



FROM THE HELM

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Hi everyone, can you believe this weather, boy am I ready for Spring & SUMMER, it has been a busy month for me, the Des Moines Commodores ball was great, really enjoyed it, Pam & I had a wonderful time, even had a little snow to make driving interesting,

Our first cruise was sure interesting to say the least, We experienced all 4 seasons in one weekend, I would like to thank Shawn & Angie for hosting the cruise, it was their first and they did great. Thanks to all that attended it was still a great time.

Daffodil weekend is getting close, be sure and make your reservation. Been doing lots of work on the boat as I'm sure most of you are getting ready for the 50th Viking club Season. I purchased club hats with the new Burgee on them and will have them on my boat for sale.

As most of you know Quality Printing has all the logos for Viking, stop by and either buy the clothes items from them or take your own items in and have whatever you want put on them, BUT I caution you to make sure it is right before you leave, there have been a few mistakes, and that makes unhappy customers.

This weekend is Blake Island; try to be there to support the cause.

April is the start of all the excitement, Blake Island, Daffodil, Family of the Year, and Opening day weekend, have a great month.

TIME FOR SKIPPERS CHALLENGE

Expecting a blow, anchors laid in "-----" can be quite effective. The adjoining chain should be taut (for maximum holding power) and should be 1-1/2 times the water's depth for easy retrieval. Good Luck.

Please Note my new E-mail Address: jusbob719@yahoo.com

Commodore Bob

Happy Birthday

April



*Ken Studer, Tracy Anspach,
Marlene Barrington, Pam Marzano*

May

*Bill Byrn, Lousie Stephenson, Shawn Sandvig
Hill Barrington, John Wise, John Reader,
Dave Redding, Reta Carino, Geri Shaughnessy
Helen Schubart*

Birthdays are listed on monthly calendar



S U N S H I N E

Live well. love much. and laugh often

Chuck Martin is recuperating from his recent cataract surgery. Give him a call and let him know that you miss seeing him (and Johanna) at the meetings.

Pam Larsen is dealing with serious health issues with her parents. Please send your thoughts and prayers to her as she could use the support of her yachting friends during this time.

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

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Club
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*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
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Val Sheehy
Membership
Steve Larsen*

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Federal Way, WA
98063*

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

FROM THE VICE COMMODORE



Well as most of you know that club dues are due in November, and I still haven't received dues from several of you as of yet? And I'm finding it is very hard to work a budget when dues have not been sent in. If you choose not to renew your dues, we can only wish you the best in your future travels and ask that you surrender your burgee back to the club.

We have many fun things planned for the club this year. First off we have Daffodil Weekend, Family of the Year, Opening Day, Memorial Day, NBC Picnic, Golf Cruise, 4th of July, 50 year celebration & pig roast at Gary and Frankie's, and Hot August Nights just to name a few. I know "The Rear" is looking for help on some of these cruises, so make sure to take the time to offer up some help.

Make sure that if you and your guests are going to be coming to the Pig Roast on July 25th, I need a head count. Also if you plan on coming on the Friday before to help set up for the party, Gary needs a head count to order food from Famous Dave's, and also if your bringing something to camp in for figuring out space.

Make this a special year and hold the ones that you love close to you, and remember it can all end before you know it. We have seen several passing of Vikings and family members lately, so take a minute and say a prayer for those in your thoughts, and spend a little extra time with those you care about. Thanks, The Vice

Vice Commodore Barb

FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

Our first cruise of the season was interesting. Friday was a beautiful spring day and by Sunday morning the boats were covered in snow. The boats looked like a postcard sitting at the marina with snow falling and the water glistening from the cold. We all had a great time special thanks to Steve, Shawn & Angie for being Cruise Captains. It takes a whole club for all to have fun.

Next cruise is Family of the Year. Honoring Ed & Susie Johnson. Individual reservations need to be made at Arabellas in Gig Harbor. 253- 851-1793. April 24 – 26. See attached flyer for the itinerary. We are having a fun seafood boil dinner so make sure you sign up. Who wants to stay home and miss all the fun? Please e-mail me if you are coming or you may miss out on some fun times. carlabushnell@yahoo.com

This year it was decided to accept CASH donations for the NBC gift instead off small items. We are getting a good collection of money. Thanks to all who contributed at the Wednesday meeting at Johnny's. We were thinking of purchasing a roll up table and 2 compact chairs and having the table set with a fun theme. Your donations can be sent to

Carla Bushnell
24302 38th Ave. Ct. E.
Spanaway, WA. 98387

A few cruises that are fast approaching have limited space available. If you would like to attend please sign up or let me know. I would hate to leave anyone tied to the dock if they missed out.

WE WANT YOU!!!!!! We are on the prowl for next years Rear Commodore. If you need any info about the duties just ask I'll be happy to share everything I know with you. It is a fun and rewarding experience. Don't miss out.

Rear Commodore Carla

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Don't miss these fun events!

- Daffodil Weekend at TYC
- Family of the Year at Arabella's Gig Harbor
- Opening Day Seattle Yacht Club

FROM THE JUNIOR PAST COMMODORE

We have made all the reservations for the 50th Commodore Ball on Oct. 3rd. We have the band, the theme, and a great committee working on it. We had a great turn out at our house yesterday for the first meeting. If anyone still wants to join us, just let Barb or I know at yakobi51@hotmail.com we can always use more help.

P.C. Bill

MEMBERSHIP

When your down at your marina or @ the marine store, let you're boating neighbor's know about upcoming **V Y C** events. Invite them to come along on a cruise or to a meeting, .we would like to grow our club! Print a copy of events, cruises or pick one up at the next meeting, have it handy to give out. Let other boaters know about the friendliest Yacht Club on the Puget Sound. We are the Vikings the mighty, mighty **VIKINGS!**

Skipper: Steve Larsen

VYC 2009 Family of The Year Congratulations Ed & Susie Johnson



Shipboard Galley

Muffins

1 ½ cups flour
¾ cup white sugar
½ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/3 cup vegetable oil
1 egg
1/3 cup milk
1 cup fruit – blue berries, raspberries or your choice
fill greased or paper lined muffin cups

Combine
½ cup brown sugar
1/3 cup flour
¼ cup cold butter cubed
1 ½ teaspoon cinnamon
Sprinkle on top of muffins

Bake at 400 degrees
20 – 25 minutes

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

"BOAT LOCKER CLASSIFIEDS"

FOR SALE: 1 CQR plow anchor 45 lbs needs paint \$75.00 or best offer; Contact Bill Byrn 253-318-9618



FOR SALE: 1 plow style 45 lbs anchor \$100.00 or best offer: Call Bill Byrn 253-318-9618



FOR SALE: ONAN Generator Parts for MCKK series. Many new parts, just give me a call to see if I have what you may need?

**Robert Bushnell
253-686-6690**

To submit your items for classifieds, e-mail robert.bushnell@comcast.net

Cruise Calendar 2009

MARCH

13th – 15th Arts/Entertainment Cruise at Dock Street

APRIL

3rd – 5th NBC'S Work Party at Blake Island

17th – 19th Daffodil Weekend at TYC

24th – 26th Family of the Year at Arabella's Gig Harbor

MAY

1st – 3rd Opening Day at Seattle Yacht Club

9th South Sound Opening Day at DMYC

15th – 17th Viking Festival at Poulsbo TENTATIVE

22nd – 25th Memorial Day Cruise at Port Orchard

JUNE

5th – 7th NBC'S Picnic at Brownsville

26th – 28th Golf Cruise at FairHarbor Marina

JULY

3rd – 5th Anchor Out @ Burton

10th – 12th Anchor out with Carling Yacht Club, Location Long Branch

25th VYC 50th Celebration Party, Pig Roast

AUGUST

14th – 16th Hot August Nights with Seabacs at Dockton

SEPTEMBER

4th – 7th Labor Day Cruise at Bremerton, Black Berry Festival

OCTOBER

23rd – 25th Hot Rudder Bum Cruise at Dockton

50th Year VIKING Burgees for sale
\$40.00 Each
“THEIR GOING QUICK”
“GET EM WHILE WE GOT EM”
Contact Commodore BOB



Congratulations are in order:

The Kitsap Sun newspaper reported in the March 5, 2009 edition that “Kitsap County’s hearing examiner approved the project which includes a 60-foot flagpole, illumination, seating area, sign, walking path accessible to wheelchairs and native landscaping...”

“...The \$47,000 project was requested by the Northwest Boating Council which donated the flagpole, according to Amanda Bell of the Washington Parks and Recreation Commission who testified at the Feb.. 12 hearing...” !!!

Bill & Mary Ann Balyeat

CONSUMER ALERT

The Coast Guard Headquarters Lifesaving and Fire Safety Division, CG-5214 is forwarding the following recall information from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. The recall involves about 167,000 portable "Kidde XL Fire Extinguishers" made by Walter Kidde Portable Equipment, Inc.

For additional information please access this website:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prereel/prhtml09/09151.html>

and <http://www.kidde.com/>

FEMA’S CITIZEN CORPS PARTNERS WITH UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS

Washington, DC –The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced a newly-formed affiliation with the United States Power Squadrons (U.S. Power Squadrons) to support Citizen Corps, FEMA’s grassroots effort to strengthen community preparedness through civic participation February 21. This partnership expands the Citizen Corps network of national organizations working in partnership for community preparedness.

For more information about FEMA and Citizen Corps, visit www.fema.gov and www.citizencorps.gov. To learn more about the United States Power Squadrons, visit www.usps.org.

National Boating Federation

NMMA Action Alert: Tell Congress & Treasury to Support Marine Floorplan Financing
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Take Action!

Tell Congress and the Treasury Department to Provide Relief for Marine Floorplan Financing

Issue

On March 3, 2009, The U.S. Treasury Department and the New York Federal Reserve Board released new details on a consumer and business lending initiative known as the Term Asset-Backed Securities Lending Facility (TALF), a component of the Consumer and Business Lending Initiative (CBLI). The TALF has the potential to generate up to \$1 trillion of lending for businesses and households.

TALF is designed to reignite securitization markets by providing financing to investors to support their purchases of certain AAA-rated asset-backed securities (ABS). In the first round of the TALF program, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York will lend up to \$200 billion to eligible owners of certain AAA-rated ABS-backed eligible securities for auto loans, credit card loans, student loans, and SBA-guaranteed small business loans. At this stage, TALF will also apply to AAA-rated auto dealer floorplan loans.

FEDNY and Treasury have indicated that additional items will be available for a second round of funding, to begin in April, and are actively considering, among other things, ABS backed by non-auto floorplan loans.

ACTION REQUEST:

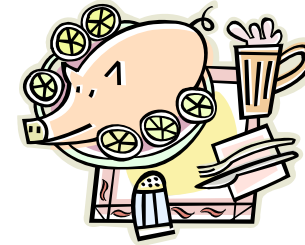
All NMMA Members and interested parties should contact their Members of Congress, the Treasury Department, and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and urge the inclusion marine floorplan loans backed by ABS into TALF. Including marine floorplan loans as an eligible security under TALF would provide important new liquidity to this credit market and help relieve the mounting pressure on marine retailers and marine manufacturers. Failure to include marine dealer/floorplan loans, and any consumer credit assistance for the marine industry, in TALF would be inequitable and exacerbate an increasingly fragile financial market required for basic business operation in the U.S. marine sector.

All NMMA Members and interested parties are encouraged to distribute this notice far and wide-manufacturers should send it to their employees, their distribution networks, their suppliers, etc. Marine retailers should send this alert and action request to all relevant contacts.

NMMA requests this action to ensure that the Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York treat the marine sector equitably and to ensure that federal officials understand the importance of restarting the flow of credit to marine floorplan lenders as well as qualified boat buyers as quickly as possible.

Submitted by Marlene Barrington

VIKINGS CELEBRATE 50 YEARS



SATURDAY JULY 25TH

From 11:00 AM to ??

At GARY and FRANKIE ANSPACH'S

*YOU'RE INVITED TO
COME JOIN THE VIKING YACHT CLUB
LOTS OF FOOD, FUN & SWIMMING
*With LIVE MUSIC & KAROKE by UNCLE PAUL**

**B.Y.O.B. AND BRING A MAIN DISH &
SALAD OR MAINDISH & DESERT
"ENOUGH TO FEED 10 PEOPLE"
PLATES, SILVERWARE, CUPS, and
NAPKINS WILL BE PROVIDED**

RSVP SO WE CAN ORDER THE PROPER SIZE PIG!
Vice Commodore Barb Talamine / 253-536-1362 home

E-mail to Yakobi51@hotmail.com

RECREATIONAL BOATING ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON

With the 2009 legislative session now 60% over, the boaters agenda has shrunk dramatically- but the workload is about to increase dramatically. An early dust-up with the Sheriffs and Police Chiefs has turned into a wonderful legislative partnership that has seen 2SSB 5691 (the Boating Improvements Act) pass the State Senate unanimously (49 to 0), and it will be heard in the House Ecology and Parks committee this Friday at 8am, and it is expected to pass out of that committee Friday morning as well.

But before that comes the Thursday, March 19th revenue forecast- which may show the state even deeper in the hole (the deficit may approach- or pass- \$9 billion).

But before getting to budget, a quick recap on other legislation:

2SSB 5691, the Boating Improvements Act, remains the most important legislation on the RBAW agenda. We are optimistic that the bill will be funded in the Senate's budget proposal, and that we will get the bill, and the funding, to the Governor's desk.

2SSB 5255- the Aquatics Land Lease Rate, or Marinas bill, died with the tick of the clock at 5pm last Thursday. A very bad bill, pushed by a very well-connected developer, it will no doubt be back next year. But for now it is dead, and we will have time to develop alternatives.

HB 1576- the elimination of the quadrennial marine fuel tax survey, was set over for next year as the glut of business in the House (as they approached cut-off last week) made it necessary to limit action to "urgent" bills. We were asked if it could be held until next year, and as the deadline we face is three years away we decided to be cooperative, score points, and say "Yes."

SSB 5058- Senator Rockefeller's pilot amnesty program to prevent vessels from becoming derelict also died at cut-off, joining SHB 1750- the boat lifts bill- and SHB 1903- marine and aviation fuel- as possible projects for next year.

HB 1255- taxing dues and initiation fees- remains dead and will probably never be revived.

NOW, BACK TO THE BUDGET.....

When Governor Gregoire released her budget in mid-December, two state parks were to be mothballed, and thirteen more transferred to other entities or closed. Now, twenty-five or more additional parks, including some predominant marine parks, are at risk. This is from a list of thirty-two state parks and is in response to legislative requests for an additional \$12.9 million in cuts in the State Parks budget (on top of the \$10 million cut in the Governor's budget). This would be a hit on one-third or more of the state park system.

Information on these cuts, and the lists of state parks, can be found at <http://www.parks.wa.gov/wsprcmeetings/2009-03-05%20detailed%20Commission%20agenda%20items.doc>

Marlene Barrington

On February 4, I had the opportunity to attend the PSHSC meeting that was held at the NOAA facility on Sand Point Way. RADM Currier and the Captain of the Port (COTP) Sue Englebert both addressed the meeting.

RADM Currier thanked the HSC for its collaboration within the Maritime Community. He gave an overall view of his assessment of what was happening in Sector Seattle with regard to the economic downturn and its effect on marine transportation. He stressed that we are more effective as a group to protect our waterways on prevention and response. Sector Seattle will soon be called Sector Puget Sound by combining up with Sector Port Angeles. The Coast Guard continues to provide protection services to the U. S. Navy assets in Puget Sound. Towboats will now be boarded and inspected. TWIC will be enforced by the USCG effective the end of February. (Checking for proper documentation of all foreign seamen arriving by ship in our waters)

COPT Englebert gave an update on the current Anchorage Standard of Care, which has been revised due to the increase in anchor dragging during the months of October through March. There are two SOC's: one for Commencement Bay and one for the rest of the anchorages in Puget Sound. www.pshsc.org

Low visibility policies are being reviewed. The CG and the Puget Sound Pilots are working on a draft. Special thanks to the Army Corp of Engineers and the USCG that solved the Hylebos Waterway problem due to the barge encroachment.

NOAA -Ted Buehner gave a very interesting presentation on the Weather Service. Best quote: "When you are prepared...you're not scared". Following his presentation meeting attendees were invited to have lunch in the NOAA cafeteria followed by a tour of the weather center.

The tour of the weather service was very interesting. If you ever get the chance to tour this facility, do not pass it up. There are several manned desks specialized in floods, avalanches, incoming weather to pass on to the local TV news stations, fire, marine, and earthquake (including a desk to communicate by emergency radio when all other forms of communications are down). Coastal Marine forecasts are issued twice daily at 3:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m.

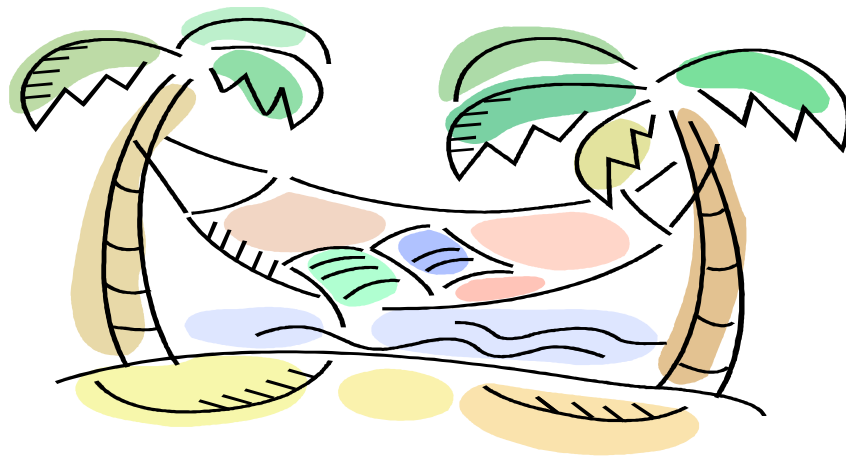
There are several National Weather Service Internet sites that we can all benefit from:

www.weather.gov/seattle with links to local, regional, national and international forecasts, warnings and advisories.

www.opc.ncep.noaa.gov/ connects you to the National Weather Service Marine Prediction Center in Camp Spring, MD

The United States encounters more severe weather than any other nation in the world. Washington State has one severe weather episode every year and more often than not it involves 'flooding'.

Marlene Barrington
NBC/NBF/IOBG/RBAW



Viking Yacht Club
April 24 – 26, 2009 @ Arabella's Gig Harbor
Family of the Year Honoring
Ed & Susie Johnson

Friday 24th

On your own

Saturday 25th

8:00 hr. Coffee - Tea - Muffins for early risers

10:00 hr. Walk to shops uptown ----- lunch on your own

14:00 hr. FREE Dingy Poker Run meet at club house for instructions

(prizes for adults and kids will be awarded)

18:00 hr. Pot Luck Celebration (present ED & Susie with plaque and patches)

Seafood boil --- please bring 1- 2 lbs. Of either Raw Crab legs, Raw large shrimp, Raw mussels, Raw shell on clams AND a dessert or salad to share.

20:30 hr. Awards for best poker hands

Sunday 26th

10:00 hr. Potluck Breakfast

Pancakes will be prepared by the club along with Champagne and Orange Juice.

Please bring something to share and join the fun with Ed and Susie!

April 2009

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May 2009

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