

Viking Yacht Club



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The Lur

From Commodore Steve —

I hope everyone had a nice holiday! With Fall is behind us and winter whipping in, we may need to tighten the lines on our boats. Pam and I did get out to watch the lighted boat parade on the Foss Waterway with our family. It was a great way for our son and his family to kick off the holidays! The little boys loved all the lights. We had a great spot on the dock in front of the Seaport Village Museum, along with the Yakobi, Mareta II. I think with the use of led lights this event has really gotten a lot better and brighter .

One of the things I always look forward to in the New Year, is the Seattle Boat Show! I look at it as the unofficial start of boating in the Northwest, January 29-February 6. There are some fun special events that we particularly enjoy — the Wine Tasting, and of course the Burgee Bash!

Here is a special shout-out to Wayne and Donna Davidson for the fantastic Christmas Party! The new venue at the Norden Lodge #2 -Sons of Norway was a welcome change and exceeded my expectations. The spaghetti dinner, kids crafts, and Santa were wonderful. Let me just say I have been banned for leading the Christmas Carols in the future. I hope everyone had a good time and want to sincerely thank everyone who helped and supported this event.

Your board will be meeting soon to plan the 2016 calendar. If you have any suggestions on cruises or events, please give Jerry Marzano or me a call. We would like to plan some events that everyone will enjoy. Be sure to put 6:00 social/dinner 7:00 meeting.



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Condolences go out to Robert Bushnell and his family for the passing of his mother, Margie Turner (McCoy), on November 23rd. No matter how old we get, the loss of our mother is a painful event.

Pam Gunter's 15-year old grandson has contracted Epstein-Barr virus which has morphed into mononucleosis. Prayers for him and for the entire family for a complete and speedy recovery.

Happy news--The Anspach/Lenti family will be traveling to Hawaii soon to celebrate Christmas and the college commencement exercises of P.C. Tracy and Carolyn's son, Steven. Congratulations All!!

Pam Larsen spent her winter break meeting with doctors and having a barrage of tests. Still unsure what is causing her white blood count and platelets to be so low. Still looking for firm diagnosis. Prayers for rapid return to normal for Pam.

Happy New Year!

Happy Birthday

Belated wishes to our members who celebrated in December!

Sarah Davidson 12/10

Dotti Thrall 12/16

Jan Brown 12/26

Helping to bring in the New Year are . . .

01/06 Steve Funk

01/08 Vicki Lenti

01/11 Rich Carino

VYC Past Commodores

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From Vice Commodore — Wayne

Greetings to all,

We had a great time at the Change of Watch meeting in November. We met at Joeseppi's Italian Ristorante again. I thought the venue was excellent and found that we are not historical trivia geniuses. We did have great food and shared some pretty funny stories of our past year.

We had our annual Christmas party/fundraiser at the Sons of Norway lodge on December 6th. I want to thank Eric and Quinn for arranging our venue and all of their help with the party. Also need to thank Steve and Pam for co-chairing the event. Bill and Barb for

all they did. Dave and Ann for the excellent spaghetti. I hope everyone had a great time.

Donna and I are looking forward to another great year cruising with the Vikings. We will look forward to seeing you all on the water. I'm sure that Jerry will be putting together a fun filled year for us in 2016.

In closing, I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Vice Commodore
Wayne Jr.

From the Rear Commodore — Jerry

Looking forward to our cruises this year!

I tried to review the survey that was done previously to see if we wanted to venture out of some of our routine.

Contact has already been made with Port Orchard for Memorial Day, confirmed Swantown Marina for Labor Day and Bell Harbor for Hot August Nights.

Hoping to schedule a cruise to Bainbridge Island. Working on details with one of the newest Marinas in the Puget Sound. I will have more specifics at our first membership meeting, as well as sign up sheets for Cruise Captains and cruises.

I appreciate your faith in me and look forward to a great family year of cruises.

Upcoming Events

January 27th
General Membership Meeting
6:00 Social/Dinner
7:00 Meeting

January 29—February 6
Seattle Boat Show

February 24th
Sweetheart's Ball
6:00 p.m.

The Ram Restaurant,
Puyallup

From the Junior Past Commodore

The 2016 Sweetheart dinner will be held with our General Meeting on February 24th. Ram restaurant, So Hill Puyallup in their private banquet room. See the flyer below for details.



The honor of your presence is requested

The Viking Yacht Club

General Meeting

2016 Sweetheart's Dinner

Wednesday, February 24th

Ram Restaurant & Brewery

103 35th Ave SE

Puyallup, WA 98374

No-host Cocktails, 1800 hours

Dinner 1830 hours

General Meeting 1930 hours

Presentation of Past Sweethearts after dinner

Crowning of Viking Yacht Club 2016 Sweetheart

Open Menu – Pay your own tab

Desert Provided by the Club

Attire for the evening

Semi-formal and Dress Grays for Past & Present officers

Please RSVP to searusattitude@gmail.com

Membership

In 2015 our club's membership has increased and we are blessed to have all of you as VYC members and our cruising partners. Please continue to share your experiences with boaters that you know and meet. We are a family club who loves to have FUN!

Pursers Report

What a wonderful Viking Christmas/Auction dinner we had. Wayne and Donna and your team of helpers, great job!!!! Dave Seis and Donna, I have to tell you, your spaghetti was wonderful. I had to buy sauce from both of you for dinner the next night.

With the profits from the dinner, after all costs paid out, we are looking at about \$800.00 to put in savings for the 2016 Commodore Ball. YEA!

For those of you that have paid your dues – Thank You! If you haven't, please send your dues of \$150.00 to:
VYC
c/o 1524 102nd Street East
Tacoma Wa. 98445

I wish to all of you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy Viking New Year!

PC/Purser Barb

From the Webmaster

The missing pages on our website have all been rebuilt and The 2015 Photo Album has been created <http://www.thevikingyachtclub.com/photoalbum2015.html>

Should anyone want to provide me with pictures on a jump drive or CD for that album, let me know.

Marlene Barrington is the Viking Yacht Club's link to the [National Boating Federation](#) and other organizations that work to ensure legislation and initiative that protect the rights of recreational boaters and safe boating for all Americans by providing vital information that affects each of us. A summary of the articles is provided in the stories in this section of Water Safety for Viking Yacht Club members.

To learn more about NBF or to read the NBF News-letter articles visit www.n-b-f.org

Congress passes 5-Year Highway Funding Bill

The EPA Increases Ethanol Volumes in the Renewable Fuel Standards through 2016

NTSB Investigation into the Loss of the Cargo Ship El Faro

**Seattle – Pier 91 environmental study
Winter project also would maintain Pier 91 moorage depth**

WA Department of Ecology issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/news/2015/177.html>] stating that the Port of Seattle plans to include underwater lands to its ongoing investigation of environmental contamination at Pier 91, the former site of a US Navy supply depot. (12/4/15).

An informed boater is a safer boater!

National Boating Federation *Representing American Boaters*

Congress passes 5-Year Highway Funding Bill

President Obama signed into law, H.R. 3763, the Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2015. The bill provides \$305B in funds for highway, bridge and mass transit programs, including: transportation infrastructure, the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund (SFRBTF) and reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank. This is the first time in ten years that the Highway bill has been reauthorized for five years. The SFRBTF is indeed good news for the Recreational Boating Community since it provides funds to the Boating Infrastructure Grants (BIG) program for funding boating infrastructure, pump out facilities and boat ramps.

The EPA Increases Ethanol Volumes in the Renewable Fuel Standards through 2016

The EPA finalized the 2014, 2015 and 2016 Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) volume obligations as reported by the NMMA. While the ruling falls short of the worst-case scenario, it still mandates the breaking of the "blend wall" in 2016. The blend wall is the amount of ethanol in the overall fuel supply that can be tolerated without engine damage. Due to this ruling, more ethanol, largely in the form of E15, will be required across the country's fuel supply. This remains problematic for boat owners and marine businesses as these higher blends of ethanol will damage engines, present grave safety concerns and void warranties.

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING™

Across the nation, we're all part of communities. In cities, on farms, and in the suburbs, we share everyday moments with our neighbors, colleagues, family, and friends. It's easy to take for granted the routine moments in our every day—going to work or school, the grocery store or the gas station. But your every day is different than your neighbor's—filled with the moments that make it uniquely yours. So if you see something you know shouldn't be there—or someone's behavior that doesn't seem quite right—say something. Because only you know what's supposed to be in your everyday.

Informed, alert communities play a critical role in keeping our nation safe. "If You See Something, Say Something™" engages the public in protecting our homeland through awareness—building, partnerships, and other outreach.

We can all help keep our communities safe by paying attention to and reporting suspicious activity to local law enforcement. our surroundings.

To report suspicious activity, contact your local law enforcement agency. Describe specifically what you observed, including:

Who or what you saw;

When you saw it;

Where it occurred; and

Why it's suspicious.

If there is an emergency, call 9–1–1.

For more information and to learn how to partner with the campaign visit: <http://www.dhs.gov/see-something-say-something>

Water Safety Officer — Bob



It is time to start getting your boats ready for some spring and summer cruising. Once you get her all cleaned up and restocked, make sure to contact schedule your annual Safety Inspection!

I will be ready for Safety inspection after the 10th of January 10th, 2016.

Be Safe and Responsible Boaters!



NSBLA Safety Video for Life Jackets on Small Children

- There is nothing more important than the safety of our skipper and crew on a cruise!
- Make sure you have plenty of life jackets on board and the correct fit; especially for your growing children and grandchildren!
- Take a moment to view this video on proper fit of a life jacket!

<https://kalkomey.wistia.com/medias/kjxtbvga0n>

Understanding the Danger of Propeller Strikes

- A typical three-blade propeller running at 3,200 rpm can inflict 160 impacts in one second.
- A typical recreational propeller can travel from head to toe on an average person in less than one tenth of a second.
- Most propeller accidents CAN be prevented!

Boat US Annual Meeting—December 17, 2015

Topics included the Peer-to-Peer boat rental market, a new online fuel dock spill prevention course by the BoatUS Foundation, life jacket developments and a recent demonstrations of alternatives to flares, as well as state issues including boater user fees, uniform titling bills, boating safety education requirements and anchoring challengers. Also discussed was the threat that invasive species pose to recreational boat owners and how industry and agencies are working together to ensure boating access is preserved and waterways protected.

Some takeaways from the discussions offered by BoatUS include:

- New ownership/rental models make boating available to more people. Peer-to-Peer services such as Boatbound, boat clubs and fractional membership programs are transforming the traditional boat ownership model.
- Stand-up paddleboard and other human powered craft are a growing water-user segment, but some of these paddler's come to the water with little or no experience leading to user conflicts, not unlike during the growth of the personal watercraft (PWC) market.
- Flares, required by federal law on many boats, expire every 3 years, but are deemed hazardous waste, creating a legal disposal quagmire across the country. There are multiple benefits but also limits to alternative devices to replace the pyrotechnic flares, and BoatU.S. will continue to work with others on long-term solutions.
- Helping to shape smart laws and regulations dealing with boat ownership continues to matter to boaters and the businesses that depend on them.
- The recent renewal of the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund demonstrated how the boating and angling community is doing a better job of working together on common legislative concerns, and boaters and anglers are reaping the rewards.