



REDONDO BEACH YACHT CLUB

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Sail Tails

From the Helm **Mickey Harris**
Editor

Calendar of Events . . .

Fun Fridays. . .
Appetizers, socializing,
and unwinding.
Every Friday, except when
It's time for...

Chef Craig's Fish Fry
1st & 3rd Fridays
6:00 PM

Tuesday
March 17, 2009
Horizon Spring Series begins . . .
Hoo Boy!
BBQ
and
St. Patrick's Day Dinner
\$12. 00

Opening Day, April 19, 2009

We know it is spring when Opening Day has come and gone. Opening day is a real hoot. If you didn't attend last year, make sure you attend this year. Dress is casual.

Sunday April 19 is the date set for our traditional Opening Day. The festivities will begin at 9:30AM with an early continental breakfast reception at the club for all members, guests and Flag Officers from visiting SCYA Yacht Clubs. At approximately 10:30 all members and guests will gather out in the parking area near the flag mast where all of the visiting dignitaries will be introduced and opening ceremonies, including the firing of the cannon, will be conducted. This ceremony will be followed by champagne brunch at the club. All members and their guests are urged to attend.

We need volunteers to help make this year's Opening Day a success. Please contact Patty Cotta (310) 379-4475 to volunteer for one of the following committees. . . We invite all members to bring a modest appetizer and or a food donation.

Decoration Committee
Clean up Committee
Hospitality Committee
Food and Beverage Committee



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Rumors and Rants.

Every year about this time the new treasurer (Steve Hofbauer this year), notices that some members have forgotten to pay their bar tabs. The usual procedure at times like this is to ask that you pay your tab by the 1st of the month, make some sort of veiled threat about drastic collection methods and hope for the best. The (not so) new policy is now you pay your tab by the 1st or you are cut off 'til you come up with the money! Pretty straight forward and easy to grasp, HUH? Pay your tab on time so I don't have to nag!

Email ideas or articles to meat lester.harris3@verizon.net.



Some bits and pieces! (AKA rants continued!)

While we are in this heady time of year with spring looming on the horizon, opening day, the start of the racing season, cruises to our local islands, and all the other things that happen around boats in So Cal in the summer, it is also time to think of some of the negatives. Every year about this time we seem to lose a few members and in today's economic climate this could be a little worse than normal. While it is true that we also pick up a few new members each year, that could be a harder sell due to the afore-mentioned problematic economy, people (including boaters) are looking for ways to cut back.

We need to shine a little light on this particular area of gloom and doom, we can do this by becoming a bit more pro-active in the area of recruiting some new blood. Those of us who are considering (God forbid!) letting their membership lapse could re-consider and go one step further by letting someone in the command hierarchy know what you feel would make membership a more worthwhile expense. Members who are paid up not excluded from making suggestions and possibly looking around among your friends to see if any of them would be a good fit in our little club.

If you should happen to take this message to heart and go out prospecting for new members or recruiting among those who show up as guests on a regular basis, keep in mind that sweet talk works better than arm twisting in the vast majority of cases.

If you feel the club officers are unapproachable or you are shy you can email me at lester.harris3@verizon.net and I will happily pass your concerns and suggestions on, providing they are coherent and constructive.

Don't Forget . . .

March 22, 2009 RBYC goes Whale Watching

March 27, 2009 Friday Night – Club History Night

Did you know?

What do you know about our Club's history and member benefits? Make plans to come to this casual informative event on Friday, March 27 during Fun Fridays. This event is for new and current members. Plan to invite a guest to share in the fun.



Up Coming Events . . .

March – Saturday Night Director Sponsored Dinner  . . . TBA

March 17 Horizon Racing Series Begins

March 22 RBYC goes Whale Watching

\$15.00 Brunch @ 11:00
Whale Watching 1:00 – 4:00

Contact Bruce & Susan Neighbors @ (310) 832-4540



March 27, 2009 New Member Orientation and Fun Friday

Come and learn about the RBYC and the benefits of membership.
Hosted by Jr. Staff Commodore, Mike Devine and his wife Mei.

April 19, 2009 Redondo Beach Yacht Club – Opening Day!!!!