

'RHOC' Reality TV Newbie Lizzie Rovsek on How the Show Helped Her Celebrity Marriage: "You've Got to Keep the Passion and the Fire Alive"



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Our favorite Bravo ladies are back in the *Real Housewives of Orange County*. You may have thought you met all the bombshells this season, but joining the reality TV cast on tonight's

episode is the much-anticipated wife, mother, and former pageant star Lizzie Rovsek. As any *Housewives* fan knows, with new women, we can expect new drama. And Rovsek makes it clear her debut will be no exception to the rule.

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Not only does she fall down at her first filmed party, but she also has to defend herself from the very beginning. “Vicki and I definitely had a rocky start,” the newly-minted reality TV star admits. “I didn’t feel welcomed by her and felt like I was a burden because she doesn’t like new people. I don’t think she likes what I do for a living or even my name.”

As the only veteran OC housewife still remaining from the first season, Vicki Gunvalson has had issues with newbies in the past. But between Rovsek and Shannon Beador, the other rookie housewife joining the cast this season, Rovsek definitely believes she was in the firing line the most. While she was judged and picked on from the very beginning, Beador seems to have had an easier welcoming from the legendary veteran. “It might be because Shannon and Vicki have a lot more in common than Vicki and I do. They’re the same age, and they’ve been married for a long time.”

Despite her roller coaster of drama with Gunvalson, she still manages to make friends this season. “I was warned a little bit and told to be careful of Tamra, but she was actually very nice when I met her,” she candidly shares in our celebrity interview. “She’s very fun, and we have that in common.”

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Besides Tamra Judge (formerly Tamra Barney), the mother of two also forms alliances with fellow brunette Heather Dubrow. “She is so classy, and I truly look up to her. Throughout the season, Heather is someone I find myself going to for advice, and she’s been my friend basically through the whole thing.”

With beauty queen and model on her resume, it’s no surprise people have a lot of misconceptions when it comes to Rovsek’s looks, brains, and personality. “There was an article that I had a nose job, but I’ve never had plastic surgery on my face,” she explains. Valedictorian in high school and graduating college Cum Laude, the housewife assures us that she has much more to offer than just her looks. “I’m actually a big science geek,” she says with a laugh. “I’m definitely not just a bimbo or pretty face.”

Despite some false judgements, she faces a lot of the same challenges as other working mothers. Between taking care of two young boys and a husband who loves home cooked meals and running a swimwear company, she’s just trying to juggle it all. On top of that, she still wants more children. “We’re definitely talking about having another baby and thinking that will happen by the end of this year or beginning of next year,” the celebrity mom says, making it clear that viewers can expect to see some of these discussions on the show.

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Lizzie Rovsek Talks About Her Celebrity Marriage

While the *Housewives* franchise has shown the destruction of several [celebrity marriages](#) in the past, especially in the OC, this pageant queen feels like doing the show with her husband Christian has actually brought them closer. “This experience has made us stronger and made us take a closer look at our

relationship and love life. Marriage is hard work! You've got to keep the passion and the fire alive, and it's not always easy. We're working at it all the time."

For other parents of young children struggling to fit in romance, Rovsek encourages setting aside time to be alone together. "Go on a trip, even if it's just a two-day drive somewhere. You need to spend time alone – away from your kids, away from your work – and really make time for each other."

Besides strengthening her celebrity marriage and getting closer to her husband, she also hopes her appearance on the show will inspire viewers who look up to her. "I hope they get to see my loving nature, and I hope they learn that it's okay to make mistakes. Sometimes, you learn the most valuable lessons by messing up," she shares. "Life is a gift, and we're all in this together."

To learn more about Rovsek and the Real Housewives of Orange County, tune into Bravo every Monday at 9/8c. You can keep up with Rovsek on Twitter @LizzieRovsek.