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Newsletter of the West Seattle Yacht Club

Commodore's Report

Happy holidays! Happy Hanukkah! Hope the holidays are treating you well. We are all looking forward to spending time with **family and friends this holiday season. Don't forget to take time** and enjoy the festivities.

We have a great festivity coming up with our annual Christmas **party on the 15th of this month. Don't forget to bring your gift for** either a boy or girl; each person will need to bring a gift to get a gift. We are also excited to be partnered with West Side Baby again this year. Bring anything baby related to help this great community organization. We proved how great we are at giving by the amount of food we collected for the West Seattle Food Bank. Anything you give can make a difference.

On a different note, we are excited to present the new cruise cards for you next month. New places for cruises are coming **your way. Tony has done an excellent job and I'm looking forward** to presenting his hard work. We have gotten into the colder weather, and we have all been preparing our boats for these upcoming months. I will share with you some reminders of things to do to ensure smooth sailing in the winter months (see **what I did there**). **Plus, a bonus pic of the Shelton's idea of taking** out the local power grid.

Julie Estes
Commodore



General Meeting

December 15, 6PM
Masonic Temple
Cocktails at 6PM

Meeting Agenda

Santa's Arrival

General Meeting Dinner

Holiday Feast

Next Meeting
January 19



December Birthdays

Dolly	Shelton	09 – 2019
Jeanne	Gordon	10
Rob	Selk	10
Dan	Scott	11
Charlie	Flaming	12
Carolyn	Matson	13
Rick	Shelton	16
Monique	Lalond	18
Ronda	Rogers Franz	18
John	Blanchard	21
Bob	Piper	24
Nathaniel	Shelton	24 – 2003
Lisa	Gilmore	28

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Muskrats Love Exhaust Systems

Muskrats, water rats, beavers, otters and other vermin represent a constant danger for owners of certain types of pleasure boats in the Pacific NW, and every few years one of these critters manages to sink a vessel at its mooring. Each time a muskrat or other animals sink a ship, a flurry of articles begin to circulate through the boating community.

Exhaust Hose Damage



Boaters who procrastinate in taking preventive action are reminded that as long as there are vermin the risk will remain. Installing an animal guard to the water side of your exhaust will prove to be substantially less expensive and much less of a hassle than dealing with the results of a muskrat invasion.

Bilges

It's so important to do a thorough scrubbing and rinse—and if more steps need to be taken, then so be it.

Check bilge pumps for working float switches and remove any debris from the bilge that could interfere or clog pumps.

Bilge Debris Removal



Electrical System

- Check that all electric cables are in good condition and routed away from any equipment that could damage them. If any cable or wire is damaged, under-sized or under-rated, it can overheat.



- Turn off power immediately to any circuit that has damaged cables, and have them replaced.
- New or replacement cables should be multi-stranded and of the correct size.
- Check the boat has one or more GFCIs that these trip when the test button on the GFCI is pressed.
- **Do not overload outlets.**

Potential Overload





Get Ready for Winter

Now is the time to prepare your yacht for winter. Winterizing is a prudent step for protecting your investment and readying your yacht for the next season.

Winterization Checklist

- Check coolant for the proper antifreeze
- Use only marine-approved heating devices (not all UL approved devices are for use in marine environments)
- Upgrade or add extra dock lines and provide chafing protection
- Have a sufficient quantity of fenders of the correct size and type
- Secure winter covers
- Top off fuel tanks
- Consider fuel additives if ethanol blend is used
- Close all through-hulls, with the exception of cockpit drains, and install covers or plugs on exhaust ports to minimize potential for Muskrat damage. (Leave a reminder by the helm to open the through-hulls before starting the engines next season.)
- Tighten hose clamps and check that all through-hulls are double clamped.

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Heaters

- Use portable electric heater suitable for use on your boat and is built specifically for marine use.
- Make sure your electrical heater does not overload your electrical circuits and/or the vessel's total rated amps.
- Turn off the electric heater when leaving the cabin or the boat. DO NOT leave a running boat heater unattended.
- Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over.



Drain your Boat Systems

If your boat is in danger of freezing, drain all water tanks, including freshwater and sanitation systems.

Don't drain the fuel tank. Treating the fuel is usually one of the steps of the engine winterization process, you're the final fill-up of the season, the fuel tank should be treated with a fuel additive.

Finally

- Do a final cleaning and pump out the holding tank
- Check bilge pumps for working float switches, and remove any debris from the bilge that could interfere or clog pumps
- Fill and charge batteries
- Turn off batteries
- Close valves on any propane tanks
- Leave locker doors open to promote good ventilation of interior spaces
- If you leave your boat with shore power, clean any corrosion from the power cord plugs, and make sure it is firmly attached and secured.

Vice Commodore's Report

Warmest greetings WSYC members.

We are all so happy to get together and celebrate this special time of year at the December Christmas General Meeting.

A Christmas Dinner of -
Ham and scalloped potatoes
Mixed vegetables
Rolls
Salad

Dessert - will all be offered for our enjoyment by Mike Lesieur and his wonderful assistant chefs Rod Rupprecht and Jim Rush. How generous for them to volunteer their time and experience. Christmas Dinner is \$25 pp.

The reminders I have for us all is that our WSYC community spirit is full support of the Westside Baby organization and we have offered to donate baby diapers and wipes. So please share your generous gift of those items and bring them to the General Meeting on Friday the 15th.

Santa will arrive with a twinkle in his eye to pass out gifts for the gift exchange. Our gift exchange, as done in previous years, if you wish to participate, bring a gift for a lady and a gentleman, clearly marked. The price point is \$20

Christmas music will "deck the halls" !

Please wear your fun and festive style if you like. We love a theme and Christmas is a great one. Laura Shelton will dust her piano playing skills to accompany us in a small group sing-along. She begs that if any member can slide into this position, she would step aside. Call me if you have interest or ability.

Joy to you all!
The Vice
Lynda Swift



Rear Commodore's Report

Ahoy Mateys,

I have been working on getting our reservations in for our 2024 upcoming cruises. If you didn't sign up at our last meeting, please do so at the December meeting. Or call me and I will get you signed up. You can call me at (253)334-4738 or drop me an email at tonyethier@comcast.net. It's important for securing our reservations.

Julie and I were unable to go on the Christmas cruise. It was nice that Sinclair Yacht club sponsored this event. We will sign up for next years and hope we will have better weather so more of us can be there.

Looking forward to our next cruise, the Sweetheart cruise, our first cruise in 2024 will be to the Seven Cedars Resort and Casino near Sequim, February 9-11. (This is a land or sea cruise.) Some amenities of Seven Cedars are electric bikes to rent to check out the area trails. Also golf at the Dungeness Golf Course just down the road with the special price of \$118.00 for 2 people including golf cart and range balls. Room rates are double queen or king rooms available at \$139.00 per night. I have checked into many venues around the area; this is a beautiful place. Sequim is 6.5 miles away from the venue. John Wayne Marina is 3.7 miles away. Did you know that John donated the land for the marina and frequented with his yacht the Wild Goose? Lots to explore including the many lavender farms. The banquet room is beautiful. We will have a sit-down dinner of stuffed chicken with vegetables, salad, rolls, and dessert \$50.00 per person with no host bar. Check in time 4:00 and check out is 11:00. Julz and I will have a suite. We will have BYOB cocktails and a charcuterie for Friday evening. I hope to see you and yours there. More info to come on obtaining reservations.

Cheers,

Tony Ethier
Rear Commodore



2024 SOCIAL SCHEDULE

January 19	General Meeting/Masonic Temple
February 16	General Meeting/Masonic Temple
March 15	General Meeting/Masonic Temple
April 19	General Meeting/Masonic Temple
May 17	General Meeting/Masonic Temple
June 9	General Meeting @ Des Moines Marina
June TBD	WSYC Annual Golf Tournament
July 20	West Seattle Grand Parade/California Ave
September 20	General Meeting/Masonic Temple/Nominations
October 18	General Meeting/Masonic Temple/Elections
November ??	Commodore Ball/ TBD
November 15	General Meeting/Masonic Temple
December 20	General Meeting/Masonic Temple-Christmas Party

2024 CRUISE SCHEDULE

February 9-11	Sweetheart Cruise/Seven Cedars Casino
April 26-28	Stag Cruise/Super Secret Location
April 12-14	Doe Run/Only the Ladies Know
May 24-27	Memorial Weekend/Dock Street—Tacoma
June 7-8	Seafood Feed/ Des Moines Marina
June 29	Blast the Bridge/Bremerton
July 12-14	San Juan Islands Rendezvous
August 23-25	Steak Fry/ Brownsville
August 26-30	Mini Cruise/ South Sound
August 30-September 2	Blackberry Festival/Bremerton
September TBD	Dick Baker/Jeff Freeman Memorial Fishing Derby
October 25-27	Halloween Cruise/Bell Harbor
December 6-8	Christmas Cruise/Port Orchard

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