

# Anchorline

Newsletter of the West Seattle Yacht Club

## Commodore's Report

Ahoy There Mateys,

I sure have enjoyed this past cruising season. I especially enjoyed the naming ceremonies for the Scott's new yacht, TIARE, and Vincent, Lacey, Ben and Matt's boat, Washte Tatonka, at the Memorial Day Cruise in Kingston. Crabbing was good in Everett, and especially good in the San Juan's.

I enjoyed the Seafood Feed and Steak Fry. I love the memories that we create each year with this wonderful group.

Having been on every cruise this past season I understand the commitment it takes to go through the chairs. I can empathize with "been there, done that, don't want to do it again". As our membership declines we need to rethink how the club operates and offer an alternative to the huge commitment of time and effort the entire board and especially the officers put forth for the benefit of the membership. To that end we need to publicize the club better to promote and gain new members. This is a position we will be asking to fulfill for the upcoming year. In addition, we need to fill the positions to run this club. We are proposing a change in how the club operates in the coming year, a trial. Please take a moment to read all about it in the article entitled Membership. We will be presenting this for your consideration at the September meeting. We encourage your participation and very much hope you will make the effort to attend. I look forward to seeing you all.

Bon Voyage,  
Julz Ethier  
Commodore



General Meeting

September 19.

General Meeting Dinner

Potluck

Meeting Agenda

Board Nominations

Next General Meeting

October 17.



### September Birthdays

Lou Kush	7
Mark Clinton	9
Matt (Ben's Partner)	26
Doreen Rupprecht	27
Scott Shannon	27
Kayla Schober	28



## Membership

In an effort to take some of the burden of keeping this club going and hopefully, to encourage better participation we are considering the following as a temporary trial. We would like to implement quarterly meetings. They would be held in March - Anniversary meeting/Crab Feed, June - Seafood Feed, September - vote in your new board of directors and officers, December - holiday party, food and diaper drive, gift exchange. We would have Social events planned during the non-meeting months in keeping with our current by-laws that require a meeting and/or social event during the non-cruising season. We have 3 months that we need to come up with a social event, and hopefully you will be willing to sponsor the month and come up with an event or plan that is mutually acceptable to the members. The months are April, May and November. We have social events planned in January - Boat Show Dinner, February - Sweetheart Cruise and the Commodores Ball in October. Perhaps we could move the Golf Tournament to May.

Some very good reasons to consider this at this time is that we have not gained any new members this past year and we don't have anyone stepping up to the Rear and Vice Commodore positions. Everyone who has gone thru the chairs can attest to the amount of work, planning and time that goes into holding these events for the membership.

1. Savings to the club by not paying rent for the Hall for 6 months. We would only rent the Hall for 3 meetings.
2. Officers get a break in the number of meetings they have to plan and attend.
3. Members get to have more fun socializing with each other at the social events.

If the membership steps up to sponsor the cruises and social events, I think this could be an answer to the dilemma of not wanting to go thru the chairs because I think this successfully answers the question of how much time one would have to commit to this endeavor. We all have super busy lives and families to take care of. I can't tell you how much I have appreciated the Schraders, who have sponsored our Opening Day, Memorial Day and San Juan Rendezvous cruises, Lou Kush who sponsors the Golf Tournament, Phil Legg and Don Lobdell who take care of the Stag Cruise and Fishing Derby.

We hope that by relieving some of the duties of the officers more of you may consider stepping up again or for those of you who have never gone thru the chairs perhaps you would consider it at this time since it would not take as much of your time. I'm sure we all see the need to help at the Seafood Feed, Crab Feed and Steak Fry. We are not lacking in help at these events, but perhaps you could step up early and commit to helping sooner. It's the burden of planning and getting all the food and equipment ordered and brought to the event. But if we had Cruise Captains take over the responsibility of handling the events we have then it would be that much easier on the officers and board.

So in a spirit of open-mindedness and cooperation I hope you will all embrace this trial. Your comments are welcome. We will be discussing this at the meeting on Friday, September 19th. I hope you will plan on attending.  
Julz

## Summer Birthdays Not To Be Forgotten

### June Birthdays

Tony Ethier - 2  
Mary Duett - 9  
Jack Geary - 12  
Brandon Legg - 12  
Art Clark - 16  
Joy Smith - 18  
Gregory Dudiak - 19  
Neal Duett - 25  
Susan Ponselle - 28  
Hazel Parsons - 30  
Dee Selk - 30

### July Birthdays

Sue Scott - 2  
Tatyana Otto - 2  
Sam Kanner - 6  
Ann Kush - 9  
Jim Berg - 16  
Dick Baker - 29

### August Birthdays

Brian Hood - 1  
Bart Mickelson - 3  
Kris Loodus - 4  
Peter Otto - 7  
Mike Lesieur - 10  
Jessica Otto - 12  
Jusy Giddens - 29  
Guy Smith - 30



## Vice Commodore's Report

Fellow Boaters,

Welcome back to the Social Season for WSYC! Thanks for all the help making the Steak Fry such a great success. Especially to the Game Organizers, Cooks, BBQers, and Cleaning Crews; without your help it wouldn't have been possible! It's been a great Summer and I'm looking forward to more great days of boating ahead.

The September General Meeting will be at the West Seattle Masonic Temple on Friday September 19th. We'll be having a Potluck Dinner, so bring something you're excited to share with everyone. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

If anyone would like to sponsor the October General Meeting Dinner please let me know!

Very Respectfully,  
Vice Commodore Vince



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## Rear Commodore's Report

Hi everyone,

What a fantastic summer we've been blessed with. I hope all of you have enjoyed it as much as Lori and I have, because it slowly coming to an end. Yep Halloween is right around the corner. We've had a fantastic time with all of you who have attended the yacht club functions, and sorry that some of you couldn't make it. Much thanks and appreciations to all who have participated in making this happen. Looking forward to seeing you all at the September meeting and sharing summer stories.

Next planned event will be the Fishing Derby at Kingston, Sat. the 27th of Sept. If you plan on attending you must call and make your own reservation with the Kingston Marina, (360)297-3545.

See you all soon.  
Mike Lesieur



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## From the Bridge

From The Bridge  
September 2014

Hi everyone

What a great summer - they actually seem to get better each year. The Memorial Day cruise at Kingston was a blast. We had at least a dozen boats. Friday night, we joined the Kingston Yacht Club for a potluck dinner that was a great get together. There was a farmers market Saturday and we had our big BBQ Saturday night and Monday had a potluck breakfast with Memorial Day services right after. Kingston is very accommodating and the free use of the electric car is a real bonus.

The Summer Cruise at Roche Harbor was terrific. Perfect weather, party barge, a dozen boats and more food than is advisable. We have scheduled Roche again for next year: July 14-16. A special thanks to Debbie in the Roche Harbor Market - she again got us great steaks and corn for the party at very fair pricing.

Linda and I can't thank everyone enough - for joining us, for the terrific potluck and pupu items and the great friendships that have developed. The food that comes out of your boats is amazing.

We went from the Summer Cruise North to the Chris Craft Rendezvous at Telegraph Harbor in the Canadian Gulf Islands. It was special. Can't say enough nice things about the owners and their staff at Telegraph or the 20 or so Chris Craft owners who are restoring, maintaining and enjoying a huge part of boating's history. We stopped at Ganges for day on the way back down. The market at the head of the dinghy dock has anything you might need. We stayed at Salt Springs Marina and it is decent, but should be terrific in the next year or so - major remodel coming. Moby's Restaurant at the head of their dock has undergone new ownership and it was very good casual food.

In addition, we were fortunate to have visited all our favorite spots - Islander Inn At Fisherman's Bay, Roche, Reid and Prevost Harbors, Sucia, Garrison and, of course, Friday Harbor and PT. Hudson on the way back down.

We have some observations: the food at The Islander Inn was terrific - best it's ever been there. The homemade pie at Telegraph and banana splits - perfect. Westcott Bay Oyster Farms is open again this year with new owners and they are making huge strides in restoring it to its old glory. We bought a "boatload" of steamers and oysters this year and they were all fresh, cleaned and without waste. They have started rebuilding the dock, will be building new pens for retail sales and a new retail office center. They have already planted 500,000 oysters and will sell between 60 and 70,000 DOZEN oysters next year, plus they will have great steamers and too many mussels to count! The owners live on Henry Island and your support for saving this resource will come back many times over. Lime Kiln at Roche is a favorite, along with their homemade donuts. Orcas Village Market at the ferry terminal gets better each year. At Friday, the pizza stand at the head of the dock is very good and King's Market is the Cadillac of the Islands. At PT Hudson, the PT. Hudson cafe is great for breakfasts and lunches and Doc's was very good for dinner.

The bottom line, though, is that the very best meals we have ever had are those cooked on the aft deck of Ohana - not sure what it is, but the fresh air, sun, smell of salt water and light breezes make everything taste terrific.

We cleared Customs at Bedwell and Roche - Bedwell took three minutes by phone, Roche about 10 - mostly because I forgot about the annual sticker you have to buy.

We finally found the whale boats favorite channel - VHF 79. Sometimes they use a code which means go to 77. This really helps if you listen and be patient before going out to see these magnificent creatures. We also learned in the fog at Cattle Point, that the whale watching boats do not use AIS - not smart in my opinion.

Next Summer is a big one for us - we will have sold our house, moved aboard our newly built houseboat on Lake Union, bought a vintage runabout for Lake use, and Linda will be near retirement or going to limited part time. We intend to abuse every day of vacation we can get and extend out travels accordingly. Hope part of that time is spent with you all.

Best

Bob and Linda.



## Commodore's Dates To Remember

**Sept. 27, 2014 Fishing Derby**

**Kingston Marina**

**Commodore's Ball**

**TBD**

