



# Scuttlebutt

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We Take Our Fun Seriously!

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### Commodore's Report:

Hello club members. I hope Christmas and the New Year treated you all well, and you're coming into 2012 ready to get on the water and do some boating.

About six years ago I sold my house and bought an old wood Grand Banks. I got a covered slip for it in Jantzen Bay, that just happened to have a Zupan's with good coffee at the top of the ramp. In the process of sitting around drinking coffee, I started the long, fun process of meeting the boating community in this town. It started with Keith Crawford, Jeff Cherry, and Bob Bigelow, among others, over those cups of coffee. They turned into my first friends on this island, and they invited me down to their club for some parties. Jeff, the Commodore at the time, kept nudging me to join. About the third party I went to, they had belly dancers for entertainment. I believe it was Cliff Ligons that picked that particular moment to hit me up for the initiation fee.

The rest is history ;-)

I joined the club to learn the river from people who knew it, and to get my 10% off on a 40' covered slip. I ended up with 50 or 60 new friends, some becoming quite close; all very much appreciated. I've had many great times and become a part of something with over 50 years of history and kind of a soul of its own. WYC crawled into the heart of someone who's always been pretty independent and not much of a joiner. God knows the Oregon City Elks tried hard....

When I was approached for Commodore, there was no way I could say no. Like most of you, I've been fighting pretty hard not to let the recession get me down—either emotionally or financially—and my time is precious. My time with my friends at WYC is precious as well, and it was basically a no-brainer. I'm honored to take the job and pray that I do right by you all.

I've made it clear to the board that I want the membership thoroughly involved in making some pretty important decisions over the next year. I'll be sending a private letter out to the entire membership regarding those decisions so everyone is up to speed on the "state of the union" so to speak. I'm doing this because I know how hard it is to get to the island on a Friday night with work and family for a meeting, but I want everyone involved. That being said, I really encourage everyone to make it to the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, which will be held at the clubhouse, sand piles and moat mountains be damned.

Thanks in advance for all of your support. Please keep your eyes open for the forthcoming letter and make sure I get your input, whether it be by phone, email, or showing up for the January meeting.

Sincerely,

*Tom Sorensen, Commodore*

### WYC Board Members

**Commodore:** Tom Sorensen  
**Vice Commodore:** Austin Mack  
**Fleet Captain:** Milledge Hart  
**Treasurer:** Judy Fox (acting)  
**Secretary:** Dorie Mack  
**Port Captain:** WYC Members!  
**Director:** Dave Barber  
**Director:** Drew Roberts

### Upcoming Events

**January 20**  
WYC General Meeting

**January 28**  
Commodore's Ball - **POSTPONED**

## Vice Commodore's Report:

Happy New Year to all! Congratulations to Tom, our new Commodore. And thank you Drew and Amy for getting us through 2011! A lot has been going on recently. We are negotiating a new lease with Columbia Crossings (CC) in an effort to reduce our overhead expense to a sustainable level. They have been very good to work with and I expect a positive outcome.

Now, about that sand... It does interfere with mooring at the club and parking. The situation is dynamic as CC is still negotiating with the Corps of Engineers for an emergency dredging permit for Tomahawk Bay. They are currently dredging on the south side of the island and using the parking lots for spoils, which is why there's no parking. The WYC board is busy trying to figure out what we can do and when. With this in mind, we have made the decision to postpone our Commodores Ball to February or early March (high heels and sand don't mix!). Unfortunately, this also impacts our annual Valentine's Day Cruise and Party. Our current status is that we plan to have these events at the clubhouse, we are just not sure when. We still have the Valentine's Day cruise on our schedule, but could possibly combine them. Please let me know what you think.

In the words of Kurt.... "When some wild-eyed, eight-foot-tall maniac grabs your neck, taps the back of your favorite head up against the bar room wall, and he looks you crooked in the eye and he asks you if ya paid your dues, you just stare that big sucker right back in the eye, and you remember what ol' Jack Burton always says at a time like that: 'Have ya paid your dues, Jack?' 'Yes sir, the check is in the mail.' "

(Kurt Russell – "Big Trouble in Little China" - 1986)

It's dues time again. Have you paid yours? WYC has delivered a lot of fun for us all and to keep it strong we need your help. Please pay your dues promptly and often. ☺

Our January meeting is on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Karen will be serving dinner. I'll be providing refreshments. Please let me know of any special spirits you would like to have in stock at the club.

I think WYC has the best balance between cruising and social activities (party!) of any of the local clubs. We're creative, adventurous, and fun. Just look at the bright side of the current opportunities: Sahara Sands YC? Lawrence of Tomahawk Bay?

Got an event or party idea? Let me know and we'll make it happen! Our club is such a great venue for gatherings. With a little imagination and some decorating, we can make it anything from Twilight to Gone With the Wind!

Fair winds and calm seas,

*Austin Mack, Vice Commodore*



## Fleet Captain's Report:

A new year is starting, and this year I find that I am now wearing the Fleet Captain's hat. I have high hopes of seeing WYC rebuild itself by having members aggressively market the club. We have an exciting cruise schedule, and I hope everyone plans on attending as many as they can. We are, after all, a cruising yacht club, and while we have great parties, cruising with great friends is what sets our club apart.

Our first cruise for the new year will be the traditional Valentine Cruise around Hayden Island on February 11<sup>th</sup>. It's a great time to shake the cobwebs out of our boats and out of our heads. Following that cruise, we will be going to MCYC for their St. Patty's Day Party in March and then to Coon Island in April. Of course, we have Opening Day in May where we always have a good turnout.

The full schedule is listed in the column to the right; so make your plans. It's a great schedule. Of course, we will need volunteers to host the cruises. I will have a signup sheet at the January meeting. If you haven't hosted a club event, co-hosting is a great way to start. If you need help or have questions, you can ask me or one of the other club officers. We will be happy to help you with it.

*Milledge Hart, Fleet Captain*

## 2012 Cruise Schedule

February 11	Cruise around the island
March 16-18	St. Patty's Day @ MCYC
April 13-15	Coon Island
May 25-28	Beacon Rock
June 15-17	St. Helen's City Dock
July 13-15	Martin Slough
August 10-12	Sandy Beach
Aug. 31-Sep. 3	Sand Island
October 19-21	Halloween @ Sand Island
November 2-4	RiverPlace



First half due payment is due by January 31<sup>st</sup>

*January Birthday*

Calvin Ellett – January 22<sup>nd</sup>

*Happy Birthday!!*

