

Scuttlebutt

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We Take Our Fun Seriously!

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Commodore's Report:

No report from our Commodore due to family matters (please see Hearts and Flowers). Gary and Joyce are dealing with a lot of family matters right now with another funeral to plan and out-of-town family arriving again. Gary has asked Drew Roberts to handle his Commodore's duties for the next couple of weeks.

Vice Commodore's Report:

Greetings Members,

I am glad to report that my first full night of managing the WYC bar was very rewarding and fun. Amy and I had a great time visiting and reminiscing with club members. January's Commodores Ball was full of fantastic music, food, and camaraderie. However, do not forget that this is just the beginning of a wonderful year of more fun to come.

Our next grand gathering is our "Annual Valentine's Day Three Day Cruise In" on February 12-14th. This year's theme is the **WYC 2010 Tacky Prom**. We will be serving a burger bar on Friday night, and Saturday will host a variety of games/appetizers, ending with our Crab/Shrimp Creole/Spaghetti Feed along with Jim Mesi. Then Sunday morning we will awake to a marvelous biscuit and gravy breakfast prepared by Austin and Dorie Mack, along with other delightful dishes, ending our unbelievable weekend with our annual cruise around the island. Bring out your super soakers if it is 80 degrees... HAHAAHAAEEEE

Thinking forward, I just want to remind you all to write down Andy's Party on Saturday March 6th and the MCYC's cruise in for St. Paddy's Day on March 12-14th.

I personally want to thank you all for the immense support in making our club stay true to its motto.. WE TAKE OUR FUN SERIOUSLY!!!

Thank-You,

Drew J. Roberts, Vice Commodore

WYC Board Members

Commodore: Gary Bishop
Vice Commodore: Drew Roberts
Rear Commodore: Char Edwards
Secretary: Heather Edwards
Treasurer: Ralph Carter
Fleet Captain: Pat Edwards
Port Captain: Eric Dunn
Director: Austin Mack
Director: Dave Barber

Upcoming Events

February 13
Valentine's Party @ clubhouse

February 15
WYC Board Meeting

February 19
WYC General Meeting

March 5
Andy's Party @ clubhouse

March 12-14
St. Paddy's Cruise @ MCYC

March 15
WYC Board Meeting

March 19
WYC General Meeting

March 20-21
Work Party – Opening Day

April 2-4
Coon Island Cruise



Please remember to sign up and host a party this year. The ideas are endless and the fun you will have will surprise you...

Rear Commodore's Report:

So far, this year has been fun and exciting!!!! I have already sold 4 NEW ads for the roster and will begin getting in touch with the current advertisers and asking them to re-sign. Also, I'm collecting for old unpaid ads and collecting as much upfront for new ads.

I spoke with Tony and Marlene Stalletto, potential new members who should be joining us at our next meeting. We will be voting on them at that time.

I look forward to new members and more good times!

'Til next time,

Char Edwards, Rear Commodore

Fleet Captain's Report:

So here we are, February 2010 and the 54th Anniversary WYC Valentine's Around the Island Day Cruise is upon us. Officially this is our first cruise of 2010, and I am anticipating a fleet of Valentine's Day decorated WYC vessels (not vehicles... inside joke) cruising around the island.

The 2010 CRYA Cruise Schedule has been published electronically on the CRYA Website and we are expecting the print version of that schedule as soon as the Daughters of Neptune are finalized. Mark your calendars for Opening Day on the 1st Saturday in May. Our theme this year is "ROSE SPIRIT". I hear there are several ideas currently in progress for WYC's Rose Spirit theme. We are so fortunate to have eager beavers getting out in front of this with fresh ideas. On behalf of everyone, I want to express our appreciation and our February BRAVO ZULU (BZ).

Please also remember that current Vessel (again...not Vehicle) Safety Checks will be required to participate in the Opening Day Cruise and that Coast Guard Auxiliary will be conducting those for WYC on February 13th. I have copies of the Vessel Safety Check and the Explanation of VSC required items. You may obtain these documents from me by connecting with me before or on February 13th.

Additionally, I am also in possession of 1,000 Columbia River Yachting Association Raffles. I think we can easily sell thorough all 1,000 raffles, especially when we stop by to purchase refreshments at the WYC refreshments area. Ask for a book of 10 (or more) raffles to be placed on your tab.

Very Respectfully,

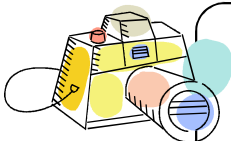
Pat Edwards, Fleet Captain

A bit of Maritime/Naval History from your WYC Fleet Captain:

Where does the term "Bravo Zulu" originate?

The term originates from the Allied Signals Book (ATP 1), which in the aggregate is for official use only. Signals are sent as letters and/or numbers, which have meanings by themselves sometimes or in certain combinations. A single table in ATP 1 is called "governing groups," that is, the entire signal that follows the governing group is to be performed according to the "governor." The letter "B" indicates this table, and the second letter (A through Z) gives more specific information. For example, "BA" might mean "You have permission to . . . (do whatever the rest of the flashing light, flag hoist or radio transmission says) "BZ" happens to be the last item in the governing groups table. It means "well done".

Definition obtained from <http://www.navy.mil/navydata/questions/bzulu.html>



Be sure to checkout the Commodores Ball party photos on the WYC website @ www.willametteyc.org. Thanks to Charley Bowen for sending a whole bunch of photos. I know I saw lots of camera flashes, so please share some of your great photos by sending to Doris.mack@intel.com

Port Captain's Report:

I would like to thank Al Cooks, Tom Sorensen, and Geno Soria for helping me clean the clubhouse up for Commodores Ball. Thanks guys! The next big cleaning project I will be having is for Ladies Dinner, but that is a few months away.

Please let me know if you see anything around the clubhouse that needs my attention.

Eric Dunn, Port Captain

Hearts and Flowers:

Sadly, Gary Bishop's brother passed away on January 22nd and his mother passed away on January 31st.

WYC'S AWARDS

Char Edwards retains the **Duck Award** for falling into the water, with her cat inside her jacket, while trying to get to the dock from the dinghy.

Geno Soria received the **Boner Award** because the button on his handheld radio stuck into the on position while Christmas Shipping. This made it very difficult for the rest of the fleet to communicate due to the static.



Congratulations, Char and Geno!

2009 Award Winners!

The following WYC members received awards at the Commodore's Ball:

Bob Bigelow, 2009 Boner Award
Amy Walker, 2009 Duck Award
Heather Edwards, 2009 Boat Nut Award
All WYC Members, Commodore's Cup
Charley Bowen & Ralph Carter, First Gentleman's Cup
Tom Sorensen, Hero's Award
Dorie Mack, "Thanks for all you do" award

Tip Jar

The WYC Board voted to use the tips from the bar's Tip Jar for special projects versus putting them into the general fund. Later in the year, members will be asked what they would like to spend it on: new curtains, new silverware, etc. However, Commodore Gary noted, if it becomes necessary to use the money for expenses, that action will be taken.

February Birthdays

Geno Soria – 3rd
Glen Allen – 4th
Don Morse – 4th
Glenn Hubbell – 6th
Anji Grainger – 13th
Paul VanBaalen – 14th
Nick Veroske – 14th
Eric Dunn – 15th
Jean Marshall – 16th
Jeff Platt – 16th
Ralph Carter – 25th

Happy Birthday!!



Did you know....

WYC has a Suggestion Box on the bookcase?
Drop off your great ideas!