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Radon Team

President's Message

To all of our loyal "Radon Team" readers out there who have been clamoring for a new newsletter - here it is! We appreciate your patience! 2010 was a busy year! This newsletter is, for the most part, a record of the second half of the year.

We promise to bring more Radon Team newsletters coming your way and we are looking forward to an awesome 2011.

Don Radon

Featured Boat

Doug and Mary Jo McLeod's third Radon!

The McLeod's have been loyal fans of our boats for many years. We have just completed their third Radon, a 26' D.R. Radon Classic, aptly named "Third Time".



The McLeod's new 26' on a foggy day off the Channel Islands



Our crew goes for a ride on the new 26' x 8'6" Radon Classic



Yes, it's true - this is the McLeod's third Radon



Matthew and Don installing one of the McLeod's engines

The McLeod's new 26' is powered with twin Volvo 225 HP V6 engines with dual props.

Their boat also has dual helm seats, a dinette, sea water head, full Garmin electronics, hot tub, a bimini covering the back deck, Maxwell windlass, inverter, microwave, and a sink and galley area with a storage drawers. It also has a heavy-duty commercial swim step.

Photo below: the dual helm seats with the passenger side helm seat facing the dinette table.



The sea-water head



Jeremy gets the tie-up lines ready at the launching ramp



*Doug and Mary Jo McLeod-
two of our favorite people!*

Many thanks to you both!

*Featured boat #2
Ron Newton's Signature 22'*



Ron's boat on the way to the Channel Islands



Ron with his boat at the launching ramp



Ron & Don



Ron's new 22' has a 300 HP Mercruiser engine...



as well as a 9.9 HP Honda kicker



It is also equipped with a Flir night vision camera





Jeremy installs the Flir...



And Don checks it out



Happy Ron!

Once again, our company has been blessed with another great customer in Ron Newton. We hope the Newton family enjoys their boat!

Featured Boat #3
Costner's custom 36'



Damon from Harbor Marineworks prepares for the splash - you can see the Volvo IPS drives on the bottom of the hull



Running in the Santa Barbara channel



The Command Center



The dinette and table with the Channel Island's map on it



The helm seat with galley aft - the large teak door has an...ice chest inside





The above photo shows the fold-down seat built by Hendrix Manufacturing, as well as the swim step and built-in fiberglass bait tank.



The 36' Radon has a walk-in head and shower with a wetsuit hanger



A GIANT thanks to our crew for doing such a good job on this boat. We would like to thank the additional craftsmen who provided parts, specifically Hendrix Mfg., Paxson Canvas, and Dan Shannon stainless for their fine work. Also, thanks to Harbor Marineworks and Lynn's towing for getting the boat safely in the water. A big shout out to the Schwan Brothers for all of their help and support while this boat was being built.

Engine care, part eight:



Fuel system

A boat's fuel system should be inspected every year. In the event that you smell fuel or see fuel in the bilge, this may indicate there is a leak.

Never use a boat that has a fuel leak.

If you aren't going to use your boat for a long period of time, you should leave the tank only partially full and you should add a fuel additive to keep the fuel fresh. I realize *that back in the day* it was thought that one should always leave the tank full to reduce the condensation.

However, with the new types of fuel, you may run the risk of ending up with a tank full of bad fuel. Before using your boat again, I recommend adding fresh fuel.

Common fuel system problems are: broken or loose hose clamps, old cracked hoses, loose screws or a bad gasket in the fuel sender, loose fittings, defective fuel valve, leaky carburetor or plugged fuel tank vents, to name a few.

But the #1 most common problem I see with fuel systems on boats is having a plugged water separating fuel filter. All boats should have a water separating fuel filter and they should be changed at least once a year. If you are running lots of fuel through the filter or you happen to get some poor quality fuel, you may want to change it more often.

If you have an ongoing problem with the fuel system in your boat, and have ruled out all of the above problems, I would check your fuel tank. Debris may be inside the tank and may be plugging the fuel pickup. If it is plugged, it should be an easy fix by a competent marine mechanic.

If your fuel tank is corroded through or cracked, it should be replaced.

Channel Island trips!

*Here are some photos from our Channel Island trips over the past several months
Up first - our trip with the McCune family last June*



Matthew's first trip into Painted Cave



Jeremy and his Dad Jeff with their fish



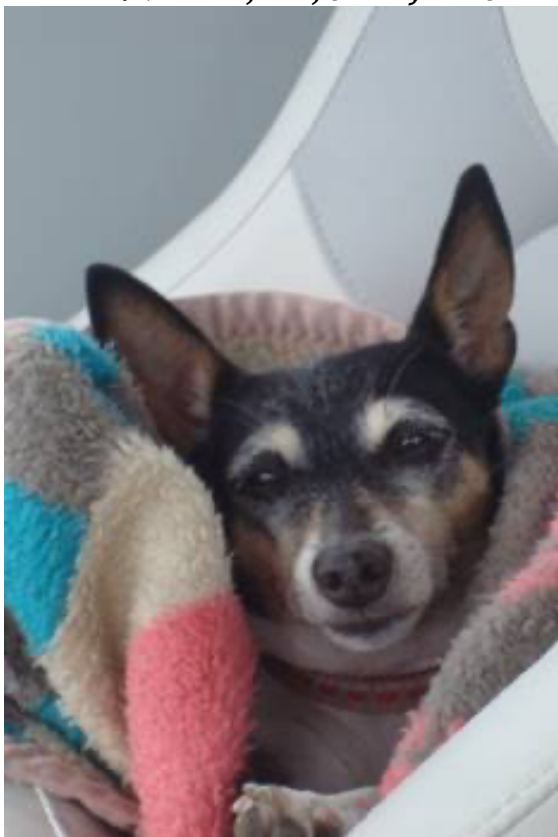
Linda with her catch



Jeremy shows off his rock fish



From left: Matthew, Don, Jeremy and Jeff



Cassie loves boat rides!

Next, a 4th of July trip with Bill and Annie Parsons!



Don waiting impatiently at the launching ramp



Bill and Annie Parsons - fun people to hang out with!



Don, Linda & Cassie go for a spin



Annie reads while Bill and Don surf...



They were the two best surfers out that day!



Bill surfs!



Don surfs!



Heading back home

Many thanks to Lance Merker, who let us "test" his boat

Ranch surf trip with Tony Hotchkiss



*We restore the Santa Barbara Harbor Patrol's 32' Radon
Before...*



And after



*Back on patrol!
P.J.'s Fiesta parade!*



Photos from customers & friends



Jason Schmit's diving buddy Adrian Zamora holds up a 48lb white sea bass he speared

The Kendall family goes for a boat ride!



Oaklon the boat captain!



Sam and Oaklon heading out of the harbor

Many thanks to Sam and Chloe for bringing their 17' Radon into our shop for the re-power



Tom “ the halibut slayer” Chung

Look in the next newsletter for photos of Tom’s boat after we added a hard top

Dr. Ralph G. O'Brien
August 27, 1921 - June 5, 2010



Last June, Linda's dad passed away. He had a great life and he will be missed. He loved boats and was very happy that his daughter married a boat builder (imagine that?). Rest in peace, Dad



Photo archives

Thanks to Bev Morgan for these photos



Above - This is how we used to build hulls in the 1970's





Don freeboarding off the beach in Santa Barbara behind Harold Montgomery's new Radon, 1972



**RADON 24
1972**



RON RADON SR.

I have good memories of building this boat alongside Dad
Radon Team is finished for now! See you next time!