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Canyon Lake Celebrates the Opening Day of Boating Season

CANYON LAKE, CA – On an absolutely picture-perfect day the Canyon Lake Yacht Club officiated the Opening Day of Boating Season and Blessing of the Boats as over 120 people participated in the event. The short ceremony April 6, 2024, signaled the official beginning of the boating season in Canyon Lake, California.

Commodore Rob Mora of the Canyon Lake Yacht Club opened the event with welcoming remarks, followed by an honor guard from local Boy Scout Troop 2011 presenting our nation's colors for the National Anthem performed by solo artist Aprile DeAnne McKinnon and the Pledge of Allegiance by the Boy Scout Troop 2011

Representing the City of Canyon Lake, Mayor Dale Welty offered a few remarks and a friendly reminder for all boaters to continue to be safe and look out for one another.

Representing the Canyon Lake Property Owners Association, Secretary Joe Karnashian noted the Yacht Club's many community efforts, lake cleanup days, promotion of safe boating and of course, production of the popular annual holiday Parade of Lights, the oldest lighted boat parade in the Inland Empire.

Pastor Thor Ramsey provided a message of belief and trust to all the guest in participation including an individual blessing to each boat that passed the dock.

The Yacht Club welcomed guests Staff Commodore Bruce Davis Rick & Jean Tobin from Shoreline Yacht Club of Long Beach to extend their greetings and well wishes. In the tradition of visiting yacht clubs,

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Commodore Rob gave Canyon Lake Yacht Club burgee to Shoreline Yacht Club Staff Commodore Bruce Davis and Rick Tobin, after which the two guests reciprocated with a gift of a Shoreline YC burgee.

At the end of the ceremony the Shoreline Yacht Club guests unveiled their club's signal cannon, brought to help Canyon Lake celebrate Opening Day. In opening day ceremonies in virtually every boating city, yacht clubs blast a signal cannon, maintaining a tradition that began when cannon blasts were used to crack ice on spring harbors so that boats could navigate after the event. With three mighty blasts of the cannon the lake was declared officially open by Commodore Rob Mora.

With all the recent rain the causeway tunnel would not allow for some boats to clear the tunnel so many attended the experience from the shore. Nearly 20 boats then lined up and paraded past the viewing stand where Pastor Thor Ramsey extended a benediction blessing. Commodore Rob saluted each boat indicating that it had passed inspection and was clear to cruise on the lake.

Yacht Club member Jim Lang led the boats in a slow lap around the lake with numerous folks enjoying the beautiful weather from the lodge or main causeway.

About the Canyon Lake Yacht Club

Canyon Lake Yacht Club was established in 1990 by Canyon Lake residents that loved to get out on the water. Since that time, it has operated as a social and philanthropic club within the Canyon Lake constellation of sanctioned clubs and organizations. The Yacht Club is a 501(c)3 nonprofit club, which provides many benefits for members, the Club, and the sponsors that help support events and services for the community, since all donations are tax deductible.

The Club of over 200 members maintains a busy social calendar, bringing members and guests together for over 30 events annually, including dinners, cruises and other activities. The club also produces several annual community events including the annual holiday Parade of Lights in December, Lake Clean Up days, Clinics for boat owners and kids, and an annual awards luncheon where college scholarships are awarded to local students.

More information is available on the club's website – www.canyonlakeyachtclub.org

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