



The  
**LUR**

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## FROM THE HELM

Wow, I am the Viking Yacht Club Commodore, what an honor! Looking back about ten years, I never thought I would get this involved in our club. Pam and I joined VYC, after Barb Talamine invited us to a meeting. We came and felt very welcomed. Now I call members 'old friends' -not that you are old, we have just been friends for a long time.

Now it is time to get down to business. I have set out to achieve the following goals during my year as Commodore. The first is to update and publish the Viking Yacht Club Handbook with accurate information on all our members, reciprocals, and changes to the by-law and standing rules. In order to do this I need some help from you, the general membership. Please complete the enclosed membership update form and bring to the January meeting or mail to the club at P.O. Box 4461, Federal Way, WA 98063-4461

Secondly, we have been in the process to revise and update our website. Currently the website is accessible through Yahoo Groups. This has worked well in some respects, but has also been challenging for our members and new folks interested in learning more about our club. It is time to move to our own domain. Donna's niece has been working on creating a new website for the Viking's and I hope to finish this project and get the site up and running by Janaury, 2007. If you have experience in web development or would like to assist with this project, please let me know!

Finally, increasing or membership and encouraging existing members to get more involved! One of the things that I treasure most about our club is, it is a family oriented cruising club that welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds! I encourage each one of you to bring a prospective new member to the many events or meetings in 2007. Your new board will plan great outings this year, some new and of course, the traditional cruises! If you have some suggestions, let your board know by email or phone.

Many people have a problem reading small text, so this is very useful when trying to read small e-mail or web page print.

If you hold down the Ctrl key on your key board and turn the small wheel in the middle of your mouse, the print size will change - it will get either larger or smaller - depending on which way you turn the wheel.

Try it - you will be amazed at the difference!

### Marine Electrical Wire Workshop

#### December 2, in Seattle

Washington Sea Grant Program and the Port of Seattle/Fishermen's Terminal are co-sponsoring a Marine Electrical Wiring Workshop for commercial fishermen and recreational boaters on Saturday, December 2 From 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at Norby Conference Center, Norby Building, Fishermen's Terminal, 3919 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, Seattle, WA 98119. This workshop is for boaters who want to learn how to upgrade their vessels electrical systems. Topics include ABYC standards for safest wiring, selecting wire sizes, circuit breaker and fuse ratings, cable routing and labeling, shore power circuits, battery charging circuits, corrosion protection circuits, and engine instrument systems and troubleshooting. To register contact Sarah Fisken, continuing Education Coordinator, Washington Sea Grant at 206-543-1225 or [sfisken@u.washington.edu](mailto:sfisken@u.washington.edu) Workshop fee is \$60.00

Two Norwegian hunters from Minnesota got a pilot to fly them to Canada to hunt moose. They bagged six. As they started loading the plane for the return trip, the pilot said the plane could take only four moose. The two lads objected strongly, "Last year we shot six and the pilot let us put them all on board and he had the same plane as yours." Reluctantly, the pilot gave in and all six were loaded. However, even on full power, the little plane couldn't handle the load and went down a few moments after takeoff. Climbing out of the wreck one Norski asked the other, "Any idea where we are?" "Yaaah, I tink we's pretty close to where we crashed last year."

Viking Yacht Club  
Est. 1959

**Past Commodores**

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 Beitingger  
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

**Reflection from Junior Past Commodore –  
Bruce Carlson**

Donna and I had a great year as your Commodore. I was proud to serve and be a Viking Commodore and I hope I met everyone's expectations. We met many new people and had a few new experiences along the way. I have now passed the gavel on to your new Commodore Mr. Steve Larsen.

Let us start by letting you know how we became Vikings. We met Bob and Janet at the Tacoma Yacht Club during a membership drive for the TYC. A coworker of Donna's, Gary Willis who is now the Vice Commodore of TYC, was escorting us around the clubhouse. Bob and Janet were in our group.

We knew we were not going to join the TYC but came for the free cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. We had mention to Gary that our boat had been broken into and Janet overheard us and mentioned that their boat had been broken into also. The culprit had stolen their outboard motor. I happened to mention that I had an outboard for sale. Bob was interested. We sat and talked for about three hours on TYC free cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. We decided to meet the next day to look at the motor. While we were visiting, they mentioned about the club they currently belonged to "VIKING". They provided us with all the information to contact Wayne Davidson Sr. and the rest is history. (Bob did buy the motor) Bob and Janet are a great inspiration to the Vikings and have become great friends to us. Thank you, Bob and Janet.

Let us move on to Vice Commodore Steve and Pam. I knew Steve when he had hair! I first met Steve when we were both in floor covering. The first Viking meeting we attended, I saw him and I told Donna, "I think I know that guy." I said wait until he speaks and I will tell you if it is who I think it is --hard to mistake that voice. Yep that was Steve!

We had two new experiences this year and Steve and Pam were there to make sure everything was safe for all. The escorted us to Seattle Opening Day and went through the Ballard Locks with us, which was our first time. Then this summer on our vacation we decided to do Deception Pass and they were there again to make sure things went well. We have traveled with Steve and Pam for three summers to

the San Juan Islands and always had a great time. We ran into some very rough water in the straits and it is always good to travel in groups. They make great travel companions and Chester too. Thanks for all you have done over the last few years. More great friends to have in your court.

Pam has done a great job this last year as Publicity and Yeoman. She is a very creative person and has put some pizzazz into the LUR. We really enjoy your extra efforts and creativity. Pam is also our Yeoman and does a great job taking minutes at our board meetings and general meetings. She does a great job. Thank you, Pam.

Rear Commodore Chuck Martin and Johanna, have always been supportive, providing much needed advice, and offering their forward stateroom when our boat broke down during NBC picnic. We felt like we were on a cruise ship in their forward stateroom compared to our boat. Chuck has made the Commodore gifts for the last three or four years. The clocks you made this year were outstanding and very much appreciated. The club was able to make extra money for the next Commodore's Ball. You have always made your boat available to the Commodore for Seattle Opening Day. We really appreciated that. Thank You Chuck and Johanna for everything you have done over the last years to help us out in going through the chairs.

Johanna is our Sunshine chairperson, always sending cards and prays to the members of our club who are sick or in the hospital, and keeping us informed of members' conditions at our club meetings. Thank you, Johanna for your time and effort during the last year.

Parliamentarian Claude Lathrop and Roberta are an inspiration to the club. They have always opened up their boat (which is also their home) to guests. They have hosted our board meetings for us this past year. We always had a good time. They are always feeding late comers when they arrive late with their great clam chowder. Roberta also makes great Reuben sandwiches. We all hope we are in as good a shape as they are when we get to be their age. Thanks Claude and Roberta for your friendship and support over the years.

**Historian**

Want to thank Frankie for the great Commodore's Book that she has put together. I know how much work it is after watching Donna put the book together for a few years. I also helped sometimes. Also, thanks Rosie and Maria for helping Frankie take pictures when she was working. Thanks for your friendship.

Barb Talamine has been membership for over eight years. Keep up the good work. Thanks to you and Bill for being cruise captains this last year. Thanks for your friendship.

Jr. Past Commodore  
Bruce

## NEWS YOU CAN USE!

### 2007 Seattle Boat Show

The dates for the 2007 Seattle Boat Show are later than usual in January to avoid any potential conflicts with the Seattle Seahawks playoff games. The dates are January 25 (Thursday) - February 3 (Saturday) for both the indoor location at Qwest Field Event Center and in-water location on Lake Union.

The 2007 exhibitor list for the indoor location can be found at [www.seattleboatshow.com](http://www.seattleboatshow.com). From now until the show, this list will be updated with information about both locations, including boats on display, seminar times and so on. Also currently available online now is reservation details for our official hotel, the Crowne Plaza in Downtown Seattle. E-tickets for the show will go on sale in early December and I will let you know when that happens.

Michael Campbell President, NMTA  
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## BOATERS REMINDED TO PERFORM MAINTENANCE

SEATTLE- The Coast Guard reminds all boaters this season that taking the extra time for boat maintenance can help reduce vessel mishaps. The Coast Guard often responds to calls from boaters whose vessels have become disabled due to mechanical failures that could have been avoided through proper maintenance. Checking your oil and replacing spark plugs every 75 hours are simple things that can be done to prevent engine trouble.

In addition to boat maintenance, boating safety should also be addressed before getting underway. The Coast Guard Auxiliary often offers free boating safety classes and vessel safety checks. More tips on boating safety and basic maintenance tips can be found at <http://www.uscgboating.org/> and <http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/>.

Those interested in safety ashore can view the Coast Guard's Beach Safety Video at <http://www.uscg.mil/d13/ipa/video/default.htm>.



Commodore Steve Larsen at Change of Watch

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 9 - Tacoma YC Lighted Christmas Parade
- 10 - Christmas Party & Auction
- 31 - New Year's Eve Party at Longbranch or Ocean Shores
- Jan 10 - VYC Board Meeting
- 12 - NBC President's Ball, Tacoma Elk's Club
- 24 - General Meeting, 1800, Johnny's at Fife

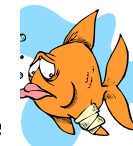


Dues were payable November 1<sup>st</sup>!  
Avoid late fees and pay before the January meeting! Annual Membership Dues are \$150.00 plus, *optional \$15.0 for RBAW dues*

Please send your payment to Purser Janet Myer

### SUNSHINE

Wayne Davidson is doing a little better, Bob Ross is home recuperating, and George Stephenson is better. We hope they all continue to improve.



### December

- 2 - Sissi Longthorpe
- 3 - Stephen Anspach
- 10 - Sarah Davidson
- 16 - Dotti Thrall
- 22 - Ardis Johnson
- 26 - Jan Brown

### Viking Yacht Club Officers

Commodore  
Steve Larsen

Vice Commodore  
Bill Byrn

Rear Commodore  
Bob Gunter

Jr. Past Commodore  
Bruce Carlson

Parliamentarian  
Claude Lathrop

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