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"The Bear Lady"

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Museum Members PARTY



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By **Pete Weitzner** – Balboa Island Resident and Co-Producer, “The Golden Age of Newport Harbor”

ON THE FERRY

RARE PRIVATE TOUR OF THE HARBOR

Ah, the rewards of membership. For more than 100 years the Balboa Island Ferry has taken passengers from Balboa Island to the Fun Zone on the peninsula. Private trips on the ferry are rare – but museum patrons recently got to enjoy a rare ferry cruise of the harbor, with raconteur Tim Mang spinning tales of Newport Harbor’s golden age as a bonus.

“The Beeks are just great supporters of the museum,” Shirley Pepys said. The Beek family has owned The Ferry since its inception, starting with a single wooden rowboat. It’s the oldest continuously operated business in Newport Beach.

“David is on our board (president elect), and because of the Beek’s tremendous support of the Museum we were able to offer the ferry trip,” Pepys said.

Pepys is a past president of the museum and has been its most powerful life force for the past decade.

The museum’s membership recently zoomed past 500. More than sixty joined for the ferry tour. “Could easily have been more, but we were still Covid mindful at the time,” Pepys said.

Museum memberships range from Crystal level, \$50, to Ruby, \$1,000, with events like the ferry tour as perks.

“Great to be able to reward our supporters,” Pepys said.

Tour with Tales

Giuseppi “Mr. G.” Acardi provided the food, and the Museum also served up lifetime harbor resident Tim Mang to regale benefactors.

Mang is a charter member of the National High School Tennis Hall of Fame and grew up on Lido Isle, his mom an actress and besties with Dorothy Yardley, first social director of the Balboa Bay Club. So Mang had entrée to the exploits of the Hollywood stars who sailed and partied here starting in the 1940s. Mang narrated the museum’s first film, “Golden Age of Newport Harbor,” which premiered at Balboa Yacht Club last fall.

This was the second annual ferry tour of the harbor that the museum has provided for its supporters.

“Sunday Suppers at the Museum” (\$30 pp) resumed In July. Newport Beach Film Festival winner, “Living it Forever,” screens on August 19. The film chronicles Newport surf culture 1950s–1960s.

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