



FROM THE HELM

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WELCOME Vikings to the 2009 50th Year, it has been a great opening for the boating season, starting with the Daffodil parade it was great, I had 12 officers on the flag boat, thanks to all of you for attending, and supporting the club. Thanks to Steve, Linda, Susie & Ed for a great job on decorating the boat, 2nd place is great. Opening day was also great for me as Commodore, and first mate Pam. There was so much to do and activities to attend, the weather held out for us most of the time, but what would opening day be without a little rain. Thanks to the officers that attended for the opening day parade, and to my past Commodore (Bill) for steering us through the cut safely, next week is opening Day at Des Moines, always a great time, don't forget Memorial weekend, we need lots of help, to make this a great event, let Carla know how many are in your party, thanks

TIME FOR SKIPPERS CHALLENGE

BEFORE DOCKING OR LEAVING A BERTH, THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS TO CONSIDER ARE ----- AND -----

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

Commodore Bob

Happy Birthday

May



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

June

Gary Anspach, Ed Johnson, Bill Larer, Keith Raymond, Barb Talamine, Pam Krinbrings, Maria Jean Caton, Shelly Anne Costa, Frankj Caton, Christa Succow



SUNSHINE
Live well. love much. and laugh often

Robert Bushnell is recovering from his surgery on his wrist, which was fractured at Family of the Year.

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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Viking Yacht Club Officers

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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Federal Way, WA 98063*

Viking Yacht Club
Est. 1959

Past Commodores

Bill Byrn
Steve Larsen
Bruce Carlson
Janet Myers
Gary Anspach
Chuck Martin
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Wayne Davidson,
Jr.
Maureen Murray
Hill Barrington
Al Morrison
Wayne Davidson,
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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



Now that the weather is changing I hope most of you will be out on the water and attending all of the great cruises that "The Rear" Carla has scheduled for you.

We started the nice weather off with "Daffodil Weekend". The sun was shining and there were tons of people out to watch the parade. Our decorated entry was really cool, and I can't say enough for the hard work that Steve, Ed, Susie, and their friend Linda did for making it such a great showing. Do you realize that we have come in the top 3 places for decorated boat, for four years running? *GO VIKINGS!!!!!!* And Bob's boat had 12 past and present officers on it to represent the club. I don't believe we have ever had that many before.

The following Wednesday we were off to Seattle for Opening Day. We met up with several Viking boats at Bell Harbor, and we left bright and early on Thursday for the Seattle Yacht Club. The weather was rainy and windy on Saturday, and we were not looking forward to standing out in it. But by the time we entered the cut, the rain had stopped and the sun was trying to shine. Fellow Viking's out on the parade line cheered us on. It was a great time aboard the Ideal Comfort. Thanks again Bob and Pam for your hard work!

Next up is "South Sound Opening" at Des Moines Yacht Club. Its always a good time there, and this year's theme is "A Puget Sound Luau". If you have never gone before, they know how to show you a good time.

Remember to offer a helping hand for the cruises. We can always use the help. If you want to help host or co-host a cruise contact Carla, she's always looking for someone. Enjoy the weather and be safe on the water.

Vice Commodore Barb

FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

The Family of the Year Cruise was fun for all who were able to attend. We had a few accidents but everyone is healing up fine. The true Viking Nature came out during the Poker Run. Apparently Bob, Jerry & Pam were cheating to win the prizes. Fun and laughter was wide spread.

The Bucket Vodka Punch was a big hit. That was probably the cause of a few accidents. Next Cruise is Memorial Weekend. Theme for the weekend is Casino Night. I will be ordering oysters on May 8th so if you have not contacted me and plan on attending I need to know. I will also be sending in the name of all boats that have reservations reserved thru me for the weekend on May 8th. There is a large festival going on that weekend so moorage is at a premium. If you need moorage let me know before May 8th. We are still in need of Cruise Captains. If you are interested let me know and I'll let you know what we have available.

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. 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!

- Opening Day @ DMYC May 10th
- Memorial Day Cruise May 22nd – 25th
- NBC Picnic Brownsville June 5th – 7th

FROM THE JUNIOR PAST COMMODORE

We had a great time with everyone's help at Daffodil and coming in 2nd place decorated boat. Bob's boat was used for the flagship and Steve provided his for the decorated theme. By the time we showed up on Friday, Steve, Ed, Susie and Linda had almost all of it decorated; we only had to stuff daffodils. Great job and great show you guys!

Opening day was a little wet, but that was okay with me, I was driving under cover and didn't get wet at all. It was a tough job, but you know someone had to do it :-)

We'll have another Commodores Ball meeting sometime in June to finalize decorating ideas. I believe everything else is right on schedule.

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

50-Year Burgee Designer Congratulations Lea Hickman



Shipboard Galley

FAMOUS

Donna Davidson Crab Dip

8 oz. Cream cheese

¾ cube butter

1 cup crab meat

½ chopped white onion

chopped garlic 1 tablespoon

Tabasco sauce 6-7 splashes

Cook onions in butter till translucent add cream cheese, pepper, garlic, Tabasco and crab. Simmer 10 minutes.

Enjoy

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

*Viking Yacht Club
Memorial Day Oyster Feed Cruise
May 22nd – 25th 2009
Port Orchard Marina*

*We need to know everyone who is
coming with a boat by Friday, May 8th
to assure you will have a boat slip.*

*If you plan on attending please let Carla
Bushnell know by May 11th, as she
needs to order the Oysters*

*Remember there is a Festival
happening that weekend in both Port
Orchard and Bremerton, so moorage
will be at a premium. Only reservations
are allowed this weekend NO first come
space is available.*

*Looking forward to seeing everyone
come out and Have Fun!*

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**



The New Viking Yacht Club Website

To all Viking Members, Our new website is now up and running, please take the time to view the site and familiarize yourself with all the new stuff, which include the following new features.

- **Photo Album**
- **Calendar (under construction)**
- **Forum Message Board**
- **Reciprocal Links to websites**

We will soon be redirecting Vikingyachtclub.com to the new site. Also looking for suggested vendors etc. to list within Boating Services.

<http://www.thevikingyachtclub.com/>

Please send any comments or suggestions

Make sure you refresh your Web Browser every time you go to the site, so you see any changes made since your last visit

TYC Daffodil Parade 2009



"Thank You! Vikings"

We want to thank the Vikings for a fabulous Family of the Year celebration. The Seafood Boil dinner on Saturday night was a fantastic feast - lots of great food and lots of fun - a Viking feast! The Dinghy Poker Run had all of us laughing as we gathered at each location to pick our cards, trying not to drop the cards or ourselves into the water. Chefs Bill, Rich, Bob and Dan provided heaping platters of yummy pancakes on Sunday morning. We truly felt honored by the members and guests who participated and are proud and happy to be part of the Viking Family.

Ed and Susie Johnson

National Boating Federation

Trust Fund Reauthorization Update

Meetings, which began in the fall and still continue, are being held to develop a consensus on the reauthorization on the Sports Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund (Wallop/Breaux). Funds for the program are derived from Federal fuel taxes and excise taxes on fishing equipment, which nets around \$700M per year. Some of the problems have been the difficulty in estimating revenue totals given the recession and the allocation of funds between various interest groups. We need to have the legislation written by May and hopefully attach it to the Highway bill and obtain passage.

Grants Not Available for AIS Purchases

We were unsuccessful in obtaining Federal grants through the Wallop/Breaux program toward purchase of AIS systems for recreational boats. The main reason for this is we had no real estimates of the number of boat owners who would purchase these units or its total cost. Those who do extensive cruising and have AIS units have praised its value.

Future of LORAN-C

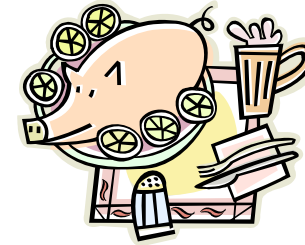
The USCG has issued a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) on the continuation of the LORAN-C Program. As everyone knows the CG has tried many times to end Loran operations even after spending millions to upgrade all stations nationwide. Given the President's elimination of funding for LORAN in his budget and the Coast Guard's determination to discontinue its operation, the future of LORAN looks bleak. NBF was successful in opposing the shutdown in previous attempts by the USCG. It is not clear if we will continue in this effort.

Coalition Group Opposes Ethanol Increase

As reported in *Trade Only* a broad coalition of interest groups, including the National Marine Manufacturers Association, has begun work to oppose EPA efforts to increase ethanol levels in gasoline. The coalition has stated that the decision to increase levels to 15 or 20 percent should be based only on unbiased science to determine the effect on motor vehicle and marine engines. Further complicating this is the huge increase in ethanol production by the year 2020 required in the Energy bill passed last year. Plus the stimulus package includes a 50% tax credit for gas stations that install pumps for alternative fuels like ethanol. All boatmen should have either heard or read of the harm ethanol can do to marine engine.

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 MAIN DISH & 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

SENATE BUDGET NO LONGER TAKES CARE OF BOATERS!

We must ask you Boaters once more for grassroots support in this final week of the Legislative Session in Olympia. Can you please take the time to make another quick and easy call to the Legislative Hotline? Please help us, help you and SAVE state boating programs. Here are the ugly details.

During the past week, the State Senate has unveiled and adopted in committee a new state budget proposal that no longer does well for boaters, and strips boating programs.

The revised Senate budget no longer references or funds 2SSB 5691, the boating improvements act, and the Senate now joins the House in proposing to transfer all of the boaters' unrefunded gas tax funds to non boating programs. (Although the Senate does transfer these funds to State Parks, rather than the general fund, which includes marine parks).

Absent any consideration for boaters and the future of recreational boating programs, these changes in the budget CANNOT be considered acceptable. Boaters can no longer simply support the Senate position on the budget.

IT IS TIME TO CALL THE LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE WITH A SIMPLE MESSAGE TO URGE YOUR SENATOR, REPRESENTATIVES, AND GOVERNOR GREGOIRE TO:

"PLEASE DO NOT TRANSFER THE BOATERS' CAPITAL PROGRAM FUNDS TO THE OPERATING BUDGET."

THE LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE IS 1-800-562-6000. IT IS OPEN FROM 8AM TO 8PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, AND FROM 9AM TO 1PM ON SATURDAYS.

IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE HOTLINE CALLS START FIRST THING MONDAY MORNING April 20.

Thanks again for your continued support for Boating Programs in Washington. Once the session is over, we'll give you the final analysis for boating.

Jim King, RBAW Lobbyist
David Kutz, RBAW Government Affairs Director

Tell EPA to Deny E15 Waiver

As you may know, a pro-ethanol lobbying organization called Growth Energy and 54 ethanol manufacturers recently submitted a formal petition to EPA requesting a waiver under the Clean Air Act to increase ethanol blend levels in gasoline up to 15 percent (E15) by volume. As is required by law, EPA on April 21 [published a Notice for Comment in the Federal Register](#), beginning a 30-day public comment period that closes **on May 21, 2009**. There is enormous political pressure on federal agencies to allow a high blend level despite well-known problems with mid-level ethanol gasoline.

We are asking all interested parties to submit comments to EPA arguing that the waiver petition be denied. Although NMMA has been working with EPA and DOE to initiate testing on marine engines and equipment and has formally submitted a test plan for our sector, **there has been no testing to date by any federal agency on the impacts of mid-level ethanol blends on marine products**. As you all know, marine engines are designed and certified to run on not more than E10, the current legal allowable blend limit. Increasing the limit will likely bring marine engines out of compliance with federal clear air laws, damage marine engines due to higher temperatures, pose safety risks to boaters and sportsmen and likely mean warranties will be voided.

We ask you to support a science-first approach and urge EPA to deny the ethanol industry's E15 waiver request unless and until independent and comprehensive scientific testing is completed on a full range of marine engines and other products.

In the coming days we will be developing a template for comments to EPA, and we would encourage your organizations to send comments directly to EPA. In the meantime, we have set up a [grassroots advocacy toolkit](#) linked directly to EPA that you and your members can use to send in comments. Comments can be sent going to this link: <http://capwiz.com/nmma/home/>.

Many thanks,
Mat

Mathew P. Dunn
Legislative Director
National Marine Manufacturers Association
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VIKING YACHT CLUB

Memorial Day Oyster Feed
May 22nd – 25th 2009
Port Orchard Marina
Welcome Vikings & Friends!



FRIDAY

1500 hours *Heavy Hors d'oeuvres on the Dock*

SATURDAY

1000 hours *Membership Meeting w/coffee & muffins provided*

1200 hours *Farmers Market & Lunch (on your own)*

1400 hours *Bingo on the Dock - 25cents ea. Card - prizes*

1700 hours *Take your Mate to Dinner*

1900 hours *Casino Royal Night (fun & games)*



SUNDAY

1100 hours *Bowling Tournament*

Meet at the top of the dock to catch the 09:45 bus to Hi-Joy Bowl, or it is a nice long walk on a sunny day!

1700 hours *OYSTER (& chicken) FEED Potluck \$5.00 per person Bring a side dish 13 x 9 size to share and your beverages*

Bowling Winners Will Be Announced!

1900 hours *Game time on the dock w/fellow Vikings*



MONDAY

0900 hours *Celebrate Memorial Day with a Champagne & OJ Brunch Bring a dish to share*



Cruise Captains: Viking Board Members

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS

SAIL AND POWER BOATING

P/V/C Robert P. David, SN
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Report to the National Boating Federation 4 April 2009

New Officers: Creighton C. Maynard, Jr., SN, Chief Commander (Texas), V/C Frank A. Dvorak, SN, National Executive Officer (Washington), V/C Robert J. Sweet, SN, National Educational Officer (Massachusetts), V/C John T. Alter, SN, National Administrative Officer (North Carolina), V/C David L. Hinders, SN, National Secretary (California), and V/C Richard M. Peoples, SN, National Treasurer (Florida).

New Initiatives:

- Working to enhance boating stewardship of the environment through USPS squadrons.
- Developing a working relationship with the Citizens Corps.
- Working to establish a national Advanced Boater Education reporting system.
- Expanding our On-the-Water Training effort

Educational Program Update:

- **America's Boating Course, 3rd Edition** is available for classroom instruction, via the internet, and home study.
- Other new courses include; **Weather, Marine Electrical Systems**, the first of 3 new separate Marine Electrical/Electronic courses, and **Sail**, co-branded with the Canadian Sail & Power Squadrons.
- The new Navigation course comes with a full version of the **CAPN** navigational software and a trial version of **Vessel Passage Planner**.
- New Seminars include: **Advanced Powerboat Handling, Rules of the Road, Basic Coastal Navigation, Marine Compass**, and **Confident Navigation with Electronics**. For details of these programs see: <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/seminars>.
- The on-line **Seamanship** course is now open to the public through the University of West Florida.
- The Boat Operator Certification Program is up and running following resolution of insurance issues. **Inland Navigator** certification is available and **Coastal Navigator** will be available in 2009.

Vessel Safety Check Program; USPS continues to participate in this program and conducted 34,000 checks in 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert P. David

Robert P. David, SN
Past Vice Commander

May 2009

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