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Newsletter of the West Seattle Yacht Club

Commodore's Report

Ahoy there Mateys!

I wish each and every one of you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. As I look back on the previous year and look forward to the coming year the one thing I can tell all of you is how much I appreciate the friendships I have made in this wonderful club and the camaraderie of everyone at our cruises and meetings. I am looking forward to sharing fun, food and family with all of you. We have worked out the budget for next year and for those of you who may not have paid your dues, they are now past due, so please make every effort to send them in as soon as possible. I know Vincent and Mike are nailing down the final details for the Social and Cruise schedules. MaryAnn is working on updating the directory. Please let her know if you have any changes to your addresses, emails or phone numbers. Additionally, we are looking into providing tenure awards, which will be distributed at the March Birthday meeting. If you are unable to attend that meeting to receive your award, you may receive it at the meeting in September. They will only be distributed at these meetings.

I truly enjoyed the Ugly Sweater Contest we had last month. There were some great looking ??? Sweaters! Congratulations to Charlie Flaming on winning! I hope you enjoyed your cheesy prize! Although, I have to say, Judy Giddons came in a close second. There were so many to choose from. I hope this becomes a new tradition for our December meetings.

I hope to see you at one of our upcoming events, this coming meeting on the 17th, the Boat Show Dinner and of course, our upcoming "land" cruise, at Clearwater Casino and Resort at Agate Pass. I sure hope you have made your reservations!

Bon Voyage

Julz Ethier Commodore West Seattle Yacht Club







General Meeting

January 17th, 2014

General Meeting Dinner

Pot Luck Dinner

Meeting Agenda

General Meeting

Next General Meeting

February 1st, 2014 at Talrico's



January	/ Birthdays
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Jody Thomas	3
John Gordon	4
Bob Schrader	4
Helen Carson	5
Ken Olson	5
Pam Zeleznik	10
Jan Clark	11
Virginia St. John	15
Ben Ethier	19
Charlotte Vahsholtz	26
Beverly Loodus	28
Karen Conner-Lutton	30
Dave Salo 31	

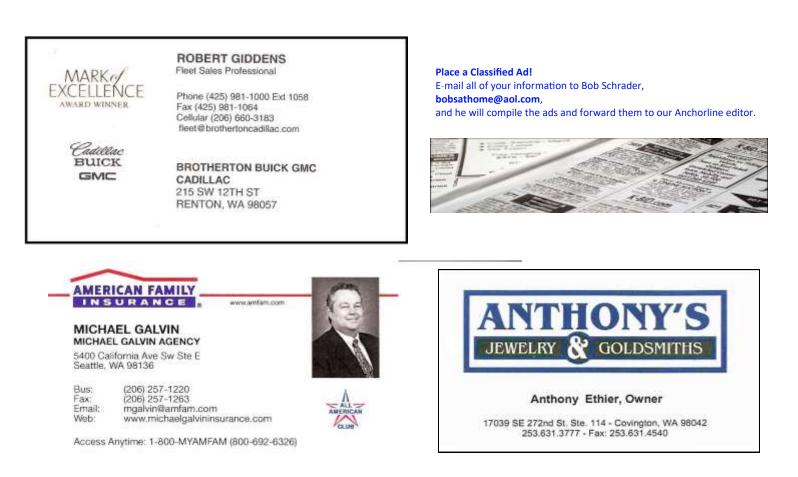
Happy New Year Fellow Boaters,

We have a great year ahead of us, and it starts with the Potluck Dinner for our January Meeting on January 17th at the Masonic Temple. Please bring a dish you enjoy and look forward to what others will bring. Thanks again to the Schrader's for the great Christmas dinner and Don for playing Santa, and everyone else who helped to make it happen!

There won't be a meeting at the Masonic Temple in February. Instead, the Sweetheart Cruise will serve as the February Meeting. There will however still be a dinner! That's right, the Annual WSYC Seattle Boat Show Dinner at Talarico's on California Ave in West Seattle will be your chance to hang out with the WSYC Crew in West Seattle in February. The dinner will be on Saturday February 1st at 7PM after a fun day at the boat show. Please look for an email to RSVP for the dinner soon!

In March (Friday the 21st) we'll be back at the Masonic Temple for the WSYC Crab Feed! Be sure to mark your calendar, tell your family and friends, and stay tuned for more details!

Very respectfully, Vice Commodore Vince



Hello fellow members,

Happy New Year. I am really looking forward to boating season. As usual we have some fun trips planned for this coming year. Don't forget to get your reservation made for the up coming Sweetheart cruise at Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort, just minutes away by Sea. (Reservation line: (866-609-8700) We will have a hospitality suite and the bar will be open for Sat. night, even if I have to bar tend. I am hoping for a volunteer, though. It's always nice when planning something if you know how many to plan for, so please don't keep me hanging.

Big thanks to the Schrader's for hosting the December meeting with the wonderful prime rib meal. And thanks to all the volunteers who helped make it happen. It was a fun night, for those of you who couldn't make it. I was very excited to see some members I haven't seen for awhile. Good luck to Bob Schrader and his hip replacement surgery. He's already running laps around most of us. This years cruise schedule is coming to you soon. Thank you to all the wonderful people I've had the pleasure of getting to know and play with. Its nice to be involved with people who share your same interests.

Yours for now, Your Rear Commodore, Mike LeSieur (206)235-4794 mikehellyeah@aol.com

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Happy New Year All:

We just made a trip up to the islands this past week and Friday Harbor is very cute at Christmas.!! It's also quiet. Here's some updates:

There is great news about Westcott Bay Oyster Farms. The majority of the land was purchased last spring by a conservancy group, but everyone was hopeful that someone would step up and buy the old oyster farm and 15 acres it's on. Well, a couple has done just that. They have had a family cabin on Henry Island for 55 years and may have eaten as many oysters as us!

This fall, they planted oysters, mussels and clams. They are adding new buildings, new tanks, rebuilding the dock, adding picnic tables, etc. They will reopen by Memorial Day if all goes well. This is a great collaboration between islanders, local government and private parties.

Sadly, Downriggers Restaurant, which burned late last summer, sits basically untouched. The hope was that it would be ready for late Spring. Rumor is that the State is lolligaging on Shoreline Management permits - what a surprise. Thank God for Roche Harbor - they stepped up immediately after the fire and offered jobs to all the staff during rebuilding.

We had a breakfast at The Hungry Clam - big portions, reasonable prices and comfort style menu.

There is a big issue with the move by Customs into the center of town. Friday Harbor is the busiest port of entry in the US, but many residents fear it being in the center of town because it's tough to trust anything the government does right now. There are jokes about an air traffic controller being needed for the comings and going of the drones.

We also went over to Orcas. The Orcas Village Store is expanding again. It is a favorite of ours - they have provided us with our meats, corn and potatoes for our summer cruises when we do them at Deer Harbor and everything was terrific. The "eccentric" lady shop owner of the espresso/women's accessory store opposite the Orcas Village Store has left completely. Can't say we cared for her, but it was a great place for espresso and pastries. Hopefully it will find a new vendor before summer.

We ate lunch at the Orcas Hotel Cafe - very good food and it's got tons of character. There are more rumors of a new restaurant going in across from the head of the dock at Deer Harbor - we think this would be a great addition. The house/condos on that hill have been completely remodeled inside and they supposedly are being run with a better eye on the public. Deer Harbor Marina is trying to expand their wifi to reach the outer ends of the dock and get a local cell tower so cell phones can be used. - now there is virtually no signal.

One other thing - we don't usually drive on at Anacortez. We went up the day after Christmas and, after another great lunch at Gere A Deli, went to put our car in line an hour before the 2:15 sailing. We weren't even close - didn't get on until the next sailing at 4:45. We never would have guessed the number of people trying to get to Friday Harbor this time of year.

As a reminder, our summer cruise is at Roche Harbor, July 15 and 16. This just happens to coincide with the opening of crabbing season!

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year - only four months until Opening Day of Boating!!! Best

Bob and Linda

Commodore's Dates To Remember

West Seattle Cruise Schedule

February 7th – 9th - Sweetheart Cruise at Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort

April 11 - 13- Stag Cruise atPort Orchard

April 30th - May 4th - Opening Day Cruise/Bob & Linda Schrader at Portage Bay

May 23rd - 26th Memorial Day Cruise at Kingston

- June 20th 22rd Seafood Feed Cruise at Des Moines
- July 4th t6h Fourth of July Cruise at Port of Everett
- July 15th 17th Summer Vacation Cruise/Bob & Linda Schrader at Deer Harbor
- August 22rd 24th Steak Fry Cruise at Brownsville
- August 29th September 1st Labor Day Cruise at Arabellas at Gig Harbor







