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FROM THE HELM

Greetings to all Vikings!

A lot has been going on since we last met in November at the Change of Watch. Our Christmas auction was a great success, thanks to all the members who participated. I would like to thank everyone for the great teamwork: Chefs Chuck and Rick for the delicious spaghetti, all the folks who brought salads and desserts, and Donna's son, Dave who not only provided the hall, but also played auctioneer. He was very in tune with all of our needs. The auction items were especially great this year, and everything was put together so nice, it truly was a great time for all!

Last week your entire bridge, along with Gary and Frankie, Bill and Mary Anne, and Peter and Angelica, Sissie and Paul, Hill and Marlene, and Janet and Bob attended the NBC President's Dance to see our own Chuck Martin installed at the 2007 President. The house was full of Vikings! We also received the award for the Blind Dinghy Race at last years NBC Picnic. This year NBC is working on a project to install a flagpole at Blake Island. I encourage each of you to get involved in this worthwhile project.

As you can see from the photos, Bruce and Donna, and Pam and I had a great time at the Quinault Resort and Casino on New Year's Eve dancing to the Blues Brothers Review. We had a great steak and lobster dinner at the condo and woke up on New Year's Day to one of those wonderful stormy days at the ocean.


Your officers have met and are planning great things this year! Be sure to get involved in the fun and help our club to be the very best on the Puget Sound.

Commodore Steve



Happy Birthday

January	6	Jeffery Raymond
	10	Kathy Panatone
	11	Rich Carino
	13	Maureen Murray
	15	Paul Longthorpe
February	1	Donna Carlson
	07	MaryAnn Balyeat
	12	Dave Seis
	12	Gus Stephenson
	17	Betsy Tanck
	24	Dan Snope



S U N S H I N E

Live well, love much, and laugh often

Please kee, and their families in your prayers. Their mother passed away on January 14. Service will be Saturday, January 20 at Mountain View in Tacoma.

Good thoughts and wishes to Roberta Holley, Bob Ross, and Wayne Davidson, Sr. as they continue to recover from recent illness and injuries.

Viking Yacht Club
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Bill Bryn

Rear Commodore
Bob Gunter

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Claude Lathrop

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Trustee II
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Pam Larsen

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Northwestern Boating Council

Plans get underway to install a 55-foot flagpole at Blake Island at a cost of \$7,000 to \$10,000. If each individual member of the NBC member yacht clubs would donate \$5.00, we could reach this goal. NBC will send letters to Commodores to ask for their club's support this project. The State will provide upkeep and maintenance for it.

2007 Calendar

March 21	General Meeting
March 24	Blake Island Work Party
May 16	General Meeting
June 2	Picnic at Brownville
September 19	General Meeting
November 14	General Meeting

Individual membership to NBC is only \$13.00 a year.
See Chuck for a membership application!

RECREATIONAL BOATERS ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON

Boaters Legislative Day

WHEN: February 6, 2007
WHERE: Anthony's Home Port - Olympia
TIME: Members Briefing at 4:30 pm
Legislators at 5:30 pm
Function ends at 8:00 pm
FOOD: Hord'orves, Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks,
Wine & Beer
COST: \$15.00/person

REGISTRATION: E-mail us your reservation to
DavidKutz@aol.com

RBAW is working on a Bill to recapture our boat excise taxes to be dedicated to boating programs. Please attend so we can show our Legislators that boaters care about taxes and government issues that affect recreational boating. All Washington State Senators, Representatives are invited, but we need YOU to invite your legislators. Go to <http://dfind.leg.wa.gov/dfinder.cfm> to find your legislators and send them an e-mail encouraging them to attend.

SUPPORT BOATING in WASHINGTON STATE

JOIN or RENEW YOUR 2007 RBAW MEMBERSHIP

Individual membership is only \$15.00 and entitles you to the Newsletter, discounts at Fisheries Supply, Boat/US Membership & West Marine, and the privilege to fly the RBAW flag from your boat.

Go to- <http://www.rbaw.org>. Print & mail your application.

From The Vice Commodore



The New Year off to a great start and I am very excited to be your Vice Commodore. I am sorry that I had to miss my swearing in at the Change of Watch, due to school business in Las Vegas, but we managed to get the job done by phone.

By the time you read this I will have attended my first board meeting, and we will be planning events and activities for 2007, and hosted the first Daffodil Committee meeting will be on Jan. 14. We are looking for ideas to help us have a good showing, or take 1st place again. The theme this year is "Daffodils and All That Jazz"

My family and I sure had a great time at the Christmas auction! Thanks to everyone who donated food and auction items, and of course to all the folks who cooked, setup, cleaned up and of course spent money to have a nice Ball honoring our Commodore Steve and Momodore Pam. I would also like to give a special thanks to Donna's son Dave for all his hard work. He not only provided the hall, he helped set up, decorate, cook, do dishes, and cleanup. We could not have done it without him!

Barb and I are excited to represent the club this year at the various functions. It will be fun to meet members or our reciprocal clubs, make new friends and attend the Commodore Balls. If there is anything I can do as your vice commodore, don't hesitate to call me.

Thanks,

Vice Commodore Bill

2007 CRUISE SCHEDULE

March 16	St. Patrick's Day Cruise	Delin Docks (Glass Museum)
April 27	Boating Family of the Year	Arabella's
May 26	Memorial Day Oyster Fest	Port Orchard
June 2	NBC Picnic	Brownsville
June 8	Summer Fun Cruise	Jarrel's Cover
July 6	Anchor Out/Dockton	Quartermaster Harbor
August 17	Hot August Nights	Poulsbo
August 31	Labor Day Cruise	Port of Bremerton
October 26	Hot Rudder Bum Cruise	Blake Island

Cruise captains are needed, so don't be shy - step up and host a cruise!

If there are any other destinations you would like us to consider, please let me know and I will get the ball rolling!

REAR COMMODORE BOB

National Boating Federation **By Marlene Barrington**

The United States Coast Guard announces the switch to new command, control and communications technology monitoring distress calls throughout Puget Sound, the Strait of Juan de Fuca, and the West Coast of Washington, north of the Quinault Indian Reservation. Rescue 21 allows the Coast Guard to monitor Digital Selective Calling (DSC) emergency transmissions. When properly registered with a Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number and interfaced with a GPS receiver, a DSC distress call provides the Coast Guard a vessel's identity and exact location, greatly improving emergency response. Rescue 21 also includes advanced direction-finding capability, allowing Coast Guard watchstanders to more accurately locate the source of a VHF distress call. That capability also helps the Coast Guard locate the source of hoax calls, saving valuable time when lives are at stake and conserving taxpayer dollars. Rescue 21 has enhanced playback capability to bolster the chances of deciphering garbled messages, and a network of radio towers to help reduce coverage gaps in coastal areas. Both ensure more distress calls get through to the Coast Guard. Proving its mettle following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the Disaster Recovery System (DRS) is another vital component of Rescue 21. A fully autonomous, rapidly deployable emergency communications package, it provides voice and data connectivity if a manmade or natural disaster destroys the existing communications infrastructure. A \$730 million acquisition project and the second largest within the Coast Guard, Rescue 21 will replace the Coast Guard's aging National Distress and Response System, built three decades ago. Once fully implemented, the technology will cover 95,000 miles of U.S. coastline and inland waterways.

SEATTLE - The Coast Guard is advising boat owners in Puget Sound to make all necessary preparations to ensure their vessels are prepared for the oncoming bout of severe weather. Recommendations include increasing the scope of the anchor, as appropriate, for those vessels at anchor. Securing all hatches and taking other actions to minimize water entry into the vessel, checking the condition of anchor and mooring lines, removing all loose articles from deck that could be blown overboard and moving vessels to safe areas or removing them from the water before severe weather. All mariners should evaluate the weather forecast and exercise due caution prior to getting underway. Small watercraft such as kayaks, canoes, and dinghies should be marked with the owner's name and contact information. The Coast Guard is asking the public to report any vessels adrift, any oil spills in the water or any other potentially dangerous situations to the National Response Center. The phone number is 1-800-424-8802.

NBF continued . . .

The U.S. Coast Guard, along with the U.S. Department of Transportation, has published a notice in the Federal Register, requesting public comment on the future of the Loran system. The notice is RTCM Paper 003-2007-GEN-DIST: <http://rtcm.info/003-2007-GEN-DIST.pdf> the notice requests comment on whether the U.S. government should discontinue Loran-C, maintain the present Loran C system, or in a fully deployed Enhanced Loran (eLoran) system. The RTCM Board of Directors has adopted a policy in favor of retention of the Loran system. RTCM will be submitting comments in response to the invest notice in favor of retaining the Loran system, and encouraging full deployment of eLoran.

Anyone may submit comments to the docket, but the deadline for comments is February 7. Go to <http://dms.dot.gov/>

* Click on simple search

* Type in the last five digits of the docket number - "24685"

This will bring you to the docket and you will see all of the documents filed to date. You can submit your comments by clicking on "Comments/Submissions."

Always leave a Float Plan with a friend or loved one. It could save your life!

Record rainfall in the Pacific Northwest became the cause of at least one fatality and the evacuation of hundreds of people from the rapidly rising waters. Boaters are reminded that accidents in winter weather conditions greatly increase the chances of the accident becoming fatal. Cold temperatures, cold water, wind, and rain all combine to reduce your ability to survive. Make sure you are prepared. Watch weather and river conditions, dress properly (*Go to the VYC website for a sample float plan.*)

THIRTEENTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT
Dan Shipman, Recreational Boating Safety Specialist

Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 35, based in Tacoma, is currently looking for new members. For more information, contact Lee Warnaca at (253) 536 4494 or (253) 961-5913.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Cold Water Immersion: What's That?

Hypothermia was often considered the cause of death in many overboard falls. However, the initial plummet into cold water is more likely the deadly culprit. While hypothermia sets in after longer periods of exposure to cooler temperatures, the effects of cold-water immersion are instantaneous. When a person plummets into cold water, they experience a shock response, known as stage one of cold water immersion causing an involuntary gasping reflex causing the lungs to rapidly fill with water. One gasping breath while you are submerged may be lethal.

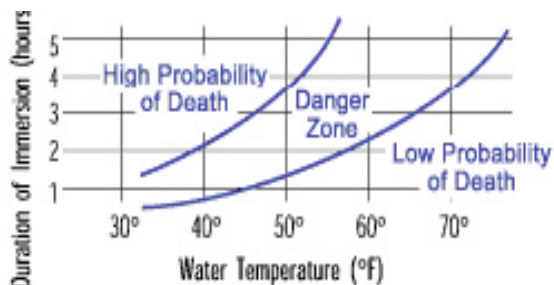
In stage two, short-term immersion (5 to 30 minutes in the water), the victim begins to experience swimming failure. Muscle strength is zapped, rendering most victims incapable of self-rescue or climbing back on board the vessel.

Stage three known as long-term immersion (30+ minutes), is when hypothermia and cooling of the body core begins. Death occurs on average from cardiac arrest somewhere below a body core temperature of about 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

In stage four, or the post-rescue collapse stage, survivors being removed from the water still face great danger. Rescue technique and proper treatment of immersed victims are critical, as heart and brain failure are still possible.

Cold water immersion is a deadly threat and the only way to improve your chances of survival is to prepare yourself before you leave the dock. When boating in cooler seasons, invest in a wetsuit or dry suit. These suits help reduce the effects of

cold-water immersion, keeping the body warmer and giving the victim more ability to self-rescue. However, the most important piece of gear to wear is a life jacket. Wearing a life jacket, will help keep the airway above water and will give buoyancy to a victim struggling to swim. Without a life jacket, the initial fall into cold water can be enough to cause immediate drowning.



GENERAL INTEREST

Functioning Marine Radio Crucial When Emergencies Happen

Varieties of emergencies happen regularly on America's waterways. With millions of recreational and commercial boaters in varying states of health and boating skill, along with equipment of sometimes-questionable fitness on our waters, this is to be expected. When emergencies do happen, having a functioning marine radio onboard can make the crucial difference. Today's marine radios are compact, reliable, relatively inexpensive, and many even feature new Digital Selective Calling, built to get emergency help to the distressed boater with pinpoint location accuracy. In an emergency, the DSC radio will send an automated digital distress alert consisting of your identification and position (if the radio is connected to a GPS or Loran unit) to other DSC-equipped vessels and rescue facilities. Rescue 21 is the U.S. Coast Guard system that will provide the mayday response capability described above. For more details on the Rescue 21 System and its availability in your area visit www.uscg.mil/rescue21. Make sure your boat has a working marine radio onboard, and that you test it regularly to make sure it works well. That way, when you need to call for help, for yourself or as a Good Samaritan, you will be able to connect with those who can help.

The Seattle Boat Show January 25 (Thurs) - February 3 (Sat) Qwest Field Event Center and South Lake Union with a free shuttle running between these locations. Over 600 exhibitors plus over 230 free boating and fishing seminars, Boat Show University - advanced 3-hour seminars, learn boater safety and improve your water skills at the new Boater Education Center, plus lots of prizes and freebies. Purchase advanced tickets, and plan your visit to the show in advance by going to www.seattleboatshow.com and get free parking at any one of three parking lots near Qwest Field Event Center.



The U.S. Postal Service will run a series of 16 first class stamps featuring classic boats from Lake Tahoe. The series is entitled "American Mahogany Speedboats." Postal officials chose California's Lake Tahoe as the focal point because of its reputation of being the classic wooden boat capital of the U.S. "The reason we selected these boats is that we wanted to show the evolution of American mahogany speedboats," Mark Saunders, a U.S. Post Office official said. Each pane of 16 first class stamps will feature photographs of Dispatch a 1931 mahogany speedboat, Duckers (a 1954 Chris-Craft), Frolic (1915 Hutchinson Brothers launch) and the famous Thunderbird (a custom designed 1955 vessel).

Flying to Canada or Mexico?

Remember, beginning January 23, 2007, all passengers traveling by air, regardless of age or citizenship, will be required to have a valid passport to enter the United States. If you are thinking of traveling in the future and do not have a passport, please familiarize yourself with the new [U.S. government travel initiative](#).

*Please plan to attend the
Viking Yacht Club
2007 Sweetheart Ball
Friday, February 16, 2007
Tacoma Elks Club
Honoring our 2007 Sweetheart
Social Hour at 6:00 p.m.
No Host Bar
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.*

*Dinner Selections: Chicken Marsala \$15.00
Seafood Buffet \$20.00.*

Please contact Donna Carlson with your reservation and dinner selection. 253-863-3226 or d.l.carlson@comcast.net

There will be a sign up sheet at the VYC general meeting for those who attend.

Hope to see a good turn out of all the Vikings.

You're invited to
THE TACOMA OUTBOARD ASSOCIATION
2007 COMMODORE'S BALL
Honoring Paul DiVona and First Mate Sharnel Hawkins
Saturday, February 3, 2007
TOA'S Clubhouse
8426 6th Avenue Tacoma, WA 98465
\$75.00 per couple \$37.50 single
B.Y.O.B.
Cocktails at 1800
Introduction of Commodores at 1900
Dinner at 1930
Dancing to the "1 2 1" at 2100 to 2400
RSVP by January 27, 2007
John Bellamy
Email: jbgraphics@hotmail.com (253)279-0747

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
SEABACS BOAT CLUB'S
2007 COMMODORE'S BALL
"F I E S T A"
Honoring Commodore Cathy Petite and Captain Scott
Saturday, February 10, 2007
Tacoma Yacht Club
5401 North Waterfront Drive Tacoma, WA
\$35.00 per person
No Host Cocktail Hour 1800
Introduction of Commodores 1900
Followed by Dinner and Dancing
Enjoy Top Sirloin Steak or Cucumber Dill Salmon
RSVP to Bill or May Ann Balyeat with your dinner choices by February 4
(360)895-8415 or email bill.balyeat@juno.com
Send checks to 6142 Troon Ave SW, Port Orchard, WA 98367
Officers Formal Dress Grays

VIKING YACHT CLUB
P O BOX 4461
FEDERAL WAY WA 98063

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 24, 2007
VYC General Membership Meeting
Johnny's at Fife
6:00 Dinner/Social 7:00 Meeting

February 3, 2007
Tacoma Outboard Association Commodore's Ball
TOA Clubhouse 6:00 pm

February 6, 2007
RBAW Boaters Legislative Day
Anthony's Home Port, Olympia 4:30 pm

February 10, 2007
Seabacs Commodore Ball
Tacoma Yacht Club 6:00 pm

February 11, 2007
VYC Board Meeting
Bob Gunther's 1:30 pm

February 16, 2007
VYC Sweetheart Ball
Tacoma Elk's Lodge 6:00 pm



*Avoid late charges. . .
Pay 2007 membership dues at January
meeting!*

*\$150.00 payable to VYC
\$15.00 optional to join RBAW*