

November 2009

**KINGSTON COVE
YACHT CLUB**

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Commodores Report

It is a privilege to serve the membership this coming year. Thank you Tom and Linda Pickens and Crew for the fabulous Commodores Ball which brought Lynn and me great pleasure as the guests of honor.

We had a very productive planning meeting for the coming year and the Calendar of Events is posted in the News and Events section of our WEB Site. I encourage everyone to use it to mark your schedules for the many upcoming events next year. I am really excited to see we are planning a New Years Eve Party at our clubhouse this year. Make your reservations early before we sell out.

Thank you to all who contributed the \$284.00 at our last general meeting that was given to Eva's medical fund drive.

We still have a few volunteer positions that need your help. We need three more people to be on our Calling Committee to call our membership for meeting reminders and other special events; and a couple people to make up an Audit Committee to review our financial books before the end of the calendar year. If you could lend a hand in any of these areas, please let me know. Our Kitchen Committee Chairman, Dale Carpenter could use a few more volunteers to set up the kitchen for our general meetings in January and June through October 2010.

One last thing, please note the General Meeting times published every month in the Bosun's Pipe. If the 6:30 pm start time for our Pot Luck is truly a hardship for those who tend to arrive at 6:45, please let me know and we will look at changing it. Otherwise I will endeavor to start meetings on time and move them along, so as not to keep people too late. Thank you for your cooperation and support. Looking forward to a great year at KCYC.

Steve Hyman

Commodore

Calendar of Events

November 2009

17 Nov. Board Meeting

19 Nov. . 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 6:30 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.

Rear Commodores Report

Hi-This is a shout-out from your new Rear Commodore. We are having a Bartenders Class on Saturday November 14th at 12 O'clock noon at the Club. Hope those of you who would like to volunteer, or need to renew your license, will attend. Please call Tom Chambers (360 297 0066), Deni Lee (360 297 4462) or Norm West (360 297 3260) or, just show up! We really need volunteers to sign up to Bartend on Friday nights. The Bar revenue keeps the Club going. So please volunteer!

Soups-On Friday November 6th from 6-7:30 PM; All you can eat \$5.00. See you there. Of course the bar will be open as usual from 6;00-9:00.

Thanks,

Tom Chambers

Rear Commodore

Signal from The Fleet

(Tentative Cruise Schedule, 2009-2010)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 29 - 31	Edmonds (Polar Bear Cruise)
February 19 – 21	Brownsville
March	No Cruise
April 23 - 25	Port Ludlow
April 30 – May 2	Seattle Opening Day
May 7 – 9	Kingston Opening Day
May 14 – 16	Vikingfest
May 28 – 31	Seattle Fisherman’s Terminal (Memorial Day Cruise)
June 4 – 6	Bell Harbor Cruise (Coordinate date with Race for the Cure)
July 18 – 25	Extended Cruise TBD
August	No Cruise
September 3 - 6	Bremerton (Labor Day Cruise)
October 1 – 3	TBD

I would like to do whatever I can to make our club cruising a fresh, relaxing and enjoyable experience. This year I am trying to keep distances traveled to a minimum. We will continue to rely on cruise captains to spread the cruise coordination responsibilities around. Also we will try to plan cruises where both RV’ers and non-boaters can join in. If you have any ideas as to where you would like to go or what you would like to do once you get there, please don’t hesitate to tell me.

Cheers!, P.C.Tom Pickens

Fleet Captain

Sunshine and Clouds

By Lois Dage

Well it appears that everyone is fine and trying to avoid the flu. Remember to get your shots and wash your hands. Keep up the good work.

Lois

FROM THE ARK

Ziping down 1-5 through a down pour with two cats and a dog reminded me of Noah’s Ark and the story of the two dinosaurs sitting on the dock as the Ark was leaving; one turned to the other and said “Oh crap, today was the day wasn’t it!” So much for extinction! Bored, our thoughts turned to KCYC and I remembered what was discovered. Very well hidden is a small box where members are able to submit their thoughts as to how the club might be improved. I found the box and opened it and read some of the suggestions scrawled on little bits of paper. Here were ideas never verbalized at meetings--but written down as true feelings.

1. The commodore’s boat moorage should be covered by the Fleet Captain’s fund. It should also cover any mortgage payments, taxes and license. Also gas and oil and any engine repairs. In addition all expenses incurred while visiting another marina during a weekend cruise.

2. During one Friday per month smokers will be able to smoke inside the club.

All non-smokers will be forced outside to huddle beneath the roof and hide from the rain.

3. “One Free with One”--Members should be able to buy a drink and get the second for their spouse for free. The bar is making too much money and this would alleviate that problem.

4. Trade Time. (one cruise per season)

All boaters must trade with an RV’er. Could be done like a grab bag in choosing vehicles and boats then meet and party, probably be somewhere near the Arctic Ocean.

Most of these notes were written on old yellow tinted paper; couldn’t recognize the handwriting. Flushed them all down. But then I knew there were some real thinking people here.

Listening to the sounds of night on the cove have you ever wondered if tin whistles are made of tin or what comprises the makeup of a fog horn? Do Lipton employees take coffee breaks? After a great pot roast dinner I wondered what “laughing stock “was--must be cattle with a great sense of humor. And why do we wait for a pig to die before we cure it. (Remember he who laughs last thinks slowest.

I used to be schizophrenic but we’re o.k. now.

Tom Davies

**RECREATIONAL BOATING ASSOCIATION OF
WASHINGTON
NATIONAL BOATING FEDERATION
FALL REPORT by David Kutz**

**RECREATIONAL BOATING ASSOCIATION OF
WASHINGTON (RBAW)**

RBAW has been pretty quiet over the summer. We had a meeting last weekend at the Poulsbo Yacht Club and formulated some plans for the active winter months. Phil Osterlie from Poulsbo Y.C. hosted RBAW and did a wonderful job and we all had a great time.

Our RBAW President continues to be Robert Murphy hailing from Queen City Yacht Club, Vice President is Ed Jennerich also of Queen City, and 2nd Vice President Steve Greaves who is chairman of the Washington Boating Alliance. Louise Copndon continues to be our true and trusted Secretary, Roger Curtis from Dagmars is our Treasurer and I'm still the Past President.

At present, we are absent a Lobbyist. We won't be working with last year's Lobbyist Jim King and Steve Greaves and Ed Jennerich are in the process of hiring a new person for the job. We have lots of candidates out there and will have somebody on board by the time the session starts in January.

As reported last spring, the State is still in a severe budget deficit which is forecasted to increase again this year. We had almost a \$10 billion deficit earlier this year, and we lost most of our designated Boating Accounts to State Parks and the General Fund.

This year in Olympia we just anticipate "a hang on effort" on to what's left for Boaters and watch and defend against any attacks that would increase our existing Boating taxes, of which very little of the money goes back to boating programs now.

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday Oct. 17 at the Gig Harbor Yacht Club and you are all invited. We'll have some good speakers including State Parks and Mike Miller from Smart Plug systems to talk to us about shore power safety.

NATIONAL BOATING FEDERATION

The next NBF meeting will be held in Las Vegas on October 10th. At NBF our President is Tom Dogan from Lake Michigan, Vice President is Fred Poppe from Chicago Yachting Association, Treasurer is Ev Tucker from Virginia and the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and I am still holding down the Secretary job. Marlene is our Past President now and her and Hill continue to be active even though they have moved to Arizona.

The summer has been pretty quiet on the National Front too. The proposal to increase the percentage of ethanol in gasoline has been a hot item. NBF worked with the NMMA to get folks to wage a lot of opposition to increasing ethanol for boats. There has been tons of problems reported out there about the problems ethanol caused in boats.

Our marina in Kingston had switched to ethanol last year but switched back to non ethanol now, thankfully. All the outboard mechanics have told us the ethanol issue is really a problem. At least in our State the marinas have found an out in the Ethanol issue, but they have to go through some hoops with the distributor and cannot sell Name Brand fuel. We'll be getting a status on the national effort next month in Las Vegas which should be interesting

NBF continues to be vigilant on the issue of imminent domain decreasing access to the nations waterways.

We are represented at most of the NASBLA conferences around the country and take part in the Coast Guard Aux and Power Squadron conferences.

The NBF website is maintained and kept up locally by both Marlene Barrington and Mary Nye Meyers so keep an eye on it often for issues of national boating significance and the NBF calendar.

Respectfully submitted,

David Kutz

What is a Vessel Safety Check (VSC)?

A Vessel Safety Check is a courtesy examination of your boat (Vessel) to verify the presence and condition of certain Safety Equipment required by State and the Federal regulations. The Vessel Examiner is a trained specialist and is a member of the United States Power Squadrons or the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. They will also make certain recommendations and discuss certain safety issues that will make you a safer boater.

This is not boarding or a law enforcement issue. No citations will be given as a result of this encounter. We will supply you with a copy of our evaluation so that you may follow some of the suggestions given. Vessels that pass will be able to display our distinctive VSC decal. This does not exempt you from law enforcement boarding, but you can be prepared to make this a positive encounter.

Contact Commodore Steve Hyman if you would like a free Vessel Safety Check
