



# The LUR

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## FROM THE HELM

Summer for First Mate Pam, Crew Chester and me on the Viking was pretty darn nice, even if we only had a handful of long hot summer days. Starting with the Blake Island work party in March, the Viking's did some great work for Ranger Paul. In April, our teamwork paid off and Vikings presented a fantastic float at the Daffodil Boat Parade, taking 3<sup>rd</sup> Place! Boating Family of the Year Cruise honoring Wayne, Donna, Kaylee, and Mel Davidson in Gig Harbor was great fun. Next up - the official start of boating season at Seattle Opening Day and South Sound Opening at Des Moines Yacht Club were spectacular. My favorite - the Memorial Day Oyster Fest & Bowling Tournament brought together family and friends. If you missed the NBC Picnic at Brownsville, you missed the fantastic breakfast cooked and served by your very own Vikings. Golfing in the rain at Fair Harbor did not dampen our spirits . . . we just got in our little red carts and cruised the course. Hot August Nights at Dockton brought out two potential new members. Our first Labor Day at Port of Edmonds was interesting. The City had a great farmers market, and watching the boats on the lift -in and out all day long provided great entertainment! Vikings all over the sound were cleaning up, raising money, participating, and most importantly having fun!

I would like to thank all the cruise captains and Rear Commodore Bob Gunter for putting together a great set of summer events. We will soon begin to plan cruises for next year, so start gathering up ideas help us plan another great year.

Summer is winding down and the invites for the reciprocal yacht club balls are arriving; so dust off your dancing shoes! First up is Carling Yacht Club Ball at Tacoma Yacht Club on September 29. RSVP to Andy or Theresa Gano at 253.884.3013 and let them know your dinner choice of Top Sirloin or Chicken. If you have not been to a Commodore's Ball, this is a great one!

Don't stow away your boating shoes yet . . . we still have a little cruising to do. Hot Rudder Bum Cruise to Blake Island is on October 26.

Commodore Steve

# Happy Birthday



Gary & Frankie Anspach, Ed Johnson, Bill Larer, Keith & Janell Raymond, Barb Talamine, Maria Caton, and Christa Succow.



Bob Ross, Susie Johnson, Colleen Mead, Bob Gunter, Debbie Larer, and Gary Doxon



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Bruce Carlson, Donna Davidson, Mel Davidson,



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## From The Vice Commodore



I hope everyone had a great summer, I know aboard the "YAKOBI" we did! We were lucky to take two weeks in August to head north for Princess Louisa. We were joined by rear commodore Bob and sister Pat aboard the Ideal Comfort, and past commodore Gary, 1<sup>st</sup> mate Frankie, daughter Maria, and watch dog Cocoa aboard the Marretta II for our fantastic journey.

It was a beautiful trip, except the couple of times we earned our instrument ratings; going through dense fog with maybe 100 feet of visibility through Cattle Pass. I know after that, the three of us all thanked God for Radar and GPS! On our way home, we stopped at Friday Harbor to pick up supplies and flowers to take to Jones Island for Bill Hickman's memorial. Funny enough at King's Market only we could find yellow roses (friendship) with orange tips (Viking's). We headed out to Jones Island and the seven of us prepared and went on the 1.2-mile hike around the North side of the island, we stopped at several beautiful places to throw flowers in the water for Bill. We took several pictures of our tribute to Bill, and will give one to the club and send the other to Lea for our show of love, friendship, and support from the Vikings.

We had a great trip to Edmonds. On Saturday, most of us went up town for the Farmer's Market. Later that day we took the dinghy's around the marina. Barb and I were lucky enough to take my 90-year old mom with us. She got in the dingy, put on a Viking helmet, and had a great time with us entertaining all the people watching from the docks. On Sunday Bob, Pam, Barb and I cooked a 13 ½ lb prime rib and chicken, joined by all the food everyone brought, believe me nobody went hungry.

We have some fun things coming up before the end of the year. Our Commodore's Ball honoring Steve and his first mate Pam will be on Oct. 6. Followed by the Hot Rudder Bum Cruise at Blake Island on Oct. 26, and Change of Watch at the Tacoma Elk's Club on Nov. 9. We have also been working on the December calendar, including the Christmas party and auction.

## Vice Commodore Bill

## REAR HERE!

Well Hi to everyone, hope everyone had a great summer!

As you probably know Bill and Barb, Gary, Frankie and Maria, and my sister Pat and I went north for two-weeks to Princess Louisa. We had a great time; experiences were great from fog to bad weather, to sunshine.

Well the cruises went well for the season, hope everyone had as good of a time as I and my first mate Pam did. Pam is working hard on the Commodore's book with many pictures of this past year.

Up coming is our last cruise of the season - HOT RUDDER BUM CRUISE at Blake Island, October 26-28. Cruise Captains are Chuck & Johanna. Remember the Commodores Ball on October 6; it is going to be a great evening, with many SURPRISES! Do not miss it - make your reservations with Donna Carlson.

## SAFE BOATING-

## REAR COMMODORE BOB

### Northwestern Boating Council

#### 2007 Calendar

September 19 General Meeting  
Des Moines Yacht Club

November 14 General Meeting  
Tacoma Outboard Association

Viking Yacht Club represents 33 percent of  
the NBC membership!

Are you a member?

## THE BOOK IS FINALLY HERE!

If you have been waiting for the new VYC Membership Book, you will be glad to know they will be available at the September meeting. You may be surprised at the interesting and useful information in the book. Especially interesting is the "Viking Yacht Club History" however it ends in the late 70's.

We would love to continue this legacy by getting a group together to write the current history-- 1980 to present. If you are interested in helping with this project, please let Pam Larsen know.

## 75 Years: Remembering Your First Daffodil Parade



Did you know that our club's first entry into the Daffodil Marine Parade was in 1964, and that it won the "Sweepstakes Award." Member, Don Bangert designed all of the floats back then using his artistic ability and planning we originated "3-D" floats, having three sides decorated, correctly scaled and proportioned, using dyed daffodils to get the desired coloring and shading.

Does anyone have any pictures of the first VYC daffodil float entry from 1964? If so, please share them with the planning committee!

Wouldn't it be nice to re-create our first entry this year?

## Membership News

We had our first membership drive at Tyee Marina on July 21. We made contact with lots of people serving free hotdogs, chips and pop.

Bill and Val Sheehy owners of a 42-foot Hunter sailboat, *VISION* moored at Chinook Landing. They joined us at the Hot August Nights cruise at Dockton and Labor Day at Edmonds. Bill is a maintenance worker for the City of Seattle and Val is in banking. She had many interesting stories and advice to tell about bank and identity fraud.

While Johnson's and Larsen's were at Lopez Island in July, they met up with Doug and Lea Cook who have a 24' Bayliner. After watching Lea go up and down the dock on her scooter, Ed realized they were friends he and Susie had boated with several years ago! They are very active in boating and Doug is a Navy JROTC instructor at Bremerton High School; Lea is a photographer. Chester will have a new friend in the YC - Cooper, a Dalmatian who rounds out the crew on *A Weigh to Go!*

Also while on vacation up north, we kept running into a couple with a 28-foot sailboat called *ZEPHYR*. After about the third or fourth time of running into each other at different ports and over drinks, we asked them to join us at Edmonds for Labor Day. They had already taken their boat onto the Lake, so they joined us by car on Saturday and Sunday, to meet the infamous Vikings. Their names are Gary and Glenna Clouse.

Please give a warm welcome to Bill and Val, Doug and Lea, and Glenna and Gary at our September meeting.

We have had a great summer with our Viking family and thanks for keeping the membership drive going strong.

Barb

*National Boating Federation  
By Marlene Barrington*

AMERICA'S WATERWAY WATCH PROGRAM

110th CONGRESS  
1st Session  
H. RES. 549

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
July 16, 2007

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the importance of America's Waterway Watch program,  
and for other purposes.

*Whereas the United States has a maritime border that exceeds 95,000 miles;  
Whereas the Department of Homeland Security has begun to focus greater attention on potential security threats from small vessels and the importance of increasing maritime domain awareness;  
Whereas the Coast Guard currently conducts a maritime homeland security public awareness program called America's Waterway Watch program;  
Whereas America's Waterway Watch is a public outreach program to encourage America's 70,000,000 boaters and others who live, work, or engage in recreational activities around America's waterways to maintain a heightened sense of awareness in the maritime domain and report suspicious and unusual activities to the Coast Guard National Response Center and other appropriate law enforcement agencies;  
Whereas America's Waterway Watch program educates the public on what suspicious activity is and provides a toll-free telephone number, (877) 24-WATCH, for the public to report such activity to prevent terrorism and other criminal acts;  
Whereas the Coast Guard promotes this program by distributing educational materials, boat decals, posters, and reporting forms to recreational boaters, marine dealers, marinas, and other businesses located near waterways;  
Whereas America's Waterway Watch program acts as a force multiplier for the Coast Guard and local law enforcement and builds on local and regional security programs; Whereas the Department of Homeland Security conducted a National Small Vessel Security Summit on June 19 and June 20, 2007, to educate small vessel operators and other stakeholders on current security risks and initiate dialogue on possible solutions to mitigate gaps in United States maritime domain awareness; and  
Whereas, during the National Small Vessel Security Summit, participants highlighted America's Waterway Watch program and recognized its importance to increasing maritime domain awareness:*

Now, therefore, be it *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives--

- (1) recognizes the importance of increasing maritime domain awareness;
- (2) encourages those who live, work, or engage in recreational activities around America's waterways to maintain a heightened sense of awareness in the maritime domain and report suspicious and unusual activities to appropriate authorities; and
- (3) supports the goals of America's Waterway Watch program.



NBF President, Marlene Barrington, presenting the National Boating Federation 2006 Outstanding Flotilla Award for Public Education to Flotilla 070-01-08 of Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, 7th District, Alice Vega Flotilla Commander. Accepting for Commander Vega is Commodore Allen Brown of DCO 7 at the USCGAux National Conference in Portland, Oregon on September 1, 2007.

You are cordially invited to attend

The Carling Yacht Club

**49<sup>th</sup> Annual Commodores Ball in Honor of**

**Commodore Josh Boyd**

*Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007*

*Tacoma Yacht Club*

*Cocktails 6:00 p.m. (no host bar)*

*Commodore Introductions 7:00 p.m.*

*Dinner 7:30 p.m.*

*Announcements and Dancing 8:30 p.m.*

**RSVP: Andy or Theresa Gano at (253)884-3013 or  
[timebandit@centurytel.net](mailto:timebandit@centurytel.net)**

*Dinner choices are Top Sirloin with Mushroom Bordelaise sauce or  
Chicken Florentine topped with bay shrimp with light Mornay Sauce.*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mark your Calendar!**

September 26  
VYC General Membership Meeting  
Johnny's at Fife  
6:00 p.m.

September 29  
Carling Yacht Club Commodore Ball  
Tacoma Yacht Club  
6:00 p.m.

October 6  
Viking Yacht Club Commodore Ball  
Tacoma Yacht Club  
6:00 p.m.

October 14  
VYC Board Meeting

October 24  
VYC General Membership Meeting  
Johnny's at Fife  
6:00 p.m.

October 26-28  
Hot Rudder Bum Cruise  
Blake Island

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