

March 2011



**KINGSTON COVE
YACHT CLUB**

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Commodores Report

Hello Fellow Members,

February brought another wonderful board meeting. We feel we are getting quite a few things accomplished. New Members Jerry Kirshner and Nancy Langswith presented the board with a great idea of a New Membership committee, The goals are to increase new members participation as well as utilize current members for a smooth transition to the club, There proposal was over 5 pages of well informed and excellent idea's that will do nothing but help the club, The proposal was unanimously approved, with the help of veterans George and Mary McFarlane and board member Joyce Jones, The board is confident this new committee will be nothing but successful.

March's meeting will be dedicated to what minimal kind of member participation will be expected moving forward. We as a Board plan on tackling this issue head on. We feel it's time to get the club rocking again and we feel we need ALL members to make this happen. Please contact any board member or myself personally if you have any ideas for this important subject. We plan on coming out with idea's to present and implement to the membership at the March General meeting.

Remember to get your St Patrick's Day tickets now, it is close to selling out, we look forward to a great event

Look forward to seeing everybody in March

Jim Simpson

Commodore

Calendar of Events

March 2011

15 March. Board Meeting

17 March General Meeting

(See Calendar For Additional
Information)

Times For Our Events:

General Meetings:
3rd Thursday of each month.
Club opens at 6:00 pm
Pot Luck at 6:45 pm
Meeting at 7:15 pm

Board Meetings
Tuesday before General Meeting
Starting at 6:00 pm

BBQ's & KCYC Events
Club opens at 6:00 pm

Friday Night
Open from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

REMEMBER - - - Our Club takes
VISA and MasterCard for payment on
anything over \$10.00.

Vice Commodores Report

News from the Vice,
Spring is in the air. The cold crisp air that is! Well really I can actually see daylight before I arrive at work and when I pull in the driveway at night; that's a good sign that summer is just around the corner (we can all hope). Well at the club we had a good rental in January, a mediocre month of February, but rentals are down in March. Rentals will be picking up again in April. Thanks to Tom Chambers for braving the weather and devoting his time to get on the roof of the club, order a new stove hood fan motor and replace it as the old one burned out. Also I would like to thank our Rear Commodore Don for arranging the repair of the Ice maker. Its amazing how important Ice is to our club?? We have the Annual St. Patrick's day Dinner followed by a great band and dancing coming up on March 19. See Cheryl Callais for tickets. This is an event you don't want to miss. Jovita and I had a great time at the Brownsville cruise. It was awesome to see all that attended...that's what makes our club fun!! Let's all come out of winter hibernation and get involved with club activities!!

V/R

Todd Lachelt, Vice Commodore

Rear Commodores Report

Greetings from The Rear,

February has been a rather unusual month! We had a couple of nice days and I for some reason thought it was time to start varnishing my boat. A sunny trip to California added to this dilemma. Then out of Canada this thing called cold weather and snow appeared. Wow was I wrong!

For all those that missed The Brownsville Cruise, we enjoyed a great dinner on Saturday Night, Tom and Linda Picken's and Ernie and Kerry Board

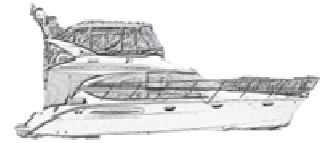
did a great job! Sometime's a get together like the one in Brownsville is like a shot in the arm to realize what a **GREAT CLUB!** we have.

On the matter of Club Business we are working on some great ideas to increase the presence of Our Club. One of those items is to have a Marine Swap Meet at the Port, which will be called Treasures of the Bilge. This event should bring together all present boaters, past boaters, and future boaters, for a day of fun and to pick-up some great deals. More information will follow so be thinking about those old marine items they are sitting around collecting dust.

The Bar is doing well ,The Edmunds Y.C. had a Great time at Our Club,and was a fun group. I have brought in another new wine, A Pinot Noir. Do not forget to purchase ST. Patrick's Day dinner tickets early. They are going fast so don't be left out.

Don Sparkman
Rear Commodore

Signal from the Fleet



The Port of Brownsville was our fist cruise of the year for our Kingston Cove Yacht Club members. We had great boating weather on Friday for our journey there and every one had a safe trip. First at the dock was Randy Hartman aboard the Reflection, soon followed by the Reel Excitement. The day just kept getting better as the other boaters arrived. Pete DeBoer aboard the Jolly Mon, John and Carol Reynolds on the Blue Moon, Don Jacoby on the Realta. We were all on the dock to greet Tom Pickens and the Linda Lou, our last boat for the night.

Saturday began with high winds and waves. KCYC members were on the docks most of the morning helping protect the boats on the outside dock from being damaged.

Signal From The Fleet, Continued

Tom and Linda Pickens did another great job putting on the spaghetti dinner; can't thank them enough. Congratulations to Marilyn Kutz and Diane Lenz on winning the raffles. Linda Pickens put together two great baskets. Thanks to all our members who attended the dinner and helped with the cleanup. Special thanks to Tom Chambers for helping with the boats.

The date for the Edmonds Yacht Club event has been changed. It is now scheduled for April 9, 2011. I will talk to Port of Edmonds to try and get dock space, and work out the details as soon as I can.

Thanks,

***Ernie Board
Fleet Captain***

Sunshine and Clouds In Memory of Karl Ahl

Today it is a Cloudy day for our Yacht Club. Our good friend and Yacht Club member, Karl Ahl passed away on February 5, 2011. Karl's health had its challenges, but he was so positive about feeling good you wouldn't know it when he wasn't feeling well. I understand it was congestive heart failure. Karl and Evie were sponsored by Chris Heide and joined the Kingston Cove Yacht Club in July of 2007. They both loved cruising and joined in almost everyone of our scheduled KCYC Cruises. He and Evie loved boating and will surely be missed by many of us. Our sympathies go out to his beautiful wife Evie and know her family and friends will help her get through these difficult times.

Sincerely, Janice Kutz
Kingston Cove Yacht Club

Sunshine and Clouds Continued

P.C. Norm West has been going through some tests lately, and even though they didn't come out the way he wanted, Norm's attitude is excellent and he wants everyone to know that he will be fine.

Lois Dagel has been responsible for the Sunshine and Clouds report for many years, and has taken a break for awhile. The club needs someone to take over this responsibility. Please contact Commodore Jim if you are interested.

Thanks,

Bob and Deni

MARCH IS HERE, Tom Davies

The days are gray and drizzly and boring and too much time lends toward a sterile brain conjuring a myriad of hypothetical gibberish. What if there were no hypothetical questions? Why is it that an economy car is small while economy laundry detergent is large? Wonder if Adam and Eve had belly buttons. Do carpenter ants rebuild termite damage?

Is the English language confusing?? Like --the wind was too strong to wind the sales; there was a row among the oarsmen about how to row; at the dentist's, after a number of injections, my jaw got number. The farm was used to produce and to help with the planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.

The job market is tough; many people quit looking for work when they find a job. Answer to a job questionnaire: if I worked as hard as others, I would do as little as they. Hard work never killed anyone but why chance it. It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere. Remember THE BUCK DOESN'T EVEN SLOW DOWN HERE, SO KEEP ON GOING. If a train station is where a train stops and a bus station is where the bus stops, why on your desk do you have a work station. How come you never hear of a grunted employee; or if a pig loses its voice is it disgruntled?

Lotsa dogs down here, One guy had a big Rotweiler and he took it to the vet because the dog was crosseyed and wondered if the vet could help. He looked at the Rotweiler, picked him up and examined his eyes and checked his teeth, The vet finally said he'd have to put the dog down "What because he's crosseyed?" and the vet replied "No, because he's heavy."

Tom Davies, Continued

Went over to the local bar and saw some really unusual things. First in came a jumper cable and the bartender told him "I'll serve you, but don't start anything." Then in walked a sandwich and the bartender said "Sorry we don't serve food in here." Next a man walked in with a piece of asphalt under his arm and said " a beer please and one for the road." If you can believe it, in walks 2 hydrogen atoms and one said "I've lost my electron." and the other says "Are you sure." and he answers "I'm positive." Don't remember any answers to these when I took the bartender's test. Then there were 2 Eskimos in a kayak and they were cold and they lit a fire in their craft and it sunk proving once and for all you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

DON'T EVER FORGET ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IS NO MATCH FOR NATURAL STUPIDITY AND THE CLOSED MOUTH GATHERS

NO FEET

KCYC New Member Committee Established

In order to increase the visibility, improve communication and encourage participation of New Members, the Board approved the creation of a new Special Committee, The New Member Committee. The committee, George and Mary McFarlane, Joyce Jones, Jerry Kirschner and Nancy Langwith, will work together to improve the New Member experience. Look for pictures and biographical sketches of the New Members on the wall near the bar in the club, in emails and in the Bosun's Pipe. Also, watch for name tags indicating New Members at social events and meetings. Please engage them and make them feel welcome!

In order to improve communication and encourage participation, a Mentor Role will be implemented. We will be looking for members who want to help steward New Members in their first 6 months to 1 year of membership. If you think you are a good candidate, contact anyone on the committee. We will also be establishing a quarterly Initiation Ceremony focusing on our New Members and their Sponsors. We are asking all members to help us in welcoming New Members and lead by example in demonstrating that attendance and participation are integral responsibilities of membership.

Nancy Langwith

Birthdays & Anniversaries/Calendar