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The Lur

From the Commodore ~ Steve Larsen

First thing I need to thank Robert and Carla for putting together a fantastic 2016 Sweetheart Dinner. Thank you both for a job well done. It was such an honor to be among some of our club's beautiful past sweethearts. Little did I know that Pam had planned to pass the 2016 Tiara on to Cindy Beckman. Pam chose to share the honor because she felt she had already reigned during my first round as commodore in 2007. Cindy is an outstanding choice for this years' Sweetheart. She has been a great addition to our club; she jumped into this crazy group of boaters and from day one demonstrated great Viking qualities: adventurous, friendly, was willing to help out, and caring.

Last month, my first mate and I had the pleasure, along with Wayne and Donna Davidson, of represented the Viking Yacht Club at the Totem Commodore Ball. The club was full, the band was fun and different. It was nice to see everyone from the reciprocal clubs. This month we attended the Des Moines YC Ball. As always it was a class act –great commodores' reception, food, music and dancing.

Our club feels strong and we have a great potential for growing our club in the next few years. If you may have some good ideas on how to slowly grow the club and would be willing to fill in as our Membership Chairperson this year, please let me know.

One thing I know for sure. It goes like this: ever since I was a little boy, barely able to walk around my dad's 16' Hollywood boat In the back yard, I would find my way up to the wheel to play until dad would pull me out of his boat. I knew at that point. I LOVE BOATS.

Skipper Steve

Sunshine



Hoping all is well and that everyone is staying safe during the most recent storms. Dave and I will see you sometime in April. May you cruise in still waters!

Remember — Sunshine wants to hear about good news and celebrations as well as members who could use some well wishes and encouragement. Email Ann Gagner at momgonyay@hotmail.com



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Steven Larsen

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Wayne Davidson

Rear Commodore
Jerry Marzano

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Barb Bryn

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Membership
Open Position

Parliamentarian
Carolyn Anspach

Publicity
Pam Larsen

Sunshine
Ann Gagner

Water Safety
Bob Gunther

Webmaster
Robert Bushnell

Happy Birthday

March—

Lea Hickman

Steve Larsen

Shawn Nelson

April--

Tracy Anspach

Marlene Barrington

Jerry Marzano

Steve Barker



VYC Past Commodores

Robert Bushnell
Tracey Anspach
Dave Seis
Frankie Anspach
Carla Bushnell
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Bill Byrn
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Wayne Davidson Sr.
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Bob Shoemaker
Harold Wheeler
Paul Watterson
Jim Beitinger
George Stephenson
Herb Rinn
Gary Daxon
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Shell Tucker
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Frank Callas
Ken Wilson / Ken Eckley
Ed Karl
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Harlan O'Brien
Stan Sharpe
Larry Engle
Brad Bradford
Shell Tucker
Ken Wilson
Ossie Osness
Stan Clufford
Marv Howes
Lyle Westby
Curt Willard
Art Cook
Eldred Pilant

From the Vice Commodore ~ Wayne Davidson

Greetings to All,

The cruise schedule is set, the weather's looking good and now all we need to do is get our boats ready. It's time to do some pre-season maintenance and spring cleaning. Just a few things you should do: actuate all seacocks, clean strainers, check hoses, belts, fuel lines, oil in engines, oil in marine gears, check coolant, drip less shaft seals or packing, inspect rudder post packing, check belts, change water filters, look for signs of corrosion on the shore power connections, etc, etc, etc...

An ounce of prevention will assure much better times on the water.

We had a great time with Steve and Pam at Totem Yacht Club's Commodore's Ball last weekend. We rocked out to a music by the Whirlies and had great food and drink by Picasso catering. Please consider going to some of the balls as they really are a lot of fun.

Our first cruise will be at Arabella's on March 5th-6th and I'm sorry that Donna and I will miss it. We will be at the Des Moines YC Commodore's Ball.

Wayne Jr

PC Report:

From the Rear Commodore ~ Jerry Marzano

We had five boats show up for the Pub Crawl a Arabella's. The weather was perfect, we played BUNCO, and had a great time! Winners were 1st Vicki, 2nd Ole and 3rd was Tracy.

The next cruise is the Family of the Year Cruise, April 8-10 at Des Moines Marina. Hope to see all of you there! Until then pray for dry weather

2016 CRUISE SCHEDULE

April 15th - 17th * Daffodil - Tacoma Yacht Club
May 6th - 7th * Seattle Opening Day - Seattle Yacht Club
May 13th - 15th * South Sound Opening Day - DMYC
May 27th - 30th * Memorial Day weekend - Bremerton
June 10th - 12th * Poulsbo cruise - Poulsbo Marina
July 1st - 4th * 4th of July Anchor-out - Burton
July 15th - 18th * Shilshole Marina, Seattle
August 12th - 14th * Hot August Nights - Bell Harbor
September 3rd - 5th * Labor Day - Swantown Marina
October 14th - 16th * Hot Rudder Bum - Des Moines

Don't miss out on the fun!

Register online and call the marina for your reservation!

Upcoming Events

March 17-20
Tacoma/Puget Sound
Boat Show

April 2
Tacoma Outboard Assn
Commodore's Ball
at Day Island YC
*See flyer on last page
of this LUR

April 15-17
Daffodil Festival and
Regatta at TYC
*Decorated Boat Entry
*Flagship Boat for
Officer
*Trivia Competition

May 5-7
Seattle Opening Day
Seattle Yacht Club

From the Past Commodore

The Sweetheart Dinner is now in the memories. Thank you to all who attended 😊

Now on the 2016 Commodore Ball on October 1st at CI Shenanigans on Tacoma's waterfront. More details will be coming as we get all our plans finalized.

PC Robert

International Order of the Blue Gavel

The Association of Past Commodores

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Calendar of Events

April 15-17, 2016

Spring Meeting - Yakima, WA

Download the Registration Form...

Call for Hotel Accommodations at:

Yakima Valley Hotel and Conference Center

509-248-7850

Reservation Deadline is April 15, 2016

May 7, 2016

Opening Day - Seattle Yacht Club, Seattle, WA

June 9-12, 2016

International's Spring Regional Meeting - Poflland, Oregon.

Hosted by District #5

July 15 & 16, 2016

Summer Picnic Weekend- TBA

September 16-18, 2016

Fall Meeting and Change of Watch -

Hosted by Hells Canyon Boat Club

October 20-22, 2016

International's Annual Meeting - Marina Del Ray, California

Membership

Susie Johnson has resigned as our membership chair. She is hopeful that we can recruit someone who will be attending cruises and has a positive outlook for the club.

Susie has been an integral part of our club and in recruiting and welcoming new members. Our most sincere and best wishes to Susie.

Pursers Report

There is no Purser Report for March.

All dues have been paid.

PC/Purser Barb

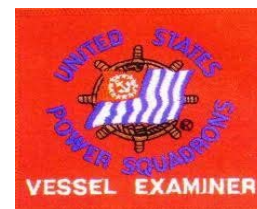
From the Webmaster

The 2016 photo album has now been created on the website. Should anyone in the club take pictures at VYC functions and want them added, please provide on a jump drive or disk.

Water Safety Officer—Bob Gunter



I have my 2016 Coast Guard Safety stickers ready for inspections. Ask me for the items needed for your 2016 Vessel inspection, and what you need to do, to get your boat to pass,



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..



[Visit our web site at www.n-b-f.org](http://www.n-b-f.org)

National Boating Federation



NBF Celebrates 50 Years of Serving the Boating Public in America

Founded in 1966, the National Boating Federation (NBF) is the largest non-profit, nationwide alliance of recreational boating organizations. The Federation is composed of boating and yacht clubs and their associations representing over 2,000,000 of America's recreational boaters.

NBF promotes safe boating through education, acts as a legislative watchdog and advocates for favorable boating legislation, regulations and best management practices.

The membership represents no commercial interests and sells no products. The Officers and Directors are all volunteers with strong backgrounds in all aspects of recreational boating. Our membership spans the continent from Canada to Mexico and from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans.

You can count on YOUR National Boating Federation's continuing commitment to the wise and direct use of YOUR boat tax dollars for YOUR benefit ... be it adequate access to our ocean waterways, lakes and rivers, right of passage and of anchoring, or promotion of our prudent exercise of those rights. NBF works to avoid onerous legislation and promotes good legislation.

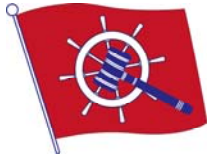
Earl Waesche, NBF Legislative Director ewaesche@comcast.net

Ethanol Was a Key Issue in the Iowa Caucus: As reported by USA TODAY and various industry groups, marine industry players, regardless of their geographic location, had good reason to keep an eye on the results of the Iowa caucus. Since Congress in 2005 required that oil refiners blend ethanol into gasoline, the legislation has been a boon to Iowa corn farmers. As lowans caucus in the first step of the Democratic and Republican presidential nomination process, ethanol remains a hot topic in the state, and in all the U.S.. That's because Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, one of the Republican front-runners, has called for an end to subsidies for all forms of energy, as well as a five-year phase out of the renewable fuel mandate that created the ethanol economy in Iowa.

A coalition that includes oil companies, environmentalists, grocery manufacturers, livestock farmers and humanitarian advocates is pushing Congress to weaken or repeal the requirement. After the Iowa Caucus, the U.S. Senate could vote on a measure to roll back the Renewable Fuel Standard. Cruz decries this mandate as a Washington-driven, anti-free market scam that makes people rich. Senator Cruz wants to do away with subsidies on all energy sources, leveling the playing field and allowing the market to dictate conditions and prices.

Isobutanol - Boating's Alternative to Ethanol: Boating Industry reported that with a waiver recently approved by the Environmental Protection Agency authorizing ethanol in gasoline up to 15 percent by volume, the marine industry is looking for an alternative biofuel to what its experts say is poison to marine engines. With the well-publicized issues E15 causes in marine applications, members of the marine industry are investigating the potential of isobutanol as a biofuel, said Jeff Wasil, engineering technical expert at BRP Evinrude. "Instead of just saying E15 will cause problems, we wanted to go a step further and identify another fuel that may be of more significance to our industry," Wasil said. Isobutanol can be safely blended into gasoline at 16 percent by volume. Ethanol can only safely be used in marine engines up to a 10 percent concentration. Furthermore, isobutanol contains more energy, containing almost 90 percent of the energy gasoline contains. Also, ethanol has a tendency to absorb water, causing a phase separation in fuel tanks that can prove disastrous. Isobutanol does not have the same affinity to water, making separation much less likely.

In collaboration with the U.S. Department of Energy's Vehicle Technologies Office, the National Marine Manufacturers Association, Argonne National Laboratory and BRP Evinrude, Wasil will spend the summer and fall further testing isobutanol. He indicated E0, E10 and B16 (isobutanol) fuels will be tested in a variety of engines on the water. The study will be the first extensive testing by the marine industry since isobutanol was first identified as an alternative fuel in a 2011 study completed by the NMMA with support from Volvo Penta and BRP.



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Learn more about the National Boating Federation's Regular Member - IOBG at their website: www.iobg.org



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Event Flyers & Information

Tacoma Outboard Association

Requests the honor of your presence at the

2016 Commodore's Ball

Honoring

**Commodore Corinna Daniels
and her Captain Scott**



**April 2, 2016
at Day Island Yacht Club**

5:00 p.m. Commodore's Social*
7:00 p.m. Introduction of Commodores
7:30 p.m. Dinner by Spring Lake Cafe
9:00 p.m. Dancing to the Michael Crain Band

Winter Formal Attire for Officers

Please RSVP by March 25th, 2016
to Joann Mills 206-819-2833 or wagirl62@yahoo.com

*Commodore's Social at
Sam and Audrey Passarino's
9320 31 Place W, University Place, WA 98466