



Radon Team

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President's Message

Summer 2010



I love this time of year - when fishing, boating, diving, camping, surfing and cook outs are all in full force.

I hope this is a great summer for everyone!



Don Radon

Don goes to the CBSOA symposium!



The California Boating Safety Officer's Association held their annual symposium in Santa Barbara this year, and invited us to put up a display. Jeremy came too! The second day of the symposium was the "in the water" day for the vendors. We didn't have a boat to demo, but the Santa Barbara Harbor Patrol has two of our boats.

Right in the middle of the boat demos, the Harbor Patrol got a distress call from a man who capsized about two miles offshore. They took the 20' Radon patrol boat and rescued him. Talk about good timing for both the victim and for showcasing our boats!



Engine care, part seven:



Closed marine cooling systems, a.k.a fresh water cooling

Marine fresh water cooling systems are similar to the cooling system in an automobile, but instead of a radiator to remove the heat generated by the engine, a heat exchanger is used. The heat exchanger uses the ocean water to cool it. This keeps the ocean water from running through the block. Running coolant through the block rather than saltwater helps reduce corrosion. This system also allows the engine to run at a slightly higher temperature which also makes it easier to regulate emissions.

Closed cooling is not without its down side - there is the added cost, maintenance and a more complicated system which can lead to problems.

Closed cooling may or may not be the best solution for your boat depending on where you do your boating, how many hours you use it, and if you are able to flush the salt water out of the engine after use.

Make sure to do your homework before you decide to add fresh water cooling to your engine.

Jose turns 30!!!!!!



Our long-time employee, Jose Lopez, turned the big 3-0 in April! Happy Birthday, Jose! Jose has worked for us since he was 20 years old!

Our Granddaughter turns 1 year old!

PJ and her birthday cake!



Yum!

Photos from customers and friends



The above photos are courtesy of Jason Schmitt, who lives in an area where abalone diving is still allowed. The photos were taken by Jason's buddy Adrian Zamora; the ab Jason is collecting measured 9 1/4 inches. They were diving a spot called Dark Gulch north of Albion River.



Tony Hotchkiss' 22' Radon accompanying paddlers during the 2009 Catalina Classic Paddleboard race, Catalina island to Manhattan Beach pier, 32 miles.



The photo above was taken by Matt Moore, surfboard maker extraordinaire, while he was vacationing on the Island of Oahu. It shows the Honolulu Fire boat we built it 2000.



Mark Dexter with his daughter, Audrey Marie, on the his newly purchased, used 24' Radon, the Audrey Marie II.



Here is the Audrey Marie II after Marc re-painted it. Great job Marc!



Sam, Chloe and Oaklon Kendall vacationing in Hana, Hawaii



Photo archives



Don shakes hands with Ernie Brooks of Brook's Institute of Photography, aboard Brook's new 26' Radon on launching day - mid '80's. Stern's Wharf is in the background



Early '80's - a brand new 26' x 8' during sea trails



Loren Bracci's 27' x 9' - built in the mid '80's



This is a 25' we built for Dan Nieman in 1990. We trailered it all the way to British Columbia for

the delivery! We had Josh, Kate and our dog Foxie along! It was a great trip! Josh's favorite part - salmon fishing with Dan



Early '70's - a wooden 36' Radon under construction at the Santa Barbara Street boat yard

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