

Anchorline

Newsletter of the West Seattle Yacht Club

Commodore's Report

Ahoy,

It is good to address you as your Commodore for the coming year. I am excited to take on this responsibility and am looking forward to a fun filled year of growth, and renewal of the spirit of the West Seattle Yacht Club. My time as commodore will be a time to remember and hopefully by the time I'm ready to pass the torch in a year, we'll have people lined up wanting to carry on the new and even the great old traditions of the club.

Speaking of traditions, the role of Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore are still available, and as a reminder nearly all of the responsibilities for these roles have been taken care of by a number of great members willing to step up and help out in their own individual way. If you are interested in an easy transition into the club's leadership with minimal commitment and responsibility, this is the year to do it!

One of the reasons I am happy to be in the leadership of the club involves one of the greatest times I've had with the club recently, which was at this year's Commodore Ball. It was so much fun! We had great food, decent music, dancing, and even reasonable company. A big thanks to my mom, The Outgoing Commodore, for all her work to set it up and to provide such a great venue for our revelries!

I would now like to take this opportunity to welcome the newest Social Members of the WSYC: Chuck & Kate Deaver. Please continue to give them your entire life story and explain to them how much fun we have as a club and all the other fun things we do with new members to make them feel right at home with us.

Aloha to Dail Washburn and congratulations on her raffle prize of a Weeklong Stay in beautiful Poipu Beach, Kauai! Thanks again to the Schrader's for their generous donation to the club! The proceeds help keep the club running and able to do a number of our many social events throughout the year.

Looking ahead, there is no general meeting in November. The Christmas Meeting will be held Friday December 19th at the Masonic Hall in West Seattle at 6PM. Bob and Linda Schrader will be hosting a Prime Rib dinner that shouldn't be missed! There will be more information in next month's Anchorline including a menu, cost, and details on activities associated with the Christmas Meeting, such as the gift exchange, ugly sweater contest, and WS Baby Drive.

The annual budget meeting will be held after the Board Meeting on December 9th. Please have any further budget requests in to me or Jodi Thomas by then in order to receive consideration for the upcoming fiscal year.

As a note to all members who have not yet paid your annual dues: **you are past due!** Please get your payment to our Purser Jodi Thomas ASAP so that we can keep our budget on an even keel.

Thank you all for your support and please, please hit me up with any suggestions or comments, my email inbox never closes and my Spam Filter is set pretty fast and loose. See you next month!

Very Respectfully,
Commodore Vince Ethier

General Meeting

December 19.

General Meeting Dinner

Prime Rib Dinner

Meeting Agenda

Ugly Sweater Contest
Gift Exchange
WS Baby Drive

Next Social Event

December 19.
Santa Comes to Town



November Birthdays

Rob Ponselle	2
Lori Puckett	2
Greg Vahsholtz	8
Jay Yanick	11
Mandy Wilson	14
Brenda Silver	18
Julie Baker	18
Dwayne Thomas	21
Mary Ann Lobdell	22
Jarred Legg	24
Duff Silver	26

Commodore's Dates To Remember

January	31	WSYC Seattle Boat Show Dinner
February	7,8	Sweetheart Cruise
March	20	BirthDay Dinner Crab Feed
April	11,12	Doe Run & stag Cruise
May	1,3	Opening Day of Boating Season
May	16	Golf Tournament
May	23,25	Memorial Day Cruise
June	19,21	Seafood Cruise
June	20	Seafood Feed
July	3,5	4th of July Cruise
July	15,19	San Juan Cruise
August	21,22	SteakFry Cruise
September	4,7	Labor Day Cruise
September	18	General Meeting - Nominations
September	TBD	Fishing Derby







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From the Bridge
November, 2014

Hi All

I am always amazed at how quickly technology is changing and how that has impacted marine use applications.

Now, with any smart phone, we can get tide, wind, weather, current and complete navigation information. The same is true on iPads. We have our phones and iPads loaded with these various apps for backup to our main laptop driven Coastal Navigation program.

We always take one iPhone with us in the dinghy - both for communication, but also as a reserve should fog move in. The major limitation to these has been access to cell service. Now there is a small GPS hotspot for Apple products that can be bought online for under \$100. We have used it on our other boat in conjunction with an iPad and it's worked great throughout the San Juan's, even Deer Harbor, and coming down through the straits - areas where cell coverage can be difficult.

This still doesn't give you seamless and constant GPS coverage, nor provide communication capabilities. However, there is a new product out that gives you that - it's called Sat-Fi Satellite Hot Spot by Globalstar. It provides constant Wifi thru satellite link that gives you continual voice, text and email capabilities anywhere. It's not cheap - about \$1000. For us and our kids and grandkids, or for any emergency medical issues, it is very important, particularly as we expand our cruising areas.

Another great example is Furuno's DES4W - a new radar closed-array , 4W done , which only needs a power source - it transmits to your laptop or related smart technology devices via wifi using an app (available for S and android based systems. Although I have not looked at costs yet, it is based on the fact that large display screens are expensive and it will take huge increases in number of units produced to make any headway on costs. Imagine the wiring mess this eliminates, particularly with two or more steering stations aboard.

We have also changed in the way we use our VHF. We have two built-in units with emergency buttons and all, but find we are using our handheld unit more and more. Last spring, West Marine had a sale on Uniden handhelds for \$38 a piece. We bought two - one for everyday and the dinghy, and one as a spare.

None of the above should be used exclusively - I know it's old-fashioned, but I still feel every skipper and mate should know how to navigate via marine charts. I always have a marina atlas with me while running.

Who knows what is next, but the added safety and communication capabilities of these new devices can be comforting. It's just hard sometimes to remember that you can always turn everything off and be off the grid!

Safe cruising
Bob and Linda
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