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We Take Our Fun Seriously!

January 2010

Commodore's Report:

A very Happy New Year to you all!

At our December meeting, we swore in the new officers for 2010. Past Commodore Jeff Cherry performed the ceremony. The new officers are:

Commodore: Gary Bishop
Vice Commodore: Drew Roberts
Rear Commodore: Char Edwards
Secretary: Heather Sirr-Edwards

Treasurer: Ralph Carter (aka Edwards*)
Fleet Captain: Pat Edwards
Port Captain: Eric Dunn

*Just kidding, Ralph!

All took their places at the board table and closed their first meeting. Congratulations to you all. I am looking forward to working with you in 2010. You are all very energetic and full of great new ideas.

I want to thank our 2009 officers for all their hard work. I couldn't have done it without you.

I want to thank Char Edwards for purchasing the prizes for the yearly raffle drawing. To win at this drawing, you need to come to the cruises and participate in the cruise raffles. Lots of great prizes are given away every December....hope to see you all at the cruises this coming year.

The dinner at the January General Meeting will be hosted by WYC. We will be celebrating paying off the mortgage in 2009.

Now for the fun ending to 2009. Our New Year's Eve party was a great success. We had a great crew who put this all together. Amy Walker, Carolyn Walker, Joyce Bishop, and Char Edwards put together great food for the evening. Drew Robert's ribs were fantastic.

We had a sports bar theme. If you didn't know better, you would have sworn you were at one of the local area pubs. We had everything from neon signs, sports banners, all sorts of sports equipment. We even had a snowmobile represented. At midnight, we celebrated with champagne and dropped nearly two hundred balloons from the ceiling, three of which contained cash prizes totaling \$50. Eric Dunn and Sean Renwik found the winning balloons.

Music for the party was provided by a local area band called 21 Horses. Everyone agreed the band was great and the club would hire them again. Any band that can get me up on the dance floor has to be good.

WYC Board Members

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Director: Austin Mack
Director: Dave Barber

Upcoming Events

January 11
WYC Board Meeting

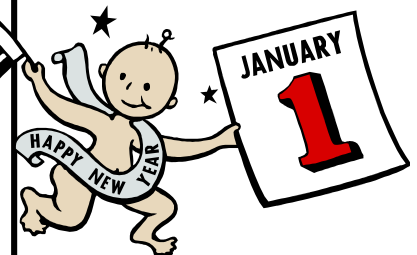
January 15
WYC General Meeting

January 23
WYC Commodore's Ball

February 13
Valentine's Party @ clubhouse

February 15
WYC Board Meeting

February 19
WYC General Meeting



Commodore's Report (continued):

It was great to get out of bed Friday and find the clubhouse almost spotless. Great job everyone, and many thanks for making this a fun event.

In signing off, I want to thank the entire membership for all the support and help and participation you have given throughout 2009. This past year has been a special year for me serving as your Vice Commodore; one I will never forget.

That's it for now and remember, WYC is a place to come where everybody knows your name.

Gary Bishop, Commodore

Vice Commodore's Report:

Happy New year to all of you!!! I am looking forward to working with all of you this year.

We had a good turnout for the "New Year's Eve Sports Bar Party." We have not had a New Year's Eve party in quite a number of years. The weather permitted us to ring in the New Year on our boats and in our clubhouse. There were many exciting sport enthusiasts, including Ester Williams, Lloyd Bridges (alias Jacque Cousteau), a racketball player, referees, Tiger Woods in costume as a WWF wrestler, cheerleaders, a hockey player, a rodeo clown, a hula-hoop girl and many other sports teams were strongly represented. Winners of the best dressed contest were:

Best Couple: Nick Veroske and Anji Grainger (Ester & Lloyd)

Best Female: Becky Washburn (hula-hoop girl)

Best Male: Mike Davis (el Tigra)

WYC has a lot of wonderful parties, cruises, and meetings for all of us to get together and enjoy each other's company. I am looking forward to seeing many new and old faces signing up for these functions for us all to enjoy.

I look forward to seeing all of you at this year's Commodore's Ball.

Thank you,

Drew Roberts, Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore's Report:

2009 was a good year for WYC. 2010 will be a GREAT year! I look forward to working with the board members to make this a profitable and rewarding year for all.

If you have any ideas that you would like to share with me for adding new members to our club, please share. I will be coming up with some and sharing those with you, as well. I truly appreciate all of you for letting me have this opportunity to strengthen our club.

'Til next time,

Char Edwards, Rear Commodore

Fleet Captain's Report:

This is my first opportunity to formally address each of you, and I first want to say thank you for the appointment as both a trusted officer and Fleet Captain of the Willamette Yacht Club.

As your 2010 WYC Fleet Captain, I am fortunate to be riding in to this New Year on the wake of a very successful 2009, and it is my hope to make my contribution to a continuing year of successes. With that said, BRAVO-ZULU to Tom Sorensen for setting the bar very high for me. I am also walking in the shoes of his predecessors, who have also performed as outstanding Fleet Captains. Thus, I still have much to learn about what our club needs of its Fleet Captain so that I can perform as well as them. I intend to obtain their advice and guidance on best practices.

Opening Day will be upon us very soon, and the cruise schedule is currently in its proper processes and to be released shortly.

Willamette Yacht Club, are you ready for an absolutely FANTASIC 2010? I hope that each of you are as excited about WYC 2010 and are eagerly prepared to share in our collective vision of fun.

Very Respectfully,

Pat Edwards, Fleet Captain

Treasurer's Report:

Wahoo...in a very tough year for many, especially financially speaking, WYC has much to be proud of. We will end the year with more money than we started with—approximately \$1,500—and that's after we finally paid off the mortgage on the building. Wahoo!!!

Please remember that your annual dues are payable on January 1, 2010, and become delinquent on February 1. Our dues are \$240 per person or \$480 per couple. You have the option of paying half (50%) now and the balance on July 1. Please get your dues in as soon as possible.

While it was a very tough year with the loss of our dear friends, Janet and Frank, our friendships have helped ease the pain. I pray that you will all have a rewarding and enjoyable upcoming year.

Happy New Year,

Ralph Carter, Treasurer

First Lady's Report:

I would like to give you my email address and phone number. I will be depending on all of you to contact me if you know of someone who needs to be acknowledged in the Hearts and Flowers report. This is reported to the club on a monthly basis. Also, it lets me know when flowers or cards need to be sent.

Here is the email address wycflcapt@msn.com.

My phone is : 360-892-6092 (home) and 360-241-6252 (cell)

I am looking forward to serving you in 2010.

Joyce Bishop, First Lady

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.

Andy Huck received the **Boner Award** because one of his Christmas Ship guests fell into the water (and was rescued by WYC's own Tom Sorensen).



Congratulations, Char and Andy!

Be sure to checkout the New Year's Eve party photos on the WYC website @ willametteyc.org. If you have some to share, please send to doris.mack@intel.com

January Birthdays



Dianne Cherry – 4th
Jacque Boell – 7th **

Happy Birthday!!

****Jeff Michael's mom and perspective WYC member**

Welcome New Members!

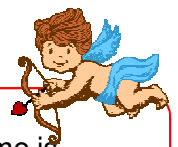
WYC voted in three new members in November:

Joyce Edwards
Jeff Michaels
Don Morse

Welcome!!



Reminder: If you haven't RSVP'd for the 2010 Commodore's Ball, please contact Andy Huck by January 17th.



Mark your calendars for the WYC Valentine's Day party. The date is February 13th and the theme is Tacky Prom. Those of you who were members and attended in 2004 will remember how much fun this theme was. The participation was excellent! A flyer will be sent soon.

Austin's Safety Tip:

Turn on those navigation lights! 'tis the season. If you are out boating on these gloomy, winter days, remember to turn on your navigation lights. They should be on, not only at night, but also during daylight periods of limited visibility. On Kaysong, we turn them on unless it is a sunny, clear day. A shower or short squall can drop visibility down dramatically and your lights will help others see and avoid you.