

# The PCH Pirate Phenomenon

LEST YE THINK OTHERWISE, Sunset Beach has ye rowdiest intersection in all of O.C.! No, ye not bein' hornswoggled, mate! Begad, where else can three gentlemen o' fortune—all missin' a limb or two—be seen hangin' out night 'n' day on street corners? Smartly set thy GPS for Pacific Coast Highway 'n' Broadway ... if ye dare!—*Jim Walters*



## CAPTAIN JACK'S

The captain's always at his post—in fact, he's chained to it. “He’s been at the restaurant since we opened in 1965,” says owner Tim Haley, “but he’s been moved around over the years as we’ve remodeled.” The captain has identical siblings at the restaurant’s hostess’ station, the Haley home, and at an inn back in his home port of Lahaina, Hawaii. 16812 Pacific Coast Highway, 562-592-2514.



## HARPOON HARRY'S

Harry originally was a mountain man. “A guy up in Big Bear Lake carved him for me about 10 years ago,” says restaurant owner Dave Bonadonna. And Harry undoubtedly is the most fortunate of the gang: Not only does he perpetually find solace in a mug of suds, but he’s got booty—a whole chest of it—on which to rest his peg. 16821 Pacific Coast Highway, 562-592-5216.



## ANTIQUES OF THE SEA

The biggest dandy also is the toughest hombre. The Ghost of Pirates Past is missing a leg and a hand—and still takes on comers. “He used to be out front,” says owner Eric Bakker, “but one day some fellows were loading him into a pickup.” Now The Ghost is fastened to the roof, and his twin is on guard inside—with a price tag. 16811 Pacific Coast Highway, 562-592-1752, [www.antiquesofthesea.com](http://www.antiquesofthesea.com).

## O.C. CAN YOU SAY

“I used to write a lot, a ton of reviews, sometimes like 10 a day.”

—Anita Lau of Irvine, who by September had reviewed more than 3,400 restaurants and other establishments for Yelp.com in the roughly 2,000 days the consumer critique site had existed

## BLIPS FOR NOVEMBER

# On Our Radar

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## Guilt-Free Getaways

The reason we haven't booked weekend stays at luxury hotels during this recession is that we're feeling guilty. Now we don't have to! A group of our fave inns—including the Ritz-Carlton and the Montage—have pledged to give 10 percent of the cost to charity. Book a “Getaway 2 Give” package before Dec. 31. [www.theoceanfrontca.com](http://www.theoceanfrontca.com).

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## Super Tramp

First they cranked up the temperature on yoga. Now Core Reform Pilates in Newport Beach claims to be the only studio in the world with the new Stott Cardio Trampoline. It adds a cardiovascular element to the workout with five to 10 minutes of jumping. [www.corereform.com](http://www.corereform.com).

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## Don't Leave Home Without It

Taking off for the holidays? Before you lock up, make sure everything's in order. [Home Sweet Home Video](http://www.homesweethomevideo.com) can help by making a video inventory of your valuables. In case of theft or fire, your claim will be easier to process. [www.homesweethomevideo.com](http://www.homesweethomevideo.com).

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## Eye Candy

Before Tiffany and Cartier, there was Black Starr & Frost. The nation's oldest is celebrating its 200th anniversary at its last remaining store—here in South Coast Plaza—with a Museum Collection display through year's end. Bring your checkbook. Some items are for sale. 714-549-2522, [www.blackstarrfrost.com](http://www.blackstarrfrost.com).

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## dont txt & dr!

You're not fooling anyone—we know it's in your lap. The Automobile Club of Southern California says texting behind the wheel has about doubled in O.C. to 2.7 percent of drivers since the state ban began nearly two years ago. Biggest violators? Young women—more than 1 in 25 at any given time, according to the study done in Corona del Mar, Costa Mesa, Irvine, Laguna Beach, Santa Ana, and San Juan Capistrano. Safety experts say texting increases the risk of a crash eight to 23 times.