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FROM THE HELM

My First Mate and I have been having a great time going to the Balls and cruises! I want to thank all of the Vikings who have turned out to support us this year at the Balls. The Viking Ladies (see picture) at Seabacs Ball were all jazzed up in black and having a great time! Then there was the DMYC Ball celebrating 50 years as a club! It was fun meeting some of the old-timers and hearing about their adventures and how boating has changed! Did you know Des Moines YC used to be the "Vagabond Outboard Club"? Be sure to mark your calendars for all of the upcoming VYC events! The board and many dedicated volunteers have been working hard to plan some new and exciting events! You won't want to miss the Daffodil Festival at TYC! It is not too late to get in on decorating and maybe even riding on the Yakobi with all of her "Jazzy" decorations! Next, we will honor the Wayne and Donna Davidson, Jr. as the 2007 Boating Family of the Year at Arabella's Landing! See the cruise schedule for all the details! It was a wet weekend on Blake Island for the NBC Work Party! My hat is off to Bill, Barb, and Gary who braved the weather to take a group of boy scouts to the Island; and to skippers Claude, Chuck, and Kirbie for supporting our club and making a difference for all boaters. On my return to Foss Waterway, I ventured over to the Tacoma Youth Marine Center, the new base for the Sea Scouts and got the grand tour by director Tom Rogers. The center will provide public access to marine activity and partnerships with schools, environmental agencies, and boating organizations! They will continue to operate the Tacoma Fuel Dock and Commencement Bay Marine Services to provide support for the nonprofit organization. The scouts have done a lot of work cleaning up the old place and will have an auction in late April or May -so if you are looking for a project boat or old parts, this is the place for you!

Commodore Steve

Happy Birthday

March	4	Johanna Martin
	9	Lea Hickman
	16	Lola Doxon
	20	Steve Larsen Lyle Thral
	29	Roberta Holley
April	4	Tracey Anspach
	11	Marlene Barrington



SUNSHINE

Live well, love much, and laugh often

Our deepest sympathy goes to lifetime member Betsy Tanck. Russ passed February 23 after a couple of weeks in the hospital. Steve and Pam Larsen are also in our prayers, with the passing of Steve's sister Kay. The Vikings also wish Roberta Holley the very best! We miss her at our club functions.

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From The Vice Commodore



The board has approved a Membership Committee to develop a Mission, Vision, and Goal Statement for the club, which will be added to our prospective members literature. We feel this will give the club purpose in addition to being a great cruising club, and will attract new members.

Barb and I have had a great time going to the Commodore Balls, and meeting boaters from other Puget Sound Yacht Clubs. We just attended the Dock Street cruise hosted by Bob Gunter and his first mate Pam. They did a wonderful job in setting up for all of us to attend the Glass Museum, History Museum, or Art Museum. Whether you attended one or all three, it was a great time! We all had a great time on Saturday with all the Irish fixings, and by Sunday, we were all ready for the hot "Irish Coffees" and brunch.

This weekend we will attend the NBC Blake Island work party. We are also working hard on the boat and decorations to get ready for the Daffodil Parade coming up on Sunday April 22. We need your help decorating the boat on Saturday April 21, so mark it on your calendars. We always have a great time after decorating, we go up to the clubhouse for the Token Parade and Marine Trivia Contest.

Barb reminds me to tell all of you, "Don't Forget Gifts for the NBC Basket" we will begin collecting at the next meeting on March 28. Hope to see you all there!

Vice Commodore Bill

Northwestern Boating Council

	2007 Calendar
May 16	General Meeting Tacoma Working Waterfront Museum
June 2	Picnic at Brownsville Marina
September 19	General Meeting Des Moines Yacht Club
November 14	General Meeting Tacoma Outboard Association

2007 CRUISE SCHEDULE

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	
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!

REAR COMMODORE BOB

Boating Family Cruise is April 27 thru the 29th at Arabella's Landing in Gig Harbor. Please call and make your reservation to honor our Boating Family Wayne and Donna Davidson. We are planning a Mexican Fiesta with lots of activities. Arabella's phone number is 253-851-1792. Club Members need to reserve their own slip. Call Donna Carlson 253-863-3226 or Janet Myers 253-661-7462 if you have not signed up at a meeting. Looking forward to a great turn out.

Membership News

A membership committee is forming to come up with new with different ways to encourage prospective new members!

We are also looking at ways current members could be compensated for bringing in new members, for example a night's free moorage, a West Marine gift card or ????. You get the picture; we need everyone's help to make our club strong and long lasting. If you have any suggestions, please call me to join this committee.

Barb

*National Boating Federation
By Marlene Barrington*

**FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS
GO WITHOUT A LIFEJACKET**

The Coast Guard Auxiliary wants to remind the boating public and others who live, work or play around the water - friends don't let friends go without a lifejacket. Between 80 and 90 percent of those involved in a boating accident drown; an overwhelming number of these drowning victims were not wearing lifejackets. Boating safety experts believe that the majority of these deaths could have been prevented, if only the drowning victim had simply been wearing a properly fitted life jacket. To prevent a tragedy is to "just wear it." There are many styles to choose from, including inflatable lifejackets that offer a maximum amount of comfort and buoyancy. ALL boaters, including sailors and paddle craft operators, are encouraged to wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket at all times when on or near the water. Moreover, so that they can be prepared to deal with emergencies, such as a person falling overboard.

House Bill 1651 - Establishing a Boating Programs Account

Congratulations all. With everyone's help, HB 1651 has passed out of the House, 94 - 1! Our efforts now turn to the Senate. HB 1651 must be passed out of the Senate Natural Resources committee by March 30, then passed out of the Senate Ways and Means committee by April 2, then followed by a vote of the full Senate.

So now is the time to let your Senator know that you support HB 1651. Please take the time to email or call your State Senator today. Ask your Senator (1) to support moving HB 1651 out of committees to a Senate vote, (2) to vote in favor of HB 1651, and (3) to vote to approve funding for HB 1651. You can find out how to contact your Senator via email and review the actual bill language at www.leg.wa.gov.

You can leave a voice message for your Senator via the Legislative hot line 1-800-562-6000.

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What is IOBG and why should I care?

The International Order of the Blue Gavel is a group of past commodores who meet for fun and good deeds. I am not sure what the good deeds are yet since I haven't been an IOBG member very long. Bruce and I joined last year after going through their initiation. We had to put on a 30 minute skit with the other "newbies" while in hula skirts, leis etc. We had a lot of fun as well as entertained the group.

IOBG meets in the spring and fall. This spring meeting is in Seattle April 13-15. We will spend the day playing in downtown and then enjoy dinner and dancing. Several past commodores from Viking will be going.

To become a member of IOBG was one of the reasons for going through the chairs. As a member, I can go into any yacht club ANYWHERE and be welcomed. We look forward to seeing friends from other clubs and renewing acquaintances and meeting new members.

Now here is the "good deeds" . . .

The International Order of the Blue Gavel Auxiliary District 1, and The Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma, WA (CYCT), are proud to host RACE FOR THE STARS, a benefit regatta with the proceeds going to the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation's Make A Wish and Wishing Star foundations, on April 7, 2007.

The Blue Gavel Auxiliary will host a picnic lunch at 1:30 PM, after the last finish, at the CYCT dock by the Tye Marina Dock II. Through the generosity and graciousness of our local merchants there will be an auction following the race, at 3 PM. All proceeds of this auction go to the Make A Wish and Wishing Star foundations. For the history and rating of The Humanitarian Foundation you are invited to view their website at www.iobg.org.

For more information, contact Angelica Rooker, President IOBGA, at arooker@msn.com or, for race information contact Billy Carter at CYCT

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Time to get ready for another boating season

Submitted by Chuck Martin

Fresh water system problems--foul odor or taste--are typically caused by allowing water to stagnate in the system. Although most people think only in terms of the tank, the plumbing is actually the source of most foul water, because the molds, mildew, fungi and bacteria, which cause it, thrive in damp dark places, not under water. Many people—and even some boat manufacturers—believe that keeping the tanks empty reduce the problem, but an empty water tank only provides another damp dark home for those “critters.”

There are all kinds of products sold that claim to keep onboard water fresh, but all that’s really necessary is an annual or in especially warm climates, semi-annual recommissioning of the entire system—tank and plumbing. The following recommendations conform to section 10.8 in the A-1 192 code covering electrical, plumbing, and heating of recreational vehicles. The solution is approved and recommended by competent health officials. It may be used in a new system a used one that has not been used for a period of time, or one that may have been contaminated. Before beginning, turn off hot water heater at the breaker; do not turn it on again until the entire recommissioning is complete.

Icemakers should be left running to allow cleaning out of the water feed line; however the first two buckets of ice—the bucket generated during recommissioning and the first bucketful afterward--should be discarded.

1. Prepare a chlorine solution using one gallon of water and 1/2 cup (4 oz) Clorox or Purex household bleach (5% sodium Hypo chlorine solution). With tank empty, pour chlorine solution into tank. Use one gallon of solution for each 5 gallons of tank capacity.
2. Complete filling of tank with fresh water. Open each faucet and drain cock until air has been released and the entire system is filled. Do not turn off the pump; it must remain on to keep the system pressurized and the solution in the lines.
3. Allow to stand for at least three hours, but no longer than 24 hours.

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4 Drain through every faucet on the boat (and if you haven't done this in a while, it's a good idea to remove any diffusion screens from the faucets, because what's likely to come out will clog them). Fill the tank again with fresh water only, drain again through every faucet on the boat.

5. To remove excess chlorine taste or odor, which might remain, prepare a solution of one-quart white vinegar to five gallons water and allow this solution to agitate in tank for several days by vehicle motion.

6. Drain tank again through every faucet, and flush the lines again by fill the tank 1/4-1/2 full and again flushing with potable water.

Peggie Hall Specializing in marine sanitation since 1987 and Author "Get Rid of Boat Odors - A Guide to Marine Sanitation and Other Source of Aggravation and Odor" Published by Seaworthy Publications http://www.seaworthy.com/html/get_rid_of_boat_odors.html

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### Boater Safety

The Washington state Mandatory Boating Safety Education goes into effect on January 1, 2008. The new law requires boaters ages 12 years and older to pass a boating safety course or an equivalency exam and obtain a Boater Education Card before operating a motorized vessel of 15 horsepower or greater. The card requirement is being phased in from 2008 to 2014.

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| 2008 | 12 to 20 years old   |
| 2009 | 25 years and younger |
| 2010 | 30 years and younger |
| 2011 | 35 years and younger |
| 2012 | 40 years and younger |
| 2013 | 50 years and younger |
| 2014 | 59 years and younger |

After 2014 - Card required for any person born after Jan. 1. 1955

It is strongly recommended that they take a boating safety course approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators. To find a boating safety class in your area, call 1-877-875-6296, or visit [http://nws.cgaux.org/visitors/pe\\_visitor/index.html](http://nws.cgaux.org/visitors/pe_visitor/index.html) .

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 24  
NBC Work Party @ Blake Island

March 28  
VYC General Membership Meeting  
Johnny's at Fife  
6:00 p.m.

April 20-22  
Daffodil Marine Regatta  
Tacoma Yacht Club  
Come help decorate our parade entry and flagship

April 15  
VYC Board Meeting

April 25  
VYC General Membership Meeting  
Johnny's at Fife  
6:00 p.m.

April 27-29  
Boating Family of the Year  
Honoring  
Wayne Jr., Donna, Kailee, and Matt Davidson  
Arabella's Landing, Gig Harbor

"Musical Memories"  
Opening Day 2007  
Seattle Yacht Club  
May 5, 2007

9:00 a.m. Opening Ceremonies

10:00 a.m. Dragon Boat Races

10:10 a.m. Crew Races

12:00 p.m. "Musical Memories" Parade

6:00 p.m. Awards Ceremony on the Lawn

6:30 p.m. Closing Ceremony with Retiring of Colors

This is a great way to start the boating season!  
Join your Commodore for this special event.  
Moorage at the Seattle Yacht Club requires reservations, or you can  
moor on the Mountlake Cut Log Boom!

Check out the Seattle Yacht Club website for detailed activities and times.  
[www.seattleyachtclub.org](http://www.seattleyachtclub.org)