



Radon Team

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President's message

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our readers for their interest, contributions and support in 2004.

*Have an enjoyable holiday season and a healthy and productive New Year.
See you in 2005!*

Don Radon



Featured boat

Tom Chung's Radon 29' with Cummins V-drive



Tom running his boat outside of Long Beach





The unique engine hatch has tank racks alongside and opens two ways in order to access the engine while the tanks are in place



The engine hatch fully opened



Tom's dinette with map of Channel Islands on table



Built in propane stove...



Stove top converts to extra seat with cushion



The dash

Performance numbers sent to us in an e-mail from Tom:

“Don,

These are the performance numbers from the trip this morning.

rpm	speed(kn)	Boost	Pyro	Fuel burn	eng temp
1200	8.6	2.2	7.5	4.5	160
1400	10	4	7.5	6.5	160
1600	13.6	6.7	9	8	160
1800	17.5	9.5	9	9.5	160
2000	21.5	13	8.5	11.5	160
2100	22.7	15	8.5	12	160
2200	24.5	18	8	14	160
2300	25.9	20.5	8	15	160
2400	27.5	24	7.9	16	160
2500	28.5	27	8	18.5	160
2600	29.9	29	8	+++	160
2750	30.5	29+	9	+++	160

Note: +++ = flow scan only shows max of 20gal/hr “

* Boat was tested with approximately 240 gallons of fuel



Tom Chung and Don Radon

Shop Tip



Stainless steel maintenance

This tip was given to us by Tom Lang

Even stainless steel needs some T.L.C. at some point. If your stainless is looking funky there is a great product that will spruce it up considerably.

It is made by 3M, and it is called Marine Metal Restorer and Polish. We tested this product on a stainless bow rail this week, and it really made a remarkable difference. Try it - you'll like it!

Fishing Tip



Marker buoys for catching rock fish

With all of the high-tech electronics which fisherman have to locate fish these days, some traditionally used methods for catching fish have gone by the wayside. One of these methods is the use of the *marker buoy*.

Rock fishing often depends on being right on the spot to catch the fish you are fishing for. A good GPS can get you a few feet from the spot; but sometimes that isn't close enough.

Your sounder can show you fish and show you the bottom - however it may not show the fish that are biting.

A trick that fisherman have been using for years and is still valid today is the use of a buoy. Almost all of us make our own buoys for this purpose. Making a marker buoy is very simple. It takes three things: a float, some line and a weight. The float can be just about anything that floats. Keep in mind that the float should be large enough to see and small enough to stow easily.

The line I prefer is 80 pound Dacron - it is inexpensive and it stretches very little. You can use almost any type of line - the thinner lines will have less drag and be less affected by the current. The weight has to be heavy enough to hold the float in place. I use a 2 pound fishing weight, but if you are fishing in deep water you may have to use a heavier weight.

I use a foam lobster trap marker for my buoy and tie one end of the line to the buoy. I then wrap the rest of the line around the buoy. Next, I make a rubber band from a motor cycle inner tube to hold the line in place once I put the buoy out.

How I use the marker buoy is simple: once I get on the spot where the fish are biting I drop the weight over the side. When the weight reaches the bottom I secure the line and throw the buoy over the boat side. This enables me to go back to the exact spot where I found the fish. At this time I also mark the spot on my GPS.

Thanks to Lou Christman of the Nanci B for this tip

Fish Soup



Ingredients

3 carrots, cut in squares

1 sliced onion

3 to 4 red potatoes, cut in squares

4 cloves of garlic

4 sticks of celery

3 sliced tomatoes

½ head of cabbage, sliced

Fish of choice, cleaned and cut up as desired

Put ¼ cup of oil in a pot. Sauté the garlic, tomato, onion. Smash the tomato until it gets mushy. Add the potatoes, cabbage and celery and sauté. Add 1 tsp of black pepper and 2 T of chicken bouillon. While you are sautéing the veggies put 14 cups of water in a large pot and bring to boil.

Now you can add all of the veggies to the boiling water. When veggies are all soft add your fish with a pinch of crushed oregano. Bring soup to boil again. Cover and turn off right away. Enjoy!

Photo gallery



Jeremy with a rock fish he caught off of Santa Rosa Island
(this looks like a good fish for Peggy Lopez's fish soup!)



The Port San Luis Harbor Patrol / Rescue staff on their 26' Radon



Tom Sawyer's Radon 22' leaves Porto Escondido harbor
16 miles south of Loreto in Baja California



This photo was sent to us by Mark Borden, who owns a 15' Radon and fishes out of Northern California. Here are some excerpts from Mark's e-mail:

"The salmon was a few ounces over 40 lbs, and my boy, Drake is 24 lbs at 12 months of age....(my boat is) rigged as a combination Bass/Dive boat she has served me very well. I have used her (The Erin E-3) for everything from tournament bass fishing to island hopping while shooting WSB and Yellows. With the 75 hp Merc she is very fast and fun to drive among the (starting gun take-off) maelstrom of bigger bass boats, which are much less seaworthy. Running the bar at Tomales is demanding at times and several boats and crews are lost there each season, but I have never had a problem. I rigged the rear holds for fish/live wells, and they are about 30 gallons each. The Bass stay alive well for weigh-in".

Photo archive





Ron Radon Sr. is happy to deliver the “Knotty Lady”, a 36’ bow picker headed for Alaska in the mid ‘70’s

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