



Issue No. 21 Fall 2006 Editor: **Linda Radon**

Radon Team

President's Message

There are some boat builders in this great wide world that profess to build "Radons" or "like Radons" but be careful not to believe everything you hear or read. In the past, the Radon name ***was not as well protected*** as it should have been and this has caused quite a lot of confusion for our customers. People have used the name or said they build Radons that either ***weren't authorized*** to use it or ***no longer had the right to use it.***

My father, Ron Radon, Sr. created the name and he and my mom Velma ***sold the name to Linda & I in 1987.***

Over the years, the name ***Radon*** has come to stand for quality, dependability and seaworthiness. Even if someone says they build a "Radon" type boat, that does not mean they put the quality into the boat and/or have the experience to know how to build it correctly. We at D.R. Radon Boat Building, Inc. continue to strive to achieve the high standards which set us apart from other boat builders.

So, do not be deceived! We are the only company on the planet Earth that has the right to use the name "Radon Boats".

Don Radon

Featured Boats

1 - Los Angeles County Lifeguard/ Fire boat

A few months ago we delivered our second boat to Castaic Lake. This boat was different from the first boat we built then (see Radon Team Newsletter Issue #6) because it was specifically meant to fight fires at Castaic - boats on fire and fires on the shore line.



This new fire fighting/ patrol boat has a Mercruiser 496 MAG HO, 425 HP 8.1 Liter engine with a Bravo 2 outdrive and a stainless four blade prop. It has a Hale fire pump and nozzle which can pump out 500 gallons of water per minute.



Transom view w/ swim step



Samson post in front of engine compartment



Don & Matt installing fire pump engine



Fire pump engine compartment



Water pressure gauge



Water valves for the pump



Samson post and bow roller



The new 22' awaiting the first sea trial

First sea trial in Santa Barbara....





The boat was displayed at the Hall of Administration, downtown Los Angeles, as part of an honorary tribute to the lake lifeguards 75th anniversary service inception

A dedication ceremony was held in July for the new boat. Below is a copy of the program they created for the occasion

Bravo I was manufactured by D.R. Radon Boats to the individual specifications of Castaic Lake rescue personnel. While it provides all the normal rescue boat capabilities, this state-of-the-art vessel has a Hale Fire Pump that can pump 500 gallons of lake water per minute, allowing firefighting from a safe distance. This 22' rescue boat has a top speed of approximately 40 miles per hour.

Lifeguard Patrol Boat Dedication Bravo I



Welcome	Lori Bennett Regional Park Superintendent
Remarks	Russ Guiney, Director Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation Joe Walsh Lake Aquatic Manager Millie Jones, Senior Deputy Fifth Supervisorial District
Christening	Millie Jones
Demonstration	Lake Lifeguards
Refreshments	



Michael D. Antonovich
Mayor
Los Angeles County



and the
Los Angeles County
Department of Parks and Recreation
welcome you to the dedication of the



Castaic Lake Lifeguard Patrol Boat
Castaic Lake Recreation Area, Castaic CA 91384
July 13, 2006



Here is Ralph Searcy, Supervising Lake Lifeguard at Lake Castaic,

speaking at the dedication.

Ralph was our main contact and a big help at Lake Castaic during the boat construction



Ralph Searcy, Millie Jones (Field Deputy for 5th District Supervisor Mike Antonovich) and Russ Guiney (Director of Parks & Recreation, County of Los Angeles) christen the boat before it launches



This photo shows a patrolman/lifeguard demonstrating how they use a hose to put out fires when they use the first lifeguard boat we built for L.A. County...



...in the second and third photos they are demonstrating how the fire pump works in the new boat.



Don in control of water nozzle



From left: Don, Linda, Pete Moore (Senior Lake Lifeguard), Ralph, Millie, Lori Bennett (Regional Park Superintendent), Russ, and Jared Kingsbury(Recurrent Lake Lifeguard)

2 featured boat - Chris Monk's 29'



Chris's boat at the dock in Bodega Bay harbor

We recently went on a salmon fishing trip with Chris. Along for the adventure was another customer of ours, Bob Costarella, and Bob's son Joe. Bob is a friend of Chris's and ordered a Classic 26' Radon from us after seeing Chris's boat.

Chris at the helm



Joe, Bob and Chris before the trip

On the way out of the Bodega Bay harbor...

Linda & Don



Don and Bob Costarella

With Joe's help, Linda catches the first fish...



and here it is

Joe Costarella with a fine salmon



Bob and Joe with a salmon in the net

Don & Chris



**Chris Monk, fisherman extraordinaire!
Joe nets one...**





...and puts it in Chris' fish box

A giant thanks to Chris for taking us along on his boat!

Here are the stats from Chris's first boat test:

RPM	GAL HR.	Speed mph	Miles Per Gal.
600	.27	4.2	15.56
1500	2.7	8.2	3.04
2000	5.3	12.2	2.30
2100	6.0	15.0	2.50
2400	6.9	20.0	2.90
2500	7.3	21.9	3.00
2800	8.63	25.9	3.00
3000	10.0	29.1	2.91
3600 ^{wot}	16.9	39.6	2.34

Volvo d6-310 hp. Engine & drive
with G-4 Props

Monk 29.5ft Radon Boat 1st water test

WOW ⁰ what a machine

Chris



The Radon crew with Chris on the day that he picked up his boat



(Photo courtesy of Lance Merker)

Shop Boating Tip

Many times on television, newspaper and radio you see or hear public service announcements regarding boating safety, especially during certain times of year. We strongly believe in these types of announcements. However, we have noticed that they usually don't mention what we consider to be one of the most important safety items for boaters - *the anchor and anchor gear*.

Your anchor gear is important because it may be *the only thing* that keeps you from drifting into another boat, the pier, rocks, or breaking waves if your power source is cut off. If you should find yourself with no power, and no immediate possibility of having power, and in danger of hitting something, your anchor should be set as soon as possible.

So, when you are getting your boat ready for boating season, pay very close attention to your anchor and anchor gear. This means checking the line and chain for wear and tear, and replacing anything that is not in optimum working order. By doing this you may be making the difference between a positive boating experience and a tragedy.





Engine care - Part 2

- Change your engine oil often. Most engine manufacturers recommend changing your engine oil a minimum of every 100 hours or once a year.
- Start your engine and warm it up as often as possible even if you don't have time to use your boat. This will keep the internal engine parts coated with oil and reduce moisture.
- Always flush your engine thoroughly after you use your boat in salt water. Many of our customers use Salt-away or other engine flushing treatments to further remove salt and prevent salt build up inside the engine. The manufacturers of these products also claim that their products provide long-lasting corrosion protection. At any rate, we have seen some good results from these products and they are worth using.

Photos from our customers/friends/relatives



**Dave Paden took this photo of his Radon Sport 21 in Becher's bay off Santa Rosa Island
Doesn't it make you want to be there?**



**This photo was taken in Morro Bay by Scott and Julie Barnett
while they were on their anniversary trip**

Babies!

Presenting.... At 7 pounds 9.5 ounces and 21 inches long...



...Jose Antonio Lopez, Jr., newborn son of Jose and Clarissa



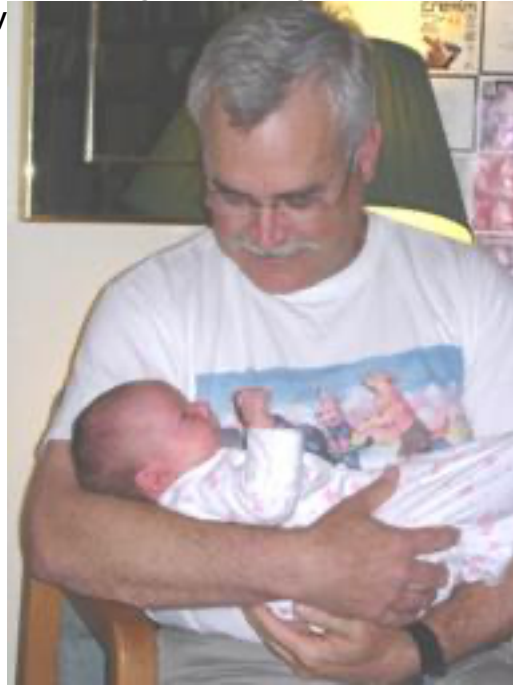
their daughter, Alizea, holds little Jose

And, Jason & Meggan Rick's new son, *Griffin Daniel Rick* with Dad & Mom, below



And last but not least, Jim and Lori Short's new granddaughter, Elby

Jim and Elby



Web site of interest

I just found a web site that may be of interest to some of you:
<http://www.takemefishing.org/>. Check it out!

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Matt goes fishing with Eric Downs!



Our employee, Matt, with the 175 pound thresher shark he caught off the coast near Oceanside

Ralph O'Brien

Linda's dad, Dr. Ralph O'Brien, was featured in a Memorial Day article in his local newspaper in Griffin, Georgia. Ralph was a pharmacist's mate in the Navy on the USS Griffin, a submarine and patrol boat tender during WWII

Here is the photo they ran with the article



Waiting for surf



Here are Don & Linda's surfboards patiently waiting for surf....

Radon Team's Power Lifting Star!

Here is a photo of our daughter and employee, Kate Radon, bench pressing 402 pounds at a power lifting competition in Concord. You go, girl!



Radon crew summer party at Stow Grove Park!



Tribute

Foxie Radon, 1989-2006

Many of our regular "Radon Team" readers probably remember the photo below from a past newsletter. We call it "the boss" and it is of our beloved dog Foxie sitting at Don's desk

Sadly, Foxie passed away in June. He was a great dog and we miss him.



Photo archive



Kate Radon, circa 1987, fishing on a Radon Sport 21
Kate's 25th birthday is on December 1st!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY KATE

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