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Newsletter of the West Seattle Yacht Club

Commodore's Report

Ahoy there Mateys,

It has been a privilege serving you as Commodore this past year. I have enjoyed going through the chairs and have been blessed by a supportive family and this great group of people.

I hope you all will join me at this year's Commodores Ball aboard the Royal Argosy Cruise Ship on Saturday, November 1st. If you have not received your invitation, please let me know. Boarding begins at 6:00 PM at the Naval Reserve Armory by the Center for Wooden Boats on South Lake Union. The cruise promptly departs at 7:00 pm and returns at 9:30 PM. The cost is \$50.00 per person. There is a Marriott Hotel on South Lake Union, 925 Westlake Avenue North, (206) 213-0100 for those of you who would like to make reservations.

We still are hoping that we can fill the positions of Rear and Vice Commodores for next year. We have committee volunteers to help out but we still need someone to fill the positions. I am hopeful that with the schedule change of actual meetings being reduced to 4 times per year and the knowledge that members have already stepped up to take care of events like the Seafood Feed that you will consider taking on one of these positions. This is YOUR club. It cannot function without YOUR help and support. Please consider how YOU can be of service.

Tenure pins will be available at the October Meeting. If you missed getting yours in March, it will be available at the upcoming meeting.

Also, this is your last opportunity to purchase a ticket for a Hawaiian Condo. We will be drawing a winner at the October a Meeting.

I would like to thank everyone for the support you have given me but especially to Vincent Ethier, Vice Commodore and Mike Lesieur, Rear Commodore. I could not have done it without your tireless efforts and hard work. You guys ROCK! But most of all I would like to thank my husband, Tony. You're the best!

I hope to see all of you at the Commodores Ball this year.

Bon Voyage

Julz Ethier
Commodore



Check out the new West Seattle Yacht Club Website
www.westseattleyachtclub.org

General Meeting

October 17.

General Meeting Dinner

Potluck

Meeting Agenda

West Seattle
Food Bank Drive

Next Social Event

November 1.
Commodore's Ball



October Birthdays

Celene Salo	5
Jim Simmons	9
Lynne Simmons	10
Deborah Olson	13
Allen Nelson	17
Shawna Clark	17
Rick Zeleznik	18
Roberta Connelly	20
Rod Rupprecht	21
Jim Carter	29



Vice Commodore's Report

Friends,

The General Election will be a potluck held on Friday October 17th at the Masonic Hall in West Seattle. The parking lot is under construction and so there will be a reserved parking lot across the street as well as on street parking available in lieu of the normal lot.

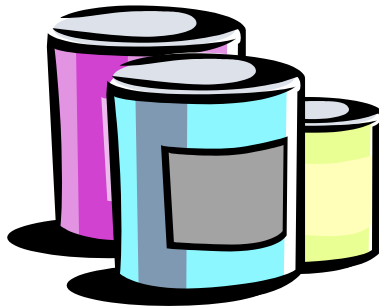
As a reminder, due to the new schedule being tried, there will be no General Meeting in November. The Commodore's Ball will serve as a social event for November in its place. Because of this we will be running a food drive in October for the West Seattle Food Bank. Donations of non-perishable food as well as cash or check donations will be accepted.

Any inputs, ideas, or requests for Commodore's Ball music can be given to me and I will do my best to make sure they are all included for the party.

The budget meeting will be held December 9th, so any requests for funds need to be submitted to me or the other new officers by then to be considered for next year's budget.

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon!

Very respectfully,
Vice Commodore Vince



Bring your non-perishables to the October meeting for the West Seattle Food Bank.

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Rear Commodore's Report

Hi everyone,

Hope all are well. Had a real good time being the Rear Commodore. It was my first time to take on a responsibility like this and I want everyone to know what a pleasure it has been. Thank you to everyone who helped me along the way, and thanks for being such a fun group of folks. As many of you know, I will not be moving up the ladder to vice. I hope you don't think badly of me, I just need to focus on some personal stuff and don't want to be distracted. I wasn't able to make the fishing derby, but heard it was a real good time. Dan Scott's friend, Jeff, won the biggest fish at 6lbs and will get the trophy and his name engraved on it. Also heard he is thinking about joining our club. Looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting and hopefully at the Commodore's Ball.

See you all soon.
Mike Lesieur



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Aloha All

We are sitting on the beach in 86 degree weather with pool temp at 90 degrees and ocean temp at 82. No - it's not Selku!!!

This is a bit difficult to write because it may sound like bitching; it's not meant to be. It is simply a reflection of frustration with time-worn bad boaters and their lack of common sense. If I offend, I apologize, but I think I am right.

First, the obvious - know your boat and dinghy speeds and be aware of the wakes they make at various speeds. Just because a channel asks for speeds of under 7 or 5 knots, it is really asking you to keep your wake to a very minimum. If that means going 4-5 knots to preserve tranquility, do it - if you are in such a hurry that it is inconvenient, you should have left sooner or not gone at all! You also should learn how far your wake travels before it subsides. Coming into an anchorage, error on the side of concern for others and cut your speed down way in advance.

Secondly, if you don't see speed restrictions, use the thing on the top of your shoulders. If you can't figure it out or you are getting shouted at, given the finger or a horn, sell your freakin boat before someone gets really after you. It's called courtesy and responsibility. I know this is a political statement right now, but those concepts are not part of what our government leaders are showing us. We have to be the teachers and we need to take that seriously.

In our summers in the San Juan's, not a year goes by that we don't see boats on the rocks. Going into Fisherman's Bay, trying the East side of Pearl Island entrance to Roche Harbor, Mosquito Pass, the cut on the East end of American Stuart Island, Pole Pass, etc. It takes 6-8 extra minutes to go around Pearl to the West entrance at 8 knots. Trying to get to the cut at the East end of Stuart by going through the maze of reefs by Reid - stupid - just go East about 1/2 mile then cut in. Fisherman's Bay - just don't go in at anything less than 0 tide and it's probably best to have someone on the bow watching the bottom. It goes on and on.

There is a newer trend - as dinghies have developed, so have their speeds and the use of center consoles. A center console dinghy going 35 mph is not a wise place to show your bravado by steering standing up. Any dinghy that can get on a plane needs navigation lights when darkness dictates it. Most dinghies throw a huge wake when just off plane - either get on a plane or get way off to manage your wake.

I am a waver. I wave at every boat we either pass or cross paths with. Although I think it a courtesy and jester of another great day enjoying boating, some don't seem to feel the same joy. So I don't care if you don't see me wave, but if you look right at me and see the wave, and don't reciprocate, you will most likely get a single digit salute from me by return. By the way, my waving includes sail boaters.

Finally, before I get a serious nose bleed from this damn soapbox, what has happened to flying an American Flag? I can't think of a time when this means more.

Ok - anyone got a tissue?

My get for safe cruising.

Bob

Commodore's Dates To Remember

Sept. 27, 2014

Fishing Derby

Kingston Marina

November 1, 2014

Comodore's Ball

Royal Argosy Cruises

