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Radon Team

President's Message

My passion for our business comes from many places, but first and foremost is my love of the ocean. Ocean water flows through my veins whether I am fishing, diving, surfing, or just hanging out in a cove at the Channel Islands. During those times, life just feels *right* for me.

I recently read a quote that struck a chord in me. This quote has been attributed to Mark Twain - "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover".

The time I have spent on the ocean over the past 30 years has rarely disappointed me. There have been times when the fishing was slow, the water was dirty and rough, or the surf was flat.

However, just the *process* of getting ready for an ocean adventure makes me happy. I go into *freedom* mode - planning, packing, and then finally on my way. At that point, I really feel lucky to have the opportunity to spend time on the ocean.

From 8-5 our lives are filled with things we *have* to do. Being on the ocean is something we *want* to do, and it cannot be replicated.

Go out and enjoy your life!

Don Radon

Featured Boat

26' Maui Fire/Rescue boat

*based in Molokai



The Maui Fire Department recently took delivery of a new 26' Radon. Their boat is powered by twin, 220 HP Yanmar diesels.

The boat will be used for fire, patrol and rescue on the island of Molokai. Molokai is noted for having very rough seas similar to the Santa Barbara Channel Islands.

Radons were developed to navigate the rough water of the Channel Islands, which is why they are such an appropriate boat for Hawaiian waters.



Matthew tests the “fishability” of the new Molokai boat



A unique use for a rope locker



Jeremy and Don putting the stickers on



The boat attracted a lot of attention parked at our house the night before our trip to San Diego. Notice the reflective stickers.



Sea trials in Molokai



Don in a training session with the Molokai Fire Dept.





Above and below - the 2008 Maui Fire Dept. 26' Radon and the new Molokai 26' Radon





On the beach on Molokai after the sea trials were complete. Molokai is a beautiful island and the people there were very friendly.



At the Molokai airport . Thanks to James Toby King for the travel bag



Maui Fire Dept Capt. Eddie Taomoto standing above Kalaupapa

Eddie helped us with the boat project as well as providing us with many of the photos taken in Molokai.

Also, we want to give a big thanks to Deputy Fire Chief Robert Shimada and the entire staff at the Maui and Molokai Fire Departments for their continued *belief in* and *support of* Radon Boats.



Don and Bill Parsons in front of Bill's 24' Radon in the Lanai harbor

After we delivered the boat to Molokai, we had a great visit with Bill Parsons on Maui.

Bill took us on a wonderful day trip to Lanai on his boat. He also hosted some great dinners at his newly opened restaurant, *Duke's Beach House* on Maui.

Rada-maran!



Don and Mike Armstrong get the prototype “Radamaran” out for a sea trial. The design is based on the “catamaran” design, coupled with the “Radon” hull



Tom Chung’s 29’ Radon gets an extended overhead



Tom's boat was hauled out in Long Beach at the Cabrillo Boat Shop. Lynn's Towing trailered it to our shop in Goleta



Our fiberglass crew built a new overhead extension and did a really great job on it!



Jeremy with the new stainless supports built by Dan Shannon Stainless



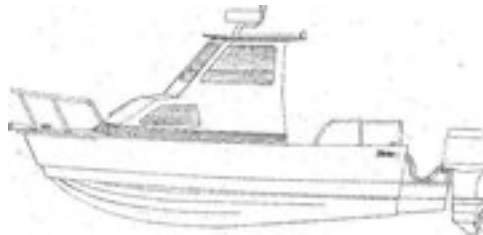
Project complete! In a slip at the Santa Barbara Harbor!

Tom made a few stops on the way back home



Catalina Island

17' Radon restoration project



Don doing a drawing for the new owner, Rick Lowe



The 17' before we de-rigged



The windshield is off!



Jeremy starting the overhead... The overhead is attached



Thanks to Rick for this project - we really enjoyed it

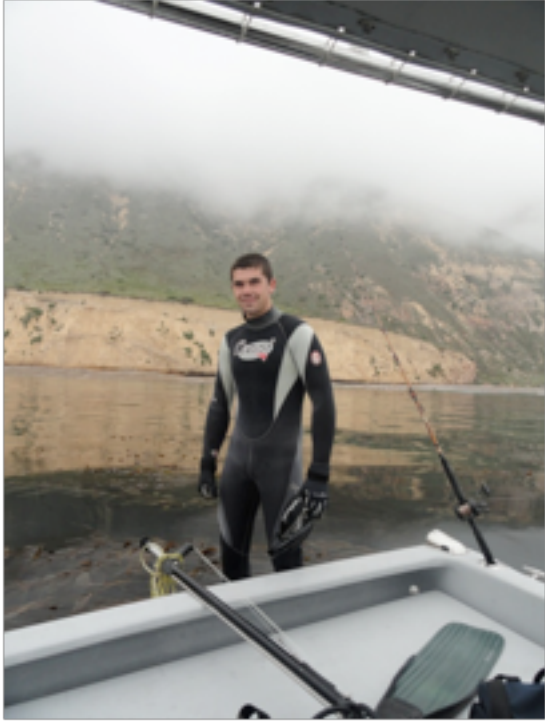
Father's Day Fishing/Diving/Surfing trip



Matthew and Jeremy are ready to head out to the Islands



Whale sighting!



Matthew getting ready to dive



Don was one happy daddy!



Don surfs while Matthew dives





Ling cod!





Mr. Squid



Matthew fishing the bow



Cassie loves boating too!



Required snacks for a fishing trip

Photos from family, customers & friends



Jeremy with his 47 pound halibut!!!!!!!



From left to right, Jay Moris, John Metaxas, Steve Radon and Frank Foley. They are shown with a Yellowfin tuna caught in Northeast canyons, Sept 2007

As far as we know, Steve is not related to us, but we appreciate his photo!



Matthew with two big sheephead he caught



Garth Tarlow with two awesome WSB on his 24' Radon



Jim Short with his cutthroat trout



Above -Mark Herrin's 24' Radon at San Miguel Island, many years ago...

Family!



Our family - Don, Linda, Jeremy, Kate, Sarah, Josh & PJ



PJ and Linda hanging out at West Marine



Josh & PJ - a favorite photo



Don and PJ in the Santa Barbara harbor (with the SB Harbor boat behind them)



This is what hangs on *our* coat rack!



Lunch at the Nugget in Goleta -from left, Don, Linda, Jeremy, Matthew, Chepe and Jose



Photo archives

Thanks to Bev Morgan for these photos!

Dawn - a 24' x 9' Radon, early '70's



Advance - a 22' x 8' Radon, early '70's





Don on the set of Turbo: A Power Rangers Movie (Part 2)

He played the part of the water monster!

Radon Team is finished for now! See you next time!