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FROM THE HELM

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday with your families, I know that we had a great one, and I am ready to start 2008 off as your new Commodore.

This years Christmas Auction was a great success, and I would like to take the time to thank everyone for all the help in making it such a great party. Everyone enjoyed the great food, the pictures with Santa, and the time spent with families and friends. I would like to thank Donna's son and daughter in law for all the help and hard work; we could not have done this without them.

We attended our first function as Commodore and Rear Commodore. We attended the NBC's Presidents Dinner at the Elk's Club. We Viking's received "4" awards ranging from games to the most NBC individual memberships in a club. We will have them to show off at the General Meeting.

Get ready to start marking your calendars; the invitations are starting to come in on upcoming "Commodore Balls." We have invites from TOA, Des Moines, and Seabacs so far.

Remember that the Hickman family is having a Memorial for Bill on Feb. 23 from noon until 4:00pm. Please try to show up and support Lea, and share some of your special memories with his family.

Your Commodore Bill

Happy Birthday



Sissi Longrhorpe, Stephen Anspach, Sarah Davidson, Debbie Succow, Dotti Thrall, Jan Brown



Kathy Panatone, Rich Carino, Maureen Murray, Paul Longthrope



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



SUNSHINE

Live well, love much, and laugh often

Let this coming year be better than all the others. Vow to do some of the things you've always wanted to do but couldn't find the time. Call up a forgotten friend. Drop an old grudge, and replace it with some pleasant memories. Vow not to make a promise you don't think you can keep. Walk tall, and smile more. You'll look ten years younger. Don't be afraid to say, 'I love you'. Say it again. They are the sweetest words in the world.
Ann Landers

Please contact Frankie Anspach with news about members who need a little cheering up in times of need, celebrations, and accomplishments!

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Larry Engle

Brad Bradford

Ken Wilson

Ossie Osness

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From The Vice Commodore



Happy New Year everyone!

Well 2007 is behind us and we look forward to the 2008 boating season. We really had some great cruises last year, I know Pam and I and my sister Pat had a great time with all the fun events each cruise brought.

As the chairs change, and new officers take their places and new duties, I would like to tell our out going Commodore Steve and his first mate Pam, how much fun we all had with them leading us.

2008 is also going to be a great cruising season with our new Commodore Bill and his first mate and Rear Commodore Barb! Everyone knows how Barb always comes up with great ideas, so we are looking forward to some exciting cruises. Our first Board meeting was spent discussing cruises, events, and the new budget for 2008.

Looking forward to our first meeting, so until then, keep checking your boats, and keep warm.

Vice Commodore Bob

From the Junior Past Commodore Steve

I want to thank all of the Viking Yacht Club members and families for the last year as your Commodore. It was a great experience and I appreciated all of your support and encouragement throughout the year. Pam and I will long remember the countless meetings, commodore balls, cruises, and cherish the friendships that we have made.

Now that I am a has been, don't count me out, I plan to help Bill and his new board keep Viking strong!

REAR COMMODORE BARB

Christmas was great, New Year's was a blast, but I am glad that the Holidays are over. I am ready to start planning the 2008 Cruising Schedule.

I feel it is going to be a challenge this year with the fuel prices to get some of you to attend Viking functions. I have been talking with other clubs that are dealing with the price of a weekend cruise, and maybe putting something together with them. This might be a way for all of our clubs to have closer, yet fun and exciting cruises doing different things. We will not change our Memorial Day Cruise; it will stay at Port Orchard. We also have Tall Ships to look forward to over the Fourth of July weekend, and Olympia for Labor Day.

We will be working on schedules, and asking for Cruise Captains at the upcoming meetings.

Tentative 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 26-27	Boating Family of the Year Arabella's, Gig Harbor
May 2-4	Seattle Opening Day Seattle Yacht Club
May 24-26	Memorial Day Oyster Feed Port Orchard Marina
June 20-23	Golf Cruise, Gig Harbor
June 6	NBC Picnic, Brownsville
July 3-7	Tall Ships Tacoma 2008 Thea Foss Waterway
Aug 15-17	Hot Aug Nights - Pig Roast Dockton
Aug 29- Sept 1	Labor Day Swantown Marina, Olympia
Oct 24-26	Hot Buttered Rum Dockton

Membership News

We need to increase our membership! You will have several opportunities to "show and tell" your boating friends about Viking Yacht Club -the best little boating club on the Puget Sound!

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!

Steve

Check out our new website at

www.vikingyachtclub.com



If you have any photos of Viking Yacht Club events that you would like to share on our new website, please email them to Donna Carlson at d.l.carlson@comcast.net



The honor of your presence is requested at

The Viking Yacht Club

2008 Sweetheart's Ball

Saturday, February 16, 2008

Duke's Ruston Way Chowder House

3327 Ruston Way, Tacoma WA

Appetizer Bar and No-host cocktails, 1800 hours

Dinner 1900 hours

Presentation of Past Sweethearts, 2030 hours

Crowning of Viking Yacht Club 2008 Sweetheart

Macadamia encrusted Wild Alaska Halibut

Pan Seared Wild Alaska King Salmon

Top Sirloin, 8 oz. center cut

\$30.00 per person

RSVP by February 8, 2008

Steve & Pam Larsen

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Attire for the evening is Semi-formal and Dress Gowns

Celebration of Life Memorial

Bill Hickman

Saturday, February 23, 2008

12:00 o'clock noon to 4:00 p.m. at

Des Moines Yacht Club

A "Memory Book" will be compiled of memories of Bill. Pages and pens will be provided, or you may want to bring something ready for the book. Please bring an appetizer or salad to share.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the Blake Island Flag Pole Fund, for which Bill was very much interested in.

A Donation Box will be in the DMYC Clubhouse.



REMINDER!

Are your dues paid for 2008?

Please send your payment to Purser Janet Myers.

\$150.00 Annual Dues

\$15.00 RBAW Dues (Optional)

If you would like to include a suggested donation of \$10.00 to the NBC flagpole project, you may include a separate check and we will make sure it gets to NBC.

*National Boating Federation
By Marlene Barrington*

NMMA Update on Clean Water Act / EPA Permitting Issue

As Congress returns for the 2nd Session, NMMA would like to update the Coalition on the current legislative, regulatory and judicial status of the prospect of a national incidental discharge permit requirement for recreational vessels. Although our legislative advocacy during the first session resulted in several significant advances, our coalition will need to be increasingly vigilant over the next few months to enact a legislative fix prior to the Sept. 2008 deadline. We continue strong support for H.R. 2550 and S. 2067, and we are working staff for Senators Barbara Boxer and Bill Nelson on legislative language as well.

The good news is that, due in large measure to your efforts; the House and Senate are now more aware of this issue and have heard from many constituents urging a restoration of the exemption. We are optimistic that legislation will begin to move over the next couple of months to address this problem, and as the issue comes to a head, we will need to be prepared to launch an aggressive, constituent-based advocacy effort to keep the pressure high. All boaters are encouraged to go to www.boatblue.org and send a message to their senators and congressmen on the Hill to pass H.R. 2550 and S. 2067, The Recreational Boating Act of 2007. The message now is that the clock is ticking and Congress needs to act.

TWO FEDERAL TAX DEDUCTIONS REMAIN FOR BOATERS

"When Congress adjourned for 2007, they left in place two federal income tax deductions of potential benefit to boat owners.

A boat is treated like a second home for federal tax purposes if it has a galley, a head, and sleeping berth. Mortgage interest paid on the loan is deductible from your federal income taxes. Taxpayers may use the mortgage interest deduction for one primary home and one second home and must itemize deductions on their returns. Some boaters may be unaware of this potential tax benefit because not all lending institutions send borrowers an IRS form 1098 - Interest Paid. Not receiving the form does not preclude taking the deduction. If a 1098 is not available, boaters should contact their lender for the amount of interest paid and should enter it on line 11 on Schedule A along with the lender tax ID number. If a form 1098 is sent, boaters should simply enter the amount on line 10 of Schedule A.

The other tax benefit is a deduction for state sales taxes. However, this may no longer be available after the 2007 tax year if Congress does not act to extend it. This deduction may be appropriate for boaters who paid substantial sales tax on the purchase of a new or used vessel last year. Boaters must choose either the state sales tax deduction or state income tax deduction on their federal tax return you cannot take both.

For more details on these deductions, go to <http://www.irs.gov> and download Publication 936 or the Fact Sheets. For state tax deduction, see Publication 600

RECREATIONAL BOATING ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON
Legislative Day 2008
Your Voice in Olympia

Monday, February 4th, 2008
Anthony's Home Port (On the Waterfront)
704 Columbia St., Olympia, WA. 98508

The purpose of Legislative Day is to allow RBAW members to meet with their elected Legislators in one location and discuss current issues and concerns of the boating community. RBAW members should arrive by 5:00 PM at Anthony's for a briefing on our present issues for discussion with the Legislators that evening.

The Legislators are invited from 5:30 to 8:00 PM.

All House and Senate Members will be invited, however, we urge you to personally invite the Senators and Representatives from your district to discuss our specific issues. A variety of delicious hors d'oeuvres will be served along with wine, beer, soft drinks or other non-alcoholic beverages. There is no charge to our guests the Legislators; however, there is a member charge of \$15.00 per person.

Advance payment is requested so that we can determine the number of attendees and provide adequate service.

Please return with your check of \$15.00 per person to:

Recreational Boating Association of Washington
c/o Louise Condon
5202 Greenwood Avenue N, Seattle, WA. 98103
(206) 783-7251 (H) 206-290-8041 (C)
E-mail: louise.condon@msn.com

Name/s: _____

Phone No. _____ Email: _____

Number attendees paid for: ____ Total Amount enclosed \$ ____

Club Affiliation if any: _____

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

January 23, 2008

VYC General Membership Meeting
Johnny's at Fife
6:00 p.m.

January 24-February 2, 2008

Seattle Boat Show

Qwest Field Event Center & South Lake Union

Purchase tickets at www.seattleboatshow.com

February 2, 2008

Tacoma Outboard Association Commodore's Ball
TOA Clubhouse

February 9, 2008

Sebac's Commodore's Ball
Tacoma Yacht Club

February 16, 2008

VYC Sweetheart Dinner
Duke's Ruston Way Chowder House

February 24, 2008

Totem Yacht Club Commodore's Ball
TYC Clubhouse

February 27, 2008

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