



CYM-Port Royal Marina's



# Sea View

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## NOTE FROM THE TOP



As with the changing of seasons, in our lives we also experience the change that time brings. Looking back on my life, a lot of water has passed under my bridge. Much has brought enjoyment with my wife and sons at the top of the list. Boating and being around those that enjoy the ocean has also been greatly satisfying. Take it from a very old salt, enjoy every minute you can with family and friends. There is no better place to do this than on your boat. I hope that when you reach my age you also will be able to look back at your boating years with fondness.

Good Sailing and Great Sunsets!

Fondly,

LaRue C. Thomas

## Changing Tides

Spring sprung, summing up summer, it was wonderful, now fall has fallen and its time to start thinking about old man winter arriving and it's time to check out the mooring lines. Ensure they are not chafed or damaged in anyway. 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. Please see page 4 for more recommendations on this subject.

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 a biggie; 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 ('deckies' or cheap yachting shoes with purpose made soles are great). Let your guest know to wear non-slip shoes when they come to visit.

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.

We wish you a Happy Holiday Season and an upcoming abundant New Year filled with health and happiness for you and your loved ones.

**The Staff**

## The "goings on" @ Redondo Beach

### Join the Parade!

Plans are afoot, boaters are being courted, and spectators can now seek preferred seating for the **12th** annual King Harbor Christmas Boat Parade, **Dec. 20, 2003**.

Sponsored by the King Harbor Yacht Club, the parade will be at **5:30 p.m.** in the main channel of the harbor. This year's theme: "Christmas Around the World."

Daryl Sabara also known as Juni Cortez from Spy Kids will preside as grand marshal.

While the parade is free, there are limited opportunities for "premiere" viewing at restaurants and hotels along the harbor.

Seats on spectator boats featuring wine and cheese and after-event chili dinner, can be reserved for \$50.00 P/P. We encourage all of you to consider entering the parade and join dozens of gaily lighted recreational vessels. Proceeds benefit the 1736 House for Families in Crisis, and other charities. For more information call:

**(310) 376-2459 or (310) 318-1305**

### The City of Redondo Beach invites you to participate in a series of visioning and consensus-building workshops concerning the former "Heart of the City!"

The following series of meetings are designed to allow the citizens and business people of Redondo Beach to develop broad-based consensus around a collective vision for the former "Heart of the City" Specific Plan Area. As boaters using King Harbor, your involvement in these workshops is critical to forming a vision, alternatives and broad-based consensus for the Heart of the City that includes the needs of the boating community.

Meetings will be occurring at various times and locations from now through March, 2004.

Phase I is called "Visioning" and Phase II is called "Developing Alternatives."

We at the CYM-Port Royal urge you to attend these meetings and make your voice heard.



We would like to welcome the newest members to the CYM family who have chosen **CYM-Port Royal** for their berthing needs:

**Sean & Angela Ginevan**  
**Engin Uralman**  
**Randy Probst**  
**Charles & Jennifer Riggio**  
**Nerses Hakopian**



Louis and Jennifer La Point, who have been with us for the last three years and in So-Cal for twelve are moving back to Montreal Canada in November. We will miss you and wish you luck ... Somehow we have the feeling that you won't be gone long!

### Dock carts? What Dock carts?

Dock carts are still a problem. We understand that it's a pain to bring them back to their designated areas, but with the limited number available, it's important that we all bring back the carts when we're done with them. For all of you who make the effort **THANKS**, for those of you who don't, Naughty, Naughty (this year Santa will put coal in your stocking). It's also been noted that many of them are used for transporting, shall we say less than clean materials, so please take the time to protect the cart or at least clean all the trash and debris out of the cart when you're done so the next person using them won't have to.

Thanks!





## CYM-PORT ROYAL TOY DRIVE

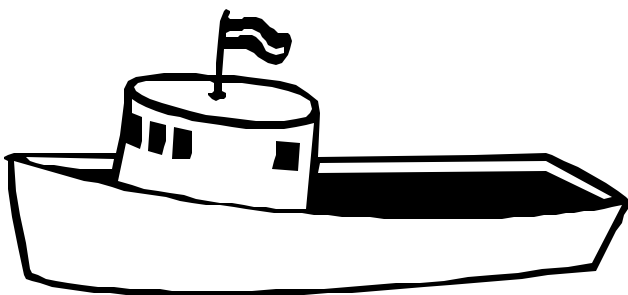
As the holiday season of giving draws near let's not forget the children in many poor South Bay communities who may have the misfortune of not receiving a gift this year. Their parents are concerned about feeding their children and keeping them warm, yet their heart's desire surely includes being able to provide them gifts. With your help they will do so.

California Yacht Marina-Port Royal in conjunction with Harbor Interfaith Services and the Compton Homeless Education Project (CHEP) are pleased to introduce the First annual CYM-Port Royal Toy Drive. Our goal is to bring joy to a least 200 children.

We request that you donate only new toys and that they are safe and appropriate for infants, children or teenagers. Please be particularly attentive to toys that may pose a safety hazard, such as those with sharp edges or that contain small, removable, or easily breakable parts. Guns and/or war toys may be inappropriate. Also, please do not gift wrap the toys, as it is necessary to check the safety and appropriateness of every toy for each individual child.

Holiday donations delivered to the Marina Office in November or early December are most helpful. Children entertainment, Santa visits and gift distributions keep us very busy the last two weeks of December. Your efforts to deliver toys early (by Dec. 10th) will be greatly appreciated.

Through the efforts of this toy drive, we hope to make a tremendous difference in the lives of the less fortunate children in our community. On behalf of the children to whom you will bring great joy ... **"Thank You"** for your support and generosity.



## Employee Highlight

California Yacht Marina is honored to present as this month's Employee Highlight one of our most devoted and committed employees, Jim Moulton, who has served the CYM boating community for 7 years.

Jim understands boaters; he has been involved in several major marina projects ranging from restoration to designing and construction of marinas. He knows firsthand of the dangers that nature poses for all mariners and the expectations of the most discerning boater. He is also at home living on the water; having lived aboard his 1977 CT 41 for twenty years before moving six years ago into the home that his parents bought in Chula Vista in 1950.

Jim commenced his Marina career in 1984, by assisting in the design and supervising construction of the marina at the San Diego Sheraton Hotel and Marina. The hotel operator was impressed with his work and quickly asked him to stay on and supervise marina operations. Word got out about his talents and in 1991 he was approached by Loews Hotels who asked him to help with the design, construction and management of their marina in San Diego.

Jim began his tenure at California Yacht Marina in February 1996, and since then he has influenced and mentored many California Yacht Marina fellow co-workers who have achieved success in their working endeavors. Jim is well respected throughout the company as someone always willing to help. "Knowing something isn't any good unless you can pass it on," says Jim.

Jim was born in Pensacola FL. He and his younger sister Gale grew up traveling around the world with their parents following his father as a navy test pilot. Jim had the chance to mingle with some of the most interesting pilots in history, people such as Chuck Yeager who was a Captain with the United States Air Force assigned as a test pilot to the X-1 program. On October 14, 1947, Chuck became the first person to fly faster than the speed of sound! Some of his other friends included members of the WWII ACES and THE FLYING TIGERS to name a few. Jim graduated from Chula Vista High School and served in the U.S. Army from 1959 until 1962. While employed at the La Mesa Police Department full time, Jim continued to pursue his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice at San Diego State University, where he also received his teaching credentials.

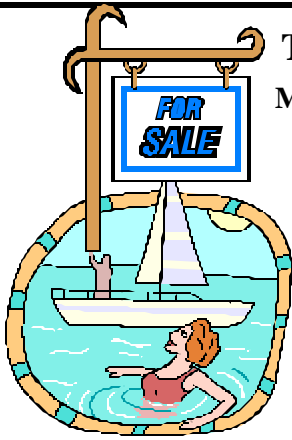
He joined the San Diego County Sheriff Department where he retired after almost 20 years of service.

Jim has been happily married to Mrs. Elaine Moulton for over 20 years. They have two boys, Brian and John; both boys work in the film industry. "We have been blessed with children whom any parent would love to have and be proud of." They have also been blessed with three grandchildren Shan 8, Jacob 5 and Andrew 1.

When Jim is *not* "out there" working at making CYM better, you can find him at home building anything he can think of out of wood or practicing archery and fly-fishing.

Jim says, "if something is worth doing, do it and do it right!"

Jim, on behalf of California Yacht Marina and the entire boating community, we honor and commend you on your dedication and service.



## Tips to Help Sell Your Boat!

### Make sure your boat is clean!

Many boat owners skip this easy yet very important step. When a boat is clean it shows a prospective buyer that it was cared for.

### All legal requirement should be up to date:

this means current registration, title (if required), federal documentation papers, bank loan notes (are current), and insurance certificate.

### Have an up to date free boating inspection decal from the local coast guard auxiliary.

This will indicate that the boat has all the necessary required state and federal safety equipment.

### If the boat needs repairs, have an estimate made by a local boat repair facility.

This will show a prospective owner that you recognize the need and the cost of making a repair. It will also keep price haggling to a minimum.

### Be reasonable in your price approach,

check local and regional boat ads for what owners of similar craft are asking. Leave room for negotiations but don't over price your boat out of the market!

### If you have an emotional attachment to your boat, remember it is better to sell the boat while the memories are still good.

Usually the new owner will be just as caring for a boat as the previous owner.

### Decide if you really want to sell the boat yourself or hire a full time broker.

A broker does not charge to promote the boat in marketing and advertising efforts but instead is paid only when the boat sells. The brokerage has the time and staff to give your boat a greater opportunity to be sold.

### If you decide to sell the boat yourself,

make sure you purchase advertising that will be available to as many potential buyers as possible. You could easily spend several hundred dollars advertising in regional newspapers, magazines, and specialty advertising "swappers." These publications reach a large group of readers. Also, it is important to make up an "Info Sheet" on the boat to mail to interested parties. Having a few extra copies of photos is wise also.

### However, don't neglect to advertise on the internet.

The internet is a global newspaper of sorts, and one of the absolute best resources available to shoppers and sellers.

### ALWAYS have a photo of your boat included with your ad,

the old cliché that a picture is worth a thousand words still applies in the modern age!

## Winter Reminders:

*Winter approaches, we just want to remind you of a few precautions you may need to address:*



**First** check dock lines and see that they are in good condition. If they are frayed, replace them.

**Second**, make sure that anything left on your deck is properly battened down. Check sail covers and canvas.

**Third**, Check the holding tank to make sure that the valves are positioned so that they can not be accidentally discharged.

**Fourth**, only hoses and boarding steps are permitted on the dock fingers.

Thank you and have a safe off season!



# Sea View



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