



# Beside the Point



## 2007 RACING



Houn Dawg winning the start in CRA's Winter Series Race 1. Photo by Dennis St.Onge / DA-WOODY

The new year already has given us some beautiful days racing. We had at least 2 club boats in the New Year Day's Race hosted by SDYC. The day was warm and bright and the wind filled in for both "Houn Dawg" in class 5 and "Brushfire" in class 8. It was some tough competition as the monohulls threaded their way through the Hobies and Nacras in the only bay race that mixes them up. Congrats to "Houn Dawg" for First to Finish in the Monohull Fleet and taking the gun. Last weekend's Winter Series Race 1 hosted by CRA saw another beautiful day, but this time laced with light and shifting winds for the first 2 of 5 legs and a ripping current. Sailing along the shore out of the tidal change paid off for "Houn Dawg" as they corrected out second just 1:55 behind the leader in class "A". "Gunslinger" fought a tough battle in Class D and has been getting the boat dialed in after much work.

If you race, please send me your results and wrap-up to webmaster@pointlomayc.org.

MARK YOU CALENDAR!

## PLYC OPENING DAY

April 21, 2007

## WOODY'S ANNUAL WHALE WATCHING CRUISE JANUARY 28,2007



California Grey Whale "Blow"  
Photos Courtesy: Getty Images

The Woody's Whale Watching Wextravaganza will be Sunday January 28th! The day will begin with breakfast at Red Sails at 10AM. We usually have a good turnout and a large table so you don't want to arrive late for seating. We plan on leaving the dock at Cortez Marina around 11:30. For those of you joining us from other marinas, we can rendezvous in the channel or offshore. We can talk on channel 69. Bring your cameras because if you don't see a whale you can at least take a picture of your friend's boat. If you don't see a friends boat you have the wrong day.



## WELCOME TO THE PLYC 2007 SEASON

I would like to extend my warmest greetings to all of our members as we begin a great boating year. For those who don't know me, I've served on the PLYC Board for many years now and am very proud to be your Commodore for 2007. I have worked hard in the past in support of our club and will continue my efforts during my term. I have an experienced team on the board to support us and look forward to working with them. We have numerous events and activities during the year. These include 4 races including one around North Coronado Island, 3 holiday raft-ups during the summer, parties, a PLYC entry in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, golf tournaments, and more. I look forward to seeing you there.

I encourage others to join PLYC to enjoy our activities and share the fun.

If you have any suggestions to better our club, I look forward to hearing from you. I can be reached by phone, my number is in the membership directory, and by email either through the Bridge page on our website or directly to Commodore@pointlomayc.org

Thank you, and happy yachting!  
Commodore Robby Hickethier

IF YOUR 2007 RENEWAL STICKER ISN'T HERE, THEN WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED YOUR DUES PAYMENT FOR 2007. IF YOU HAVE SENT IT, THANK YOU. YOUR STICKER WILL BE SENT SHORTLY.



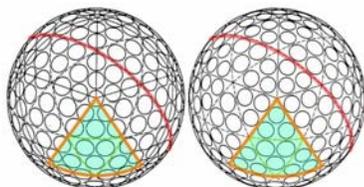
## 2007 RENEWAL STICKER

## 2007 PLYC CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT SEPTEMBER TBA

Vice Commodore Lynn Simpson is currently planning a new charity event for PLYC. Our club has a number of golfers (and some who would like to give it a swing) hoping for a chance to get together for a "closest to the pin" four person team play.

Riverwalk Golf Club (formerly Stardust Country Club) in Mission Valley has agreed to provide us with a room and discounts for our charity event. Afterwards we'll award prizes, enjoy fine food and spirits, and raise funds for our charity.

Our goal is at least 8 teams playing. Stay tuned and we'll keep you posted.



## Help Wanted Committee Volunteers

Our Committee Chairpersons have been doing much of the day to day work to keep the club active in our events. All of the chairpersons could use any help you may offer to ease the burden. We need you to help on the race committee, after-race parties, membership recruitment, newsletter publication, and a host of other small tasks that have been done by just a handful of members. Have you considered serving on the board? Each year volunteers become new directors who step forward to become future officers and leaders in our yacht club. The rewards are numerous. Don't be shy. Contact any of the board members to volunteer. Email addresses are on the website (click "Bridge") and phone numbers are in the PLYC directory.

## 2006 A Very Good Year By Jr. Staff Commodore Tom Wurfl

It seems like yesterday that we had our first Board Meeting of 2006, discussing the course for the coming year. The twelve months that followed were a whirlwind of activity. We welcomed new members and enjoyed increased attendance at our races and other events. The Commodore's Ball in November, a first for us, received rave reviews from all who attended. To top off the year, the San Diego Association of Yacht Clubs elevated PLYC's status within the yachting community by granting us Associate Membership.

As if running a business, attending to family obligations and serving as Commodore weren't enough to do, Helen and I decided to participate in the 2006 Baja Ha-Ha. Totally underestimating the time and effort required to fit out Catatude for this adventure, it was fortuitous that the club officers came to my rescue, attending to all the bits and pieces of business that keep the P.L.Y.C. ship afloat. I want to thank them and everyone else who contributed to making 2006 a very good year for P.L.Y.C.

## PLYC NEWSLETTER

Published & Edited by Jim Torian

The newsletter is easy to produce and fun to create, but to be honest, I need material, both written and images to make this publication interesting and informative. I'm asking you, the members, to contribute articles about your sailing, cruising, racing, raft-ups, sea stories, boats, and images. Help make this YOUR newsletter and send me your articles and pictures to webmaster@pointlomayc.org. Thanks, Jim.



## 2007 PLYC CALENDAR

13Feb 6PM Board Meeting  
13Mar 6PM Board Meeting  
21Apr PLYC Opening Day  
10 Apr 6PM Board Meeting  
8May 6PM Board Meeting  
12May PLYC Fleet  
Captains Race  
26-28May Memorial Day  
Raft-up  
12Jun 6PM Board Meeting  
1-4Jul July 4th Raft-up  
10Jul 6PM Board Meeting  
21Jul The Big Boat Race  
4Aug Crew of 2 Around  
The Coronados Race  
14Aug 6PM Board Meeting  
1-3Sep Labor Day Raft-up  
11Sep 6PM Board Meeting  
9Oct 6PM Board Meeting  
21Oct Jimmy Rogers  
Memorial Race  
13Nov 6PM Board Meeting  
Nov TBA Commodores Ball  
11Dec 6PM Board Meeting  
15Dec PLYC Christmas  
Party

## 2007

### Board of Directors

Commodore: Robby Hickethier  
Vice Commodore: Lynn Simpson  
Rear Commodore: Jim Torian  
Treasurer: Bob Kearns  
Secretary: Lance Murphy  
Director: Phil Bensimon  
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Jr. Staff Commodore: Tom Wurfl

### Officers

Port Captain: Robby Hickethier  
Fleet Captain: Steve Blanden

### Committees

Communications: Ed Teel  
Membership/PR: Jim Torian  
Racing: Robby Hickethier  
Social Committee: Lynn Simpson  
Website: Jim Torian