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Newsletter of the West Seattle Yacht Club

Commodore's Report

Ahoy there mateys,

I'm looking forward to Opening Day of Boating season near the Montlake Cut in a couple of weeks. If you have never participated in this event, you should consider joining us. I love the parade of boats, the crew races, the dragon boats, it's all fun and the company is fantastic! Last year, even the weather participated, giving us sunshine for a change! So on Wednesday, we carpool to the UW parking lot at the stadium, drop off a vehicle, go to the boat house, load her up, and have a gorgeous ride across Elliott Bay, have **fun going thru the locks in Ballard, sight see on our way to Ivar's Salmon House** where we meet up for lunch with everyone from our yacht club attending this event. Then we head out thru the cut to park the boats for the best viewing possible. Enjoy happy hour and then get the dinghy out and motor on over to the UW activity center and Tony goes home so he can go to work the next day. Then on Friday night my son drops Tony off so we don't have to leave an extra vehicle and joins us for dinner. Then he takes off and we await the parade and activities all day Saturday. It's a lot of fun!

I would like to thank Rob Ponselle for securing a reciprocal agreement with the Maui Yacht Club and MaryAnn Lobdell for securing one with the Vallarta Yacht Club in Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico. Now, when you are vacationing in either of these locations you may stop in and have a cocktail or dinner and enjoy a beautiful view in an exotic location. This is one of the many benefits of being a full boating member of the West Seattle Yacht Club.

I have a prior commitment on the 18th and will be unable to attend the meeting, however, MaryAnn Lobdell, our past Commodore has graciously agreed to step up and cover the meeting in my place. I truly appreciate how everyone is so understanding and helpful. I am still working on getting the cruise cards done; I know you all are looking forward to getting them. I appreciate your patience. Tony will have the yearbook updates available for you at the April meeting. Also, I have heard from a potential new member, Dartanyon Race, that he and his family will be joining us at the April Open House; please extend a welcome to him and his family

Until next time, Bon Voyage....

Julz Ethier
Commodore

General Meeting

April 18.

General Meeting Dinner

Potluck Dinner

Meeting Agenda

General Agenda

Next General Meeting

May 16



April Birthdays

Don Lobdell	2
Kathy Carter	3
Julie Ethier	3
Yoka Nelson	23
Tammie Legg	24
Violet Ganung	29
James Boileau	30



Vice Commodore's Report

What a great Crab Feed! I'm glad so many people could make it, we had just enough crab to sell a few to some lucky members and enjoyed some great birthday cake. The Coast Guard was on hand to give some tips for safe boating and were super helpful and informative.

Friday April 18th is the next General Meeting at the Masonic Temple in West Seattle. It will be a potluck dinner so be sure to bring something delicious to share! Thanks in advance to MaryAnn for stepping up and helping out with the meeting since Lacey and I will be enjoying the Schrader's Condo in Hawaii thanks to last year's raffle. See you all next time!

Very respectfully,
Vice Commodore Vince



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Rear Commodore's Report

Hello yacht club members,

The 2014 Stag Cruise was a big success! Rod Rupprecht won the 1st place trophy for the best chili; it was delicious. Phil Legg came in 2nd and Tony Either in 3rd. With great runner –up chili's. Thank you too all of you for participating. We had a great time fishing, drinking, and eating and shooting the sh*t. The rest of the trip is classified info. Much thanks to all who attended. Lori told me the Doe Run was a success! She had lots a fun with the ladies and I am on a need to know basis. Lets all have a safe summer. Mike



2014
Doe Run
Olympia, WA

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Hi everyone:

It's midnight as I write this - not a time I like to be awake, because Linda and I get up at 2:00 in the morning during the week to get ready for work. I am up because it happens every year the day or so before three major events. I never sleep well the night or so before Christmas, before our trips to Hawaii, or, in this case, before our first cruise in the spring. I guess that's a sign of my joy in each and my somewhat compulsive need to plan.

A friend offered us a chance to join another yacht club group for their annual cruise to Port Ludlow this weekend. This presented a great opportunity to have our dear friends join us with our newest addition (a 1966 32ft Tollycraft we recently added to our fleet) so that they can shake the Tolly out and get comfortable with her systems, going thru the locks, her gear, etc., with us leading the way in Ohana to help and advise.

It's the first cruise of the season for both boats and, as such, my mind is racing (or fussing - take your choice), going over and over all the "stuff" needed and/or required to have a great season - like clothes, food, and, in particular for the Tolly - safety gear, running gear, bedding, cookware and utensils, lines, fenders, propane, oil, filters, food, etc. It's much simpler for Ohana, because we keep her nearly ready all year, other than clothing and food. Doing both boats seems to be much more than twice as involved.

I wonder how everyone else approaches the start of the season and it makes me smile, because it's a metaphor for our lives. At one time, I made this long supply spreadsheet, but I hated it and have never used it. Now, I use one of these new-fangled smart phones and just make notes as I think of stuff. I see others with written lists. Some of us plan way in advance and get going on it, some of us develop the plan, but wait to the last moment to execute, and some of us free flow. Some of us have our boats loaded with two of everything, others the opposite. Yet, regardless of your methodology, it all seems to come together or you improvise, because boating is like that. Whether it's nasty out or beautiful, boaters find ways to enjoy every minute - that's what it's about. If someone doesn't have something, someone else will have three and will willingly share. If someone needs help, there is no question - boaters step up.

So after 50 plus years of this, I wouldn't change a thing - oops, just remembered dog treats! See, it's how I have to do it. Oops - I am not sure the Tolly has a gas/water tank cap key! Note to self - add Fisheries Supply to tomorrow's already packed flight plan:-)! Gotta love it

Best

Bob and Linda



Commodore's Dates To Remember

West Seattle Cruise Schedule

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

May 23rd - 26th Memorial Day Cruise at Kingston

June 7th—West Seattle Yacht Club Golf Tournament at Foster Golf Links

June 20th - 22rd – Seafood Feed Cruise at Des Moines

July 4th – 16th – 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 Arabel Las at Gig Harbor