

REDONDO BEACH YACHT CLUB

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Sail Tails

From the Helm

Mickey Harris Editor

Calendar of Events



Every Friday Night is
Fun Friday at the
clubhouse. . .



1st & 3rd Fridays
Craig's Fish Fry ...



May 9, 2009
Family Fun Fiesta
Malibu Kayaks, Harbor
Cruise and Hot Dogs
11am -2pm.
Dinner 5pm
Contact Susan Neighbors
310-832-4540



May 23, 2009
Corinthian Cup Race



Tuesday Evenings
Horizon "Beer Can"
Races.
BBQ & trophies
following the race.

Go to the web site
redondobeachyachtclub.org
for race details and full
calendar of events.

RBYC, Where Do We Go From Here?

Redondo Beach Yacht Club will be 50 years old next year and we can look back with a sense of pride in our history as a club. RBYC can count among its membership over these past years many people who have contributed much to Southern California yachting and some who continue to contribute to this day. There have also been more than a few "colorful" individuals, who contributed quietly to the community, and openly by making the yachting scene more "interesting". There have also been many club members who were not shining stars, but have been steadfast in their support of the club and yachting in general.

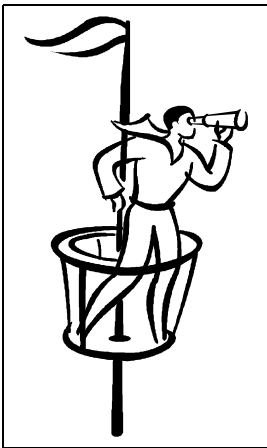
In the present atmosphere of economic uncertainty, our little club is experiencing its own mini recession. Membership is not as robust as it could be, resulting in a marginal financial position for the rest of the year. Whether a crisis exists is being debated, and is not what this article is about. Rather this is a call to take action before the situation becomes critical, if it is not already critical. There are some actions being taken to address the decline in membership, and we will post those here when more information becomes available.

This is an appeal to the membership to go beyond what is already being done, to actively recruit new members, to let the Officers and Board know what you think would make membership more attractive to you and prospective new recruits. Start attending board meetings or just drop by the clubhouse and get some idea of how things are going. You don't have to show up every time the doors are open, but it would be nice if you let your leaders know you are keeping an eye on them.

Another way to speak up is to email Sail Tales at lester.harris3@verizon.net and I will happily pass your suggestions or concerns on to the appropriate individual(s).

Is our Club going to remain viable into our 2nd half century, if it is ...we have to work on it now.

Mickey Harris
Curmudgeon in Chief



Rants & Rumors

Rants are wearing on the soul and body if they get too long, this month you got your rant on the front page.

It was a difficult task as I attempted to make certain it would not get into a debate about personalities. My intent was to get the membership involved in the process to make it easier on everyone involved.

Let us know your thoughts on this and anything else that might help the Club.

A plug for the RBYC parking lot sale is in order here, pencil in Saturday June 6 from 8 am til 12 noon on your calendar.



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Family Fun Fiesta

We can only assume that it is called Family Fun Fiesta because that is what it was last year, participants had a good time, tried out kayaks courtesy of the Folks at Malibu Kayaks, enjoyed hot dogs and other picnic fare for lunch, and generally had a good time. They had such a good time that the Social Committee decided to lengthen the day and throw in a dinner for the participants and those who can't make it during the day.

The festivities begin at 11:00 with \$1 hot dogs, Kayak demos, dinghy games, and socializing. Later in the afternoon there will be a harbor cruise if enough people show interest and the stars are correctly aligned.

Anyway, it was a blast last year and there is no reason not to expect more of the same this year. See all the smiles in the attached flyer.

The dinner is at 5pm and costs \$7.00. . . if you plan to attend Susan Neighbors would appreciate an RSVP at 310-832-4540. See you there!

Racing

The Spring Horizon Series is in full swing, with some new faces and some old faces, results are posted on the web site @ redondobeachyachtclub.org.

Not that long until the June Cup series begins, strangely it is held in the month of June. Show them what you've got ladies!

If you have a short blurb for this (Racing) section send it to me at lester.harris3@verizon.net and we'll try to get in without too much editing, we mostly delete expletives and correct spelling in our editorial process. Not that expertly if past issues are to be used as an example.

Officers Report

To all members:

As we approach the middle of the second quarter of 2009 the club is beginning to experience a bit of a cash crunch. Therefore, we would appreciate any member who has not paid their current dues to do so ASAP. You can Pay \$42 monthly,\$125 quarterly or \$480 for a full year. Your attention to this will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mike Devine,JSC Membership Chairman

Note: "About a dozen members are marginally to seriously past due on their membership dues. The Club depends on your prompt payments to pay the rent and other mundane things. If you are in doubt as to what you owe, please call Mike Devine. It's really important. Thanks."

Classifieds: Gather up your saleable Junk and other goodies for the RBYC parking lot sale on June 6, 2009. Contact Dorian at 310-372-2242 for information.



