



# Beside The Point



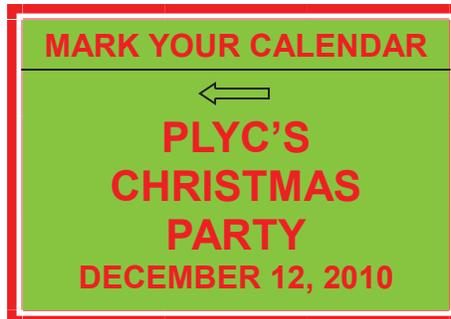
## **PARTY TIME !** **BY JR. STAFF COMMODORE** **JIM TORIAN**

It's time to celebrate the holiday season at the PLYC Christmas Party. All members and guests are invited to come meet the new Board, fill your bellies, and watch the Parade of Lights. Five lucky members will each win a special wine tasting for two at The Wine Bank.

The party starts at 3PM with refreshments and snacks and a time to socialize. At 3:30PM we will install the members of the 2011 Bridge and Board of Directors. This is a great opportunity to talk with the Board Members and let them know what you want from your club in the new year.

At 4PM we feast! We will have deep fried turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls and butter, salad, and dressings. All the trimmings will be prepared by our member Steve Stephens, head chef at Fiddler's Green. As our tradition continues we encourage our members to bring an appetizer or dessert and a beverage to share. Christmas drinks and wine are always welcome.

At 5PM Christmas arrives early for five lucky winners. Our PHRF Representative, Mark Wyatt, won The Wine Bank wine tasting party in the Big Boat Charity Raffle this summer. He has graciously given the club five pairs of tickets to be given away in a drawing at the PLYC Christmas Party. Each pair of FREE tickets are valued at over \$65.



Every member at the party will receive a chance (one per membership) to win a pair of tickets. The drawing will be held at 5PM.

Around 5:30 we will find ourselves at the park across the street to watch the San Diego Parade Of Lights. The parade begins at the west end of Shelter Island at 5PM and it takes about a half an hour to arrive in front of the clubhouse. The theme this year is "The Sounds Of Christmas".

The dress for the party is Blue Blazers for the Bridge and Christmas casual for members and guests. We suggest everyone arrives early for our party as Harbor Island can be very busy and congested with the Parade Of Lights spectators. Parking is available in the parking lot at the park just west of the club and the west parking lot at Marina Cortez. The evenings are cool to downright chilly and we suggest everyone dresses accordingly. Chairs are limited for the parade so you might want to bring your own.



The PLYC Bridge  
and Board of Directors  
would like to wish everyone  
a joyful and safe holiday  
season. We look forward to  
serving you in 2011.



## **PLYC HAPPY HOUR** **BY JR. STAFF COMMODORE** **JIM TORIAN**

Director Debbie Pederson has been hot on the trail for local happy hours for our membership. We recently had two on Shelter Island.

Our first happy hour was held August 22nd at The Wine Pub on the corner of Shelter Island Drive and Scott Street. Debbie arranged for special prices on beer and wine plus some mouth watering complimentary appetizers. Members who showed up were given free tickets for a drawing that included Chargers memorabilia and free dining certificates.

Our second happy hour was even more successful as about 20 members and guests gathered at Fiddler's Green on Rosecrans Street. Everyone attending enjoyed happy hour drink prices and roast beef sandwiches courtesy of the owner, Steve Rock. Another free drawing was held and the lucky winners walked away with Chargers memorabilia and a bottle of wine.

On the horizon we plan to visit the Point Loma Sports Grill & Pub at Liberty Station and others. Do you have a favorite watering hole? Let us know and we'll meet you there. Three cheers for Debbie!





**Labor Day Raft-Up  
Mission Bay  
BY STAFF COMMODORE  
WOODY WOOD**

The annual PLYC Labor day raft-up got started with Commodore Lance Murphy and Janet anchoring **Pelagic** in the north end of Mariners Cove. They were soon joined by S/C Tom Wurfl and Helen on **Catatude**. The two catamarans made a fine base camp for the ongoing party.

The raft grew quickly with the addition of **Charisma** S/C Chuck and Kathy King's big Hunter, and new members Bernard and Becky Robinson with **Dream Ketcher**.

There were several boats anchored separately because they had to leave early. Some of them were John and Janice Cone with **Carefree II**, Steve Stevens and Debbie Pedersen with **Jezebel**, Mollie and Ed Clough on **Tara**.

Saturday brought even more boats to the main raft. S/C Woody Wood showed up on **Nomad**, with members Alan Mateyka and Sherri Brennan as crew. New members Richard Hirscht and Cynthia Cameron came in and provided a bit of entertainment as they "found the bottom" with **Tranquility**.

Even more PLYC boats were scattered down the cove at other rafts. Scott Neal and **At Last** were somewhere down there and another new member Ellen James and **Kia Orana** were anchored near the mouth of the cove. Jon Christensen's **Cu Mara** was seen there, but not Jon.

That's an even dozen, but who's counting? It was a fine weekend and the weather got warmer as it progressed.

The only real excitement of the weekend was when a poorly anchored boat dragged and hit **Catatude**, scratching the gel coat. The drifting boat was impounded by the Harbor Patrol. The guy finally got his boat back after agreeing to pay for damages.

If you were there, thanks for a good turn out. If you were not, you really missed a good party! There's always next year.

**FUBAR '09 ODYSSEY  
ENDS WITH FUBASH  
BY DIRECTOR JOHN CONE**



PLYC members Jan and John Cone ended their 8-month cruise to Baja Sur and the Sea of Cortez when John returned their 42' Californian trawler, **Carefree II** to Marina Cortez on July 5<sup>th</sup> (2010). The cruise back (named "FUBASH" to characterize the wind and sea conditions coming north) was made possible by the able assistance of PLYC member Tony Creech and crew member Mark Akstinas. Jan flew home from San Jose del Cabo, and once back in San Diego became the crew's weather router. Satellite phone calls to her at home at her computer were the prime source of dependable weather information as the boat worked its way north. Jan used her account with Buoy Weather to scour the data that helped the crew with "go-no go" decisions along the way.

FUBAR '09 was the second of the biennial flotillas of power boats making the trip to La Paz. This time it was organized by the San Diego Yacht Club. The fleet got underway November 14, and 41 boats arrived at the Costa Baja Resort in La Paz on Thanksgiving Day. The next FUBAR is being organized for 2011 by the Long Beach Yacht Club.

Two PLYC boats made this year's trip, with Tim and Patricia Cass' 39' Blue Water trawler, **Bodacious**, continuing on to the east coast via the Panama Canal. John and Jan stayed in La Paz, with a trip to Mazatlan and numerous cruises north into the Sea of Cortez. In all, they put 3,028 miles on **Carefree II** before returning to San Diego. Joining the Cones were two other boats from FUBAR '09. The little FUBASH fleet left Cabo San Lucas June 23.

Some of the more memorable experiences of the 8 months in Mexico are shown in the pictures below. Among the more significant impressions formed from the adventure are these:

- Personal safety was never an issue.
- The friendliness of the Mexican people continues at high levels.
- Tired seagulls rest on the backs of sea turtles.
- Lots of manta rays jump out of the water near San Jose del Cabo.
- The most exciting dolphins are those that jump into the air.
- Fishing and snorkeling are great pastimes in the Sea.
- Nearly every moment underway is a Kodak moment.
- It's lonely 100 miles from shore crossing the Sea at night.
- Cruisers are exceptionally self-sufficient and helpful to one another.
- Seeing your anchor and chain on the bottom doesn't mean you're in only 5 feet of water.
- Internet access is very limited on the outside of Baja.
- Good boat work, skilled crafts people, and parts can be had more easily in La Paz than in Mazatlan.
- Anchorage can be windy, so a strong anchor makes for better sleeping.
- You can't have enough tequila on board.
- Doing the trip does wonders for self-confidence.



**YACHTING ETIQUETTE**  
**VISITING A RECIPROCAL YACHT CLUB**  
**BY COMMODORE LANCE MURPHY**

A yacht club is no different from a person's home with respect to guests.

A club is owned and financed by its members primarily for their own use. Both federal and state tax codes and liquor laws reinforce this. There is nothing automatic about reciprocal privileges despite the fact that uninformed individuals and organizations pass this word along.

Most yacht clubs in Southern California who reciprocate with other yacht clubs in the area will do so on a formal basis. This is typically done through an exchange of reciprocal cards, which are approved and issued on an annual basis. This activity is between two specific clubs who wish to offer the mutual exchange use of their facilities. These reciprocal privileges are not intended to entitle guests "wholesale" use of the other's facility.

Under no circumstances should a yachtsman assume that all yacht clubs are reciprocal and before requesting entrance to another club should check with his club to insure a reciprocal agreement exists. A prudent yachtsperson will make his/her visit to another club more enjoyable if he/she follows the simple rules of courtesy as follows:

1. Verify you have reciprocal privilege.
2. Call ahead so:
  - a. The club can insure space is available.
  - b. Your visit will not conflict with other club functions.
  - c. The club can plan all other arrangements necessary.
3. When making arrangements ask about club and marina rules such as do they allow pets, shoreside guests, electrical, etc.
4. Always sign the guest register. In some areas this is mandated by club charters, leasing agreements, etc.
5. Always have a current membership card from your club, and be prepared to show it courteously to staff and members of the club you are visiting upon request.
6. Wear a nametag from your club – if you have one.
7. Review their club rules and observe them, as the members of the club must; you are their guest.
8. Always be courteous with club employees, remember, their directions come from the club Officers and are not of their own making. Desk staff are often off-putting and see their roles as 'gate keepers'.
9. When planning cruise-type visits make arrangements early in the year with the appropriate officials.
10. Patronize the facilities of the club. They often benefit greatly from purchases by guests.
11. Under no circumstances board or make fast to any vessel, unless specifically asked to, or after obtaining permission from the owner or dock master.
12. Under no circumstances use hoses, stairs, mops or other materials belonging to the slip holder without permission.
13. Many skippers leave lines, particularly spring lines at their slips to assist in docking upon their return. Never use, and most particularly do not re-tie these lines, as your action could cause serious damage to vessels and crew when they return to their slip.
14. Always follow good environmental practice consistent with the concerns for proper trash disposal and discharges from your vessel into the water.
15. Write a thank-you note and mention any members or employees who were particularly helpful.
16. If you have been invited to participate in a regatta or race, you and your crew are guests just as much as on any other visit to the Host Club and must conduct yourself as a guest.
17. If you have any problem or concern about Reciprocal Privileges, please ask a PLYC Board Member.

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**RECIPROCAL VISITING**  
**BY REAR COMMODORE PAMELA BENSIMON**

On our way to Laguna Beach earlier this month, we visited both the Dana Point Yacht Club and the Dana West Yacht Club. We called ahead to ask permission to visit and share a beverage. When we arrived, we were greeted by welcoming members and even met a Staff Commodore at the DWYC. Both were very friendly (referred us to some good local hotels), had fabulous facilities, great food and full bars (DPYC graciously bought us a round of birthday drinks). While traveling, reciprocal privileges are a great benefit of being a member of the Point Loma Yacht Club. We recommend calling ahead, signing in and making an effort to introduce yourself to other members. It was great fun and we can't wait to go back!



Photo by: Lance Murphy



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### FUN TIMES IN 2010

#### 2010

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### 2010 IN REVIEW

#### **PLYC NEWSLETTER**

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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](mailto:webmaster@pointlomayc.org). Thanks, Jim.



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