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**FROM THE
COMMODORE...
LANCE MURPHY**

As the calendar year comes to a close, I begin my year as your new Commodore for the Point Loma Yacht Club. I hope to make this next year an exciting and unique experience for the membership. I would like to thank all of you for your participation in this last year's PLYC events and congratulate our new Junior Staff Commodore, Jim Torian, on a job well done. As we look forward to the 2010 season, I hope everyone will join us in racing, club parties and on-the-water fun. Between now and Opening Day on April 10th we have the opportunity to use the slack time of our winter schedule to prepare for memorable events. Your Board welcomes all of you to take an active role in helping organize the activities. For those of you who don't know how to 'plug in' to the process, please seek out one of the club's officers and we'll make sure to include you in any way you feel comfortable. Remember, the Point Loma Yacht Club is recognized as one of the most fun clubs in the San Diego area because we don't wait on ceremony, rather we celebrate our good fortune to enjoy one of the least formal clubs in the most beautiful location in the world. To ensure that it's fun and continues to thrive, we must rely on the members to feed-back their wants, suggestions, and goals for the

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



WOODY'S WHALE WATCHING CRUISE JANUARY 23, 2010

club.

Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find our schedule for the 2010 season, please mark your calendars now. If you feel there is anything you can benefit from your efforts, please come forward and let us know. Likewise, don't be surprised when your Board seeks you out to ask your help. It's a great opportunity to learn more about our bay and its many opportunities. If you ever find yourself wondering what is happening at the club, please consult the website - PointLomaYC.org

I want to conclude by inviting all of you to come and celebrate the great efforts of the 2009 Board. With the Christmas Party on December 13th, we will close out the year and introduce the new 2010 Board to the membership. This is a great event with fresh turkey and all the fix'ns. It concludes with the first night of the Parade of Lights where we have one of the best viewing locations in all of San Diego. I hope you can attend.

The 2010 Board Of Directors
wish you a
**HAPPY NEW
YEAR**
AND THE
**BEST BOATING
SEASON EVER**



LET'S GO WHALE WATCHING!

Our first PLYC cruise takes us whale watching on Saturday, January 23, 2010. We gather at 9 AM for a hearty breakfast at The Red Sails Inn on Shelter Island. If you don't have a ride, just show up for the breakfast—someone will have room for you. After breakfast we'll head out in our boats by 11:30. Remember to dress warmly for the sail. For those who can't make the breakfast but will still be going out, we ask that everyone monitor VHF channel 68 to meet up offshore and pass along info on any sightings.

If you haven't participated in Woody's Whale Watching Cruise before, it's a great opportunity to spend some time with other members and friends, and best of all, to get out on the water! Don't forget that while you're taking pictures of the whales, you should take some pictures of each other and other member's boats to share. You can also send your pictures to our webmaster to share on our website—PointLomaYC.org.

We look forward to seeing you out there.





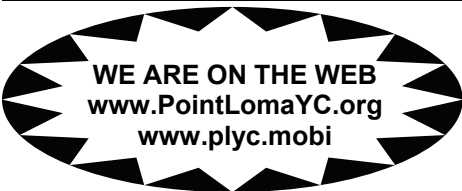
**FROM THE
JR. STAFF COMMODORE...
JIM TORIAN**

I would like to sincerely thank my flag officers and directors of 2009 for a year of dedication and hard work to help steer us through another year of challenges and accomplishments. While supporting a local charity our top sailors won the first annual Commodores Challenge Cup. PLYC sailors also took 3 of the 4 trophies in the annual SDAYC Flag Officers and Directors Regatta. Other PLYC sailors have also done well in local racing. Congratulations to all.

To our members I give a hearty thanks for your participation in our PLYC events including raft-ups, racing, and parties. Our all volunteer club has been providing functions for our members for over 15 years. I hope that more of our members can find the time to volunteer for some of these activities. Just let any board member know that you are interested and we will do our best to get you involved.

As I step aside I encourage the 2010 Bridge to continue to give our new commodore your full support and keep the momentum going. We work for all of our members.

DUES NOTICES ARE INCLUDED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER AND YOUR PROMPT PAYMENT IS APPRECIATED



**CHRISTMAS PARTY
WRAP-UP
BY SECRETARY
CAROL HALE**

Well, it was the holiday season again for our annual Point Loma Yacht Club Christmas Party! The festivities began at 3:00 pm, December 13, 2009. By tradition, our Christmas party preceded the "Parade of Lights" on the bay at 5:30 pm.

We began by having our new officers and director introduced and with that formality out of the way, we just had fun. The deep fried turkeys were a great favorite as well as the fixings we got from the famous Chicken Pie Shop. Many brought side dishes to share, but the most important thing was just seeing you all, both new and old.

Happy New Year !!

**FUBAR UPDATE
FILED BY DIRECTOR
JOHN CONE**

PLYC members Tim and Patricia Cass, John and Jan Cone, and Bob White joined a fleet of 43 power boats that departed San Diego Nov. 14 and are enroute to La Paz, MX. The fleet arrived in San Jose del Cabo Nov. 23, where it is laying over two days at Puerto Los Cabos Marina. Bodacious and Carefree II, owned by Tim and Patricia, and John and Jan, respectively, are trawlers participating in the 2d FUBAR (Fleet Under Way to Baja Rally) sponsored by San Diego Yacht Club. Boats and crews are performing well, and ended the formal part of the rally Thanksgiving Day at Costa Baja Resort and Marina in La Paz.

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.

**2009
PLYC CALENDAR**

- 6 PM Board Meeting on the second Tuesday of each month...Members welcome.**
- 23Jan Woody's Whale Watching Cruise**
- 13Mar St. Patrick's Day Parade**
- 10Apr PLYC Opening Day**
- 15May Fleet Captain's Race**
- 27-30May Memorial Day Raft-up in Mission Bay**
- 01-04Jul July 4th Raft-up In Glorietta Bay**
- 31Jul Crew of 2 Around The Coronados Race**
- 14Aug The Big Boat Race**
- 03-06Sep Labor Day Raft-up Mission Bay**
- 17Oct Jimmy Rogers Memorial Race**
- TBA (06Nov?) Commodores' Ball & Installation of Officers**
- 12Dec Christmas Party, Introduction of 2009 Officers, & SD Parade of Lights**

2010
Board of Directors
Commodore: Lance Murphy
Vice Commodore: Tom Blackwood
Rear Commodore: Pamela Bensimon
Treasurer: Bob Kearns
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Director: Phil Bensimon
Director: John Cone
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