

South Coast Yachts Welcomes Two to Its Team

Bob Bergman and Rob Harring join the staff at the San Diego Beneteau and Schock Harbor Daysailer dealer.

By Nu Yang

SAN DIEGO — Two new faces have joined South Coast Yachts, a platinum-level Beneteau dealer and the Schock Harbor Daysailer dealer of San Diego — and although they may be new to customers, they aren't-

strangers to sailing.

Bob Bergman is the new service manager and will head up the new service facility at 2390 Shelter Island Drive. The 60-year-old grew up as a "Navy brat" and started taking sailing lessons in junior high school.

As a second grader in Key West, Fla., he already owned a boat. The young Bergman found *The Doughnut* — named for two holes in the vessel — abandoned on the beach after it was left behind by Cuban refugees.



Rob Harring



Bob Bergman

After fixing it up with his father, he used the boat to fish.

A quest for adventure led him to sail the Caribbean from 1999 to 2003 in a cutter-rigged sloop.

Later, while working with Island Packet in San Diego, he found time to sail up and down the West Coast. Bergman left Island Packet after seven years to join South Coast Yachts, in March.

"What attracted me to South Coast is that it's an innovative company," he said. "It's looking ahead to the future of sailing."

Another incentive was his co-workers. "They're tremendous people," Bergman said. "They're all sailors first and salesmen second."

As service manager, Bergman's goal is to establish the service department and take care of his customers, providing whatever services they may need.

New sales associate Rob Harring has also joined the staff at South Coast Yachts. Harring, 29, started sailing when he was 4 years old. He started his racing career on the lakes in

Wisconsin, before coming to the University of Southern California to sail at a collegiate level.

Before joining South Coast, Harring was a senior instructor with J-World Sailing School in San Diego, for six years. Using his teaching experience at his new position, Harring said he is better equipped to understand what people need and are looking for in their next boat, depending on their sailing experience levels and their goals for that boat.

Since joining the team in early April, Harring said he has met many sailors, and he has helped make their "sailing dreams come true."

Both Bergman and Harring agree they love coming to work. "I work at the docks in San Diego," Bergman said. "I know a thousand people who would like to have my job."

Visit Bergman and Harring, along with the rest of the South Coast Yachts team, at 955 Harbor Island Drive at Sunroad Resort Marina. For more information, call (619) 224-7784 or visit scyachts.com.

Local Radio Station Keeps Island Connected

AVALON — Located in a bright green tropical cabana between a World War I-era machine gun and a matching portable toilet in Avalon City Park, Island Radio KISL 88.7 FM greets tourists as they disembark from boats in the harbor with a vibrant blend of music, community news and unique island programming.

Now celebrating 10 years of broadcasting at Catalina, KISL has transformed itself from a radio station to an interactive part of small-town life, utilizing the latest technology. For example, anyone on the island with an iPhone can join the station's "iPhone Squad" of roving reporters, who can send their voices to the airwaves with a click of the "send" button.

To keep the station humming with

new volunteers, KISL station manager David Markowitz teaches broadcasting and DJ classes to local teenagers and adults. A Saturday afternoon "Voices of Avalon" show is produced entirely by Avalon High School teens. Meanwhile, local adult volunteers operate the station equipment and share music, stories and news.

KISL is member supported, so there are no commercials. Membership comes with a card good for freebies, discounts on merchandise and even island tours. For more information, visit kislavalon.com/membership.

Listeners can stream Island Radio at kislavalon.com and can also find the station on Facebook and Twitter. The request and information line is at (424) 226-2837 (HA-HA-BOATER).

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Admission is free. For information, call (805) 985-6400.

June 25 • Yacht Dog Show, Two Harbors. Put on the doggie life jackets, head for the island and then hurry ashore for the annual Yacht Dog Show. Strut your mutt and show the judges what your boating dog can do. For more information, go to visittwoharbors.com.

June 30 • Meet the Mechanic, Chula Vista. Take advantage of the opportunity to speak to a marine mechanic from 6-7:30 p.m. at Chula Vista Marina. The mechanic will provide details on do-it-yourself engine repairs and will give advice on maintenance and upkeep of your boat. Reservations can be made at the office or by emailing boatslips@cvmarina.com and must be received by June 25.

CLASSES

May 29, June 11-12 • Fly Fishing 101, Fullerton, Pasadena, Van Nuys. Local Orvis retail stores will offer free fly fishing classes this spring and summer. Fly Fishing 101 teaches the basics of the sport. Reservations are required, and there is a

15-student maximum per class. For more information, call (714) 525-1827 (Fullerton), (626) 356-8000 (Pasadena) or (818) 785-7306 (Van Nuys).

June 2 • Piloting, Long Beach. Alamitos Sail and Power Squadron will offer this basic course at 7 p.m. Thursdays at Seal Beach YC. The class focuses on navigation on recreational boats using GPS as a primary navigation tool. The cost is \$50 for members; \$100 for the public. For more information or to pre-register, call (714) 840-0302 or email ddawes@dawespatents.com.

June 2 • Boating Safety and Skills, Newport Beach. Alamitos Sail and Power Squadron will host its last seminar in this series from 7-9 p.m. For more information or to register, call (714) 840-0302 or email ddawes@dawespatents.com.

June 4-5 • Fly Fishing 201, Fullerton, Pasadena and Van Nuys. Local Orvis retail stores will offer free fly fishing classes this spring and summer. Fly Fishing 201 takes participants out to the water to test their new skills. Reservations are required, and there is a 15-student maximum per class. For more information, call (714) 525-1827 (Fullerton), (626) 356-8000 (Pasadena) or (818) 785-7306 (Van Nuys).

June 9 • US Sailing Coastal Navigation Certification, Newport Beach. The Orange

Coast College School of Sailing and Seamanship will offer these classes from 6-9 p.m. Thursdays until July 14. Tuition is \$275. Visit occsailing.augusoft.net to register.

June 14 • Paddle Sports America, Marina del Rey. Topics at this one-day class from 7-9:30 p.m. at California YC include understanding paddlecraft characteristics, capacity, safety and legal requirements. The course fee is \$25. To

register, email uscgaweb@gmail.com or visit smbcga.org for more information.

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