



FROM THE HELM

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Commodore Bob

Hello Vikings, well the season has made its official change, fall is here, and the season is coming to an end, I have enjoyed being Commodore this year, we have had some great cruises and I have enjoyed being part of it and sharing the 50th year with all of you, soon it will be time to swear in the new Commodore and her bridge, Good luck and thanks for all the support.

Bob



Happy Birthday

November



*Carla Bushnell, Claude Lathrop,
Wayne Davidson Jr.* Rick Mead, Fran Ross,
Chuck Martin, Jane Morrison*

December

*Val Sheehy, Sarah Davidson, Dotti Thrall,
Jan Brown*

Birthdays are listed on monthly calendar and
can be downloaded from our website
<http://www.vikingyachtclub.com/>



SUNSHINE

Live well, love much, and laugh often

*Susie Johnson is home
recovering from shoulder
surgery and is doing well*

If you have information that needs shared with
our members, please contact:

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**Viking Yacht
Club
Officers 2009**

**Commodore
Bob Gunter**

**Vice Commodore
Barb Talamine**

**Rear Commodore
Carla Bushnell**

**Jr. Past
Commodore
Bill Byrn**

**Parliamentarian
Claude Lathrop**

**Trustee I
Susie Johnson**

**Trustee II
Donna Davidson**

**Yeoman
Rich Carino**

**Purser
Janet Myers**

**Historian
Pam Krinbring**

**Publicity
Robert Bushnell**

**Sunshine
Val Sheehy
Membership
Steve Larsen**

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Viking Yacht Club
Est. 1959

Past Commodores

Bill Byrn
Steve Larsen
Bruce Carlson
Janet Myers
Gary Anspach
Chuck Martin
Dave Seis
Wayne Davidson,
Jr.
Maureen Murray
Hill Barrington
Al Morrison
Wayne Davidson,
Sr.
Larry Shrout
Claude Lathrop
Milt Johnson
Russ Tanck
Frank Shaughnessy
Lyle Thrall
Jan Seis
Merlyn Johnson
Neil Skelton
Bob Shoemaker
Harold Wheeler
Paul Watterson
Fred Keizer
Jim Beitinger
George Stephenson
Herb Rinn
Gary Doxon
Shell Tucker
Frank Callas
Ken Wilson/Ken
Eckley
Ed Karl
Al Fischer
Harlan O'Brien
Stan Sharpe
Larry Engle
Brad Bradford
Ken Wilson
Ossie Osness
Stan Clufford
Marv Howes
Lyle Westby
Curt Willard
Art Cook
Fred Pilant

FROM THE VICE COMMODORE



The last report from Vice Commodore Barb: This has been a great year with a lot of learning and growing. I hope I am able to do as good of job for you as Commodore next year. It's really important for all of you to support those that have stepped up to uphold offices this next term. We need more participation from our members, and I plan on working very hard on this for the next year.

Hot Rudder Bum was a blast and I can't thank Dan, Rachel and Carson for all the hard work. We have some great pictures on the web site. I never cooked in a pumpkin before, but my sausage and sweet potatoes came out very good. Don't worry Martha Stewart; you have nothing to worry about!

Next in line is Change of Watch at the Cliff House overlooking the wonderful view. Brett the new owner has promised us some real delicious food! I hope all of you have signed up to come.

Please stay healthy and keep cruising though this Flu season.

Thanks again,

Vice Commodore Barb

FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

Hello all Fellow Vikings. This will be my last report as Rear, looking forward to the new position as Vice. Congratulations to all new Board Members, let's make 2010 a fantastic year. Special Thank You to Dan, Rachael & Carson for the fun Hot Rudder Bum Cruise. Kirby's boat was Spooktacular. Great job to his deck hands that were there to help. All who attended had a great time. Weather on Saturday was fantastic. I love those sunny days kicking back on the dock. Check out the pic's on the web site. It won't be long before the Holidays are on us. We have the Spaghetti Dinner & Christmas Auction soon, December 6, 2009, which is the 1st Sunday in December. Thank you to all who have contacted me to help. We have our crew who will be making the spaghetti and donating items for the dinner. Flyer will be e-mailed in November. Start collecting those items we can auction off. How time flies it is now that time of year to pay your Viking membership for the 2010 year. Our budget and activities are planned on dues collected. Please be punctual in paying on time. Please welcome new members Ted & Carolyn Burrage. Their home base is Moscow Idaho. They have their boat moored at Chinook Landing. Give them the Viking welcome when you meet them. Remember flu season is upon us so take the necessary precautions to stay healthy. Signing out.

Rear Commodore Carla

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Don't miss these fun events!

- VYC Change of Watch, Cliff House Sat. Nov. 7th
- Christmas Auction, Dec 6th @ Totem Yacht Club
- Christmas Lighting Parade, Dec. 12th @ TYC

FROM THE JUNIOR PAST COMMODORE

It's time to pass the position onto Bob Gunter. Looking forward to Change of Watch and a new great year in the Viking Yacht Club. It's been great going through the chairs and being a part of the Board. Recently Bob and myself joined Blue Gavel and Bob will be providing reports from Blue Gavel to the club.

See you at the next function!

Bill Byrn

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our newest members! Carolyn and Ted Burrage, from Moscow, Idaho were sworn in at the Halloween cruise at Dockton, with their 52' Sea Horse "Coronatus". You will find Carolyn and Ted, along with a number of VYC members on the docks of Chinook Landing.

For an organization to thrive, it takes good leaders and members who are committed to the goals and purpose of the club! The Vikings are a family of boaters who enjoy the Puget Sound, have great reciprocal privileges, participate in the Lighted Christmas Parade, Daffodil Marine Parade, and Seattle Opening Day. We care about one another, encourage each other, and share a vast amount of knowledge and boating experiences. It is important to grow our club with new member who share the VYC vision, and the members voice is the best way to let others know about our great little club! Share your VYC experiences with your boating friends and neighbors!

Skipper Steve

New Viking Members



Ted & Carolyn Burrage

Shipboard Galley

Dump Cake

- 1 (21 oz) can cherry pie filling
- 1 (2-layer size) package yellow cake mix
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- ½ cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, chilled

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees & grease a 9 x 13 inch pan. Spread the pineapple with its syrup evenly in the prepared pan.

Spoon the pie filling evenly over the pineapple.

Sprinkle the dry cake mix evenly over the fruits, and then sprinkle the chopped nuts over all.

Slice the butter into thin slices, then put the pieces evenly over the top.

Bake for 50 minutes or until golden. (Makes 12 servings)

Please submit your favorite recipes to share with others in the club. E-mail robert.bushnell@comcast.net

**The Barrington's have 'dropped anchor'
in Prescott Valley, AZ
August 20, 2009.**

**Their email stays the same, however, the new address
is:**

**843 N. Maverick Trail, Dewey, AZ 86327
Phone: 928-759-7158**

**The Welcome Mat is out.....come visit and bring
your golf clubs!!.....Hill and Marlene**



Cruise Calendar 2009

Winter Break. New schedule for 2010
coming soon

Membership Updates

As we work toward the end of the year. We need to go through our membership records and make changes to our records. Please take the time to review the Membership Information and advise me to any changes. You can view the Membership contact information by going to our website

<http://www.thevikingyachtclub.com/> and going to the document locker section. The password to open the file is vycmembership123

Depending on how your web browser is set-up the document will open in a new tab or open a new window, make sure you are allowing pop-ups on your web browser for our site.

Please advise any changes that need to be made. New / updated file(s) will be posted in December and membership printed inserts will be provided by the January or February membership meeting.

Thanks,
Robert Bushnell
Publicity

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LORAN GETS 3-MONTH REPRIEVE

October 22, 2009

The Coast Guard-operated Long Range Navigation system (Loran) managed to survive the Obama administration's cancellation attempts until at least January thanks to language in the final version of the Homeland Security Department Appropriations bill, which awaits the president's signature. The conference report on the bill, which the House and Senate approved on Oct. 20, provides \$12 million to operate the Coast Guard's 24 Loran stations through Jan. 10, 2010. The report said operations shall continue beyond that date unless Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Thad Allen certifies that the termination of the Loran signal will not adversely impact the safety of maritime navigation and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano certifies Loran is not needed as a backup to GPS.

This, in my view, does not offer much hope for continued operation of Loran, and its enhanced version, eLoran, which provide a terrestrial jam and missile proof backup to GPS satellites. eLoran provides position accuracy to between 8 feet and 65 feet, with availability measured at 99.9 percent and integrity at 99.99 percent, according to the International Loran Association. GPS offers position accuracy between 8 feet and 25 feet for civilian users, but its high-frequency, low-power signal can be jammed more easily than the low-frequency, high-power eLoran signals.

So why has the Obama administration decided to balance a *\$3.5 trillion* federal budget by killing eLoran, which offers a GPS backup for just \$40 million to \$50 million a year? Simple. The Coast Guard hates Loran, because it requires a lot of bodies to operate and maintain stations quite far from the sea, in places like Boise City, Okla., and Las Cruces, N.M. Oh well, when GPS gets knocked out, there will be a lot of money to be made teaching folks how to use maps and compasses

[Source: NextGov.com / Commentary by Bob Brewin]

Working Waterfronts Legislation Addresses Water Access-Issues

A number of things have contributed to the loss of access to our nation's waterways including population increases, rising coastal property values, increasing residential development, and burdensome permit processes for marinas, among many others. HR 2548, the Keep America's Waterfronts Working Act, introduced by Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-Me.) will establish a competitive matching grant program to ensure the economic health of waterfront communities through the protection, preservation and expansion of the nation's working waterfronts. Rep. Pingree has become a strong champion for boat building jobs and the coastal economies that depend on vibrant working waterfronts that are so important to local communities throughout the U.S.

NMMA Continues Aggressive Push Back on Ethanol Lobby

As part of ongoing advocacy on ethanol, a coalition of groups including NMMA have launched a web site to encourage policymakers to follow the science and reject the hasty introduction of mid-level fuels like E15. A joint project by thirteen organizations including NMMA and BoatUS, www.FollowTheScience.org is a one-stop resource for those who want to learn more about the negative impact mid-level fuels can have on engines, the environment and food prices.

In conjunction with yesterday's launch of www.FollowTheScience.org, NMMA legislative director Mat Dunn joined representatives from Environmental Working Group, the Grocery Manufacturers Association, and the Natural Resources Defense Council for an ethanol briefing for Senate staffers on [S. 1666](#), the Mid-Level Ethanol Blends Act of 2009. Senator David Vitter (R-La.) recently joined Senators Susan Collins (R-Maine), Ben Cardin (D-Md.), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.), Mary Landrieu (D-La.) and James Webb (D-Va.) in sponsorship of the bill. [Click here to urge your Senator to sponsor S. 1666.](#)

**Viking Yacht Club Change of Watch
November 7, 2009**

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| 1800 ----- | Cocktails |
| 1900 ----- | Dinner |
| Opening Ceremonies----- | Commodore Bob Gunter |
| Flag Salute ----- | Barb |
| Presentation of Fun Awards ----- | Bob |
| Presentation of Gifts ----- | Bob |
| Presentation of New Officers ----- | Bob |
| Installation of 2010 Officers ----- | Claude Lathrop |
| Commodore ----- | Barb Talamine |
| Vice Commodore ----- | Carla Bushnell |
| Rear Commodore ----- | Frankie Anspach |
| Yeoman ----- | Pam Marzano |
| Purser ----- | Janet Myers |
| Trustee 1 ----- | Dave Seis |
| Trustee 2 ----- | Gary Anspach |

Committee Chairs for 2010

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| Membership ----- | Steve Larsen |
| Parliamentarian ----- | Claude Lathrop |
| Publicity ----- | Robert Bushnell |
| Sunshine ----- | Ann Gagner |
| Historian ----- | Pam Krinbring |
| Water Safety ----- | Claude Lathrop & Kirbie Predmore |
| NBC ----- | Dave Redding |

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| Presentation of Gavel ----- | Bob |
| Presentation of Commodore's Gifts ----- | Barb |
| Presentation of Historian Book ----- | Pam Krinbring |

Agenda Items:

- *Christmas Auction, Dec 6th @ Totem Yacht Club*
- *Christmas Lighting Parade, Dec. 12th @ Tacoma Yacht Club*

Closing ----- New Commodore Barb



**You're Invited
To the
Viking Yacht Clubs
Change of Watch
November 7, 2009
Tacoma's Cliff House Restaurant
Overlooking Beautiful Commencement Bay**

Cocktails start @ 6:00 pm

**All dinners are \$35.00 to include
Citrus Salad, Cheesecake with Fruit Topping, (1) Non
alcohol Beverage, Tax and Gratuity**

Your dinner choices are:

1. Grilled New York Steak Topped with Grilled Onions and Blue Cheese Served with Yukon Gold's and Seasonal Vegetables
2. Roasted Artichoke Chicken with Baby Artichokes and Garlic Cloves Served with Yukon Gold's and Seasonal Vegetables
3. Gulf Shrimp Linguine Tossed with Garlic, Basil, Chili Flakes, Dried Tomatoes and Olive Oil

If you have not signed up yet, please contact
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NATIONAL REPORT – October 9, 2009

Ethanol Legislation Introduced in Senate: On Monday, 14 Sept, legislation was introduced in the Senate, S. 1666, The Mid-Level Ethanol Blends Act of 2009, to protect marine engines from the problems caused by ethanol blends in gasoline. Under the Clean Air Act the sale of mid-level ethanol is prohibited, but the ethanol industry has petitioned the EPA for a waiver to enable them to sell E15 gasoline. S. 1666 will require the EPA's Science Advisory Board study the compatibility of such fuels with current engines. According to *Trade Only*, the study would also include comprehensive analysis of available independent scientific evidence on the compatibility of mid-level ethanol fuels with the emission requirements of the Clean Air Act and the operability of engines.

In addition, the ethanol industry is attempting to amend the Interior Department's annual appropriations bill currently moving through the Senate to either authorize mid-level ethanol legislatively or potentially deny funding to the EPA if it does not grant the waiver request for E15. NBF has joined our coalition partners in a letter to the Senate opposing any such amendment to the Interior Department's appropriations bill.

Interagency Arctic Awareness Trip: Members of the Oceans Policy Task Force traveled to Alaska and the Arctic in August to observe ongoing activities and meet with community leaders and industry representatives. The increasingly accessible Arctic has significant environmental, economic and security impacts and the data collected will aid the formulation of the new Oceans Policy. The visit was facilitated by the U.S. Coast Guard and consisted of: Adm. Thad Allen, Commandant, USCG; Secretary of the Department of the Interior; NOAA Administrator; Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality and Deputy Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change.

Wallop/Breaux Reauthorization (W/B): In spite of significant effort by the newly formed Angling and Boating Alliance, the reauthorization of the Sports Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund (W/B) will not be accomplished this year. In past reauthorizations this has been attached to the Highway bill and approved. However, this year the Highway bill will not be reauthorized but will be funded at its current levels through a Continuing Resolution. We will attempt to get the bill passed next year given the many items of interest to the boating public.

Boating Fatalities Increase: The Coast Guard issued a press release indicating there were 709 fatalities, 3,331 injuries and about \$54M in property damage in 2008. Contributing factors given were operator inattention, careless or reckless operation, no proper lookout, operator inexperience and passenger or skier behavior. Alcohol consumption was also cited as a contributing factor in 17% of the deaths.

RTCM Petition for Digital Message Service on VHF: The Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (RTCM) has petitioned the FCC to provide a digital small message service on certain VHF channels. The petition cites greater efficiency and timeliness of digital communications on VHF radios, which would not interfere with voice communications. It is not clear why we would need digital “texting” on our VHF radios, so further investigation may be required to determine if we should support it.

OIG Report on Small Vessel Security Plan: The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has released a report on the DHS plan to address the perceived threat from small vessels to maritime security. The report indicated that, while some progress has been made, the plan lacks effective guidance and effective programs to address threats posed by small vessels. Further the report found that the strategy does not fully address the roles and responsibilities of state and local officials, performance measures, associated costs, accountability and oversight frameworks.

Ocean Policy Task Force – Interim Report: The Council on Environmental Quality has published an interim report on the recommendations of the Ocean Policy Task Force. While preliminary, the language thus far indicates a far more restricted use of our waterways. For example, the statement from the report “To implement ecosystem based coastal and marine spatial management” may indicate recommendations for tighter control of various designated spaces among our waterways.

National Recreational Boating Safety Coalition – Legislative Prospects: The Wisconsin legislature has scheduled hearings on a bill on child PFD wear for those 12 and under. Virginia has drafted a bill for PFD wear for those 12 and under and Maryland is considering one for under 13. Hawaii is considering a bill requiring Mandatory Boating Education (MBE) for all boaters. Maine has a bill to “study MBE” and Massachusetts has a MBE “carry over” bill.

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