

CLYC October 2024 Deckhands of the Month!

Jeff Taylor

It's our pleasure to recognize Jeff Taylor as October's **Deckhand of the Month!** To say Jeff does it all is an understatement. He has been a cornerstone and an invaluable member of the Yacht Club.

Jeff's contributions are numerous. He provided water taxi services for both Fiesta Days and the CLYC Skipper Island Chili Cook-Off. He has served as a driver trainer for the "Learn How to Drive Your Boat" clinic, participated in countless sunset cruises, and even stepped in to captain cruises when needed. Jeff also shared his expertise as a speaker at the recent "How to Decorate Your Boat" clinic, where he revealed his tricks for creating stunning displays.

When it comes to festive decorations, Jeff is in a league of his own. For years, he has transformed his home into a Halloween and Christmas wonderland, including an incredible light display featuring over 46,000 lights! It's safe to say Jeff knows how to make an impression. This year, he'll co-captain the Gingerbread Boat in the Parade of Lights, adding yet another feather to his cap.

A Little About Jeff

Jeff was born in Long Beach, CA, and lived in Hermosa Beach up until the age of 14. He began driving boats at the age of 10 and spent his teenage years fishing and surfing. Although he no longer surfs, his passion for fishing has endured, and he knows all the secret spots around the lake for a great catch-and-release adventure.

Jeff's professional background is as diverse as his skills, with experience in Yamaha watercraft, motorsports, and recreational industries. After a work-related accident prompted a change in direction, he and his wife Nicole embarked on a new chapter of their lives.

Jeff and Nicole, who grew up attending rival high schools in Mission Viejo, eventually crossed paths at a local pub. Their connection blossomed, and two and a half years later, they tied the knot. They've now been married for five years and moved to the Lake three years ago—though it feels like they've been part of our community forever.

Together, Jeff and Nicole are active in numerous clubs and philanthropic efforts, always willing to lend a hand. They're also live music enthusiasts, frequent concertgoers, and regular Bingo winners (much to the envy of fellow players!).

A Grateful Community

The Yacht Club and the greater Canyon Lake community are truly fortunate to have Jeff and Nicole among us. Jeff's dedication, enthusiasm, and willingness to go the extra mile have significantly contributed to the success of many events throughout the year.

To show our appreciation, Jeff and Nicole were honored at a dinner at the Canyon Lake Country Club, accompanied by Commodore Rob Mora, Vice Commodore Dave Carter, and Membership Chair Cathy Lekawa.

Thank you, Jeff, for your tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to our club and community. We are deeply grateful for all you do!

Sailor Six Questions & Answers:

1. How long have you lived in Canyon Lake? **3 years**
2. How long have you been a member of the CL Yacht Club? **3 years**
3. If you were stranded on an island, where would you want to be? **Oak Island “Looking for a treasure”**
4. What YC event do you look forward to the most? **Any activity on the water**
5. Favorite water activity? **Fishing & Floating**
6. Does your boat have a name? If not, what would you call it? **Wet My Taz**