

CLYC June 2024 Deckhands of the Month!

Donna Ritchie

This month's Deckhand of the Month is Donna Ritchie. Donna and her husband Lance, have lived in the community for the past eleven years. High school sweethearts from the South Bay, they share a daughter and two grandchildren who often visit Canyon Lake. Donna loves to travel as long as it doesn't involve flying! Both she and Lance are true Dodger fans, but don't often have enough time to catch a game at the Ravine. Donna also has a deep passion for photography, capturing unique moments in Canyon Lake.

Community Engagement

Many people know Donna from the Canyon Lake Insider, an independent online news platform. However, few realize the extent of her contributions. Donna helps every club in Canyon Lake by publishing, advertising, and covering their events. Most weekends, she attends multiple events, ensuring they are all documented. Quick with a photo and post, Donna is truly on the pulse of this community. Residents rely on Donna's Facebook site and the Insider Edition for the latest news.

Emergency Response and Historical Preservation

Donna is also a key point of contact during emergencies, collaborating with local officials and response teams to keep everyone informed. Her passion for the community extends to preserving its history. Donna is becoming the historian of Canyon Lake, capturing stories and historical accounts from longtime residents and past officials.

Support for CLYC

The Canyon Lake Yacht Club (CLYC) is especially grateful for Donna's support. This year, as I began my duties as Commodore, Donna helped me and the other board members establish ourselves and promote our events. In June, Donna promoted and covered the quarterly picnic, scholarship awards, and the Yacht Rock and Full Moon Cruise. Beyond that, she is always willing to take a call to discuss topics or provide context.

Appreciation Dinner

Our club and community are fortunate to have Donna and Lance as residents and CLYC members. To show our appreciation, Donna and Lance were accompanied by Commodore Rob Mora, Vice Commodore Dave Carter, and Purser Lynette Rodriguez for dinner at the Lodge Restaurant, where we asked our Sailor Six Questions.

Sailor Six Questions & Answers:

1. How long have you lived in Canyon Lake? **11 years**
2. How long have you been a member of the CL Yacht Club? **6 years**
3. If you were stranded on an island, where would you want to be? **Greek Islands**
4. What YC event do you look forward to the most? **Parade of Lights**
5. Favorite water activity? **Boat tie-ups**
6. Does your boat have a name? If not, what would you call it? **Hermosa Vida (Beautiful Life)**