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FROM THE BRIDGE

*Hi to all my Fellow Vikings,*

*Have had a busy January working on the bathroom addition to my place down here. Painted walls and laid the floor yesterday.*

*Will grout the floor today and then it will be time to install the bathroom fixtures. Yea!!*



*It is now the big Commodore Ball time with many Balls coming up in the next several months. Wish Ann and I could attend them but we will have good representation from our Vice and Rear. Thanks, guys.*

*Hope this finds everyone in good health and spirits. Will return for Daffodil.*



*Commodore Dave*  
[seiserdf@hotmail.com](mailto:seiserdf@hotmail.com)



## Happy Birthday



February

*Donna Carlson, Peggy Claar, Dave Seis*

*Betsy Tanck, Dan Snope*

March

*Lea Hickman, Steve Larsen*



Robert and Carla Bushnell welcomed a new granddaughter on January 5, 2013. She weighed 9.4 pounds and is 21 inches long. Mom and Dad are enjoying their new addition.

Dan Snope's mom passed away. Let's keep his family in our thoughts.

Reta Carino's son Bobby also passed away in January. Our thoughts are with you, Reta and Rich. The flu season is upon us so everyone be careful and stay healthy!

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO ALL!**

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

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## From The Vice Commodore



Tracy and Carolyn Anspach flew to Hawaii to visit their son, shortly after the January VYC meeting. We hope they have had a great time and will return well rested and suntanned!

Vice Commodore Tracy  
[anspach@comcast.net](mailto:anspach@comcast.net)



## From The Rear Commodore



*With the 2013 cruise season calendar set, we have fun cruises planned for the season. For those who will be attending with a boat, some important action item(s) needed to insure that you have reserved your slip at the marinas. Please make sure you fill out the signup sheets that will be at each monthly meeting or sign up on the website, so we know who is attending by boat or car. This helps us plan each cruise for maximum enjoyment by our members.*

*The following cruises are booked for our group but require each member attending with a boat to call and reserve, in addition some of them require our club to pay a \$5.00 deposit \* to hold the reservation (boat slips). If you are attending, you need to pay the Purser the \$5.00 deposit (nonrefundable)*

*Please call each marina below and reserve your attendance:*

- *Carhop Cruise – APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> – 14<sup>TH</sup> @ Delyn Docks  
(253) 572-2524*
- *Memorial Day Cruise – May 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> @ Port Orchard marina  
\* (360) 876-5535*
- *Hot August Nights Cruise – August 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> @ Bell Harbor marina  
\* (206) 787-3952*
- *Labor Day Weekend Cruise – 8/30 – 9/2 @ Bremerton marina  
\* (800) 462-3793*

*The cruise and function schedule is now posted on our website*

*<http://www.thevikingyachtclub.com/calendar.html>*



Rear Robert Bushnell

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**Do not miss these important events!**

\*Area 253 Glass Blowing Event on February 10- check attached flyer and contact Carla Bushnell if attending.

\* Get ready for the first cruise of 2013: Mardi Gras and Family of the Year- March 8-9 Arabella's in Gig Harbor.

## FROM THE JUNIOR PAST COMMODORE

We had a great turnout for the snowshoeing trip. Weather was picture perfect and the dinner afterwards was fantastic. A flyer was handed out at the general meeting for our next adventure in February. Please email me if you plan on attending or have questions. The event is a glass blowing class on February 10, 2013. Attached is a flyer outlining all the details. I am working on a date to get a committee together to help with this year's Commodore Ball. Will keep you posted when I have a date.



*Past Commodore Carla*

[carlabushnell@yahoo.com](mailto:carlabushnell@yahoo.com)



## Purser Report:

We need your donations for the March 23 Swap meet at Des Moines Yacht Club. We have an inside table for those who want to help work and not get wet.

Get a hold of Tracy @ 253-389-8261 or myself @ 253-318-9619. We will need your donations no later than March 20<sup>th</sup>. Thanks, PC/Purser Barb Byrn



## 2013 FAMILY OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS:

### ■ Tracy & Carolyn Anspach

**Dave and Ann would like to nominate Tracy and Carolyn Anspach for Boating Family of the Year. They are always willing to help with special events and attend most, if not all, of the cruises and meetings. Dave has relied on Tracy to stand in for him as Commodore in his absence this winter/spring and Tracy has not disappointed. We wholeheartedly feel that Carolyn and Tracy deserve the Club's recognition for all they have done with and for the Club this year and in years past.**

### ■ Robert & Carla Bushnell

(No nomination letter submitted)

### ■ Dave Seis & Ann Gagner

(No nomination letter submitted)

**If you will be unable to attend the Feb 27 meeting of the Viking Yacht Club where the election will be held for 2013 Family of the Year, then you may submit an absentee ballot indicating your choice from the above nominees to:**

**Commodore Dave Seis**  
[seiserdf@hotmail.com](mailto:seiserdf@hotmail.com)

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## NEWS FROM PUBLICITY



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Please bear with me as I figure out the intricacies of this position and the computer programs that it requires me to master... I used to be pretty savvy when it came to computers, but since I retired in 2005 have not needed to use some of the programs I did as a high school teacher. I love learning, so I WILL figure it all out in time~ Alice Johnson



## VYC WATER SAFETY

The 2013 vessel Safety Check stickers are available. Schedule your inspection early this year. I am ready to check your vessels now so you will be prepared for season!

<http://www.usps.org/national/vsc>

Bob Gunter: Water Safety & Vessel Examiner  
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## Membership



I sent out 48 Christmas cards to the marinas we frequent and to yacht brokers and other business on behalf of Viking. I included my VYC business card.

Already I've heard from several. Citadel Marine would like to offer a discount to new members when they sign up with Viking. More to come at the general meeting!

*Membership: Peggy Claar*

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### **An interesting case to review:**

#### **Supreme Court ruling: – floating house may not be a vessel**

The Supreme Court of the United States ruled that, in this instance, a floating house is not a vessel for purposes of admiralty jurisdiction. Petitioner had moored his floating home at a marina owned by the City of Riviera Beach, Florida. After various disputes between the homeowner and the city, the city brought an in rem action in federal court seeking a lien on the “vessel”. The district court and the appellate court agreed that the floating home was a vessel because it was potentially capable of movement and transportation over the water (having been towed in the past to various locations). The Supreme Court reversed, holding that the definition of “transportation” must be applied in a practical way. A structure does not fall within the scope of the statutory phrase unless a reasonable observer, looking at the house’s physical characteristics and activities, would consider it designed to a practical degree for carrying people or things over water. Two justices dissented, arguing that the case should be remanded in order to more fully develop the record regarding the reasonable intent of the owner. [Lozman v Riviera Beach](#), No. 11-626 (U.S., January 15, 2013).

**AAA takes stance against E15 gasoline:** As reported by USA TODAY, the AAA says the “EPA and gasoline retailers should halt the sale of E15, a new ethanol blend that could damage millions of engines” especially marine engines. In fact nine car manufacturers have stated that their warranties either will not cover fuel related claims or have said E15 will void warranties, citing potential corrosive damage to fuel lines, gaskets and other engine components. AAA further stated that “the sale and use of E15 should be stopped until there is more extensive-testing, better pump labels to safeguard consumers and more consumer education about potential hazards.

The American Petroleum Institute (API) says a three-year study conducted by automakers and the oil industry found that E15 is a consumer safety issue for a majority of drivers with pre-2012 vehicles. “Our testing of a range of ethanol levels at 15% to 20% has identified issues about engine durability” API engineer Bob Greco says.

Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner has proposed legislation requiring the EPA to authorize an unbiased study of E15, agrees with the AAA. “The findings confirm what we have already said – E15 causes premature engine damage and voids warranties, even on new models,” the Wisconsin Republican says. “Concerns about E15 are not diminishing, they are increasing. When an organization like AAA, a nationally trusted source for motorists, calls out the EPA, you would think the Obama administration would listen.”

### **Watch the video**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ceW9Nc1hVHU> from FOX Business News featuring The Car Coach Lauren Fix on why E15 gas could damage vehicles older than 2012 models.

# Area 253 Glass Blowing Event



Area 253 (formerly known as M-Space) is the first Tacoma based public access glassblowing studio. Area 253 will continue to serve the public and local artisans in their quest to produce art glass. We will still be teaching beginning, intermediate and advanced glassblowing classes along with corporate/private parties, special events, one-on-one experiences, and private lessons with a professional glass artisan.

Hello Fellow Vikings time for another non cruising event.

Date- Sunday, February 10, 2013

Time- 2:00 P.M.

Location- Area 253 Glassblowing Studio

2514 Holgate Street

Tacoma WA 98402

Phone- 253-779-0101

Cost- \$65.00 per person. You can attend and just watch. Must preregister in order to make an Art Creation. Invite your friends and family.

Craft choice- Bowl, Ornament, Paper weight, Pumpkin

Bring your drink of choice and an appetizer to share. There are electric outlets for hot snacks.

I need to know if you will be attending so they can have their furnaces and supplies ready for us. Deadline to contact me is February 7, 2013 Thursday.

**Carla Bushnell – [carlabushnell@yahoo.com](mailto:carlabushnell@yahoo.com)**



## 2013 VIKING YACHT CLUB CRUISE SCHEDULE

**MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> – 9<sup>TH</sup>** Mardi Gras & family of the Year @ Arabella's – Gig Harbor (Hosted by: TBD)

**APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> – 14<sup>TH</sup>** Carhop cruise @ Delyn Docks – Tacoma  
“LeMay Car Museum” (Hosted by: TBD)

**APRIL** – Daffodil @ Tacoma Yacht Club

**MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> – 5<sup>TH</sup>** Opening Day @ Seattle Yacht Club

**MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>** South Sound Opening Day @ DMYC

**MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>** Viking Fest @ Poulsbo (drive in - day function)

**MAY 24<sup>TH</sup> – 27<sup>TH</sup>** Memorial Day Cruise @ Port Orchard - Seafood Feast & More (Hosted by VYC Board)

**JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup> – 23<sup>RD</sup>** Golf Cruise @ Arabella's - Gig Harbor - date subject to change to 8<sup>TH</sup> – 9<sup>TH</sup> (Hosted By Dave & Ann)

**JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> – 7<sup>TH</sup>** Fourth of July anchor out @ Burton for fireworks (no hosted event)

**JULY 19<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup>** Anchor out at Gig Harbor (no hosted event)

**AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup> – 11<sup>TH</sup>** Hot August Nights @ Bell Harbor Marina Seattle (Hosted by Robert & Carla)

**SEPTEMBER 8/30 – 2<sup>ND</sup>** Labor Day cruise @ Bremerton (Hosted by VYC Board)

**OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup> – 27<sup>TH</sup>** Hot Rudder Bum cruise @ Blake Island (Hosted by TBD)