

REDONDO BEACH YACHT CLUB

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Sail Tails

From the Helm

Calendar of Events



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



1st & 3rd Fridays
Craig's Fish Fry

RBYC
"Opening Day Ceremony"
April 19th
0930

Continental breakfast
1045

Opening Ceremonies



April 4th
Waverider Race
1130 – 1215 start time.



Tuesday Evenings
Horizon "Beer Can"
Races.

BBQ & trophies
following the race.
(Horizon races through
the end of summer.)

Go to the web site
redondobeachyachtclub.org
for race details.

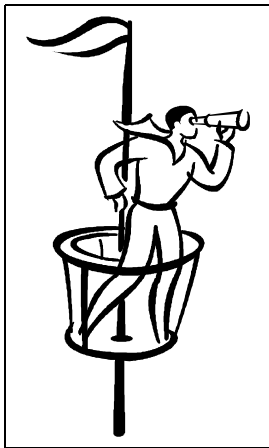
Opening Day

Here we go again, another summer of fun and frolic in beautiful, sunny (except for the month of June) Southern California. The tradition of Opening Day makes it official for the Yachting Community. RBYC, not wanting to be left out, will celebrate the occasion on Sunday April 19, 2009 at 1045 with pre ceremony continental breakfast @ 0930.

Commodore Ron Cotta will be recognizing the men and women of our military services. There will be a Military Color Guard, invocation, short speeches, a band and of course the introduction of Yacht Club Officers for the 2009 yachting year and visiting dignitaries. Don't forget about the firing of the cannon which makes it all official. Join the celebration after the formal ceremonies for a relaxed afternoon socializing with fellow club members.

The worker bees (i.e. the Social Committee) need a little help, to wit, labor for setup of the event. Susan Neighbors is the food coordinator (310-832-4540) and will be following up with all of you that Donna Bardin has been able to contact. Patty Cotta will be directing the clean up on April 11th from noon to 4PM. A Pizza lunch will be provided for the crew members with gratitude, and an attagirl/attaboy, plus the good feeling you will get from helping out.

Don't forget to bring food for breakfast . . . contact Susan Neighbors at the number above to see what might be needed.



Rants & Rumors

It is cruising season again and our cruising Sail Fleet Cap. Patrick Shuss wants all the cruisers and potential cruisers to call him and discuss possible cruise dates and destinations.

Patrick can be reached at 310-812-1309 or email him at pshuss1@socal.rr.com



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From the Race Chairman
Commodore

John Ellinwood , Sr. Staff

This month so far we have run the Walti Series on the 7th and 21st, and two of three Tuesday races on the 17th and 24th. All had good wind and were successful.

The first Walti was our new Lighthouse Race in which we sent the A fleet to Craig Miller's Striper (our mark vessel with Craig and Greg aboard) anchored off the Pt Vicente lighthouse, and the B fleet to a flag buoy planted halfway between there and the R-10PV bell. Six A and seven B boats participated. Winners were Al Castillon, Bill Webster, Mike Kaminkas and Mike Devine.

Walti 2 & 3 were buoy races, #3 had a downwind start. This race was difficult in that race chair John was away (singing the Bach St. John Passion), but was ably replaced by our hero Tom Flammer and KHYC's R/C Rudy van Kreuningen, V/C Kathi Sheridan, Bert Hunter, and Toni Denton. Five A and 4 B boats competed. Winners were Al Castillon*, Bill Webster, Mic Shlens, Jim Murrell, Mike Kaminkas* and Mike Devine. The asterisked Al and Mike won the series.

The first Tuesday race 3/17 had 6M (winners: Bob MacKenzie, Marty Burke), 1A (Al Castillon) and 3B (the Souther brothers) boats. The second race (3/24) had 6M (Bob M, Brian Linqvist), 2A (Al C) and 4B (Al Solbes, Ross Moore).

The Walti series was scored with the usual time on distance formula. It is the last time, since KHYC and we have agreed to switch to a time on time formula instead. In this method the distance is unimportant. What matters is how the elapsed time is corrected. The formula RBYC is using is the correction factor $TCF = A/(B + PHRF)$, where $B = 500 + 1000/(\text{wind} - 2)$ and $A = 850$. No one has complained -- yet.

Our next Saturday race is 4/4, the Waverider race to UCSD's buoy Y-28, which is 11 nm off El Segundo. Distance is 23 nm and classes start between 1130 and 1215. This year we will also score boats that have to motor back. There is a dinner at 7:00 PM after which we will give out gorgeous crystal sailboats to the winners. This is the last of our Saturday races until the Corinthian Cup weekend near Memorial Day.

Because the website showed a wrong date for this race, I have had to compile a list of 43 racers' email addresses and email them with the corrected Notice of Race attached. This was a lot of work. It highlights the need for volunteers to help with entries, backup boat, bowmen, etc. Are we running a bigger program than our small club can sustain? John

Classifieds:

Gather up your saleable Junk and other goodies for the RBYC parking lot sale on June 9, 2009. More info next Sail Tales.



