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FROM THE HELM

Barb and I have started attending the Commodore's Balls. Last weekend we had a great time at TOA, until it was time to leave; I am in a rental now and looking for a new vehicle. I will share the unbelievable story at the next meeting.

Our February meeting will include nominations for "Boating Family of the Year." The family will be honored at the cruise to Arabella's in Gig Harbor on April 25-27.

Daffodil is just around the corner, the dates are April 18-20. The theme for the Marine Parade has been changed from the Daffodil Festival theme to "Carnival, a Parade and Circus" to follow suit with Seattle's Opening Day, "A Three Ring Circus." We are looking for ideas from our membership for decorating. We will be putting together a committee so we can start working on this as soon as possible.

The Yakobi has been getting all of it's cracked windows replaced this past winter, and is getting excited for spring to get away from the dock. We plan to attend all the cruises, and we are still looking for cruise captains. So check out the new 2008 schedule and sign up one.

In addition, it has been brought to my attention, that some members have not paid their dues yet. It is getting close to spring, and you will need you membership cards for signing up to attend the upcoming events.

Your Commodore Bill

Happy Birthday



Donna Carlson, MaryAnn Balyeat, Leia Succow, Dave Seis, Betsy Tanck



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SUNSHINE

Live well, love much, and laugh often

Please keep the families of our lost Vikings in your hearts and prayers as they go through these troubled waters: Bill Hickman, Bob Ross, Jim Panatone, and Paul Longthorpe.

Wayne Davidson, Sr. is at Garden Terrace, 491 S. 338th Street in Federal Way minding the docs and Sarah! They both appreciate all of the phone calls and visits from the Vikings.

Lyle Thrall suffered a stroke while in Arizona and will be coming home as soon as he is able to travel.

We are looking forward to Susie Claus getting back after a lengthy recovery from shoulder surgery.

Claude and Martha have both had bronchitis, but are on the mend and back to dancing!

George Stephenson was in the hospital for a few days after a reaction to some medication. Louise is nursing him back to better health!

Viking Yacht Club

Est. 1959

Past Commodores

Steve Larsen

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Janet Myers

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From The Vice Commodore



Hi everybody!

Hope to see everyone at the Sweetheart Dinner at Duke's Ruston Way Chowder House this Saturday!

I have had a great time at the Commodore's Balls with my first mate Pam. Remember you are all invited to all the Commodore's Balls; it is a great place to meet new friends and see old friends too.

The next Ball is at Totem Yacht Club honoring Commodore Tim Redding on February 23 at Totem Yacht Club. Call Sharon Blair at 253.759.1448 to RSVP. Cost is \$65.00/couple. Des Moines Yacht Club follows with their Ball on March 8 at DMYC, \$80.00/couple. Call Don Espesth to RSVP.

- be safe

Commodore Bob

From the Junior Past Commodore Steve

Every chance I get, Chester and I go down to Foss Harbor aka: Foss Waterway Marina, aka: Totem Marina to check on the ol' Viking. The days are getting a little longer and the promise of warmer weather sure makes me anxious for the next cruising season. Now is the time to take care of all that extra maintenance, checking the fluids, opening the sea strainer, and generally messin' around in your boat so your first trip out will be a good one!

When we are done with our work, Chester likes to jump in the fast dinghy and go for a ride, so don't be surprised if we show up at your dock!

Pam and I look forward to seeing you all at the Sweetheart Dinner at Duke's on Saturday. Happy Valentine's Day to you and your sweetie!

Steve

REAR COMMODORE BARB

I have met with a few other yacht clubs and gave them our Cruise Schedule. We are hoping for a few joint adventures with them. They are to get back with me with their schedules.

I have completed "our" schedule and dates of this year's adventures. First up is the Arts & Entertainment Cruise to Dock Street Marina. Vice Commodore Bob, along with Pam and Pat are your cruise captains.

I made reservations at the Tacoma History Museum for Saturday the 15th at 10:00 am. Admission is \$6.00 adults and \$4.00 for students up to college age. They are giving us an Educational Discount of \$10.00 per person. I will have a sign up sheet for this at the meeting.

After our adventures either to one of the museums, or going up town, we will have our party on the dock. Bob and his crew will inform us more on this at the meeting. Bill and I will have the traditional "Hot Toddies" on Sunday for brunch.

Revised Cruise Calendar

March 14-16	Arts & Entertainment Cruise Dock Street Marina, Tacoma
April 5-6	NBC Work Party @ Blake Island
April 19-20	Daffodil Parade Tacoma Yacht Club
April 25-27	Boating Family of the Year Arabella's, Gig Harbor
May 2-4	Seattle Opening Day Seattle Yacht Club
May 23-26	Memorial Day Oyster Feed Port Orchard Marina
June 6	NBC Picnic, Brownsville
June 13-15	Golf at Madronna Links Arabella's, Gig Harbor
July 3-7	Tall Ships Tacoma 2008 Thea Foss Waterway
Aug 15-17	Hot August Nights - Pig Roast Dockton
Aug 29- Sept 1	Labor Day Swantown Marina, Olympia
Oct 24-26	Hot Buttered Rum/Casualty Cruise Dockton

Membership News

Remember!

February is "Bring a Boating Buddy" to our general membership meeting to learn about our club and upcoming cruises!

On April 13, Viking Yacht Club will host our second membership drive at Chinook Landing Marina. The bridge will be cooking up hotdogs and talking up VYC! Come on out and join the fun!

Please contact me if you have any ideas on how to increase our membership, or if you need a new burgee or name badges!



New Membership cards are being mailed to all members who have paid their 2008 dues.

Steve

Northwestern Boating Council 2008 Calendar

March 19	6:00 p.m. Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. General Membership Meeting <i>Tacoma Outboard Association</i>
April 5	Blake Island Work Party
April 18-20	Daffodil Weekend at Tacoma Yacht Club
May 21	6:00 p.m. Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. General Membership Meeting <i>Des Moines Yacht Club</i>
June 6-7	Annual Picnic Brownsville Marina
September 17	6:00 p.m. Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m. General Membership Meeting <i>Des Moines Yacht Club</i>
November 12	6:00 p.m. Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. General Membership Meeting and Elections <i>Tacoma Outboard Association</i>

National Boating Federation By Marlene Barrington

Washington State Boater Education

Take it from Popeye & Olive Oyl and the US Power Squadron
Saturday, February 16 (9:00 am to 2:00 pm)

Rainbow RV Park Clubhouse 261831 Highway 101

Effective January 1, 2008 all boaters age 12-20, using a 15 Hp motor or greater, must carry a Washington State Boater Education Card - this course will qualify you to apply for the card. This new law phases in all boaters born after Jan 1, 1955 by 2014. Do not delay taking this course.

This course is for all boaters including personal watercraft operators, hunters or fishermen operating an outboard utility boat, canoe and kayak paddlers, family cruisers, and sailing enthusiasts. Meets Washington State and National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) requirements for certification. Cost \$36; \$10 for second student using same course book. Call Peyton Greenough at 683-6506 or register online at www.calmseas.org, click on Public Boating Courses.

WA State Enhance Driver's License Functions like a Passport!

The Washington Department of Licensing is ready to start the process of verifying citizenship to issue enhanced driver's licenses that will function like a passport for those who re-enter the U.S. by land after trips to Canada. Obtaining the enhanced license is voluntary. Applicants can call toll-free 1-866-520-4365 to make an appointment to apply in person at 11 participating Licensing Service Offices throughout the state. All February times are already full, and Licensing personnel are booking appointments for March. Estimated time for issuance of a new license is two to three weeks after the appointment.

Applicants will need documents proving their U. S. citizenship, identity and Washington state residency. The new license costs \$15.00 more than a regular license and is valid for land or sea border crossing between the U. S. and Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean.

Enhanced license include a radio frequency identification device that can be scanned at border crossings. More information is available at www.dol.wa.gov

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

February 16, 2008
VYC Sweetheart Dinner
Duke's Ruston Way Chowder House

February 23, 2008
Bill Hickman Celebration of Life Memorial
Des Moines Yacht Club
12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

February 24, 2008
Totem Yacht Club Commodore's Ball
TYC Clubhouse 6:00 p.m.

February 27, 2008
VYC General Membership Meeting
"Bring a Boating Buddy"
Johnny's at Fife
6:00 p.m.

March 8, 2008
Des Moines Yacht Club Commodore's Ball
DMYC 6:00 p.m.

March 14-16, 2008
Arts & Entertainment Cruise
WA State History, Glass and Art Museums
Dock Street Marina, Tacoma