



# ONE PARTICULAR NEWSLETTER

Official Newsletter of the Orange County Parrot Head Club



## SDPHC 30th Anniversary Party Recap

OCPHC members recast their experience at Campland for the SDPHC 20th Anniversary Party

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## Jimmy Buffett Exhibition opens at Maritime Museum

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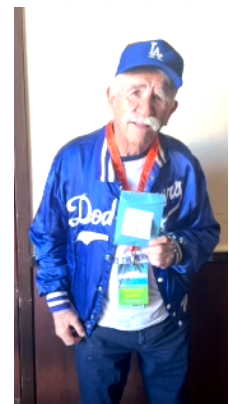
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## Growing older but not up

Check out photos on **page 6** from the November Phlocking at Sauced BBQ in Irvine.



## Our Vampires, Mummies and the Holy Ghost Halloween Phlocking



Our costume award winners! First place goes to Jason Morris as a pirate, second place goes to Alicia Kuhn as a mermaid and third place goes to Ron Birek as Tommy Lasorda! The club raised \$255 from the 50/50 raffle to donate to the Ronald McDonald House.



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## SDPHC 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party at Campland in San Diego- Sept. 18-23

By John and Judi Russi

The San Diego Parrot Head Club hosts their anniversary party each year at Campland on Mission Bay in San Diego. They are the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest club by

membership in the country. One of the Margaritaville retirement communities in Florida evidently has membership to their club baked into their CCRS - need a fact check on this Google sleuths.



Some of San Diego's members are only members due to this event. It is quite the happening! It starts on Thursday at 2pm check-in until Sunday check-out. They may as well call this the west coast migration as members of clubs near and far phlock in for the party. We met people from Salt Lake City, Arizona, and Indio who come every year. Many campers (who are not Parrotheads per se) choose to come in September just to enjoy this event. It's the closest thing to a Jimmy Buffett tailgate party that exists today. Everyone's campsites were highly (and lightly) decorated to add to the great atmosphere. Shout out to Jason Morris who made us a cool sign "Stop by, say HI, Have A Margarit—ti" for our campsite tiki bar.

The Orange County contingent was Wes Thouroughman, Kathy Dimeo, John Lieschenring and us, John and Judi Russi. Wes and Kathy were volunteers extraordinaire, lending a hand at virtually every opportunity. Our volunteer shift was selling raffle tickets and we did a respectable job. We walked the campground with raffle tickets, margaritas and bar snacks in hand, using the sales pitch "free margaritas and snacks, but they taste so much better with the purchase of raffle tickets!"

The weekend featured live music Thursday and Friday nights and all-

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## Upcoming Events

### *New Year's Phlocking*

*Saturday, January 17th*

*Noon to 4 p.m.*

Come on down to Durty Nellie's in Costa Mesa to ring in the new year with musician Brian Neale and your fellow parrot heads.

Bring hypo-allergenic laundry detergent pods and dryer sheets to donate to the Orange County Ronald McDonald House.



### *The Oldest Surfer on the Beach Phlocking*

*Saturday, Feb. 21*

*Noon to 4 p.m.*

It's always a good beach day in Orange County! Come listen to Harmony Park and grab some grub from Taco Surf. Our 50/50 raffle will help Bracken's Kitchen.

day Saturday. The stage is near the beer garden, Campland bar and restaurant. This year, the beer garden also included wine and mixed drinks, with six taps pouring a variety of donated brews, from light beer to double IPAs for the heartier attendees. Wristbands for the beer garden were part of the registration package or could be purchased for \$50 for folks just visiting for the day. The music was great, featuring a healthy dose of Jimmy's tunes. On Friday night Jimmy's Buffet played followed by Stars on the Water playing mostly classic rock tunes. On Saturday night we heard, Tim Flannery's band "Tim Flannery and the Lunatic Fringe". Tim Flannery played for the San Diego Padres in the 1980's. After his playing days he was the third base coach for the San Francisco Giants, after a game in SF, Jimmy sought out Flannery to meet the "songwriting baseball coach." Both Flannery and Jimmy shared the role of mentees of Jerry Jeff Walker. After baseball, Flannery became serious about playing music and continued his friendship with Jimmy and Jerry Jeff Walker. He shared some great stories during their set. Following their set on Saturday, "Stars on the Water," play their full set of Buffett tunes.

Picking one highlight out of a weekend of highlights had to be the second line parade. It featured golf carts, wheel chairs, strollers and wagons decorated to the max tossing beads, leis and other assorted unnecessary plastic items to the few non participants. The costumes really came out for this affair. You didn't get away with just a Hawaiian shirt here. It was concert garb on full display. We walked a good deal of the campground so the everyday campers got a taste of the revelry.

We highly recommend this event and there are many ways to attend. You can rent an RV and have it delivered to your campsite like Kathy, or tent camp like Wes. We borrowed a friend's RV while John used his own. Our friends Jen and Rob Caruso from the Los Angeles Club stayed off site at a friend's house and came in on Friday and Saturday. Whatever you choose a good time is in store for you.

**-Fins up**





## Jimmy Buffett exhibition drives excitement for Maritime Museum, Mobile waterfront

By Lawrence Specker

Mobile officials showed off a glimpse Thursday of a new Jimmy Buffett exhibition – and, with it, a look at a bright future for a museum that has struggled over its first decade.

When “Son of a Son of a Sailor: The Jimmy Buffett Experience” opens in September 2026 at the National Maritime Museum of the Gulf, it’ll feature 6,000 square feet of space dedicated to Buffett’s legacy. According to Karen Poth, the museum’s director, and others, that space will be filled not just with artifacts from Buffett’s career, but with concert footage that fans might not be able to see anywhere else.

“So far we have more than 130 artifacts collected,” Poth told a small group of media representatives and other parties on Thursday. “Really great things. Family photos, handwritten lyrics, we have several guitars, we have a statue from the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Just great, great stuff that people are going to want to see.

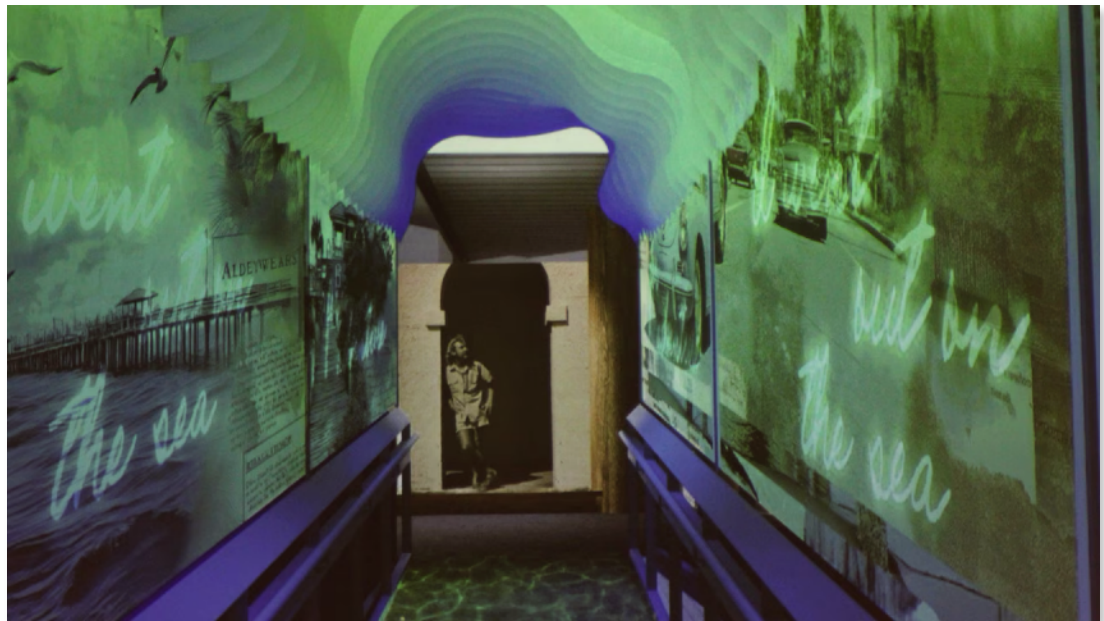
“We also are partnering with his longtime videographer,” she said. “So there’ll be a lot of never-before-seen footage, a lot of never-even-edited-together footage will be part of this exhibit, and also interviews and phone audio and things that people have never heard.”

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showcase near the entrance to the museum's exhibition halls offered a taste: An old family photo album lying open; a handwritten note from a very young Buffett asking



his parents to take him to Ladd Stadium for a ball game and promising that “We will have lots of fun;” a slip from Mobile Yacht Club showing that Buffett had been signed up for sailing lessons at 15 years old; and a 1990 proclamation from then-mayor Sam Jones proclaiming that for most of that July Mobile was officially Margaritaville. (Buffett headlined a concert that month at the same stadium he’d been so eager to visit as a kid.)

Poth said the museum envisions the permanent Buffett exhibition as a living display, “because as we continue to learn more about Jimmy and his life and all the great things that he did... We are going to continue to update going forward.”

“It’s part of a bigger story, Poth said: The museum’s numbers are up, and the Buffett exhibition is only a part of what’s coming.

“In September of 2023, we kind of started setting a new course,” she said. “We worked hard on education programs, we worked hard on different marketing strategies, getting out into the community, letting people know we’re open, but also just inviting people in. We’ve had thousands of people come in and we are thrilled to share our results with you. Museum attendance is up by 54%. Event space rentals are up by 120%. Field trip booking is up by 59%. Group admissions up by 76%. And our revenue is up by 56%. We really are thrilled to say the ship is heading in the right direction, so to speak.”

“We are, in the next two years, going to be opening two really groundbreaking exhibits here,” she said. “So almost half of the exhibit space is going to be done in the next few years. Both projects combined require about \$5.5 million investment. So far we have raised \$3.65 million, and we’re working to finish this.”

The second big exhibition, due to open in April 2027, is “Delta Mosaic: A Confluence of Life.” It’ll be about 3,000 square feet, presenting an immersive look at the ecological richness of the Mobile-Tensaw Delta. The majority of its \$2.5 million cost is funded by a federal GOMESA grant.

Beyond that, Poth said, there are developing plans to add an exhibition in 2028 that focuses on workforce development and the employment opportunities available to young people in the area.

# OUR VETERAN'S DAY PHLOCKING!







Thursday, May 14, 2026

8 p.m.

General Admission Ticket

Price: \$65 adv / \$70

Reserved Loft Ticket Price:  
\$125

Note: Loft & GA tickets  
available at box office.

Convenience service  
charges apply for online &  
phone purchases.

Box Office: 858-481-8140 |

## Walking to end Alzheimer's in Huntington Beach - Nov. 8



By John Russi

The Orange County Parrot Head Club once again participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's in Huntington Beach. We nearly reached our goal of \$3,000 at \$2,855. In total, PHIP clubs raised over \$250,000 in 2025 to end this terrible disease that has touched so many of us, including Jimmy.

The cause was near and dear to him, as his father suffered from it. This is a fantastic cause and a great event. We had a good group there and finished off the morning at The Longboard on Main Street, quenching the appetites and thirsts we worked up. If you get a chance next year, you should jump on the opportunity to participate, either by joining the walk, cheering on the walkers, or donating. Really positive vibe all day. Shout out to the organizers and Bolsa Chica State Beach for letting it happen in this beautiful area!





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- A Club Membership Lanyard
- National Membership to Parrot Heads in Paradise
- Subscription to "One Particular Newsletter"
- Participation to All OCPHC Events and Activities
- Special Concert Tickets Club Pre-Sale Opportunities



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