



CYM-Port Royal Marina's

# Sea View



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## HONOR AND REMEMBER

You might have seen a different flag flying recently at our marinas and may have wondered what it is all about. Here is a brief history on this flag and what it represents and how I became aware of its existence.

Last year I had the privilege to attend an event where Dennis Miller and Mr. George Lutz presented this wonderful idea of honoring and remembering our countries fallen. It all began when Mr. Lutz's son 'Tony' was killed by a sniper's bullet while on patrol in Fallujah, Iraq on December 29, 2005. After the funeral Mr. Lutz visited families who also lost their loved ones. He began to sense that he had joined the ranks of a unique fellowship that originated with the American Revolution, when the first American soldiers shed their blood for our freedom by giving their lives.

He also learned many families of the fallen heroes wanted to know two things: their sacrifice was not in vain and the nation would never forget. These concerns led Mr. Lutz to arrive at a universally recognized public symbol specifically acknowledging our Armed Forces members that never made it home. In his quest to discover a representation of this idea he found there was no appropriate symbol. This then began the idea of Honor and Remember and what best presents this thought but to design the Honor and Remember Flag you now see flying at our California Yacht Marinas.

The goal here is for the flag to be congressionally and militarily sanctioned as a permanent symbol to fly continuously in eternal honor and remembrance of our fallen military men and women. By the way each detail on the flag symbolizes an important part of the overall flags message.

For more information: [www.honorandremember.org](http://www.honorandremember.org).  
We most heartily support this idea and what it represents.  
Thank you,

*Gerald Thomas*



Join more than 10,000 people who are expected to participate in the 34th Annual Redondo Beach Super Bowl Sunday 10K run, **February 5th 2011.**

In addition to the main race, the day's festivities also include a 5K Run and Fun Walk, a 10K In-line Skate, a Baby Buggy 10K and a costume contest. Great food and beverage await participants and guests at the two-day Race Festival. Stop in Saturday, January 31, at the Race Expo and pick up your T-shirt and visit the many health & fitness product services.

Entry fee for the race is \$30 pre-entry starting January 3, 2012 (\$35 late entry) and includes a commemorative T-shirt. Register online at [www.redondo10k.com](http://www.redondo10k.com) or pick up an application at Village Runner, 1811 S. Catalina Ave, Redondo Beach. For more information, call 310-376-6911

## Is Your Vendor Approved And Authorized To Be On The Docks?



As many of you may already know, any vendor working inside the Port Royal Marina must provide the Marina Office with required documentation before performing work on your boat. We must have a copy of their liability insurance and a signed Maritime Agreement. This requirement needs to be met, otherwise, they will not be let in and this delays their day as well as the work that needs to get done on your boat! In addition, remember that we do not recommend vendors, they have only been approved to work in the Marina by giving us the required documentation. It is up to you to decide who you would like to hire to work on your boat.



## Port Royal Marina Offers Free Wi-Fi

Our wireless internet is up and running at Port Royal Marina. As a courtesy to your neighbors we ask that you use this free service for e-mails and basic web browsing only. Downloading marine software and other files slows the network to the point that others have difficulty using it. If you are experiencing difficulty connecting keep in mind that all of the masts cause interference, try connecting in a different location or call the WI-FI provider to upgrade to a faster plan.

*Happy Surfing!*

**Join Us!** **Bring A Toy**  
**Get Free Lunch**  
**Toy Drive**

**12/10/2011**



## *A Note From The Dockmaster*

It's hard to believe that we already have to start learning to put 2012 on the date. Not that I'm admitting to being slow but I just got to the point where I remember it's 2011 and not 2010. Anyway we are hoping that the year 2012 will bring the proverbial "Health, Happiness & Prosperity" to everyone.

Winter is almost here and it's time to check out the mooring lines. Ensure they are not chuffed or damaged in anyway. You can take my word for it, a storm will find the proverbial weakest link every time and if that happens to be a mooring line then your boat is going for a ride without you on board.

You also need to check the type of heaters that you are using. If it is a freestanding electric model make sure it has a tip over shut off switch. If your unit is oil or propane make sure everything is clean and working properly, especially the igniter system.

This is important, docks and gangways in a marina can become slippery when wet. Please watch where you are going and use the handrails. Proper shoes are a must in any marine environment. Let your guest know to wear non-slip shoes when they come to visit. Non-slip shoes are very important ('deckies' or cheap yachting shoes with purpose made soles are great).

Things left on the docks can also cause problems. Stubbed toes and worse are no fun. Keeping your dock area clean is a good way to avoid creating trip hazards. If you see anything at the marina that may cause a slip and fall accident, let us know and we'll get on it right away.

I want to share with you an article that I stole from our sister California Yacht Marina in Chula Vista's newsletter. The Green Flash - Red Tide article written by the Marina Office manager Carolyn Sherman. Please read it on page 3, I hope you find her story as fascinating as I did.

Have a great 2012.

*Cameron*  
Marina Dockmaster

# GREEN FLASH RED TIDE



Sometimes you're in the right place at the right time. Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, while racing in the San Diego to Ensenada race, was one of those days. The day began under sunny skies with winds blowing an ideal 10-12 knots. The further down the course we sailed, the greater the wind speed putting us on a time table to finish in Ensenada in

record time. As we sailed on, we were treated to a pod, not more than 200 yards away, of blue whales (the largest mammals on earth) breaking the surface of the water. The sound of their blow as they rise up to take a breath is as big as their bodies. As sunset approached, we anticipated the conditions were perfect to be a *green flash* type of day and sure enough,



just as the sun sank below the surface of the water, not only was there a green flash, but it was the largest one I've ever seen, and it lasted a long time, long enough for a wave to crest and obscure it before it

disappeared. With the sun having set, it wasn't long before an almost full moon rose. There's nothing much more beautiful than sailing at night, with good wind, and a full moon shining through a big, blue spinnaker to light the way. But, as if all of this wasn't enough, there was a red tide running that day. With the red tide came the microscopic organisms which create bioluminescence in the water. The phosphorescent water, lit by our bow wake was beautiful. The water continued to be lit up every time there was another boat nearby. Schools of fish swimming lit up the water and appeared as ghosts moving just below the surface of the water. The night concluded with our towing a fellow competitor into the harbor (he'd let his batteries die) and even the tow line in the water looked like a string of lights. So, if you haven't taken your boat out at night recently, this time of year, especially when the moon is full, is perfect.

It was a great day – glad I could share it with you!

Carolyn  
CYM-Chula Vista

## Real-time Weather

Real-time Weather updates can be had at your finger-tips via satellite, VHF or cell phone. But on the water, the fore-cast doesn't always jibe with what you see and hear. Use these tips to make your own call. As the song goes, you don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows.



•**Smoke on the water** If you're within sight of a ship, tug, or onshore factory, take a look at how the smoke trails from the stacks (right). If it falls flat or sinks below the top of the stack, it means lowering air pressure

can no longer support the heavy soot particles, the sign of an approaching storm.



•**Moon Shadow** The night before your trip or if you're over-nighting, take a look at the moon. Is there a halo? Rings around the moon are caused by ice crystals in high clouds that precede a

low-pressure system, which means rain is probably on the way. This works with the sun too, but it's harder to see.

## 20th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE



**Saturday December 10, 2011**

Santa and his elf will be visiting the Redondo Beach Marina and the Redondo Beach Pier throughout the day and at 5:30 the boat parade begins.

The whole harbor area along Harbor Drive lights up with many of the boats in the Marinas lighting their boats as well throughout the holiday season. The boat parade can be seen from many of the restaurants, on the piers or along the break wall.

For more details call:

**(310) 376-2459**

## Stay Current!

Please remember that **All** Registered boats with the DMV will need to renew their registration on or before 12/31/2011. The Marina Office needs to have a copy for our files per our master lease with the Port of Los Angeles.

## Cook Aboard

For those who might be tempted to go cruising there is a really useful new website that you can go to, [www.TheBoatGalley.com](http://www.TheBoatGalley.com) which is devoted to galley tips and solving common problems faced by cruising cooks. You no longer have to eat spam and corned beef in cans while cruising the high seas—gourmet food is now the way to go!



## Caring for Your Catch

Anglers love to debate the table qualities of their favorite quarry. In truth, the way a fish is treated after capture makes as much difference to its taste as its species. Here's how to keep the best flavor in your catch:

- **Belly Rub 'em**—Fish go dormant when you hold them upside down. If you can flip them over and hold white side up, they'll hold still while you de-hook them.
- **Thumb'em**—Administering a solid thump at the back of the head with a fish billy prevents the fish from flopping as much and bruising the meat.
- **Shoot'em**—Your fish will never look better, so take photos ASAP, before its colors fade.
- **Slash'em**—Blood and entrails begin spoiling immediately. Remove the fills and make a cut under the chin and at the base of the tail to "bleed" your catch. Gut it, if time permits.
- **Stash 'em**—A cooler with ice is best. For one thing, chilled flesh is stiffer and makes filleting easier. Pack the body cavity with ice and don't allow fish to lie in the melt-water at the bottom.

## SEA VIEW

Published bi-monthly for CYM-Port Royal customers. The mission of Sea View is to keep California Yacht Marina customers abreast of the "goings on" at our location and the surrounding boating community.

If you have any comments or suggestions for upcoming features, please contact our Marina Office at:

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