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Radon Boats -- Newsletter



Radon Team

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President's Message

This is our 49th year in business as Radon Boats! I remember the day my Dad built our first "Radon" at our house – I came home from school and there was a stack of plywood in the driveway. I asked him what he was doing and he said he was going to build a boat. He asked me if I wanted to help him and I said yes. Probably the most important question I have ever answered in my life. The rest is history, as they say.

My dad was a visionary and a remarkably hard worker. I owe my life to him as well as my livelihood. It's been a crazy ride all these years but never dull and always interesting!

Have a great summer!

Don Radon

Featured Boats



26' - Joel Pepper

We had the pleasure of building a new 26' Radon for Joel, who is an avid paddleboarder and diver. Joel was a dream to work with! He had a good idea of what he wanted but was also willing to ask our opinion. The result was a balance of form and function. Joel is a devoted family man, so his family will be able to enjoy his boat for many years to come.

Thanks, Joel.



Don inspects the progress-almost done!



Joel's cabin showing the dinette, flip-up helm seat and lower V-berth



The helm



Cockpit



Aft storage holds



Twin 250 Evinrude E-Techs w/ Armstrong bracket



Aft deck w/ built-in transom storage and walk-thru transom



Our awesome crew with their creation



First splash!



A happy Joel!



A happy Owen!



Joel and Don on delivery day

Featured Boat #2 — Cojo — 29' Radon

The Cojo is not a *new boat*, but we wanted to share the photos from the re-launch and re-christening after extensive renovations.

You may remember this boat from our 2003 newsletter, showcasing the new 29' Brandywine - <http://radonboats.com/news/newsletter09.html>

The original owners, John and Vicki Cuccia, sold the Brandywine to Bill and Annie Parsons - 2nd time Radon boat owners <http://radonboats.com/news/newsletter12.html>

Bill and Annie wanted to take their 29' up to Washington State and cruise the San Juan Islands and British Columbia, but Bill wanted to make a few changes before the cruise. He upgraded his electronics, installed a new helm seat, put a shade over the back deck, created more room for storage with more drawers and he also officially changed the name of his boat to “Cojo”, named for his beloved surf spot in the Ranch.

Here are some photos of the *Cojo* re-launch party and their trip:



Bill stocking up on provisions pre-splash



**The Parsons's good friend, Randy Rouse, right,
reads the official Christening declaration he wrote
especially for the occasion**



Randy, Annie and Bill



Bill and Annie



Annie christening the boat with champagne bottle on the bow



Don, Randy and Bill cruising the Santa Barbara Channel

Bill shared many photos of their trip, below are some of our favorites:













Thanks for sharing, Bill and Annie!



A quote from our customer, Tom Moylan of Cal Poly:

“We are getting the Richards out a couple of times/week and loving it! Had 8 divers, 25 tanks and 2 crew out on Friday. We didn't travel too far, but even with that load of people and gear we still had space to work in”.



Basic Trailering Checklist

Never tow your boat trailer before you check to be sure:

1. Coupler, hitch and hitch ball are the same size
2. Coupler and safety chains are safely secured to hitch of tow vehicle
3. All fasteners are properly tightened
4. Boat is securely tied down to trailer (winch line is not a tie down)
5. Wheel lug nuts are properly tightened
6. Wheel bearings are properly adjusted and maintained
7. Load is within maximum load-carrying capacity
8. Tires are properly inflated
9. All trailer lighting is working properly
10. Trailer brakes are properly adjusted and working (if trailer is so equipped)
11. Be sure to check [local and state requirements](#) regarding brakes and any additional equipment that may be required

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Don was honored to be asked to be a featured guest speaker at the *California Association of Harbor Masters and Port Captains Conference*.

As usual, he impressed me (your editor *and* his wife) with his knowledge as well as his composure. With almost 50 years in this business, he has a lot to talk about and still has lots of enthusiasm for our boats and boating in general.





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

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