

Fox Island Yacht Club

Wavelengths

Commodore's Report



What a great time I had as your Vice Commodore! The experience was a positive one for Melanie and me because of all the support from the club's energetic, involved members! I know I speak for all of us when I thank Rob Moore for 4 great years. Also, our club's financial ship sailed smoothly with Myron Swanson at the helm. How can we thank him enough for his many

years as our devoted Treasurer? We have such appreciation for the service of many other members who end their terms: Andrea Rogers, Secretary; Bill Brown, Fleet Captain; Chip Butzko, Trustee #2; Mike Dahlstrom, Trustee #3; Pete Bare, Boating Education; Rosemary Harms, Sunshine; Sue Knight, Historian; Michael Best, RBAW delegate; Patty Dunham, Quartermaster; and Ted Foster, Reciprocal Chair. Matt Hulcher will have another busy year on the board, but I would like to thank him and Stephanie for their service to the club and their continuing support to the bridge members.. When you see these members, please also give them your personal thanks for the years of service to our club. As we begin a new year, let's all remember that our club enjoys giving back to the community in several ways. Please continue to bring food donations for our FISH Bank barrel and the Lyon's eyeglass recycling. Bring your donations not just on meeting nights but any time you happen to stop by the club. In the area of giving, we have two amazing members. Carl Gann and Michele Torrey are the co-founders of "African Orphans", a philanthropic organization. They will hold a fund raising event at Emerald Downs in February, and we thought it would be a wonderful opportunity for anyone in the club who would like to support them, to do so. If you bring a bottle or two of wine to the January and or February meetings, they will create a wine basket from the club to be presented as an auction item at their event. You can learn more about their organization at orphansafrica.org.

At the January 10th membership meeting, we will be asking the membership to approve the 2012 budget. Please look over the proposed budget that is accessible on our web-site. Our out going treasurer and I will be available before the meeting to answer any questions before the vote.

Bill and Melanie Marcy "Aqua Viva"

PS Don't forget. 2010 Member Dues are now due and payable . Contact Matt Hulcher if you have lost your Dues statement

JANUARY EVENTS

Tues 10th	Member Meeting
Thurs 12th	Garden Club
Fri 13th	Cruise Review
Tues 17th	Board meeting
Sat 28th	Seattle Boat Show

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Richard Worrell	01/01
David Wemmer	01/01
Ron Berntsen	01/02
Solomon Reeves	01/02
Diane Bensen	01/07
Michael Best	01/09
Michael Bott	01/09
Scott Barker	01/10
Barbara DeGennaro	01/11
Edith Carlson	01/13
Bill Brown	01/16
Tracy Ottenbreit	01/17
Larry Lindell	01/19
Joe Montgomery	01/19
Bridaine Morgan	01/23
Karen Kenny	01/25
Matt Dunham	01/25
Barb Cox	01/26
Hal Barker	01/27
Karrie Avak	01/27
Dick Wisenburg	01/29

Vice Commodore's Report



Happy New Year!

Starting out the new year in a new position of Vice Commodore I am supposed to be thoughtful and possibly offer a profound statement. So much for that one. However, I think we can all agree that participation in our events ranging from monthly meetings to club events seem to have increased attendance which is great. The social part of our club is quite healthy meaning that we enjoy one another's company and have a fun time when we get together. One area that we tend to become somewhat shy is when the club asks for someone to head up or

lead an event. People seem to be willing to help and do so when asked but are slow to pick up the leadership role for an event or project. At this point, many of the people who have led those projects and events have done it so often they have reached the point of burning out. They have stepped up to the plate and with club support, have made our FIYC a fun and important part of our boating and community lives. To continue this positive spirit, the FIYC needs your help. We need new leaders. Our members will respond with help and support. Let your talents and skills shine. Please jump in, you can do it, head up a cruise, event, project or cooking a club dinner.

Little known facts: (which I enjoy and will occasionally use this space to share interesting information about our members) Dave Lester as most of us know is a Master boat builder from having built a number of boats and is a good resource for information on building, wood working, and finishing. Michael Best recently finished building a boat and a dock making Mike another good resource. Carl and Michelle Gann are helping build and fund a school for orphans in Africa.

Loren and Millie Lindell

“Pazzo”

Rear Commodore's Report



Happy New Year! Last year was a blast. It was also a blur because it went by so fast but I do remember all of the fun times that Bridaine and I had with the yacht club. We have met so many club members, many we now consider good friends, by attending the monthly meetings, Friday night BBQ's, and most of the club events. I encourage everyone to come to the meetings and participate in the club events. We need members to step up and volunteer. Spread the love. I see the same core group of people always helping out. You know who you are and we greatly

appreciate it. However, we need to give them a break before they burn out and events get cancelled. There is always a job that needs to be filled. Cherie is still looking for some help in the galley and Tony is looking for a few cruise captains.

As I start my 4 year run on the bridge, I would like to thank the bridge and board members for giving me the opportunity to serve as your new Rear Commodore. I would also to thank many of the past commodores and long time members who have come to me offering their support.

Bridaine and I are the cruise captains for this years Seattle Boat Show cruise on Saturday, 1/28. What a deal! For \$25 bucks you get a light breakfast, seat on a large comfortable bus that has a head, entrance to the boat show, raffles on the way home, snacks and bottled water, and your own BYOB beverages to enjoy. We have about 24 members committed to attending right now. That leaves 12 seats available. Please mail me your checks or give them to me at the monthly meeting next week. My goal is to get the bus filled up and have everyone's checks in hand by Thursday, 1/12.

Looking forward to spending another great year with you,

Greg and Bridaine Morgan

Exercise Your Right to Vote

At the January meeting, the membership will be ratifying the 2012 proposed budget. The budget committee met, proposed a budget, and the board approved it. A membership vote will take place at the January meeting according to our Bylaws to approve the Budget. To read and review the proposed budget, log in at the YC website with your member passwords, click on "Members Only", and then click on "2012 Proposed Budget". Out-going Treasurer, Myron Swanson, Treasurer, Shawn Ottenbreit, and the incoming Commodore Bill Marcy will be available for any questions before the meeting vote in January.

Also at the January membership meeting, the members will vote to replace Trustee #3. Current Trustee Mike Dahlstrom has decided that he no longer has the time to perform the job to the level he wanted. We all thank Mike for his years of service. As our Bylaws state (in part)... "in this event the Commodore will appoint an interim person to fill the vacancy, thereby allowing the Board and Membership to seek nominees to fill said vacancy." Dick Wisenburg has accepted and has been appointed to this position by the Commodore. At the January membership meeting any other nominations, according to our Bylaws, may be made, and a final vote will be taken to fill the unexpired term.

FIYC Book Club

What could be better than a good book in January?

We'll start the New Year out with Lunch and discussion at Reflections (Airport) on Wed January 18th at 12:30.

Our book is Heart In The Right Place by Carolyn Jourdan, discussion led by Donna. Come Join us.-

Questions, call Donna at 851-9610

Boating Education



Welcome to this new section of the Wavelengths. Each month this section will cover a boating education topic. The same topic will be covered in much shorter form at our monthly meetings. We have also started a Boating Education area on our club web site. Click on articles under "Boating Education" on the top home page menu. This area will contain articles and links that provide additional details on the monthly topics and many other boating subjects. Links to educational opportunities will also be included. Note also on the top of the home page menu there is a category for boating alerts. The boating education committee will also contribute to this area.

During the year we will offer longer seminars on boating topics. These may be whole or part-day sessions or evening sessions.

If you have an idea for topics that would be of interest to club members either for the monthly spots or the longer seminars please let me know. I am looking for a couple of additional people who would assist with the boating education activities. I am also looking for speakers and instructors as well. Any time you run across a resource or article that might be useful please let me know. My email is dhlester@gmail.com and my phone is 253-549-4428.

As we become more knowledgeable boaters it will increase the safety and enjoyment of our boating.

Dave Lester



Greetings from the Galley . . .

I am asking for helpers for this coming year to take on the galley duties for a monthly meal. If you have an idea for a meal, would like to lend a hand or would be willing to step up and take on a month. I would love to hear from you. As of right now March, June and October have been taken. So there are still plenty of opportunities for you to step in and show us your culinary skills!!

Thank you to the members that have already volunteered – I appreciated your help and couldn't do it without you!

If you would like to get a group together – I am willing to help you plan, shop, and prep! If months DO NOT get filled – meals will be a simple store bought soup and cold deli sandwiches!

(This is not a threat just a fact J)

I still have Gyro meat in the freezer for sale – anyone interested please call. I am selling it by the case box for \$17.00 each. There is traditional and chicken.

Happy Cooking!

Cherie Earnheart- Stevenson
Galley Chair

SEATTLE BOAT SHOW, INDOORS + AFLOAT

JANUARY 28, 2012



The Seattle Boat Show, Indoors + Afloat, is the West Coast's Largest Boat Show featuring more than 1,000 recreational watercraft, seminars and the latest accessories indoors at CenturyLink Field, plus afloat on South Lake Union. A free shuttle runs every day between CenturyLink Field and South Lake Union every 30 minutes.

Meet at FIYC at 8am for a light breakfast Depart for Boat Show: 9am Depart from Boat Show: 3pm

Only \$25 per person - We must have your check by January 12th! Snacks and bottled water on the bus

Raffle on the way home BYOB (must be in plastic or cans. no glass)

Your cruise captains are: Greg and Bridaine Morgan 253-303-0333 (H) 253-549-8499 (C)

Checks payable to FIYC Mail to:

Greg Morgan

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Gig Harbor Lighted Boat Parade

Well, best laid plans and all that. Firefox ably made it to the center of the Harbor, while Magic stayed in the slip with a broken GenSet (no Gen, no Christmas Lights). However, true to FIYC tradition we all made it a party anyway! Each boat had about 20+ guests and great fun was had by all. The parade was good from the slip and I understand it was Great from the Harbor Center. Thanks to Making Memories for playing shuttle service to move about a dozen folks from Jerisich Dock to Firefox. A decision to make a safer transition return in the dark by having Firefox return to their slip made a lot of sense later in the evening.



Jeanette Wiley, Karen Kenny,
Rosalie Hegarty, and Sue Lester;

Pete and Rosalie Hegarty



Randy and Janice DeFosse,
prospective members, ful-
filling their cruise require-
ment.



Here's to another try next year.

Dick and Donna Wisenburg

Member Todd Drumm's Report on the aftermath of the Japanese Tsunami

Just back from 10 months in Japan.

I arrived in mid March 48 hours after the 1st earthquake and tsunami which killed over 25,000 people. Country wide panic buying, hoarding and the devastation led to almost 3 weeks of little if any food, sundries, critical medicines or fuel for sale and 2 weeks of no electrical power, which led to even more deaths and a rash of suicides. The nuclear meltdowns continued for over 2 months as well.

Of course the after shocks which were major earthquakes in their own right, far larger than our Seattle earthquake, killed even more. Over 1,000 after shocks in just the first month alone. At the time it was winter and cold weather and snow added to the misery. However the cold weather stopped the bodies that were not washed out to sea from rotting so the smell was not as bad as one would expect. My first quake, just 2 hours after arriving knocked me hard into a wall, so many Japanese people became shell shocked from the constant earthquakes and the constant warning alarms which came as many as 20 times a day on everyone's cell phones. So even if you were a Japanese that didn't have a cell phone (no way), you could not escape the nagging fear as everyone around you has a cell phone going off.

Then the monsoon and Typhoon (hurricane) seasons commenced bringing some of the worst flash flooding in



over 35 years, killing hundreds more as massive mountain sides wiped out entire villages in mere seconds. 17 Typhoons in all, dumping as much as 2 feet per day, for 3 days at a time on several occasions, making Katrina seem tame in comparison. In addition, summer temperatures were often over 100 degrees and humidity in the high 90's, so these poor people living by the thousands in school gymnasiums had no AC as well. Believe me it was horrendous, I lost 25 pounds in 6 weeks, one of my younger crew collapsed after only 2 hours at work, and our LCD calculator actually blew up into a ten's of pieces due to the heat.

One thing that did not surprise me, but is of note, is that instances of price gouging and looting, even short tempers while waiting on endless lines for drinking water and rationed kerosene in the snow, were essentially non existent. Cases of looting, zero. In fact the only instance I ever heard that is even remotely similar, was of a home kerosene tank being siphoned off in the middle of the night, which made national news. Makes one wonder what might happen in LA under similar dismal conditions would the city and it's people's reaction to the disaster be even more horrendous than the disaster itself ??? Nah.



Here are some pictures of Natori town in Sendai, which I visited 3 times. The town is (was) about 4 square miles. If you look close you can see it is residual ocean sand 3 feet deep from foundation to foundation and filling up every crawl space.. People had less than 9 minutes to flee the wave that hit, at over 500 miles per hour, before the beach and the buildings slowed it down as they were obliterated by the wave and accumulating debris. Concrete, steel reinforced telephone poles snapped like twigs and were carried away. I even saw how the sand and wave action erased the double



Part of a boat lodged in a second story factory



Huge tomb stones with pegs, embedded in rock, ripped away.



Large temple / shrine posts and beams splintered



Smashed cars in front of a graveyard and temple



Boats 2 miles inland

On top of all this, the ongoing unwarranted fear on the part of foreigners has not only badly hurt the tourism in Japan but all sorts of exports as well, due to the incessant, frivolous nuclear exaggerations in the press.

More from the sunshine committee in my next report.

PS

Fell thru a 3 story apartment I was building 2 weeks ago. Still can't dance, but never could.

[Warm Regards and tadaima,](#)
[Todd Drumm](#)

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