



# Beside The Point



## CREW OF TWO AROUND THE CORONADOS BY JR. STAFF COMMODORE JIM TORIAN

Eight years ago then Director Mike Rafferty envisioned a short handed race around the North Coronado Island. His efforts has let to a very popular international race hosted by PLYC and CVYC with 40+ competitors in 6 classes. These include a combo multi hull class, spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes divided by PHRF handicap, and an open class sponsored by CVYC with no limit on the number of crew.

The race begins at 1100 at the entrance to the channel and leaves North Coronado Island to port. The course length is 30.5 NM. For official information please go to our website and download the SI's and Entry form. Please fill out the entry form completely and submit it to PLYC as we are required to provide certain information to DHS and CBP for travel into foreign waters and return.

This year we are offering a light grey "Dry" Tee Shirt with the race, date, and hosting clubs embroidered on the front for \$17.50. These shirts usually sell out and we suggest you order yours with your entry and not wait until the after race party.

The after race party and awards will be held at PLYC on Sunday, August 7th at noon. PLYC will host a BBQ with refreshments and all skippers and crew are invited. As always, appetizers, side dishes, and desserts are welcome.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

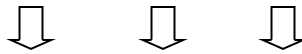


## THE CREW OF TWO RACE AROUND THE CORONADOS AUGUST 6, 2011



## THE BIG BOAT RACE AUGUST 20, 2011

## PLYC OPEN HOUSE AND CHARITY RAFFLE AUGUST 20, 2011



## PLYC OPEN HOUSE AND CHARITY RAFFLE BY JR. STAFF COMMODORE JIM TORIAN

Our Open House and Charity Raffle will take place poolside at our clubhouse on Saturday, August 20th at 3PM. Joining in will be the racers from our Big Boat Race and the after race party.

We are proud to support Challenged America this year with our raffle and silent auction. Included are many great raffle prizes and a silent auction for a special wine tasting party for 20 at The Wine Bank valued at over \$1000.

We will be "putting on the dog" for this party with great food and beverage for current and prospective members. Guests are welcome and members are encouraged to bring those who may be interested in joining PLYC. Remember that sponsoring 3 members in the calendar year earns the sponsor free dues for the next year.



## THE BIG BOAT RACE BY JR. STAFF COMMODORE JIM TORIAN

PLYC's annual charity event kicks off with The Big Boat Race with proceeds to benefit Challenged America, San Diego. Vietnam veteran Urban Miyares, co-founder of Challenged America, has brought sailing to countless disabled sailors and has fielded teams that race locally, internationally, and even the TransPac. PLYC is proud to be a supporter.

The Big Boat Race begins at noon in front of the club. The race will be in north bay with a course to be determined and posted by the race committee located on shore. There are two classes—spin and non spin. The Big Boat Race is the second of our series of club races and counts towards our high point trophies. SI's and entry forms are available online on the club website. Unlike our other club races, this race requires and entry fee.

The after race party will be held immediately following, poolside at the club with a BBQ, refreshments, live music, along with a charity raffle.

We hope you will come out and support Challenged America in this fun race and party.



# Ship's Stores — New PLYC Merchandise

BY JR. STAFF COMMODORE  
JIM TORIAN

Our new shipment of "Ship's Stores" have arrived and are available for purchase at the PLYC clubhouse. We have vests, shirts, caps, visors, and other items from Annandale Embroidery.

Fleece vests are Navy or Heather in sizes ranging from small to extra large and cost \$30.00.

Long sleeve fleece 1/4 zip shirts are Navy or Heather in sizes ranging from medium to extra large and cost \$32.50.

Knit Polo shirts are Red, White, or Navy in sizes from medium to extra large and cost \$30.00

We have embroidered Grey or Navy tee shirts in sizes from medium to extra large for \$15.00. The same shirts in silk-screen are only \$12.50.

Ball caps are Red, White, or Navy with adjustable sizing and cost \$15.00

Visors are a new item for us and come in Red, White, or Navy with adjustable sizing and cost \$10.00.

We also have some ties, cups and even golf balls with the PLYC burgee on them.

These quality goods are available for sale at our events. Popular styles and sizes will disappear from our shelves quickly so don't miss out. Also, we would like to know if you have other ideas you would like to see us offer for sale.





**TRAVELING MEMBERS:  
MIKE RAFFERTY  
FROM MIKE RAFFERTY  
NAI HARN BEACH  
PHUKET, THAILAND**

Hey everybody, see me smile!!! After 3 months in the interior of Northern Thailand, I see the ocean again. This is the longest I have EVER been away from the ocean. It feels great. Consider I left San Diego in October 2009, this being my goal.

Anyway, I am staying at and old Friends house in Nai Harn Beach on the extreme south of Phuket Thailand (check it out on Google Earth) . My friend, Brian Smith and I go back about 28 years when I first bought a house in San Diego. Brian was an Undergrad at UCSD and rented a room from me for a couple of years. He is now works for the Wildlife Conservation Society, and is based here in Phuket. He is considered to be the world expert on Fresh water Diving Mammals (river Dolphins). Google him! Brian, wife Cindy (shaw) and son Tristan are the greatest! oops, gotta go, we are going diving right now

(Ed. Note)...Mike was on an extended cruise in the Pacific when he lost his beautiful sloop "Aquila" in a tragic sinking. We are all so grateful that he was rescued by another cruiser and has reached Thailand.



**PLYC BURGEES ABROAD:  
AO CHALONG YACHT CLUB  
PHUKET, THAILAND  
BY MIKE RAFFERTY**

7 years ago I traveled to Phuket and did a burgee exchange. Today I went back to the newly re-modeled ACYC and look! PLYC Burgee still flying proud



**GREAT RECENT HAPPY HOURS  
BY MEMBER DALE REIMER**

We've had a couple of really great happy hours in recent months. Our April 15 Tax Day/TGIF Happy Hour in the Courtyard at the Cosmo Hotel in Old Town was a big success. Approx. 20 PLYC members, some new, some not so new, enjoyed the fabulous appetizers, drink specials and great service at this very interesting and historic venue, not to mention the camaraderie of gathering with old and new friends from PLYC. We have Debbie Pedersen to thank for organizing a fun evening which included our own personal Debbie-guided tour of the newly renovated hotel, which even included some known haunted rooms. (O-o-o-o-o!!) By the way, if any of you happen to watch Ghost Adventurers on the Travel Channel, stay tuned. The cast and crew are at the Cosmo filming this week (July 18-23) so check your local listings to see when the Cosmo episode will air.

On June 23, a group of 15-18 PLYC members gathered on the patio at the Silver Gate Yacht Club at Shelter Island for a sunset Happy Hour. We enjoyed some great food prepared by PLYC member, Chef Steve, who runs the kitchen at SGYC, and after a round or two of margaritas, martinis, and merlot, the story-telling began. Debbie Pedersen, who once again organized this great event, also came through with some great prizes for best stories in the categories of fish, sailing, and travel. It was so fun listening to tales of travels that included trips through the Panama Canal, fun stories of the Baja Haha and even a trip down the Pacific Coast and Across the Atlantic to the Med and back!!! For those of you who couldn't join us, you missed a grand time! We hope you'll be able to join us next time!

Do any of you have a favorite spot you think we should hit for the next happy hour?? If so, shoot Deb a line at [dpedersen5@gmail.com](mailto:dpedersen5@gmail.com)

**WELCOME  
NEW PLYC MEMBERS  
BY VICE COMMODORE  
PAMELA BENSIMON**

We would like to welcome our newest members to PLYC. We are looking forward to their participation in our activities and we hope you can meet them soon.

Randy and Jeanne Ames are from San Diego. Randy is an accountant with ABC Tax Service, so keep him in mind if you need any tax services in the coming year. They are in between boats right now, but have owned several over the years. Currently, they are crewing on several different race boats. They are interested in the social aspect of joining PLYC and we hope they can volunteer for one of our committees soon.

Douglas and Jamie Tyrone have owned several powerboats over the years and are currently looking for a 36-38' sailboat.

Art Sherman was in the Navy for 4 years and has some sailing experience. He has owned a 24" skipjack. He is interested in crewing for club races.

Dayle Reimer is interested in gaining experience in our Race Committee and has assisted with our Communications Committee.

Lorraine Green wants to learn more about boating and is interested in joining a PLYC Committee.

Michael and Connie Hodgkins are interested in any committees and sailing. They currently own a 42' Sea Ray 420 named Serendipity which they keep at Sun Road Marina.

David Gardner has 25 years experience in the Marine Industry and owns Dynamic Marine Machining. He currently owns a 32' Kettenburg named Blue Chip II and an 8' Sabot named Black Sabot.

Marc Hodgkins is a vice president at Morgan Stanley. He and Hong Liu have 6 years of boating experience. They own a 43' powerboat named Rainbow.



Barry Berthlett and Wendy Craig grew up in Michigan on Lake Erie. His father had powerboats (his favorite was a 1946 16' Chris Craft). He became a sailor after coming home from military service in 1969 and bought his first 25' C&C sailboat in 1974 and now has a 44' C&C named Sirena.

Randall and Elise Krause have sailed since 1974, cruising the Caribbean and Adriatic Seas. They currently own a 46' Hylas named Elise.

Sarah Love has done all west coast sailing (sabots, lasers, J7's, Dragons, Stars, Etchells and big boats. She wants to get back into sailing and be part of a great club.

We'd like to remind our members of the New Member Sponsorship Program: If you sponsor 3 new members in one year (who must be approved by the board and pay initiation fee and annual dues), *your* dues are waived for the following year! It's a great way to get your friends and family involved with a fun and growing Yacht Club.

PLYC is an all-volunteer club and our continued success is dependent upon an active membership. All members are encouraged to serve on a minimum of one committee. We'll be reaching out to you by phone, or you can contact the bridge directly to indicate your interests.

**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.

**2011  
PLYC CALENDAR**

**6 PM Board Meeting on the second Tuesday of each month...Members welcome.**

**Also check your email and the PLYC website for future "PLYC AFTER HOURS"**

- 22Jan Woody's Whale Watching Cruise**
- 12Mar St. Patrick's Day Parade ~~CANCELLED~~**
- 09Apr PLYC Opening Day**
- 21May Fleet Captain's Race**
- 27-30May Memorial Day Raft-up in La Playa Cove**
- 01-04Jul July 4th Raft-up In Glorietta Bay**
- 30Jul Crew of 2 Around The Coronados Race**
- 20Aug The Big Boat Race**
- 02-05Sep Labor Day Raft-up In Mission Bay**
- 16Oct Jimmy Rogers Memorial Race**
- 11Dec Christmas Party, Introduction of 2009 Officers, & SD Parade of Lights**

**2010**

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www.plyc.mobi**