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FROM THE HELM

*What can I say . . .
Pam and I had a ball!*

Thanks to Bruce and Donna Carlson and the help of Janet and Bob, Bill and Barb, Susie and Ed, Pam and Bob, Wayne and Donna, and Sarah Davidson! It is true that Viking Yacht Club puts on the best Ball! Just ask anyone who goes to the Commodore's Balls. Again, thank you - you are all the best!



With only a couple of months left until I will sadly give up the gavel to our next commodore. I hope you are all planning to attend the Change of Watch at the Tacoma Elk's Club on November 9! There is sure to be a surprise or two! If you were awarded a fun awards trophy last year, please bring it to the October meeting so we can get it ready for the next recipient who will be voted on at the next meeting. It is not too late to nominate someone for the Duck, Boo Boo, Bent Prop, and Stiff Rope!

Following the COW, the holiday season gets in full swing with our Christmas Party and Auction on December 9 at the Postal Carrier's Hall in Tacoma. It is not too early to start gathering up your donations and spreading the word to your family and friends! There will be some great items to bid on for Christmas giving or a treat for you! And don't forget, our Viking Iron Chefs will prepare a dinner that will be fabulous!

Commodore Steve

Happy Birthday



Kaylee Davidson, Janet Myr



Claude Lathrop, Bill Balyeat, Wayne Davidson, Jr., Wayne Davidson Sr., Fran Ross, Jerry Ciolkosz, Chuck Martin, Jane Morrison, Jim Panatone.
Swabees: Tessa Talamine and Nick Anspach

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Rear Commodore
Bob Gunter

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SUNSHINE

Live well, love much, and laugh often

Wishes for a speedy recovery go to Louise Stephenson after a fall that left her with a broken rib and punctured lung; also to Lea Hickman who suffered a minor stroke at home.

Barb shared a remembrance for Bill at Jones Island this summer with Gary, Frankie, Bob, Pat, and Bill (Byrn). She made a CD of the pictures for Lea and the club.

Peter Rooker reported that a memorial for Bill Hickman will be held at Des Moines Yacht Club after the first of the year.

Viking Yacht Club
 Est. 1959
 Past Commodores
 Bruce Carlson
 Janet Myers
 Gary Anspach
 Chuck Martin
 Dave Seis
 Wayne Davidson, Jr.
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 Hill Barrington
 Al Morrison
 Wayne Davidson, Sr.
 Larry Shrout
 Claude Lathrop
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 Marv Howes
 Lyle Westby
 Curt Willard
 Art Cook
 Elred Pilant

From The Vice Commodore



What do we stand for?

One of the projects your board is working on is establishing a mission and vision statement for our club. A sampling of ideas includes:

"A family oriented yacht club that promotes safe and environmental friendly boating in the Puget Sound area."

"Enjoy boating with friends and family."

We would like to have this statement finalized in the next couple of months and your input is requested! Please bring your suggestions to the meeting or email me at yakobi51@hotmail.com

Mandatory Boating Safety Education - some colleges are being authorized by the State of Washington to teach mandatory boating courses. These courses will cost \$100 to \$125 per person, but you can still take advantage of the online course and receive a certificate and card for only \$10.00 through Boat U.S. This is especially advantageous to those ages 12-20 are required to have cards in 2008. Every boater is required to have a Boater Education Card by 2014.

To find a boating safety class in your area, call 1-877-875-6296, or visit the following websites for more information: www.parks.wa.gov.boating.asp.

http://nws.cgaux.org/visitors/pe_visitor/index.html .

If you have not signed up for the *Change of Watch* on November 9, please do so at the October meeting or call me at 253-536-21362 or 253-318-9618 as soon as possible. Dinner selections are Seafood Buffet, London Broil, or Chicken. You do not want to miss this event, there will be great food, camaraderie, and a few surprises!

Vice Commodore Bill

REAR COMMODORE BOB

The Commodore's Ball was a huge success! To kick off the evening the Commodore's Reception was held on the Ideal Comfort. Vice Commodore, Bill Byrn and I greeted the visiting commodores on the dock, in full uniform including hats and gloves! Sister Pat was bartender; Pam and Janet were the club photographers! It was a lot of fun and we met some very nice people.

The last cruise of this boating season is the Hot Ruddered Bum Cruise to Blake Island, October 27 & 28. Cruise captains Chuck and Johanna Martin will do a great job again this year. Eleven boats are signed up to attend, try to get there early as moorage is on a first come basis. Clause will arrive on Thursday and will keep the chowder hot for the Friday night arrivals!

Don't forget to bring your costumes and pumpkins! It will be a howling good time!

From the Junior Past Commodore Bruce

Donna and I want to thank the Commodore Ball committee for all their help in making Steve and Pam's Ball a success. Ed and Susie did a great job selling raffle tickets. Janet will report at the general meeting how much money we made off the raffle. Also, want to thank all the Vikings who contributed gifts to the raffle to help make it successful. Want to thank Bob and Pam for allowing the club to use the Ideal Comfort for the Commodore's reception. Everyone had a great time.

From Bruce's dumb joke book: Why didn't the butterfly go to the dance? It was a mothball!

This lady had two dogs, and she named one Rolex and one Timex. The neighbor said, "Why did you name your dogs Rolex and Timex?"

Because their watchdogs.

Annual Election of Officers

Vice Commodore Bill Byrn, on behalf of the nomination committee: Susie Johnson, Gary Anspach, and Wayne Davidson, present the slate of candidates for the 2008 Viking Yacht Club Board.

Continuing in the chairs are:

- Bill Bryn – Commodore
- Bob Gunter – Vice Commodore

Nominations:

Rear Commodore

- Barb Talamine _____

Yeoman

- Carolyn Anspach _____

Appointed positions open include:

Parliamentarian - _____

Water Safety - _____

Membership - Steve Larsen Sunshine - Frankie Anspach

Publicity/Newsletter – Pam Larsen Historian – Pam Krimbring

HELP!

Historian, Pam Krimbring needs your help in finding missing pictures for VYC cruises and events! Any pictures or memorabilia from the 2006-07 events listed below are needed for the Commodore's Scrapbook.



- ☺ Change of Watch
- NBC President's Ball
- Blake Island Work Party
- Daffodil Parade
- Hot August Nights
- Memorial Day Oyster Fest
- South Sound Opening Day
- ☺ Christmas Dinner & Auction

Membership News

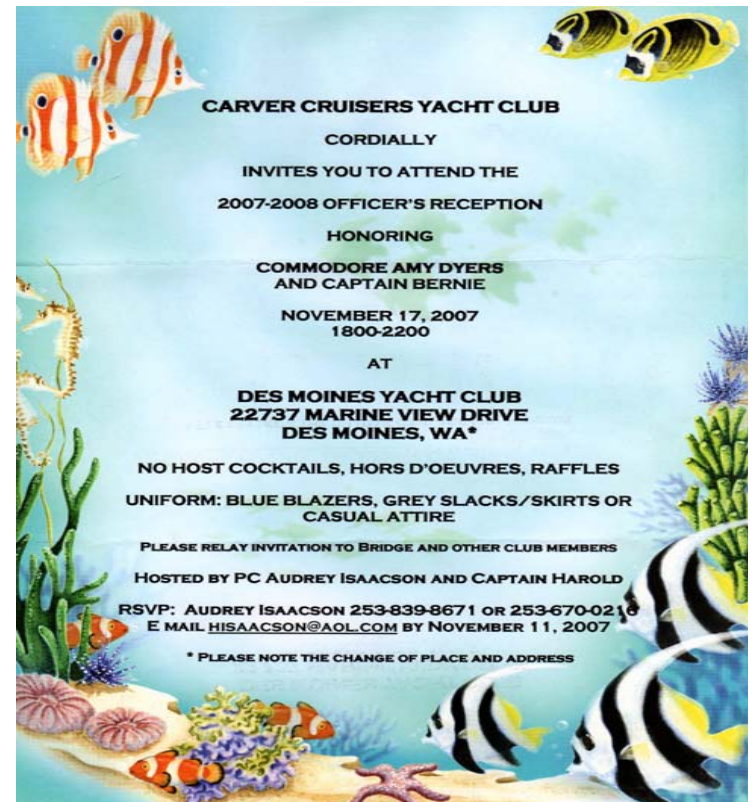
Welcome to new members Bill and Val Sheehy. The Honorable Claude Lathrop swore in our new members and presented them with their burgee, membership book, and name badges.

This month we welcome Gary and Glenna Clouse, who cruised with the Vikings this summer and Susie Claus who has been a guest Viking for numerous events over the last few year will become our newest Vikings.

Barb

The new Viking Yacht Club website is now up and running. Yahoo --no more passwords, no more unwanted email notifications! Go directly to our website at:

WWW.VIKINGYACHTCLUB.COM



*National Boating Federation
By Marlene Barrington*

The Coast Guard will revamp its marine safety program to reinvigorate a mission that has suffered since Sept. 11, says a new report the service generated for Congress. According to the report, delivered to Congress on Sept. 25, the Coast Guard plans to establish a new chain of command and an advisory council for the marine safety program to help facilitate dialogue between the Coast Guard and industry and improve oversight of licensing, regulations and certification.

It also will increase the number of marine inspectors in the service, promote the marine safety specialty as a career path and draft new strategies to make sure the program meets the needs of industry, wrote Commandant Adm. Thad Allen. Industry is growing, and the Coast Guard needs to grow with it. Allen said during a speech Sept. 19 in Washington D.C. before the Propeller Club, an association of shipping industry members.

The Coast Guard's report to Congress is a response to concerns over whether the service can manage its expanded homeland security role in addition to its traditional regulatory roles. House Transportation Committee Chairman Rep. James Oberstar, D-Minn., questioned this summer whether the services regulatory duties should be spun off to a new agency or transferred to an existing one. Allen pledged Sept. 19 to improve marine safety focus and performance, and said the mission must remain with the Coast Guard. He cited the example of the car carrier Cougar Ace, which listed 90 degrees on June 23 and was righted through a joint effort by the crew, the Coast Guard and civilian vessels. According to figures provided by the U.S. Transportation Department, U.S. port calls of ocean-going merchant ships have risen 10 percent since 2002. The number of U.S. flag vessels has increased by 7 percent and the number of oil industry vessels by 35 percent. But the number of personnel in the Coast Guards marine safety offices has not risen, and Allen said he thought this must change. Sooner or later there will have to be a serious discussion regarding the additional resources needed to effectively execute this mission. I will not shrink from asking Allen said. Some of the changes Allen plans include:

- Increasing the number of military and civilian personnel working in marine safety.
- Establishing centers of excellence that will concentrate on certain areas of industry and provide service to that specialty. As an example, he cited the Coast Guard cruise ship center in Miami.
- And enhanced communications and computer systems to facilitate cooperation between the service and industry.

Allen has not said how much money or personnel would be needed to revamp the program. He told industry officials that the numbers would be incredibly small compared with the Coast Guards entire budget and said any increase in personnel would be of help since the workload is currently being handled by roughly 1,000 people.

To read the full Text of the document outlining U.S. Coast Guard plans to enhance maritime safety that was provided to the Congress on September 27 go to

www.yahoo.com/vikingyachtclub.asp



**Viking Yacht Club
Christmas Party & Auction
December 9, 2007**

1300 Cocktails and light hors d'oeuvres

Visit with Santa
Auction preview

1330 Dinner

Italian Pasta and Spaghetti
Garlic Bread & Salad
\$10.00 per person donation

1430 Auction begins

Dessert and Coffee

Please bring a light hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share!

BYOB

Italian Vino, mixers and ice provided by club

National Association of Letter Carriers Hall

3502 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma

Family and friends are invited to join the Vikings for
an afternoon of fun as we celebrate the season.

All proceeds go to support the VYC activities for 2008

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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

October 26-28
Hot Rudder Bum Cruise
Blake Island

October 24
November 9
Change of Watch
Tacoma Elk's Club
6:00 p.m.

November 17
Carver Cruisers Officer's Reception
Des Moines Yacht Club
6:00 p.m.

December 8
Tacoma Lighted Christmas Parade
Tacoma Yacht Club
5:00 p.m.

December 9
VYC Christmas Dinner & Auction
United Postal Carrier's Hall
35th Street & Pacific Avenue



TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES!

\$150.00

Optional \$15.00 for RBAW

Please send your payment to Purser Janet Myers.

If you would like to donate to the NBC flagpole project, you may include a separate check and we will make sure it gets to NBC.