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Radon Team

President's Message

2007 was an exciting, challenging and fun-filled year and it looks like we are going to have a very similar 2008. Besides the wedding of our daughter Kate, we have some very exciting projects this year including a Fire Rescue boat for the Maui Fire Dept. as well as a custom 36' that will be powered by two Volvo IPS 600's.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our customers, family and friends a Happy New Year.

Don Radon

Featured Boat

- **Shane Robinson,**
- **Jason Robinson,**
- **Joe Campopiano,**

commercial fishermen get a new 29' Radon



Launching day!



Shane and Jason's dad, Kim, inspects their new boat



The helm



Electrical access hatch with stereo and AC outlet



Two live wells



Storage hold which converts to a hot tub - above and below



The boat has a Volvo D-6, 310 HP diesel engine



The swim step, as well as the hatches and stern rail, were built out of aluminum by Hendrix Manufacturing in Goleta



This shows the anchor puller and a custom bow roller, also built by Hendrix



Back deck views, above and below





Don looks back to make sure everything is going well





Zaca Fire sunset on launching day



At anchor, ready to go to work!



30th anniversary

We recently celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary with a trip to San Francisco. We spent some time with our customers; the Costarellas and the Monks, as well as Josh and Sarah. We all went to a Dodgers - Giants game (the Dodgers lost).

Here are some photos from the trip - D & L



On Bob Costarella's boat in the San Francisco Bay



Having dinner at a restaurant on Fisherman's Wharf



From left: Bob and Antoinette Costarella, Leona & Chris Monk

NOR CAL FISHING TRIP!

Kate and Jeremy went fishing out of San Francisco with Bob and Joe Costarella, and Joe's friend Bob



Joe Costarella with ling cod (left) and rock fish (right)



Jeremy with a ling cod



Bob with a halibut



Kate and Joe with the Farallon Islands behind them (above and below)



Engine care, part six:



Watch your exhaust!

In your car, the manifold, exhaust pipe and muffler are mounted under the car and are cooled by air. The heat that they produce does not create a danger to your car.

However, most inboard engines, including inboard outdrives, have water cooled manifolds and risers to cool the exhaust. The water that cools the exhaust system comes from the water the boat is running in. As you know, salt water is very corrosive. It is important to make sure that the water-cooled exhaust system does not have leaks.

If you see any rust lines coming from between the manifold and riser on your engine, it is most likely time to replace the gasket. If you see an excessive amount of steam coming out of the exhaust, you may have an internal leak into the exhaust. In some cases, the water can get into the engine where it can do real damage. The moisture can enter the engine and rust the valves. In some cases, it can leak past the piston rings and get into the oil.

In the worst case scenario, the amount of moisture leaking into the cylinder can surpass the capacity of the combustion chamber. If that happens, the next time you go to start the engine it won't turn over and something can break.

This may mean that your engine has water in the cylinders.

Here are some steps you can take to get your engine running again: turn off the water intake valve, turn the fuel valve off and remove the coil wire. Also remove all of the spark plugs; take precautions to make sure you can get the correct wire back onto the plugs. You can then crank the engine over to remove all of the water.

Once you have cranked the engine to remove the water, and you can see there is no water coming out of the cylinders, reverse the above procedure,

turning the water valve on *last*. You can proceed to try to start the engine. In one instance, this procedure made it possible for our boat to return to the harbor under its own power as our boat had backfired and sucked water into its cylinders. If your engine has a substantial amount of water in the cylinders, take some oil and pour it into the cylinders. Crank the engine over to protect it until a marine mechanic can troubleshoot your engine's problem. If this procedure is outside of your area of expertise, and you suspect your engine has water in its cylinders, get your boat to a marine mechanic ASAP. The longer the water is in the cylinders, the more damage it will do.

Informative web site: USCGBoating.org. This is a great site created by the Coast Guard which has lots of boating safety tips as well as boat regulations, boating equipment recalls and much more!

Radon family news

Kate and Jeremy get engaged!

On January 19th, Jeremy proposed to Kate and she accepted. They are planning a small family wedding in Idaho. Jeremy's dad, Jeff, owns property in the Tamarack resort in Idaho, and they want to get married in that area. The wedding is set for July so their wedding photos will be in our newsletter at the end of the summer.

This is exciting news and we are really looking forward to their wedding!



Jeremy and Kate at the Tamarack resort, December 2007



Matt gets married!

Our long-time employee, Matt Reid, married Joy Proctor on November 3, 2007 at the Stow House in Goleta. Kate and Joy have known each other since junior high! The wedding was awesome! We wish them all of the best!



Photos from our customers/friends/relatives



Tom and Susie Lang in the Bugaboo Mountains

The photos below are all from Tom and Susie Lang as well. They took them while scuba diving in Sulawesi, Indonesia



Ghost pipe fish



Nudibranch



Pygmy seahorse (actual size less than 1/4")



Tony Hotchkiss with his boat and his dog, Oso



Wes and Carla sent us this photo of their Radoncraft with an orca whale right next to it. They took the photo off of Oxnard

BUGS!!!!!!



Don & Cathy Mueller show off the lobsters they captured! Good job!



Kate's power lifting trainer Ryan and his wife Vanesza had their first born, Oliver, last August.

Here are some photos!



From left: Vanesza & Oliver (at 11-1/2 weeks old), Ryan, Vanesza and Oliver

Oliver is now 6 month's old! The photo below shows how much he has grown



News Flash!*

Read this story and then look at the subject line of the e-mail, below!

[The Signal: News for Santa Clarita Valley, California](#)

***Subject:** Fwd: All I could think of is I didn't get to order my RadonRobert Robertson



Photo archive



A few years back one of our 22' Radons was in a Chevy commercial which was filmed in the "Jaws" lake at Universal Studios. They hired Don as a "precision driver" with the stipulation that he shave his mustache.

In the commercial, he pulled the 22' Radon out of the water with a brand new Chevy pickup. The top photo shows Don sitting in the cart with a "talent" (?) sign next to him. The bottom photo shows the 22' in the lake.

It was an interesting and fun adventure for Don *and* Kate and they paid them to hang around Universal Studios!



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