

# Anchorline

Newsletter of the West Seattle Yacht Club

## Commodore's Report

Ahoy there Mateys,

I had a great time at the boat show dinner. We had a fantastic turnout again this year. If you didn't attend the Sweetheart Cruise you missed a real treat. Just a reminder: there is NO general meeting in February. So we hope to see you all at the crab feed in March when we celebrate the club's anniversary. We will be giving out tenure awards at this meeting and again at the September meeting, if you can't make it to the March meeting. I should have the cruise cards available to membership in March also. We are looking into inviting another yacht club to our crab feed in March so I am hoping for a good showing of our own members to welcome our guests. Our Vice Commodore, Vincent, is hard at work making sure this is the best Crab Feed ever. I know our Rear Commodore, Mike, is nailing down details for our upcoming cruises. Past Commodore, MaryAnn, should have our yearbook updates available soon. Bob and Linda Schrader have graciously donated their condo on the beautiful island of Kauai for a week's use again this year for our annual fundraiser. Tickets are \$10.00 each and will be available at our next meeting in March. I know many of you will be getting your boats in ship shape condition for the upcoming cruise season and I would like to remind you that Fisheries Supply in Fremont offers a discount to all Yacht Club members. Just mention at checkout that you are with the West Seattle Yacht Club to obtain your discount. Don't forget to bring your crab crackers to the March meeting. See you there!

Bon Voyage

Julz Ethier  
Commodore



General Meeting

No General Meeting  
In February

General Meeting Dinner

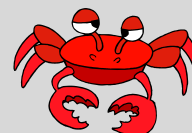
Your Choice

Meeting Agenda

The Month Off

Next General Meeting

March 21st -7PM  
The Crab Feed



### February Birthdays

John Pennock	3
Bob Ganung	6
Dwayne Mittag	7
Gary Walker	11
Lani Lightle	29



## Vice Commodore's Report

Greetings FELLOW BOATERS!

First off I would like to thank everyone for coming to the January meeting, your presence is always an honor and we look forward to seeing you again soon! Speaking of seeing everyone soon, the March General Meeting will be the WSYC Birthday Crab-feed on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7PM at the Masonic Temple in West Seattle. (Cocktail hour starts sometime before that as a reminder.) The charge will be \$30 for all you can eat crab, salad, rolls, and even birthday cake. Please feel free to tell your friends and bring them along for a fun night of celebration. I will be sending out RSVP's in the coming weeks. Please do be prompt and accurate with your reply so that we can get a firm headcount. We will also be inviting the Kingston Yacht Club, so be sure to turn out for a good show and represent our yacht club with pride!

Yet another reason to make an appearance at the next meeting is to see what's in store for our new WSYC Presenter Series. As a yacht club we have decided to invite various individuals from the community to come in and give informative and brief seminars/speeches on boating relevant topics. Stay tuned for more details as the plans are fleshed out. If you have a topic of interest in mind, or know someone who would be a great presenter, please feel free to forward your suggestion to me.

Also, on a personal aside, I would like to share with everyone that my wife and I (along with my brother Ben and his husband Matt of course) have bought another boat! After our little one was totaled by the tow company last year, we recently found an outrageous deal on a 26' Campion Power Boat. It needs some good hard TLC, but should be ready by Opening Day. Thanks to Mike Lesieur for the lead! Also, she is yet to be named and so we are currently brainstorming good options, input is appreciated.

Thanks again to everyone for their support and we look forward to seeing you in March.

Very Respectfully,  
Vice Commodore Vince

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## Rear Commodore's Report

Hello fellow members,

My O My! What a great way to start off the year. The Sweetheart Cruise was lots of fun. We had a very good turn out with about 32 members. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend, it made it special. The next meeting will be the crab feed in March; looking forward to seeing everyone there. April 11th thru 13th will be the Stag Cruise and Lori is working on a fun weekend for the ladies Doe Run. May is right around the corner and Bob Schrader will be hosting Opening Day of boating season; he will be passing around a sign up sheet at the March meeting. Be sure and get on board.

Your Rear Commodore,

Ladies,

You are cordially invited to attend the 2014 Doe Run, April 11-13, 2014 in Olympia, WA.

We will be staying at the Red Lion Inn in Olympia overlooking Capitol Lake. We would love for you to attend. What are we going to do in Olympia? Good question! There is a big Farmers Market Saturday and Sunday, Downtown shopping, Antique shopping, Brewery tours, Wine tastings and many Beautiful parks. And I want to check out the Swantown Marina because we haven't had our boat there yet.

Please let me know if you are interested ASAP so that I can let my can contact know and reserve rooms for us. I appreciate any feedback you give me.

Thank you!

Lori Lesieur  
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From The Bridge  
February, 2014

Hello Everyone

I can't believe Opening Day is only 2 1/2 months away. I have already begun doing my good weather dance - it worked so well last year, why not try again!

We haven't been able to get down to Ohana for the past 5 weeks, but I did today. Started both main engines, the generator, cleaned the head and holding tank and measured for some new trim pieces, new carpeting and cushions. I have already ordered the spare parts I restock each year and the regular things, like flares, new holding tank breathing filter, and holding tank deodorizer tablets. Ohana gives Linda and I a very clear vibe - she does not like sitting around without us or under cover. I know it sounds hokey, but things get dicey if she doesn't get to run - the gremlins come aboard and do nasties.

I had ordered a small part to re-hang our ships bell just before my surgery from Fisheries. Frankly, this is a part that they would normally have in stock and on display had the recession not come about. Their floor and inventory in General is way down. That's not just their choice - many suppliers are not making small batches of parts anymore - they accumulate orders and then make large batches, thus saving labor and material inventory costs. However, Fisheries has gone through a huge change in employees, particularly downstairs. The new people just don't have the same level of knowledge. Example - I got a call from Fisheries about two weeks ago saying my part was in at will-call. When I went to will-call this morning, they couldn't find a thing - under my name, WSYC, or my mechanics account. I left really pissed, to be honest. I went upstairs to get another part, told them what had happened, and she found it in two minutes. Not good.

Anyway, there are some significant changes to the boating community recently. Bob Picot Upholstery has shut down. Second Wave is shutting down in late May or June. Boat Electric has moved down to Nickerson Street by the Ballard Bridge. There are many rumors of some boat dealers being on the brink of collapse. That may surprise many, but the only thing selling right now on a strong basis, are the custom or mega yachts. Also, there are fewer and fewer reliable mechanics and service facilities around.

I don't say this to be negative. The industry has always been volatile, but it seems more precarious right now. The good news is that we live in this amazing water play land and within a half a day or so, we can find a place to dock and socialize, or a place to anchor and be as far away from the crowd as we choose. Fuel prices are not much different than last year and marinas are all making improvements in wifi, their docks, stores, etc.

We have a great meeting coming up with The Crab Feed (Get your plate full before Rod Ruprecht) and we should have a great turnout.

Let's get ready to cherish this coming season safely and with "vigor"!

Our Best,  
Bob and Linda



## Commodore's Dates To Remember

### *West Seattle Cruise Schedule*

April 11 - 13 – Stag Cruise at Port Orchard/Doe Run At Red Lion Inn, Olympia, WA.

**April 30th - May 4<sup>th</sup> – Opening Day Cruise/Bob & Linda Schrader at Portage Bay**

**May 23rd - 26th Memorial Day Cruise at Kingston**

**June 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>rd</sup> – Seafood Feed Cruise at Des Moines**

**July 4<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> – Fourth of July Cruise at Port of Everett**

**July 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – Summer Vacation Cruise/Bob & Linda Schrader at Deer Harbor**

**August 22<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – Steak Fry Cruise at Brownsville**

**August 29<sup>th</sup> - September 1<sup>st</sup> - Labor Day Cruise at Arabel las at Gig Harbor**

### Sweetheart Cruise Winners



Fun  
Times!  
Great  
Friends!

