who, in her usual calm fashion, provided lots of moral support.

Thank you also to those people who donated or helped out and for whom I will be kicking myself tomorrow for forgetting to thank here. Very much appreciated.

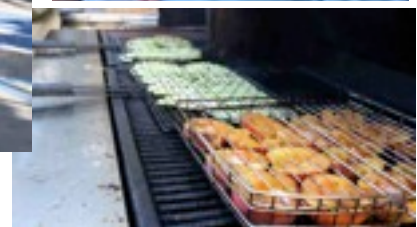


## Caribbean Night

Kudos to Leslie Lunsford for her creative flower arrangements and to Commodore Craig for his menu of Jerk Chicken, Caribbean Pork Chops, various Grilled Tropical Fruit and (you know Craig) lots, lots more. The crowd of around 40 party-goers and one attractive and very supple stilt-walker named Katt, all had a lovely Caribbean night. Nice event!



Photos were sent by Jennifer Phillips. Most were taken by Austin Phillips.





*To all of you who have an  
August Birthday,  
Happy Birthday!  
and don't forget that  
you can get  
Free birthday stuff!*

Terranea's Catalina Kitchen restaurant offers a free dinner (surf and turf \$48 value) to patrons on their birthday. See details;  
<http://www.terranea.com/southern-california-dining.php>

*And*

Catalina Express is offering a free round trip ride to Catalina Island on your birthday. You have to leave on your birthday but have 29 days to return. Preregister at [www.catalinaexpress.com](http://www.catalinaexpress.com)

### *Editorial*

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Submissions to *Sail Tales* are welcome and encouraged. They can be in any form except video. If you hate writing but have something to say, call the editor and tell her about it. She'll write it up for you, send it to you to confirm, and put it into the publication. **Deadline** for all submissions in whatever form is the weekend after the Board's monthly meeting, so that would be the last weekend each month. It is firm. Except if the editor is informed ahead of time so space can be reserved.



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## *Welcome to our 2011 New Members*

A hearty welcome to those new members who joined over the past few months. Many of you have already become familiar faces around the clubhouse. For the rest of you, check the schedule of events and come introduce yourselves.

### **Regular Members:**

Robert Tafoya  
 Lisa Romero  
 Monica Cedeno  
 Rick Lopez  
 William Schussman  
 Steve Kim  
 James Aurit  
 Joe Valloce  
 Rosemary Vullo  
 Jennifer, Austin and Spencer Phillips  
 Lynda Peterson and Kennedy Woodruff  
 James and Dyan Aurit

### **Fleet Members:**

Bill & Linda Mergens  
 Brian Boylan  
 John "Tom" & Marie Howard

Some new members have never been welcomed on these pages. Next month, we'll correct that oversight and let everyone meet our entire crew of new members for 2011.

### **New Member Welcome Dinner**

On Saturday, August 27th, we will be having a New-Member Welcome Dinner, for those who joined since January 1, 2011. Also invited will be each new-member's sponsors. It will be your opportunity to meet the Board of Directors and learn about your club,  
 So, please **SAVE THE DATE**.

*August 14th is the first anniversary of the passing of Jeep Shaeffer. It's a tough time for a lot of his friends who still miss him. For those of us who became members too recently to know Jeep, here is part of the eloquent tribute that Editor Judy Robelotto ran in her September, 2010, Sail Tales.*

### **R.I.P. Jeep**

It is with heavy heart that we announce the death of one of our own. Jeep Shaeffer passed away on Saturday, August 14, 2010. Joyce was able to bring him home for one last look at his beloved ocean and harbor. Jeep loved adventure, music, the ocean and Joyce. He lived a life full of laughter, joy and friends. He was an L.A. County Lifeguard and became a legend of skill, talent and trouble making.

He and Joyce spent hours in the harbor on their boat, "Star Flight." They made countless trips to Catalina and held court on W Dock nearly every day. Hawaii was almost as important to him as Redondo. You could always tell when he had come home by his Hawaiian shirt, lei and pink crocs with pink socks. He did wear pink well!

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*So, on Sunday, August 14, 2011 we'll don our pink socks and lift a glass of the clear stuff to Jeep and Joyce.*



## Great Membership Perks!

With a RBYC membership card, you can enjoy the privileges of yacht club membership from San Diego to Channel Islands and New York. What is it worth to be able to walk into the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club, in Newport Beach, the Long Beach Yacht Club, and the Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club in Marina del Rey.

Those are just a few of the reciprocals we have to date. If you haven't yet joined, now's a great time to do it while the sailing season is in full-swing.

Check the website <http://www.redondobeachyachtclub.org/> for an application form or contact Jr. Staff Commodore Kathi Sheridan (818-326-1433) with your membership questions.

## Reciprocals

Alamitos Bay YC	Long Beach	Morro Bay YC	Morro Bay
American Legion YC	Newport Beach	Navy YC	Alamitos Bay
Bahia Corinthian YC	Corona del Mar	Navy YC	Coronado
Balboa Basin YC	Newport Beach	Navy YC	Ventura
Buccaneer YC	San Pedro	Oceanside YC	Oceanside
Cabrillo Beach YC	San Pedro	Pacific Corinthian YC	Oxnard
Cerritos Bahia YC	Long Beach	Pacific Mariner's YC	Marina del Rey
Channel Islands YC	Oxnard	Pierpont Bay YC,	Ventura
Chula Vista YC	Chula Vista	San Fernando Valley YC	Van Nuys
Coronado Cays YC	San Diego	San Luis YC	Avila Beach
Corsair YC	Long Beach	S. M. Windjammers YC	Marina del Rey
Dana West YC	Dana Point	Seal Beach YC	Long Beach
Hollywood YC		Shoreline YC	Long Beach
Hurricane Gulch YC	San Pedro	Silver Gate YC	San Diego
Lake Mission Viejo YC	Mission Viejo	South Shore YC	Newport Beach
Lido Isle YC	Newport Beach	Ventura YC	Ventura
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Bullion \$40

Pin \$ 5

Nametag \$20

To order, call Ana at 310-379-3365



*RBYC Logo* polo shirts, ladies tops, caps and other specialized logo wear such as windbreakers and sweatshirts, can all be ordered from Director Steve Hofbauer at [avship11@yahoo.com](mailto:avship11@yahoo.com) or 661-609-7456.

## *Save The Date!*

### *August Events*

- 5 Friday night dinner
- 6 Walti Race (rescheduled after tsunami)
- 9 Tuesday night racing and dinner
- 12 Game night and Friday night dinner  
Mexican Train, Mahjong and board games
- 16 Tuesday night racing and dinner
- 19 Friday night dinner
- 20 John Parker Memorial Race & dinner
- 23 Tuesday night racing and dinner
- 26 Friday night dinner
- 27 Welcome dinner for all new members  
in 2011 and their sponsors
- 28 Mystery Cruise - 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. \$35.  
Details later. (but not too many)
- 30 Tuesday night racing and dinner

### *September Events*

- 2 Friday night dinner
- 6 Summer Horizon Series Race
- 9 Friday night dinner
- 10 Dinner to benefit the Sea Scouts
- 13 King of the Evening Race
- 16 Friday night dinner
- 21 Social Committee Meeting 7 p.m.
- 23 Friday night dinner
- 28 RBYC Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 30 Friday night dinner

## *Copper is low-risk to marine life, new antifouling study reveals*

By International Boat Industry Magazine / Bob Greenwood

New scientific research has cast doubt on the widely-held belief that copper-based antifoulings are a serious risk to marine organisms. The findings of new tests carried out by UK-government agency CEFAS (Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture) on behalf of CEAP (the Copper Antifouling Environmental Programme which is supported by copper producers) were released on November 15 at METS.

According to CEFAS science director Dr Mike Waldoock, who presented his group's findings, even though copper has been used as an effective means of keeping boat hulls clear of the marine growth that impairs performance, "there's an enormous science base, but the fundamental issues haven't been addressed."

Dr Waldoock told IBI: "Some regulations are loaded in the wrong direction. For example, California is minded to ban copper, but (the regulators) haven't got the risk assessment right."

He added: "In the past the measured total units of copper dissolved in water had been shown to be harmful to life, but a previously unknown ratio of copper gets bound up in complexing agents." These agents render what turns out to be about 80 per cent of the total

amount of copper present virtually harmless, he explained. It's only the remaining 20 per cent of labile (unstable copper) that is injurious.

"Previously tests were done in clean sea water, when all the copper types were measured. It was like looking at apples and oranges and coming up with a risk assessment," said Dr Waldoock.

Field tests were carried out under varying conditions by CEFA at four locations around the coast of the UK, including the Hamble river, which with 5,000 boats moored has one of the highest boating densities in the world. They were corroborated by parallel tests in Finland that produced near-identical results.

CEAP has since presented the CEFAS findings to a French inquiry body which is expected to produce a report perhaps late next year that could influence the EC Commission in its framing of a new Biocidal Products Directive (EU).

Duncan Norman concluded: "We wouldn't give copper an entirely clean bill of health, but it's far less harmful than was previously thought. The message is: 'use sensibly'."

### *Le Proatype: The Power Of Positive Sinking*



A putter for catamaran lovers, designed by, among others, America's Cup and trimaran racer Loick Peyron of France. In purple prose to match the shoes in this picture, their website calls the putter "A symbiotic puzzle of European innovation, Japanese technology, Australian experience and California cool.

<http://sailracewin.blogspot.com/2011/06/golf-course-au-la-rge-le-proatype.html>



# 50 Years of Commodores

1961 Mitchell Dazey  
 1962 Lynn Kauffold  
 1963, David Bradley  
 1964, David Bradley  
 1965 David Bradley  
 1966 Robert McJones  
 1967 Richard Ohst  
 1968 James Sharp  
 1969 John Walti  
 1970, John Walti

1971 Joseph Luli  
 1972 Bill Larson  
 1973 John Walti  
 1974 Lee Robinson  
 1975 Frank Hine  
 1976, John Ellinwood  
 1977 Ron Gifford  
 1978 John Bianco  
 1979 Jack Nowlan  
 1980 Gail Hine

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 1982 Gary Beebe  
 1983 Gerald (Jerry) Martin  
 1984 Lew Gade  
 1985 Aili Larson  
 1986 John Ellinwood  
 1987 Ralph Harboe  
 1988 Zoltan Katinszky  
 1989 Bill Dall  
 1990 Dean Shepherd

1991 Clara Allen  
 1992 Bruce Nelson  
 1993 Gary Tingstad  
 1994 John Ellinwood  
 1995 Suzanne Butler  
 1996 Gene Moni  
 1997 Lake David Hegner  
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 1999 Bruce Neighbors  
 2000 Rob Langford

2001 Jim Robertson  
 2002 Charlie Birkes  
 2003 Bill Brogan  
 2004 Carlos A. DeBonis  
 2005 Kyle Wilfong  
 2006 Jim Murrell  
 2007 Don Laverty  
 2008 Mike Devine  
 2009 Ron Cotta  
 2010 Kathi Sheridan

2011 Craig Miller



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 who continue to serve  
 the RBYC so well.*

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1991	Clara Allen
1993	Gary Tingstad
1997, 1998	Lake David Hegner
1999	Bruce Neighbors
2003	Bill Brogan
2005	Kyle Wilfong
2007	Don Laverty
2008	Mike Devine
2009	Ron Cotta
2010	Kathi Sheridan