

Inaugural Cheoy Lee Rendezvous Raises Money for Maritime Museum

SAN DIEGO'S FIRST Cheoy Lee Rendezvous got off to a bumpy start on March 12, when eight boats and 20 people from the new San Diego branch of the Cheoy Lee Association anchored off Glorietta Bay, only to find out that there was not enough room in the designated anchorage area to accommodate all of the boats.

Not letting a small problem like anchoring get in their way, some of the boats departed for La Playa Cove, the group's destination. The next day, some of the rendezvous participants cruised the short distance back to Glorietta Bay to pick up those that had anchored there the previous night and take them back to La Playa Cove.

That night, dinner was hosted by Southwestern Yacht Club in San Diego. In addition to dinner, a raffle was conducted and everyone came home with a memento. To raise money for the Maritime Museum of San Diego, the group held a second raffle and charged \$5 per ticket. This raffle had larger prizes donated by area businesses, such as gift certificates to area marine supply stores, weekend transient dockage at Chula Vista Marina and a pair of binoculars. After the raffle was finished, \$200 had been



Jamie Sibley photo

SMOOTH SAILING — Other than having a slight problem finding room enough for everyone to anchor the first night, the first Cheoy Lee Rendezvous in San Diego went smoothly, culminating in a raffle with ticket sales benefiting the Maritime Museum of San Diego.

raised for the museum.

Though the first rendezvous for the burgeoning group went relatively smoothly, even after the first night's anchor-

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ing situation, member and coordinator Jamie Sibley recognized some things that he and the group could do differently next year for an even more successful rendezvous. "Next year, I plan to spread the word to some of our (Cheoy Lee) owners up north," he said, "in the hopes of gathering many more boats and owners to the event."

Atypical Numbers of Sardines Sucked Into Nuclear Power Plant

IN FEBRUARY, the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) experienced a massive influx of sardines swept into its intake tunnels in a one-day period. The fish, amounting to 13,000 pounds (about a 650 percent increase from usual daily amounts) died as a result.

SONGS and other power plants have implemented methods to screen out the fish from these intakes, but the high quantity of fish in this instance prevented the system from working properly, officials said.

A system of rakes and a "fish elevator" are used to screen out marine life and return it to the ocean. According to Ray Golden, spokesman for Edison International, majority owner of SONGS, these methods have been studied at the plant and have been shown to be 90 percent effective at saving the lives of fish. A study on the mortality rate of larvae is planned for the near future.

In response to the risk to marine life at these facilities, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has established new regulations to reduce the numbers of fish and other aquatic life trapped in cooling water intake structures at power-generating stations. An addition to the Clean Water Act, the rule will require plants that draw 50 million gallons per day or more of water from rivers, lakes, streams, reservoirs, estuaries, oceans or other U.S. waters to conduct studies and implement procedures to reduce the mortality rate of marine life.

The rule states that the performance standard expected from the nation's plants is an 80 to 95 percent reduction in mortality rates.

As for SONGS, Golden was confident that the facility would meet the EPA's standard. He pointed out that it has already done a number of studies relating to this topic and said that over the next two years the facility will be conducting a massive study to come up with methods to save even more fish.

Golden also pointed out that Southern California Edison (subsidiary of Edison International) has done much to support environmental concerns in Southern California, including the creation of a 150-acre kelp reef near San Clemente, the restoration of 150 acres of partially degraded wetlands in Del Mar and the expenditure of \$5 million on a fish hatchery in Carlsbad.

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