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FROM THE BRIDGE



Good day Vikings!!

The snow is gone lets skip the rest of winter and go to spring!! Pam and Steve need to bring home some sunshine from California! Now's the time to start getting our boats ready to go. Do the maintenance work that needs done, etc.

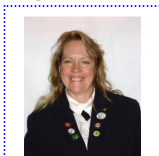
Make sure everything is in top shape for our cruising year. Tracy has put together a fun schedule for cruises this year. If you know anyone that is interested in knowing about our club, have them check it out on VikingYachtClub.com. Try to encourage them to check out our cruise schedule they might want to come to one.

Thank you to everyone that came to our first of meeting of the New Year. Sweetheart was voted on. Now you have time and think about Family of the Year, Who would you like to nominate? Also need to think about Daffodil this year, need volunteers to help decorate and to be on the committee. Would anyone like to be the decorated boat this year? The theme is "Don't Stop Believing" Daffodil weekend is always a fun weekend.

Participation is a key word in any club or group. That is what we need is for everyone to participate and volunteer to be a cruise captain, daffodil committee, and various things going on throughout the year. You just might have fun!!



Commodore Frankie
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Happy Birthday



February



*Donna Carlson, Peggy Claar,
Ann Gagner, Dave Seis, Betsy Tanck*



March

*Lea Hickman, Steve Larsen
(Remembrance – Lola Doxon)*

Birthdays listed are on monthly calendar and available for download from our website
<http://www.vikingyachtclub.com/>



SUNSHINE
Live well, love much, and laugh often

Due to the size of report this month, see below in Lur.

If you have information that needs shared with our members, please contact:

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Dave Seis

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Maureen Murray
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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 Osness
Stan Clufford
Marv Howes
Lyle Westby
Curt Willard
Art Cook
Elred Pilant

From The Vice Commodore



Well I hope the worst of the winter weather is behind us and we are in for better weather. We lost power for 4 days on the first round. Finally got it back on Sunday only to lose it again on Monday pm to Tues pm.

Am looking forward to going south soon, just waiting for the house to close escrow. I have to admit that I do feel guilty for leaving at this time, but I did put it before everyone before I agreed to go through the chairs again. I guess all I can ask is that my fellow Vikings step forward and support our commodore in the upcoming balls. I know how good it feels when you have your friends support you.

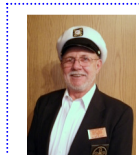
We will be back in time to help-out during the daffodil Festival and hope to do our part for the rest of the year. I have nothing but positive feelings for the Viking Yacht Club and look forward to our going forward this year to get back to the membership we are accustomed too.

Let's all put our best effort forward this year to each find a new member to join the club as we talked about in our last meeting.

I will be reachable by email or by calling 253-732-2018.



Vice Commodore Dave
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From The Rear Commodore



At our last meeting, we had quite the discussion on what makes the club great. This hopefully filled you with enthusiasm for our upcoming cruise season. To kick it off, we have several new ideas for the 3 upcoming cruises.

The 1st is a Marti Gras celebration on March 9-11th at Chinook Landing. Be assured that Carla & Barb will be hosting one heck of a colorful bash!

Next will be a Wine & Cheese cruise April 13th – 15th hosted by Carolyn and I at Lakebay. We have a tour and tasting scheduled at noon on Saturday at the Trillium Creek Winery. Word has it, that the wine is good and the proprietors are fun and interesting people.

On April 20-22nd is the Daffodil Festival and Marine parade. The Tacoma Yacht Club offers numerous events, meals and fun for the whole family. Gary will provide the Flag Ship but we are still looking for a commitment for a decorated boat and decorating committee. The theme this year is "Don't stop believing." Along with that theme, we have placed before and can do it again!

Think of some ideas and be ready to volunteer at February's meeting.

Go Vikings!



Rear Commodore Tracy
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Do not miss these important events!

- TOA Commodore Ball @ TOA Feb. 4th
- Seabacs' Commodore Ball @ TBA Feb. 11th
- Totem Commodore Ball @ Totem YC Feb. 25th

FROM THE JUNIOR PAST COMMODORE

Hopefully all that crazy weather won't return for the rest of this winter.

For those who had to live primitively, it makes you very thankful for electricity. Robert and I were able to use our neighbors back hoe and front end loader to help in our clean up and we filled the front-end loader 5 times. I was amazed at how many branches and limbs fell.

Next month on February 22nd we will be honoring our 2012 Sweetheart. Check out the flyer for all the information.

We will also be voting for a "Family of the Year".

Next cruise is our Mardi Gras Theme March 9 - 11 separate flyer will be e-mailed soon.

Tracy is hoping to fill the vacancies for cruise Captains, so do not delay sign up now.

Now that Bob is an official Vessel Safety Examiner, have him conduct a free inspection of your boat and become safely prepared for this year's boating season.



Past Commodore Carla
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S U N S H I N E

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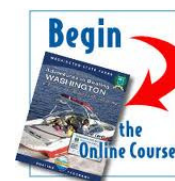
- Pam Larsen had her appendix out late in December and spent over a week in the hospital with complications from the surgery. She is much better and hopes to be back to work soon.
- Reta Carino's son, Bobby, suffered a serious heart attack early this month. He is at home resting and doing his best to recover.
- Pieter Rooker gave us all a scare recently when he suffered a heart attack. Fortunately, the doctors were successful in inserting three stents to open blockages in arteries. Amazingly, this was done through his wrist!!
- Gary Doxon is home now recovering from surgery on January 18th to remove a kidney with a malignant mass. Doctors said they think they were able to get all the cancer.
- Coincidentally, Claude Lathrop is scheduled for surgery to remove a kidney on February 13th.
- Also, Barb's mom was hospitalized recently with breathing difficulties. She is now in the restorative section, expecting to return to her home in a few days.

Keep all of these members close in your thoughts in the coming days.



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<http://www.boat-ed.com/washington/handbook/index.html>



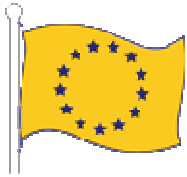
<http://www.boat-ed.com/washington/>

RECREATIONAL BOATING ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON



Visit the website link here for all current news & Information <http://www.rbaw.org/>

National Boating Federation



Visit the website link here for all current news & information <http://www.n-b-f.org/>

IOBG International Order of the Blue Gavel



Visit the website link here for all current news & information <http://www.iobg.org/>

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



Dues are Due!!!!

Send them to Barb Talamine
1524 102nd Street East Tacoma Wa. 98445

It's already February and a few of you have not paid your 2012 dues yet. Please take the time to send them in so we can finish our social and cruise budget.

Thank you, Purser Barb Talamine
yakobi51@hotmail.com



VYC WATER SAFETY

From water safety and Vessel Examiner, 2012 is here, I will offer Vessel inspections at our March cruise or you can arrange with me, if you would like one earlier, be sure to go to <http://www.usps.org/national/vsc> and check all the requirements and safety equipment you need. At the January meeting, I handed out folders to those that were at the meeting. In the folders, you will find all the required safety equipment you need, so when I do inspections you should pass with excellence.

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CURRENT LIGHT LISTS: You may view the LightLists* Corrected through Coast Guard LNM 01/12 for each Coast Guard District by clicking on the link(s) below. These publications contain a list of lights, sound signals, buoys, day beacons, and other aids to navigation. They are in PDF format and are approximately 4 MB in size (over 300 pages)

<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=lightLists>

Pacific Coast Region PDF link below:

<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/lightLists/LightList%20V6.pdf>

Sinking of the HMS Birkenhead – 26 February 1852



On February 26, 1852, the troopship HMS BIRKENHEAD grounded at Danger Point, near Cape Town, South Africa. It was carrying about 400 British soldiers to fight in the Kaffir War in South Africa. Also on board were about 200 civilians, mostly women and children. There were not sufficient lifeboats for everyone. The senior British Army officer onboard ordered the troops to stand fast as the women and children boarded the lifeboats. None of the soldiers broke ranks. The BIRKENHEAD sank soon afterwards. Only 193 of the approximately 643 people originally on board survived. From this event, the maritime tradition of “women and children first” is derived.

Club Update News from Publicity – 2012

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<http://www.facebook.com/vikingyachtclub>

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It is that time of year where member’s information, cruise calendar and lot’s of information updates. In addition, a committee has been formed to re-invent our clubs visual presence, both in print and on the website. Ideas are always welcome.

I personally would like to see a few more club sponsored cruises to Gig Harbor and if some of us can get to the public dock early Friday, maybe we can all tie & raft on the dock. That dock is very busy all summer long and is a great place to recruit more members. We can also anchor-out sometimes. Carla & I will be spending more time in Gig Harbor this boating season for sure, so come join us!

Look for some exiting new stuff, especially on our website
“COMING SOON”

Feel free to contact me with “suggestions & ideas”
Robert Bushnell: searusattitude@gmail.com

Membership



(No report this month)

Membership: Peggy Claar

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Congratulations! To **Marlene Barrington**, Her brochure (posted in January Lur) for the NBF has been approved for the NASBLA Seal of Safe Boating Practices & also is receiving an Award. See at website



<http://nasbla.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3295>

Establishment of US Coast Guard – January 28, 1915



The United States Coast Guard was created by [Act of Congress](#) on January 28, 1915, when the Life-Saving Service was combined with the Revenue-Cutter Service. From the beginning, the Coast Guard constituted part of the military forces of the United States. It operated (at that time) under the Treasury Department in time of peace and as part of the Navy in time of war or when the President shall so direct. Semper Paratus!

North Pacific – USCG aircrew delivers medical supplies



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that one of its HC-130 Hercules aircrews flew more than 900 miles to airdrop a package containing blood and medical supplies to a cruise ship in the Pacific Ocean northeast of Hilo. The aircrew dropped a trail line directly onto the bow of the ship, followed by the rescue container which landed in the water and was pulled aboard by the ship's crew. (1/25/12).

<http://www.d14.uscgnews.com/go/doc/800/1291167/>

National Boating Federation

Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) Meeting:

The GMDSS meeting took place on 11 January in Arlington VA. The GMDSS Task Force was chartered by the USCG in 1993 and Captain Jack Fuechsel is its Director. The GMDSS Task Force is comprised of a number of marine/communications interests including the USCG, FCC, USPS, USCG Aux and other interest groups including NBF. Some of the reports given and items discussed are as follows:

Rescue 21: Rescue 21 is the new USCG advanced command, control and communications systems. Rescue 21 has assisted in more than 34, 079 SAR cases, increasing by about 900 cases per month. The East, West and Gulf coasts are fully deployed along with the Great Lakes. 39,685 miles of US coastline are now operational. Total completion is expected by 2013 with the exception of Western rivers and Northern Alaska, which will not be operational until 2014.

In support of Rescue 21, copies of the new NBF-designed DSC brochure were well received by those in attendance. A brief description was given of the brochure's purpose and that NBF was seeking funding to print a large number of the brochures. An individual from the US Power Squadrons asked if NBF would email the brochure to him so that it could print a thousand copies. He liked the design and message of the brochure and expressed his appreciation of the work NBF has done on this.

Emergency Locator Beacon Requirement (ELBs): The USCG is considering a requirement for carriage and use of ELBs on recreational vessels when greater than three miles offshore. The Coast Guard has approached the National Boating Safety Advisory Council to request that it consider this issue and submit a recommendation to the Coast Guard. Hawaii already requires an EPIRB or VHF when operating greater than one mile offshore.

GPS Backup: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) completely closed down Loran C operations last year. Now, with the latent realization that a backup is needed in case of GPS outage, the DHS is looking to find a suitable backup for GPS and timing.

To learn more about NBF visit www.n-b-f.org

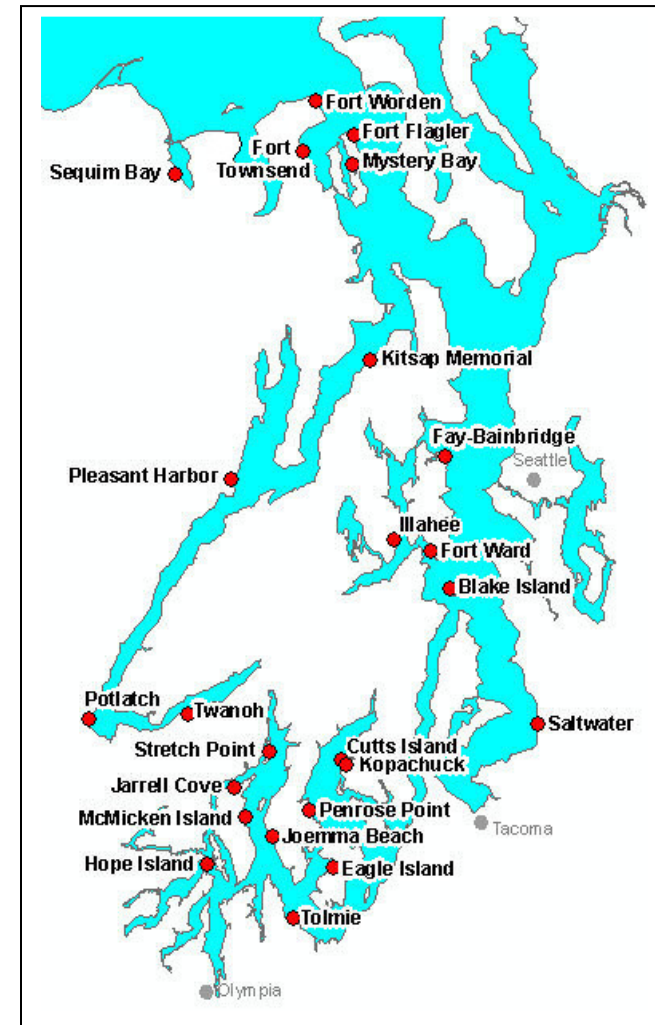
Contributor: Marlene Barrington

WASHINGTON STATE PARKS MOORAGE PROGRAM & LOCATIONS

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission has the largest state-managed mooring system in the nation, with more than 40 marine parks and more than 8,500 feet of public moorage space for your enjoyment of Washington's waterways. Your marine parks show off the best of Puget Sound and give you plenty of diverse activities: hiking scenic island paths, watching forest critters, exploring old forts, examining fossils, fishing, clamming, crabbing and just plain relaxing.

Fees are charged year round for mooring at docks, floats and buoys from 1 p.m. to 8 a.m. The daily fee is 60 cents per foot, with a minimum of \$12 (effective March 1, 2012). Moorage buoys are \$12 a night (effective March 1, 2012). You may save money by purchasing an [Annual Moorage Permit](#), which is valid from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. For more information about moorage locations, you can use either the maps or the list of parks shown below.

<http://www.parks.wa.gov/boating/moorage/>

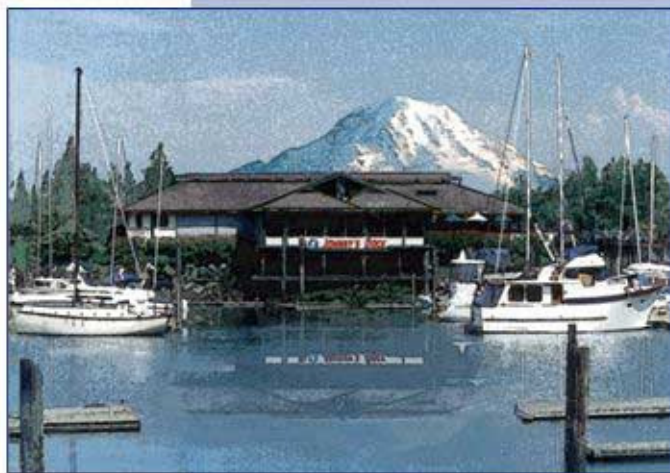




Sweetheart Dinner

We will honor this year's Sweet Heart at the end of our regular meeting
on Wednesday February 22, 2012 at

Johnny's Dock, 1900 East D Street, Tacoma



- 5:00p.m. – 7:00p.m. Social hour / dinner
- 7:00p.m. - General Meeting / Crowning of Sweetheart
- Come dressed for the special event.
- Dinner Choice is what you choose to purchase.
- Children are welcome

Let's have a full banquet room to honor our Special Sweetheart.

Recreational Boating Association of Washington

January 5, 2012

1st VP Report, Steve Greaves, sgreaves@portagebaysystems.com

Special Session:

The Special Session of the Legislature concluded last month. The \$8M of un-refunded gas tax money in the Recreation Resource Account that goes to boating infrastructure was left untouched. The regular session begins later this month and we will need to continue to remain vigilant as the Legislature continues to seek funds to cover the budget shortfall.

There will no doubt be changes to the Discover Pass in the coming Legislature as well. The issue of transferability will likely be resolved. If the Discover Pass can develop enough revenue to sustain Parks remains a question.

Policy Issues:

RBAW continues to monitor boating related Legislative issues that may arise during the next Session of the Legislature. The list below shows some of the issues. These are not necessarily issues being advocated by RBAW. Often RBAW is monitoring issues that are may be raised by other groups.

- Maintaining the Recreation Resource Account
- DNR marina lease rates for aquatic lands
- Lifting the cap on gas tax refunds
- Excise tax on boats
- Keeping Capitol Lake a lake
- Discover Pass implementation
- Life jacket wear policy
- Boat registration policy changes
- BUI consequences policy changes
- Kill switch requirements
- Collector / historic vessel policy
- Changes to cruising permit policy
- And more ...

Up-coming Legislative Day:

Once again, RBAW plans to host a Legislative Day in Olympia during the up-coming legislative session. This is an opportunity for RBAW to get its messages directly in front of Legislators. The date and location will be established shortly --- the date will likely be mid-week toward the end of February or early March. It is important to have many RBAW members as possible attend. Watch your email for an announcement of the date and location.

Up-Coming Joint Meeting with COBCYC:

Each spring, RBAW and the Council of British Columbia Yacht Clubs conduct a joint meeting to discuss common issues. This year the meeting will be hosted by the COBCYC group and

will be in British Columbia. The date is typically a Saturday and has yet to be established. Again, it's important to have a good showing of RBAW officers, directors, and delegates. Watch your email for an announcement of the date and location.

Washington Boating Alliance 3rd Annual Conference;

The Washington Boating Alliance is conducting its 3rd Annual Conference in conjunction with the Seattle Boat Show. The Conference will be February 1, 2012 from 9am – 1pm inside the Seattle Boat Show. This year's keynote speaker will be Rob McKenna, Attorney General and potentially next Governor. The Conference hosts speakers covering many areas of boating and recreation policy in Washington. The Conference is open to anyone interested in boating issues. Attendance includes free admission for the day to the Boat Show. See the complete program (attached). Register is free. Register for the Conference by emailing Steve Greaves at sgreaves@portagebaysystems.com and information will be sent to you with the specifics on how to attend.

- Steve



Washington Boating Alliance
3rd Annual Conference Program (DRAFT V6)
February 1, 2012, 9:00am – 1:00pm
Fish Stage, Seattle Boat Show, Century Link Exhibit Center

3rd Annual Conference of the Washington Boating Alliance

"Washington Boating Programs in 2012: Opportunities and Challenges"

Time	Program Description	Presenter
9:00am – 9:30am	Gathering, networking, coffee, name tags	Registration
9:30am – 9:40am	<i>"Welcome to the 3rd Annual WBA Conference and the Seattle Boat Show"</i>	Steve Greaves , WBA & George Harris , NMTA
9:40am – 10:10am	<i>"Boating and its Importance to Washington"</i>	Rob McKenna , Attorney General and candidate for Governor
10:10am – 10:25am	<i>"The Washington Boating Alliance: how we got here"</i>	Steve Greaves , WBA Chairman
10:25am – 10:55am	<i>"Key Elements of a Successful Recreational Coalition"</i>	Joanna Grist , Executive Director, Washington Wildlife Recreation Coalition
10:55am – 11:25am	<i>"The Economic Impact of Recreational Boating in Washington"</i>	Jim Hebert , President, Hebert Research, Inc.
11:25am – 11:40am	Break	
11:40am – 12:10pm	<i>"The Recreation Resource Account: creating boating infrastructure"</i>	Kaleen Cottingham , Director, Recreation and Conservation Office
12:10pm – 12:30pm	<i>"Status of the Puget Sound Partnership activities and how it all relates to boaters"</i>	Gerry O'Keefe , Executive Director, Puget Sound Partnership
12:30pm – 12:55pm	<i>"Legislative Boating Issues in 2012: how you can be involved" Panel discussion & Q & A</i>	Panel discussion: Doug Levy , RBAW; Josh Halpin , NYBA; Peter Schrappen , NMYA
12:55pm – 1:00pm	Wrap-up, thank you, adjourn	Steve Greaves

Registration is free and includes free admission for the day to the Seattle Boat Show. Register by emailing Steve Greaves at sgreaves@portagebaysystems.com. Specific information on how to enter the Show and attend the conference will be forwarded by email to those registered.

WBA Mission Statement

The mission of the Washington Boating Alliance, an all-inclusive alliance of boating-related organizations, is to develop, advance, and implement consensus positions and proposals to enhance the recreational boating experience in Washington.