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## Commodore Barb

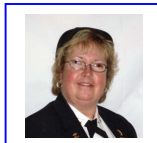
Well here it is April already and as Commodore I have another busy month ahead. Bill, Bob, Pam and I are driving over to IOBG in the Tricities the weekend of April 9-11. We're leaving on Friday morning and stopping and visiting a couple of Winery's on the way. Right now I'm in the auxiliary for IOBG and can join in September. It's a wonderful privilege for anyone who has been a Past Commodore to become a member, and I'm excited to earn my ranks to be one of them soon.

We will be attending Daffodil the 16-18<sup>th</sup> our boat will be used, as the flagship, Steve and Pam's boat will be the decorated entry. We need help on Saturday decorating and then joining us for the token parade up and into TYC. Gary Anspach is our token, and has some surprises up his sleeves for his costume. We need bribes for the judges, so bring something that might help us get points and have a fun time.

Family of the year honoring Robert and Carla Bushnell will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> at Arabell's. Remember we are having a Seafood Boil & deep-fried Oysters that day, so everyone needs to bring a pound of seafood for the Seafood Boil and possibly a dish to share. The club will be cooking pancakes for The Bushnell's Sunday morning, so don't miss out on a fun weekend hosted by Pam and Jerry Marzano. Next month is Opening Day in Seattle and South Sound Opening at Des Moines. So as Commodore, Bill and I will be off and running again. Remember to come and join in on some club fun and offer your help to the members that have volunteered to host our cruises. Always look for perspective members to join and most of all have fun and be safe on the water.

**Commodore Barb**

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## Happy Birthday

April



*Tracy Anspach, Marlene Barrington  
Pam Marzano*

May

*Bill Byrn, Hill Barrington, John Reader,  
Dave Redding,, Reta Carino. Geri Shaughnessy*

Birthdays are listed on monthly calendar and can be downloaded from our website  
<http://www.vikingyachtclub.com/>



SUNSHINE

*Live well, love much, and laugh often*

**See Below due to amount of information to share.**

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## FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

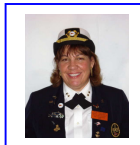


### *Ahoy Mate's*

Not sure if it is because I am getting older or something is in the air but allergies seem to be developing that weren't there last year. I guess I can't complain because the weather outside as I write this is Absolutely Gorgeous. That is a sure sign cruising season has begun. Special thanks to Steve and Pam for the wonderful cruise to Tacoma. We had a great turn out and have new members to add to our Viking Family. Welcome John and Marsha. I really enjoyed the games Steve planned. Archery was my favorite game probably because I won 1<sup>st</sup> place and won a tennis racket shaped bug zapper. I wonder how powerful the zap is on it. I can't wait to test it so everyone stand clear. It's been fun getting to know the new members on the Viking Board. We get together once a month and new friendships are being built that will last for many years. Keep your options open to join the board next year. It will enrich you more than you can imagine. We would like to thank everyone who voted for Robert and I as Family of the Year. We are truly honored to receive this special achievement and have enjoyed the past 2 years we have been members in the club. Looking forward to seeing more Vikings at all the exciting cruises that are planned this year. Be sure to check out the Viking Web site for all the new additions.

*Vice Commodore Carla*

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## FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

### *Viking Cruisers!*

A thank you to Steve and Pam for a fun weekend for our Arts and Entertainment cruise. The weather was not too cooperative. It was so good to see Bob and Janet. Hope they are having fun in Hawaii.

On to the next cruise at Arabellas for our Family of the Year cruise along with our Oyster feed. Bring 1b. of seafood, your choice for the Seafood Boil, there will also be deep fried Oysters.

The first weekend in May is the "Opening Day of Boating Season" Also in May is our Memorial Day cruise in Bremerton Please make your reservations, the date is May 28th -31st.

A flyer will be sent soon.

Phone numbers for reservations:

Arabellas 253- 851-1793.

Bremerton 360-373-1035

Swantown 360-528-8049

Also in June will be our Golf cruise at Fair Harbor – June 25th-27th. questions pleas call Dave Seis.

See ya at Arabellas!

*Rear Commodore Frankie*

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

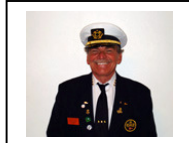
**Don't miss these fun events!**

- **Daffodil Weekend @ TYC - April 9 - 11**
- **VYC Family of the Year @ Arabella's April 23 - 25**
- **Opening Day Weekend @ SYC – April 30 – May 2**

## FROM THE JUNIOR PAST COMMODORE

Hi everyone, Pam and I have missed everyone the last few weeks, both of us are working extra time at our jobs. I have an extra program I'm doing at the college through July at night 3 days a week, and Pam is busy taking care of her dept at work with lots of extra hours also. The season is here, April is packed with activities and cruises, For all the IOBG members, the weekend of the 9th is the Spring meeting over at the Tri Cities, sounds like its going to be a great time. See you at Daffodil weekend

**PC Bob Gunter**  
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## MEMBERSHIP

We welcomed John Tollo and Marcia Bailey who have the boat” Lazy Daze” to the meeting in March. They have attended all their required cruises and meetings, and will be sworn in at the April meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations John and Marcia the Viking’s are glad to have you both aboard.

We will be having our Annual Membership Drive on May 22<sup>nd</sup> with a booth along the Foss Waterway at the Seaport Museum during their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “Clean Green Boating Festival”

***Skipper Steve***

### VIKING YACHT CLUB - WEBSITE UPDATES

- Monthly General Meeting Minutes are now posted on the Document Locker page
- VYC Reciprocal letters have been added to the Reciprocal page FYI
- Membership Contact Information has been updated – Document Locker page

## 2010 FAMILY OF THE YEAR

**Honoring  
Carla & Robert**



## Shipboard Galley

### Meatless Chili Mac

- 1 large onion chopped
- 1 medium green pepper chopped
- 1 garlic clove minced

Sauté above ingredients in small amount of oil till tender. Add remaining ingredients bring to boil reduce heat - cover simmer 15 – 20 minutes till pasta is cooked

- 2 cups water
- 1 ½ cups elbow macaroni
- 1 15 oz can mild chili beans undrained
- 1 15 oz can great northern beans rinsed and drained
- 1 15 oz can diced tomatoes undrained
- 1 8oz tomato sauce
- 4 tsp chili powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp cumin

Top with shredded cheese and sour cream enjoy

Please submit your favorite recipes to share with others in the club. E-mail [robert.bushnell@comcast.net](mailto:robert.bushnell@comcast.net)



# S U N S H I N E

*Live well, love much, and laugh often*

We are sorry to report that Pam Larsen's father died on Friday, March 19. Pam and Steve are in California now to be with other family members. The Larsen's have had more than their share of grief in the last year. Please keep them close in your thoughts and prayers.

Robert Bushnell's brother has been diagnosed with terminal bladder cancer and is on hospice care. Your prayers for him, his new wife and their families are requested.

Update: Carla's grandma is doing quite well after breaking her hip. Just celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday! Bob McGrath is well enough to enjoy a vacation from his treatment in Hawaii with Janet. Looking forward to a report from them when they return.

Stay well and safe, everyone!

*Ann Gagner*

## ***Cruise & Function Calendar 2010***

For Complete Calendar please visit our website

[VikingYachtClub.com](http://VikingYachtClub.com)

### **FEBRUARY**

- 6<sup>th</sup> TOA Commodores Ball
- 13<sup>th</sup> Seabac's Commodore Ball
- 27<sup>th</sup> Totem YC Commodores Ball

### **MARCH**

- 6<sup>th</sup> DMYC Commodores Ball
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> VYC Arts & Entertainment Cruise – Dock Street

### **APRIL**

- 10<sup>th</sup> NBC Work Party – Blake Island
- 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> IOBG @ Clover Island YC, Pasco, WA
- 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Daffodil Weekend @ Tacoma Yacht Club
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> VYC Family of the Year @ Arabella's, Gig Harbor
- 30<sup>th</sup> Opening Day @ Seattle Yacht Club

### **MAY**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Opening Day Parade @ Seattle Yacht Club
- 8<sup>th</sup> South Sound Opening Day @ DMYC
- 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> VYC Memorial Day Cruise @ Bremerton Marina

### **JUNE**

- 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> NBC Picnic @ Brownsville Marina
- 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> VYC Golf Cruise @ Fair Harbor Marina

### **JULY**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> VYC 4<sup>th</sup> of July Anchor Out @ Burton
- 17<sup>th</sup> IOBG Dist 1 Summer Picnic @ Brownsville Marina

### **AUGUST**

Break (no planned events)

### **SEPTEMBER**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> VYC Labor Day Cruise @ Swantown Marina
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> IOBG Dist 1 Fall & Change of Watch @ TBD

### **OCTOBER**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> VYC Commodores Ball @ TYC
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> VYC Hot Rudder Bum Cruise @ Dock Street

### **NOVEMBER**

- 6<sup>th</sup> VYC Change of Watch @ TBD

### **DECEMBER**

- 5<sup>th</sup> VYC Christmas Auction @ Totem Yacht Club
- 11<sup>th</sup> TYC Christmas Boat Cruise

## To the Members of the Viking Yacht Club

The Viking Yacht Club will be reviewing the bylaws of the club this year. The committee will consist of the two trustees and the Parliamentarian.

One suggested change concerns the way dues are paid. Presently dues are paid in November. The suggested change is to allow members to pay dues twice a year. The first half to be paid Nov 1<sup>st</sup> and second half April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Other suggested changes you may have will be heard at the May meeting as well as through the summer. Your suggested changes will then be discussed at the September meeting and voted on at the October meeting. Please attempt to be at the May meeting which will be held at the Memorial Day cruise to voice your concerns. You may also contact one of the trustees or the Parliamentarian thru the summer with your comments.

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Parliamentarian:

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### Seattle – icebreaker *Polar Star* to be reactivated



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that the icebreaker *Polar Star*, home ported in Seattle, will be reactivated. (3/11/10).

### NOAA – Pacific smelt to be listed as threatened

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a [news release](#) stating that it plans to list the Pacific smelt as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The Pacific smelt ranges from the Mad River in northern California to British Columbia. (3/16/10).

### Washington State – ship owner to pay \$588,000 for oil spill environmental damage

The Washington State Department of Ecology issued a [news release](#) stating that a tanker owner has entered into a proposed consent agreement for payment of \$588,000 in settlement of federal, state, and Indian tribe claims of environmental damage stemming from a 2004 oil spill in Puget Sound's Dalco Passage near Tacoma. (3/15/10).

### Reedsport, Oregon – proposed wave energy project

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that it received an application for construction and operation of a wave energy project in waters of the Pacific Ocean approximately 2.5 miles off the coast near Reedsport, Oregon. The project would include ten wave-powered generating units attached to seabed anchors, tendon lines, subsurface floats, and catenary mooring lines. Coping meetings will be held in Reedsport (April 7) and Salem (April 8). [75 Fed. Reg. 11169](#) (March 10, 2010).

# 2nd Annual **CLEAN GREEN** Boating Festival



**Saturday – May 22, 2010**  
**10 am – 3 pm**

**FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Foss Waterway Seaport, 705 Dock Street, Tacoma

Introducing  
"Clean, Green  
Boating  
Scholarship"  
for a 3-day, 2-night  
marine science  
expedition!



**Come learn about environmental  
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## TACOMA LIVEBOARD ASSOCIATION

[www.tacomaliveboards.org](http://www.tacomaliveboards.org) [www.healthybay.org](http://www.healthybay.org)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE March 15, 2010

Contact: Madhuri Hosford, Communications Manager Tacoma Liveboard Association [m.hosford@fosswaterwayseaport.org](mailto:m.hosford@fosswaterwayseaport.org) (253) 272-2750 ext. 102

2nd Annual "Clean, Green Boating Festival" May 22, 2010 at Foss Waterway Seaport Tacoma, Wash. – The Tacoma Liveboard Association and Citizens for a Healthy Bay will co-host the 2nd Annual "Clean, Green Boating Festival" at Tacoma's Foss Waterway Seaport ([www.fosswaterwayseaport.org](http://www.fosswaterwayseaport.org)) on Saturday, May 22, 2010 from 10 AM to 3 PM. The purpose of the free, open-to-the-public event is to raise awareness of "clean water" issues and to engage South Sound recreational boaters, their families, and all outdoor enthusiasts in creating a more sustainable future for Puget Sound. An Opening Ceremony presided over by Tacoma Mayor Marilyn Strickland will urge all boaters to preserve and protect our waterways and shorelines while enjoying clean, safe boating. Festival highlights include "How to" workshops and seminars for boaters; live demonstrations of new "green" marine products; Metro Parks Tacoma's small craft safe handling demos; Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma's Junior Laser Sailing classes; radio-controlled model heritage boats; City of Tacoma's EnviroChallenger hands-on learning activities; and community stewardship projects, including UW-Tacoma's Environmental Science student-led microscopic examination of locally-collected water samples to educate the public about the effect of our actions on the health of Puget Sound. With over 1,300 linear feet of dock space at the Seaport, the Festival will include free "walk aboard" tours of "clean, green" vessels; "citizen science" boat tours on Commencement Bay conducted by SEA (Service, Education & Adventure); and guided public tours on board Admiralty Yachts' Duffy electric boats and the City of Tacoma's Source Control boat, including stories of the transformation of Tacoma's waterfront from its heavily polluted beginnings to the stunning Thea Foss Waterway jewel that boaters enjoy today. A new feature of this year's Festival is the "Clean, Green Boating Scholarship Essay Contest." The Tacoma Liveboard Association and Citizens for a Healthy Bay have partnered with Salish Sea Expeditions ([www.salish.org](http://www.salish.org)) to offer a scholarship for a 3-day, 2-night marine science expedition on the waters of Puget Sound to an entire high school class, club or group as a way of building on the environmental education offered at the annual event. The scholarship will be awarded through an essay contest open to all high school students in Fife, Franklin Pierce, Peninsula, Puyallup, Tacoma, and University Place Public, Private, and Home School Districts. Students are invited to write and submit original essays (postmarked by April 30, 2010) on the topic of "A Healthy Puget Sound: What's the Problem, and How Do We Change It?" The essay contest winner will be honored and the scholarship will be awarded at the 2nd Annual "Clean, Green Boating Festival." Festival sponsors include the City of Tacoma, Port of Tacoma, Metro Parks Tacoma, Point Defiance Marina, Department of Ecology, and Simpson Investment Company. A complete schedule of events can be found at [www.tacomalivaboards.org](http://www.tacomalivaboards.org) and [www.healthybay.org](http://www.healthybay.org).

## **Tacoma Port to Sell Maytown Property at \$10M Loss**

The long saga of the Port of Tacoma's Maytown property appears to be nearing an end.

The port's governing board voted last week to sell the 745 acre property – once envisioned by the port as the site for a proposed intermodal rail and logistics facility – for \$17 million to a minerals firm that plan to mine the site for gravel.

The port purchased the property in 2006 for more than \$21 million and has since invested another \$6.5 million in the site for consulting and pre-construction work related to the development of the rail facility.

The port continued to work on the proposed rail facility until 2008, when vehement community opposition to the construction and operation of the rail facility coalesced, leading to the port's decision to abandon the rail facility project and sell the property.

However, the downturn in the real estate market and the economy in general led to lengthy negotiations with purchaser Maytown Sand and Gravel, a partnership between Federal Way, Washington-based gravel firm Lloyd Enterprises and Irvine, California-based real estate firm Southwind Realty Group.

Under the terms of the deal, Maytown Sand and Gravel will pay the port \$20 million over 17 years at 7 percent interest, including a \$1 million closing payment. The total purchase price will be made in cash and \$8.5 million worth of sand and gravel.

The port hopes to make up the \$10 million up-front loss on the property through interest on the deal, variations in the price of sand and gravel it receives from the purchaser, and the future proceeds from a 65-acre parcel on the site that was not included in the sale.

Maytown could still pull out of the deal if a key mining permit is revoked by Thurston County officials. The port was unable to get the go-ahead to mine on the property due to the county labeling the port non-compliant with groundwater monitoring protocols. If the firm meets the protocols and does receive the county's blessing on the special-permit, the firm must still comply with or complete more than two-dozen stipulations set down by the county before the firm could actually begin mining the property.

From MBF - Marlene Barrington

Charleston, SC, March 15, 2010—With migratory bird season upon us, WhirlyBird Solutions, LLC is excited to present a new product that safely and effectively repels nuisance birds such as gulls, pigeons, crows, sparrows, starlings, and more. The WhirlyBird Repeller spins and wobbles in the wind and reflects sunlight in a constantly changing manner that frightens birds and prevents them from becoming acclimated to the area .  
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**Viking Yacht Club**  
Tacoma, WA



***Family of the year Cruise  
Honoring Robert & Carla Bushnell***

**April 23-25, 2010  
Arabella's - Gig Harbor**



**Friday Night**

On your own



**Saturday**

- 9:00 Hr Coffee, Tea and Muffins
- 11:00 Hr Walk or Shop around town, Lunch on your own, Maybe the Tides Tavern
- 15:00 Hr Dinghy Poker Run, meet at club house for instructions
- 18:00 Hr Seafood Boil Feast & Oyster's - deep fried  
Bring 1 Lb of seafood, such as de-veined jumbo shrimp,  
crab legs, cleaned butter clams or mussels  
(Softer seafood's do not work well)
- 20:30 Hr Game Night in the Club House (bring your board games, cards etc.)



**Sunday**

- 10:00 Hr Potluck Breakfast, Yacht Club provides Pancakes

Have a safe trip home!!! See you at the next cruise. Check website for events





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## NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT-DAYTONA BEACH, FL

### **Ethanol Percentage Increase, Ruling by EPA**

The EPA has indicated it is on track for a final decision on the E15 waiver this summer based on a new set of tests conducted on late model motor vehicles. The EPA may grant a “partial waiver” after completion of this limited testing (none on marine engines). This testing was not based on the original petition from Growth Energy and thus was not available for public comment. Thus NBF signed on to a group letter from a number of organizations to the EPA requesting it allow the public an opportunity to comment on any new findings prior to a final decision on E15. As stated in the letter: “We write to express our concern that EPA may decide to allow the introduction into commerce of mid-level ethanol blends such as E15, based on new information that was not available for public comment when the docket was open last year” Another round of public comment could slow down final approval of E15.

In the meantime a major fuel pump manufacturer, Dresser Wayne, has been approved by Underwriters Laboratories for fuel pumps that dispense ethanol blends up to 25%. The ethanol industry is vying to increase the number of blender pumps across the country.

Additionally according to Trade Only the Iowa state senate has introduced legislation that requires state gas stations to sell only ethanol blended fuel except for certain qualified vehicles, including boats and other non-road engines.

### **Ocean Policy Task Force Interim Recommendations**

The President’s Council on Environmental Quality has published their interim report on ocean policy which has generated significant responses. The Task Force was charged with developing a national policy for conserving and managing ocean territories and the Great Lakes. Ten organizations provided a group response with extensive comments challenging the policies and objectives alluded to in the report. Among those were “In the absence of a clear policy statement in the Interim Report prioritizing recreation, we remain concerned that the proposed new layers of bureaucratic and new spatial planning in the marine environment will converge into vast areas eventually being closed off to recreational uses.” The term “spatial planning” and its many implications were questioned many times in the 13 page comment. In a separate comment from the MRAA it was stated “we see a real threat to recreational fishing and boating of some of the policy recommendations of the draft report.” All of the comments were well thought out and presented; generally citing the negative implications of a federal bureaucracy managing our oceans and Great Lakes and that more clarity is needed on how any new national oceans policy would impact boating and fishing.

### **No Discharge Zones – Increasing Declaration**

In Florida, Maryland and New York, efforts are underway to declare certain waterways No Discharge Zones (NDZ). NOAA has proposed a ban on marine sanitation device discharges

in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. NMMA responded to NOAA's initiative by stating it should be consistent with accepted standards for designating NDZs and not solely on the needs of one sanctuary. New York has petitioned the EPA to declare the states canal system, including 524 linear miles of waterways a NDZ. Legislation has been introduced in the Maryland Senate and House to declare the Chesapeake Bay a NDZ. The Senate and House bills were heard on 16 and 19 March with many groups, including CBYCA, providing oral testimony. The arguments for and against were numerous but the preponderance of testimony was in opposition.

### **H.R. 2548, Keep Americas Waterfront Working Act**

This important legislation as reported in the NASBLA newsletter amends the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to require establishment of a Working Waterfronts Grant program to be administered to by state agencies to promote and protect public access. These grants will allow states to determine which waterfronts are at risk and establish priorities for those needing protection. A hearing was conducted by the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife in which Rep. Pingree, the bills sponsor, testified "Developing a working waterways grant program is an important part of ensuring our coastal economy remains strong" and that the legislation is key in preserving our nation's marinas and its many boating opportunities.

A letter of support was sent from NBF to Rep. Pingree this past January. A recent check with Pingree's office indicates it is now waiting for a floor vote.

### **Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund (Wallop/Breaux) Reauthorization**

The Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund (SFRBTF) which supports fishing, boating safety, the Clean Vessel Act and the BIG program, needed full reauthorization by Sept 30, 2009. Failing to achieve this, it has been maintained by a continuing resolution which is due to expire Dec 10, 2010. Senate Democratic leadership has recently indicated that as part of their jobs package, they will likely extend the highway program, which includes the Trust Fund, for one year. Normally the reauthorization is for five years and provides around \$700 million per year in tax revenue for all boating programs. It is not clear at this time how this will be finally resolved.

# April 2010

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	VYC Membership Meeting			Opening Day Weekend Seattle Ya	

# May 2010

May 2010							June 2010						
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
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					Opening Day Weekend Seattle Ya
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					Opening Day Weekend Seattle Ya Bill Byrn
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					South Sound Opening Day DMYC
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Hill Barrington					
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17	18	19	20	21	22
		John Reader NBC General Meeting			
					23
24	25	26	27	28	29
		Dave Redding Reta Carino		VYC Memorial Day Cruise - Bremerton	
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					VYC Memorial Day Cruise - Breme Geri Shaughnessy
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VYC Memorial Day Cruise - Breme					