



The LUR

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FROM THE HELM

Well here it is 2009, WOW! what a December it has been, I hope everyone had a great Christmas, my family and I enjoyed a new member, a new baby boy (Zane) my Son and Daughter-in-law had their first (6 lbs 10) it was a great present for Papa, now I have three grandsons. I want to thank everyone that attended the Change of watch, it was a great party for Commodore Bill, thanks to my first-mate Pam for all the great ideas for the party and also to my Rear Commodore Barb who is always there helping with everything. Well everyone this is our big year, #50th, I'm anxious for the 2009 to start, I have a great group of officers to work with, to lead us into our 50th year of the VIKING YACHT CLUB, I would like to remind every member it can only be successful if everyone takes time to help on committees, is a cruise Capt. comes to all the meetings, helps make this the best year. Hope to see everyone at the NBC dinner in January crowning our own Gary Aspach as the new president of NBC. Carla (our new REAR Commodore) and Robert Bushnell who is in charge of our LUR, and soon to be our new Web Master, need lots of help and ideas for our 2009 cruises. Vice Commodore Barb will have more information on the upcoming Balls and events, and meeting, so for now Drive Safely, remember to winterize your boats.

Commodore Bob

Happy Birthday

December



Sissi Longthorpe, Stephen Anspach, Val Sheehy, Sarah Davidson, Debbie Succow, Dotti Thrall, Jan Brown

January

Jeffery Raymond, Jim Martinson, Rich Carino, Susie Claus, Maureen Murray, Randy Wright

All birthdays are now listed on the monthly calendar within this news letter.



SUNSHINE

Live well. love much. and laugh often

If you have information that needs shared with our members, please contact Val Sheehy via e-mail: hunter42sail@comcast.net

**Viking Yacht Club
Officers**

Commodore
Bob Gunter

Vice Commodore
Barb Talamine

Rear Commodore
Carla Bushnell

**Jr. Past
Commodore**
Bill Byrn

Parliamentarian
Claude Lathrop

Trustee I
Susie Johnson

Trustee II
Donna Davidson

Yeoman
Rich Carino

Purser
Janet Myers

Historian
Pam Krimbring
Publicity
Robert Bushnell
Sunshine
Val Sheehy
Membership
Steve Larsen

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Viking Yacht Club
Est. 1959

Past Commodores

Bill Byrn
Steve Larsen
Bruce Carlson
Janet Myers
Gary Anspach
Chuck Martin
Dave Seis
Wayne Davidson, Jr.
Maureen Murray
Hill Barrington
Al Morrison
Wayne Davidson, Sr.
Larry Shrout
Claude Lathrop
Milt Johnson
Russ Tanck
Frank Shaughnessy
Lyle Thrall
Jan Seis
Merlyn Johnson
Neil Skelton
Bob Shoemaker
Harold Wheeler
Paul Watterson
Fred Keizer
Jim Beitinge
George Stephenson
Herb Rinn
Gary Doxon
Shell Tucker
Frank Callas
Ken Wilson/Ken Eckley
Ed Karl
Al Fischer
Harlan O'Brien
Stan Sharpe
Larry Engle
Brad Bradford
Ken Wilson
Ossie Osness
Stan Clufford
Marv Howes
Lyle Westby
Curt Willard
Art Cook
Elred Pilant

From The Vice Commodore



Well it's been a challenging year with the gas prices and trying to stay close to home so everyone would come to events. We pulled off cruises with up to five other clubs to having live music at our event. I know Carla is working on you calendar as we speak for some exciting cruises for 2009. We have been able to pick up some new members and hope that they will also be willing to help out with some group activities.

The Change of Watch, and Auction went off with great success. I know we made money towards our functions for 2009. I am so glad to have Carla to follow behind me, she is fun and a hard worker and will do well for the club, and Moe (Rich Carino) as our Yeoman is going to be interesting. We all have such a good time together (all of the board) laughing and trying to get work done. But I promise, as much fun as we have, we will get the job done for all of you because Bob is in charge now and will lead us through. I will be getting the budget together here soon, and will report at the meeting in January. I want to take this time to thank all of you again for the great year of support.

V.C. Barb

REAR COMMODORE CARLA

Hello to all fellow Vikings!

Things have been interesting since I was sworn in. The Cliff House was a beautiful setting for the Change of Watch. The Vise (Barb) has been a great help in teaching me what I need to know. Thanks Barb your becoming a great friend. For those I have not met please hunt me down at the next function as I am interested in knowing everyone who is a member or affiliated with the Viking Yacht Club.

The Christmas spaghetti feed was a fabulous success. Great turn out. Everyone seemed to enjoy the Day. Santa Claude was a huge hit for all the children. Thanks Claude. Bob's next calling is definitely an auctioneer he did an outstanding job. He can auction anything. Barb and Bill thanks for the time spent decorating and all the behind the scene things you do that never gets mentioned. You both are truly givers. A special thanks to our wonderful chefs in the kitchen, Rich (Moe) and Chuck worked hard to make the wonderful sauce. I think Chuck had just as much on his shirt as in the spaghetti pot. The appetizer and desserts were all yum yummy. For all those who helped clean up we thank you. Remember belonging to a club requires all involved to make it a success by helping out and volunteering. The Totem Yacht Club was gracious to let us use their facility. It worked out perfect. Many thanks for there generosity.

Cruise season is coming up for the 2009 year. Please send me any special cruising areas that are of interest to you, we will see if we can fit them in for the coming year. Here's my e-mail address carlabushnell@yahoo.com.

We participated in our first TYC boat parade aboard the decked out Christmas boat the Yakobi. The boat looked GREAT. Bill even let me drive while he went below deck. We were honored to have Santa on board. The car lights were flashing and horn's honking from shore, as they wanted to make sure Santa was waving to them. Santa was cutting some wild dance moves. Go Santa GO. We had a great time dancing on the top deck and waving, the weather was cold but dry, then we returned to the marina for some warm food and laughs. That night sure put everyone in the Christmas spirit. Thank You Captain and First Mate.

News update! Port Orchard and Bremerton Marina are now requiring reservations for Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day. Reservations can be made after January 2, 2009.

R.C. Carla

From the Junior Past Commodore

We are working on the up coming Sweetheart Dinner. We have conflicting dates to deal with. Seems several Commodore Balls are already scheduled for the weekends in February. More info will be sent out as soon as we have a confirmed date.

We have however confirmed our 50th Commodore Ball will be October 3rd, at TYC. We are working on the theme and band now. Also after we have our board meeting, we should be able to order our 50th year burgee and clothes articles. Now I'm ready to kick back a little, and let the "new board" take over!

P.C. Bill

MEMBERSHIP

No new Member News Reported!

Everyone can work to bring new members into our club, just take an opportunity to mention our club and the fun we have to those you meet in the boating community. Bring them to our next meeting!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Don't miss these fun events!

**NBC 2009 Presidents Inauguration Dinner – Jan 10th
Viking Yacht Club 1st Monthly Meeting for 2009 – Jan 28th**

Tacoma Youth Marine Center News

The Commissioners of the Port of Tacoma voted unanimously in favor of the 30-year lease agreement that we, the Youth Marine Foundation, had negotiated with the Port staff.

This approval will allow us to begin our campaign to raise the money we need to build the new structures at our location, 820 East D Street.

Thank you, to each of you, for your patience, and for your understanding during the long negotiation process. We look forward to working with you to create a truly unique and effective place "The Tacoma Youth Marine Center" For youth to 'touch the Sound'.

Now, the work begins!!

Tom Rogers

NORTHWESTERN BOATING COUNCIL

2009

Presidents Inauguration Dinner

Honoring Gary & Frankie Anspach

Tacoma Elks Lodge
1965 S. Union Ave
Tacoma, WA
January 10th 2009



6 pm	No host cocktail hour
7 pm	Dinner
8 pm	Initiation and awards

Please choose one entrée:

Roast Prime Rib, Lemon Chicken Almandine, Salmon with Pinot Sauce

Each entrée will be served with green garden salad & dressing, baked potato, vegetable and chefs choice desert

\$50.00 per couple

Attire will be dress grays and semi-formal

Please make pre-paid reservations by December 29th

Make checks payable to NBC and include dinner choice for each person

Mail to:

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USCG PRESS RELEASE:

A Television Can't Save Your Life...A 406 MHz EPIRB or ELT Can!

For the past year the television broadcasters have blanketed the airwaves advising the public that starting in February 2009 over-the-air television broadcasts will be going digital in the United States. This means that if you want to continue to receive free television reception, you must have a newer TV that has a digital tuner or you need to get a digital-to-analog converter box. Not as well known but of substantial importance is that a critical piece of life-saving equipment will also be affected with a change from analog to digital transmissions - an Emergency Positioning Indicating Radio Beacon or "EPIRB."

Starting in February 2009 the older beacons that transmit only an analog signal (121.5 or 243 MHz) will no longer be "heard" by search and rescue satellites. Just like checking a TV, boaters need to ensure that their distress beacon is capable of transmitting a digital signal (406 MHz) in order for it to be recognized.

Although recreational boaters are not required to carry an EPIRB, they are strongly recommended for ALL boaters, including kayaks and other paddle craft, along with a VHF/FM marine band radio. The 406 MHz signal sent by the newer EPIRBs when a mariner encounters distress are picked up by the COSPAS/SARSAT satellite constellation, which determines the EPIRBs position through triangulation. EPIRBs with embedded GPS are even more helpful in quickly finding a distressed boater. With GPS coordinates, the position of distress is pinpointed almost immediately. Without GPS, it may take two or three satellite passes to come up with a good, triangulated position. According to Coast Guard Search and Rescue Controller Sandy Needle of Coast Guard Sector Los Angeles-Long Beach, "a properly registered EPIRB takes the Search out of Search and Rescue."

As long as the new 406 MHz beacon has been registered (which is required by law), search and rescue authorities can quickly confirm that the distress is real, who they are looking for, and a description of the vessel or aircraft. This means an effective search can be initiated even before a final distress location has been determined for non-GPS EPIRBs. It also means that a false activation may be resolved with a phone call to the beacon owner, saving resources for actual distresses.

Registration is free and can be done on the Internet at:

www.beaconregistration.noaa.gov or it can be mailed/faxed to NOAA by calling 1-888-212-SAVE. Beacon registrations must be updated at least every two years or when information such as emergency contact phone numbers and other vital information changes.

"BOAT LOCKER CLASSIFIEDS"

This new section of the Lur is for all members who have boat related items for sale or wanted. Please make sure you send you information to me before the 25th of each month.

E-mail me @ Robert.bushnell@comcast.net

Wanted: Good deal on inflatable tender with outboard motor. Call Robert @ 253-696-6690

For Sale:

Your Stuff Goes Hear!

Shipboard Galley

This new section is for any recipes you would like to share with other members. Thanks Robert B

Chile Dip

2 – 15 oz. Cans Chile

1 – 8 oz. Cream cheese

Heat ingredients together till cream cheese melts

Serve with tortilla chips, or cut veggies

Get creative and add onions, jalapenos or whatever.

January 2009

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			Jeff Raymond* New Years Day		4
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	Jim Martinson				NBC President Dinner
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					Rich Carino
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	Maureen Murray Susie Claus				18
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		VYC Monthly Meeting			

February 2009

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