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FROM THE HELM

The "Ball" season was kicked off last weekend. Carling Yacht Club Commodore and first mate Ken and Sharon Jobin, were honored at TOA with a very fun filled evening. The Vikings won the champagne' for the most attendance from other clubs. Way to go Vikings!

I have appointed Vice Commodore Bob Gunter to head up the Nominating Committee. The committee met over the Labor Day weekend, and has some candidates on the slate for elections. There will be more to come from the Vice's report. We will also be covering the "BOO BOO" Awards at this time. If you know a secret about someone, be sure to let us know.

My Commodore Ball was wonderful! We had a great time and I want to first thank Bob and Pam and sister Pat for hosting the reception for visiting commodores on Ideal Comfort, and doing such a great job on the baskets for the raffle.

Pam and Steve, I can't thank you enough for the party, decorations, music and choice of food. I didn't feel well the next day, but it was worth all the fun.

I want to thank Janet for taking pictures, and everyone else behind the scene, again thank you for all the hard work. I know Barb and I started a few months ago working on Bob's party for next year for the "50th Anniversary Bash." I just hope we get the great support in putting it on as all of you did.

Remember the Hot Rudder Bum Cruise. Barb and I missed it last year from being sick, but we won't ever miss one again. If you have never attended this cruise, this is probably one of the greatest fun times you'll have.

Commodore Bill

Happy Birthday

November



Carla Bushnell, Tessa Talamine, Nick Anspach, Claude Lathrop, Bill Balyeat, Wayne Davidson Jr., Rick Mead, Fran Ross, Chuck Martin, Jane Morrison



December

Sissi Longthorpe, Stephen Anspach, Val Sheehy, Sarah Davidson, Debbie Succow, Dotti Thrall, Jan Brown



SUNSHINE

Live well, love much, and laugh often

Congratulations to Pam and Jerry Marzano on the birth of a new grandbaby!

Bill Balyeat underwent surgery to receive a pacemaker. We hope you are feeling better than ever now!

Chuck Martin injured his back recently and was recovering nicely, until the Commodore's Ball, when he 'busted a move' on the dance floor.

We missed Tom Schubart at our last meeting due to a back injury, but he made it to the Ball and looked great on the dance floor.

Viking Yacht Club
Officers

Commodore
Bill Byrn

Vice Commodore
Bob Gunter

Rear Commodore
Barb Talamine

Jr. Past
Commodore
Steve Larsen

Parliamentarian
Claude Lathrop

Trustee I
Susie Johnson

Trustee II
Donna Davidson

Yeoman
Carolyn Anspach

Purser
Janet Myers

Historian
Pam Krimbring
Publicity
Pam Larsen
Sunshine
Frankie Anspach
Membership
Steve Larsen

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Viking Yacht Club
Est. 1959

Past Commodores

Steve Larsen

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 Beitinger

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 Osnes

Stan Clufford

Marv Howes

Lyle Westby

Curt Willard

Art Cook

Elred Pilant

From The Vice Commodore



As I am writing this, it's raining outside for the first time in a week a signal that FALL has arrived.

Well the Carling Commodore's Ball was a gala affair, Harley's were the theme, great event, again Viking took the "Attendance Award" and all that attended enjoyed the Champagne.

The Commodore's Ball was a great success, Bill's family and friends surrounded him for the entire night. "IT WAS SO COOL." The Commodore's Reception on my boat was a great time. It took a great team to pull this off, and I want to thank my first mate Pam who was a great hostess, my sister Pat for bartending, Janet who took all the pictures, and Pam and Steve for putting together a great Commodore's Ball. We had a great raffle and I understand we made close to \$1000.00, WOW! Thanks to all who helped make this a GREAT BALL for COMMODORE BILL.

Another important meeting coming up is our October meeting, as the head of the nominating committee which includes-Donna Davidson, Susie Johnson, Wayne Davidson we met and talked with each of the people currently in office, and all have said they would like to continue. The following people have accepted nominations for the open offices: Carla Bushnell for the Rear Commodore and Rich "Moe" Carino for the Yeoman position. We have met with the Commodore and presented this information the general membership at the September meeting. If anyone is interested in these positions or if you have someone in mind you would like to nominate, please plan to attend the October meeting. After we talk about these positions and the nominations are closed we will vote on them and announce them at the end of the meeting, I hope to see everyone there.

Change of watch is coming up Nov 1, be sure to call Barb or me so she can get the count to the Cliff House.

Vice Commodore Bob

REAR COMMODORE BARB

Well it's October already and you can feel it in the weather. We were so excited getting ready for Bill's Commodore Ball on the 11th. You never realize just how blessed you are with family and friends. The turn out for Bill was heart warming. We had such a good time, we can't thank all of you that worked so hard to make that evening so special. I can't remember the last time I danced so much! The band was fantastic, and Bill and I are already working on Bob's Commodore Ball for next year!

Change of Watch is on November 1, at the Cliff House on Marine View Drive. It is going to be nice having it on a Saturday, so no one has to be rushed and can come and enjoy dinner with a beautiful waterfront view!

Just around the corner is the "Christmas Auction at Totem Yacht Club on December 7. We have our Chef's Rich Carino and Chuck Martin back to cook their wonderful Spaghetti. This is our clubs big fundraiser for the next Commodore Ball, and participation from all club members is appreciated! You can participate in many ways: donate items to the auction, bring an appetizer or dessert, invite your family and friends to come with you, and of course cash and checks to pay for all the wonderful items you will go home with! Start getting your auction items together so we can make lots of money for our 50-year Anniversary Ball!

Rear Commodore Barb

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Don't miss these festive and fun events!

October 22	1800 hrs	VYC General Meeting
November 7	1800 hrs	VYC Change of Watch
December 7	1300 hrs	Christmas Party & Auction
December 13	1700 hrs	TYC Christmas Lighted Parade
December 31	1800 hrs	New Years Eve Party TBD

From the Junior Past

It is hard to believe that it has been ten years since Pam and I joined the Viking Yacht Club, and four years since I joined the bridge as Rear Commodore! I will have to admit that when Pam suggested we join a "yacht club" and dragged me, a salty old beer-drinkin' fisherman, to my first meeting, I was expecting to meet a lot of stuffy yachtsmen with mega yachts! As we began to attend club functions, host our first cruise, (which we didn't have a clue what to do), and serve on various committees, I began to learn the true meaning of belonging to a yacht club. We have made many great friends: not only Vikings, but also boaters from other clubs . . . cruising together, dining together, and being there for one another.

My term as a member of the VYC Bridge is ending. As Junior Past Commodore, my last responsibility was Commodore Bill's Ball. I will have to admit, I didn't realize what this all entailed, until I would wake up every morning with a "to do" list left on the kitchen counter conspicuously next to the coffee pot, by my first mate! It was fun to see how things started coming together -from the idea of a wine theme, to locating authentic wine barrels, calling members for help, decorating and finally the Ball had arrived! Thank you to all who helped and all who attended. The ball would not have been a success without you!

P.C. Steve

MEMBERSHIP

Say BOO! to some of your marina buddies and bring them to our October meeting! This is a fun meeting where you can learn about some of the Boo-Boo's made by our members.



ELECTION OF OFFICERS

OCTOBER 22, 2008

- The following nominations were accepted at the September 24, 2008 VYC General Membership meeting. Additional nominations will be accepted at the October meeting, voting immediately following.
- Absentee ballots may be submitted to the Yeoman by 8:00 p.m. on October 22, 2008.
- Commodore: Bob Gunter
- Vice Commodore: Barb Talamine
- Rear Commodore: Carla Bushnell

- Yeoman: Rich Carino

- Treasurer: Janet Myers

- Trustees: Membership - Steve Larsen

 Parliamentarian - Claude Lathrop

 Publicity - _____

 Trustee 1 - Susie Johnson

 Trustee 2 - Donna Davidson

NORTHWESTERN BOATING COUNCIL
Highlights of General Membership Meeting
September 17, 2008

NBC has gone international with a representative in Iraq and a representative in Afghanistan. President Emerson proudly displayed a picture of his grandson-in-law (and NBC member) in full uniform with an NBC hat on in Iraq.

Treasurer Report - The general fund currently stands at \$5,742.00. The flagpole fund is now at \$8,355.00 with an additional \$1,000.00 pledge.

Officers Reports - Trustee Martin reports we are within several hundred dollars of meeting our \$10,000 goal that was set at the start of the Blake Island Flag Pole project 3 years ago. The Parks Department is working with Kitsap County on the required permits and approvals for this project. Trustee Martin sent out a letter with all the latest updates earlier this week via email.

NBF & Legislation - NBF Executive Committee has asked Marlene to step back into office to assist the Vice President due to the recent passing of NBF President Philip Arms. The Boater Education Cards are continuing to be issued with that latest statistics showing cards going out from July 2007 to July 2008. 21% of the issued cards are going to ages 41-50, 21% to ages 12-20 and 20% to ages 51-60. NBC will renew their membership to the National Safety Boating Council.

By-Law Update/Revisions - Trustee Redding reviewed the proposed changes for the NBC by-laws. A final draft of the by-law proposal will be sent to all board members for preliminary review and approval at the next board meeting. After board approval, the proposal will be submitted to member clubs for their review in the coming year. It was noted that any NBC member not on the board that would like a copy of the by-law proposal is to contact Secretary Redding for a copy

2009 NBC Board Positions - Nominations were made for Gary Anspach for President, Dave Redding for Vice President, Leanne Redding for Secretary and Don Winnett for one Trustee position. No nominations were made for Treasurer at this meeting. All positions remain open until a vote is taken at the November NBC meeting. Any members with further nominations are asked to contact Trustee Martin. President Emerson encouraged all clubs to have their club delegates, or a proxy, at the November meeting to vote.

The next meeting will be held on November 12, 2008 at the Tacoma Outboard Association. The General Meeting will begin at 7:00pm with the final nominations and voting for the 2009 Board taking place at that time.

**THE RECREATIONAL BOATING
ASSOCIATION of WASHINGTON**

Club Delegates & Members interested in Boating
Mark your calendars!

*****NOTICE OF FALL ANNUAL MEETING*****

Saturday, November 8, 2008
Meydenbauer Bay YC
9927 Meydenbauer Way
Bellevue, WA 98004
425-454-8880

Registration: 0900 – 1000 hours Coffee & Rolls
Meeting and Programs: 1000 hours to about 1500 hours
Lunch - 1200

A full boating agenda is being prepared for you which will include:

Invited Speakers:

- Northwest Marine Trade Association - Michael Campbell
- Clyde Ford, Boating Suspense Novelist
- USCG Homeland Security Official
- State Parks Boating Programs Manager & BLA - James Horan
- Skagit Valley Maritime Tech College Official

Advance Reservations are appreciated.

Please contact: Louise Condon: 206-783-7251 or
Email: louise.condon@msn.com

\$20.00 per person, payable to RBAW. The \$20 cost is for Refreshments and catered Lunch.

If you choose no meal, an RSVP notice is appreciated.

Send to: Louise Condon, RBAW Secretary
5202 Greenwood Avenue No.,
Seattle, WA 98103

WHO ARE THE BOATER'S FRIENDS IN OLYMPIA? -by RBAW Legislative Committee

On Election Day in 2008, it is a bit difficult at times to know just who are the "friends of boaters" in the Washington State Legislature. It is rare for there to be hard fought battles and showdown votes on boating issues. The bills are usually worked out so that they have broad support, and opposition (for example, to mandatory boater education) is often not opposition to boating, as such.

But while few, if any legislators are down right hostile to boaters and boating, some have gone the extra mile and proven themselves to be very good friends of boaters and boating. Chief among these has been Rep. Bill Fromhold of Vancouver- but, unfortunately, he is retiring.

Among are other friends, and some of what they have done in recent years: 2008- the attack on the Boating Activities Account appropriation: Sen. Phil Rockefeller, Bainbridge Island- here was a hero when we really needed a hero. The attempt to cut the Boating Activities Account appropriation was stopped by Sen. Rockefeller.

Rep. Sherry Appleton, Poulsbo- when the Senate budget writers went after the Boating Activities Account, Rep. Appleton- and her seatmate Rep. Christine Rolfes- rallied the House Democrats to defend the appropriation.

Sen. Mike Carrell, Lakewood- on the Republican side in the Senate, Sen. Carrell jumped into the budget fray as well, lining up the Senate Republicans in defense of the appropriation.

Rep. Gary Alexander, Olympia- covering the fourth of the caucuses, the House Republicans, and long-time friend of boating and boaters, Rep. Alexander covered the final base in the defense of the Boating Activities Account appropriation.

Rep. Hans Dunshee, Snohomish- finally, as vice-chair of the House Appropriations committee, and a member of the budget conference committee, our sea-kayaker and outdoor recreationist friend Rep. Dunshee made sure nothing more went wrong, and that the full \$2 million Boating Activities Account appropriation was in the final budget as passed by the Legislature.

2007- SHB 1651- Creating the boating activities program

This major step forward was led by Rep. Fromhold and Rep. Alexander in the House.

Sen. Ken Jacobsen, Seattle- a stalwart on all outdoor recreation issues, Sen. Jacobsen was the prime sponsor of the Senate companion bill, and shepherded the issue through the Senate.

Sen. Pam Roach, Auburn- Sen. Roach took the lead on this issue among Senate Republicans. She has also been a strong advocate of boating and boating safety over the years (Lake Tapps is in her district) and was prime sponsor of SB 6364 in 2006 (which banned teak surfing). This bill passed the House 96 to 2, and passed the Senate 47 to 0.

2005- SSB 5145- Establishing a boating safety education program

A little more controversial, this bill passed the Senate 30 to 18, and the House 68 to 30.

Our good friend Sen. Jacobsen led the charge on this bill, aided by Sen. Dan Swecker, Rochester, and Sen. Karen Fraser, Olympia. Our leaders in the House, Rep. Brian Sullivan, Mukilteo, and Rep. Jim Buck, Joyce, have since retired.

Many other members of the Legislature helped with this Legislation. When the bill stalled on the Senate floor, our friend Sen. Rockefeller got it moving again. When the bill got held up in the House Rules committee, Rep. Glenn Anderson, Issaquah, got it pulled to the House floor for action. And there are two Senate stalwarts, Sen. Mary Margaret Haugen, Camano Island, and Sen. Marilyn Rasmussen, Eatonville, whom we can always count on when it comes to boating issues- they were there for us on mandatory boater education, and every other issue.

A few other members of the Legislature also deserve mention- we can always count on their support. Among these are Sen. Brian Hatfield, Raymond, and Rep. Maureen Walsh, Walla Walla. Also Sen. Jerome Delvin, Richland, and Sen. Derek Kilmer, Gig Harbor. Moreover, in the House of Representatives, Rep. Mike Armstrong, Wenatchee, Rep. Brian Blake, Aberdeen, Rep. Tom Campbell, Roy, Rep. Kelli Linnville, Bellingham, and Rep. Jim McCune, Graham, can always be relied upon.

That is just mentioning a few of the current 147 legislators. Many more have voted for our bills and given us their support over the years.

Anyone wanting to check on the voting records can go to <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo> and type in a bill number (be sure you get the right year, first) and look up all of a bill's history, including sponsorships and roll call votes.

IMPORTANT: Also among boaters' friends in Olympia is Commissioner of Public Lands (DNR), Doug Sutherland. Throughout his career- on the Tacoma City Council, as Tacoma's Mayor, as Pierce County Executive, and during the past eight years as DNR Commissioner, Doug Sutherland has been an avid supporter of boating, and of outdoor recreation. At Commissioner Sutherland's request, the Legislature this past year enacted legislation to update the Department of Natural Resources' recreational policies, and he made sure boating interests are represented on the Task Force.

National Boating Federation

Submitted by Marlene Barrington

Signed Copy of Clean Boating Act of 2008 Received

We received a redlined copy of S.2766, The Clean Boating of 2008, signed by President Bush, President Pro Tempore of the Senate Robert Byrd and Speaker Pelosi. The bill was sent to us by the National Marine Manufacturers Assoc. (NMMA) along with a note thanking NBF, CBYCA, DRYL and all others who contributed to getting the bill passed. NBF worked closely with NMMA who led the effort, which, had it not succeeded, we would all now be applying for EPA permits to operate our boats. The bill was shown to the CBYCA Board at the 20 Sept. meeting.

Wallop/Breaux Reauthorization

Work continues toward the reauthorization of the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund (Wallop/Breaux) which expires 1 Oct 09. Revenues from motor boat fuel taxes and fishing equipment are used to fund Boating Safety, Sports Fish Restoration, Pump out Stations, Boating Infrastructure Grants and other programs. So far, agreement has been reached between the boating and fishing interests to remove the administrative costs from the allocations thus providing an increase in the funding for boating safety. Future meetings have been scheduled to consider all programs and draft the relevant legislation.

Friend or Foe? Tough to Tell

"The Coast Guard Commandant says we need a new approach to counter the risks of the small vessel threat in our ports and on our waterways."

This four-page report reminds us of the gaps in our nation's maritime homeland security strategy, the potential exploitation of small vessels by terrorists and smugglers of weapons of mass destruction, narcotics, illegal immigrants, and other contraband. We need to more fully understand the existing small vessel threat, our inherent vulnerabilities and how a cooperative strategy involving the American public and private sectors, as well as the international community, can mitigate the risks.

To read the complete article, please visit www.usni.org

International Order of the Blue Gavel (IOBG)

*2008 Annual Meeting
Marriott – Seattle Airport
October 22 – 26, 2008*

*All Past Commodores are encouraged to attend the annual meeting being held in our own backyard!
Come support President-Elect Jerry Rudd (Jackie) as he takes the helm for District 1.*

You will be treated to great speakers, personalized tours of the Museum of Flight, Ride the Ducks of Seattle, Shopping and of course great food and entertainment!

Thursday night the Des Moines Yacht Club will host a western theme barbecue dinner with entertainment by world renowned Shifty Sailors!

Friday night . . . a boat trip to Blake Island for a traditional Indian Salmon Bake.

Saturday night is the big event -The Grand Ball and installation of new officers!

For a complete listing of activities and registration information visit www.iobg.org



District 1 Fall Meeting at Templins in Post Falls, ID. This was a wonderful meeting! A big turnout of 80+ commodores and spouses. Hell's Canyon Club on the Snake River joined District 1.

The spring meeting will be in Hood River Oregon in April on the 24th and 25th with a cruise on the Columbia River. The summer picnic will be a joint meeting on July 10 and 11 with the Canadian District at the West Bank Yacht Club in Kelowna, B.C. RV's and trailerable boats are welcome.



*Viking Yacht Club
Change of Watch
November 1, 2008*

*Tacoma's Cliff House Restaurant
Overlooking Beautiful Commencement Bay*

No Host Cocktails 6:00 pm
Dinner 6:30 pm
Installation of Officers 7:30 pm

Entrée Selections Include
Citrus Salad, Cheesecake with Fruit Topping,
Non-alcohol Beverage

10oz. Flat Iron Steak Served with Black Peppercorn Sauce
with Mashed Potato & Vegetable

Oven Baked Salmon w/ Red Pepper Cucumber Relish
with Steamed Calrose Rice

Chicken Alfredo Served over Linguine Noodles
with Seasonal Mushrooms

All dinners are \$35.00 include Tax and Gratuity

Please RSVP

*Vice Commodore Bob Gunter @ 253-202-2443
Rear Commodore Barb Talamine @ 253-536-1362*

"Christmas over Point Ruston" Italian Style



**Viking Yacht Club
Christmas Party & Auction
December 7, 2008**

12:00 Cocktails and light hors d'oeuvres
Visit with "Santa Claude"
Auction preview

1:30 Dinner
Homemade Italian Spaghetti
By Chefs Carino and Martin
Garlic Bread & Salad
\$70.00 per person donation
\$5.00 kids 6-12

16:30 Auction begins

Dessert and Coffee
Please bring a light hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share

BYOB
(mixers and ice provided by club)

**Totem Yacht Club
5045 N. Highland St. 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 "30th" year activities!**