

Fox Island Yacht Club

Wavelengths

Commodore's Report



At the January meeting I announced my theme for the year. For those of you who missed the meeting, the theme is "Honoring the Past". Our club did not become what it is today by chance. It is a wonderful place to be because of the years of dedicated leadership provided by Past Commodores and their Bridge Members, many who continue their active support. Also, where would we possibly be without all the super supportive members who have attended work parties, chaired or helped out at events, and cooked delicious meeting night dinners. So many members continue to be supportive year after year. Wow! This is how we got to where we are today.

Also at the last meeting I announced a bulletin board idea that would help us all keep up with our fellow members. "Members in Action" is up and running. You can check it out on the board in the hallway by the bathrooms. Feel free to post pictures and articles that showcase our wonderful members in action in the community.

Speaking of members in action, if you can, please support Carl Gann and Michele Torrey's auction for their non-profit organization, "Orphans Africa", by bringing a bottle of wine (or two) to the February member meeting. The wine will be donated for a wine basket auction item at their fund-raising event. We are fortunate to have these talented, caring individuals in our club, and our support of their efforts would be so appreciated!! Why not put your donation by your door right now so you don't forget?

Of course, we continue to collect food for FISH and glasses for the Lion's club. The newspaper feature showing the bare shelves at the FISH food bank were truly troubling, so it would be comforting to know that we, as a committed organization, might be able to help others in our community.

"Honor the past; work toward the future"

Bill and Melanie Marcy
"Aqua Viva"

FEBRUARY EVENTS

FEB 7TH MEETING
FEB 10TH CLUB CRUISE
FEB 21ST BOARD MTNG

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Cheryl	Shockman	02/01
Lance	Ulsh	02/01
Tony	Wilkerson	02/01
Cyndi	Wikstrom	02/02
Gayle	Burke	02/06
Mike	Eschbach	02/07
Bruce	Macdonald	02/12
Harry	Pritchard	02/14
Cathy	Scanlan	02/15
Lori	Imel	02/18
Chris	Grant	02/19
Art	Thorstad	02/19
Jeff	Green	02/23
Nancy	Edgers	02/23
Aaron	Skiffington	02/26
Terry	Engelhardt	02/27
Nancy	Swanson	02/27

Vice Commodore's Report



The annual **FIYC Rummage Sale** is scheduled for March 10th with Cindy Rychard as the Chairperson. Cindy will be asking for help from all of us to support this annual event, which earns a nice income for the club as well clearing out some clutter from our homes. A receiving area will be set up on March 3rd and for the rest of the following week at the club. We can all help now by setting aside those things we want to contribute. More information and announcements will be forthcoming from Cindy in the next few weeks asking for our help to collect, sort, price, and other jobs that are necessary to make this a fun successful event. Thanks, Cindy, for taking the lead on this effort.

Little Known Facts:

In the early years of the club, there were three years taxes due on the FIYC property that no one knew about. When discovered it was more money than the club had and the first Luau was held, which paid off the taxes. Contributed by Jen Schmidt.

Brandon & Cherie Stevenson grow oysters for their own use. They could offer advice on how to do that if you are interested.

(Millie is gradually getting better after her operation. Thank you all for all the cards, calls, and support that you have given her and me.)

Loren and Millie Lindell

“Pazzo”

Rear Commodore's Report



The Seattle Boat Show Cruise was a blast! We almost filled the charter bus up. We had 34 seats filled out of 36! Everyone had a great time. This was mine and Bridaine's first time as Cruise Captains. We enjoyed it so much, we plan to be the Cruise Captains for this event next year. I've asked the members who attended this year to give me their ideas and feedback on how we can make this event even better. Some ideas pecculating so far are... BBQ afterward, leave the show earlier and stop by the Emerald Casino for gaming and dinner on the way home, leave later in the morning so that we can have more time to enjoy a larger breakfast spread, or just keep it the same... These are just some of the ideas already being talked about so far. If you didn't make it this year and have any ideas, shoot me an email. It is my goal to make this one of "the" events of the year to attend.

I want to remind everyone that Chuck Davis is our new Club House Manager. Please let him know of any problems with the building. Dave Smith and Joe Montgomery continue to be in charge of the grounds, and Brandon Stevenson continues to serve as our Harbormaster. Please let these guys know if you spot any problems in their respective areas.

2012 will be a busy and exciting year. For February, in addition to the Friday night BBQ's, next up is the Super Bowl Party on Sunday, 2/5, Member Meeting on Tuesday, 2/7, then the Valentine Cruise In on the weekend of Friday, 2/10 through Sunday, 2/12.

See you at the next event!

Greg and Bridaine Morgan

The Sunshine Report

Hello from your new "Sunshine Lady". I plan to continue the wonderful job Rosemary Harms did by reporting good news from club members as well as reporting health issues members might be experiencing. Before you pass "news" on to me, please be certain you have contacted the member involved so we know he or she is o.k. with sharing information of a personal nature. Thanks for keeping me in the loop by calling 253-549-2404 or by e-mailing me at littlebot@centurytel.net. I know how much we all as members realize the importance of supporting each other during the good times as well as the bad.

Thank you,
Jen Schmidt
the "Sunshine Lady"

FIYC Book Club

We were "snowed out" for our last book review and lunch.
Hope you all enjoyed a few good books while waiting for the snow to melt!

Hope to see all of you on-
Feb 15th at 12:30 at
Reflections (airport)
Book:
Caramela by Sandra Cesneris
Questions? Call Donna 851-9610

February Cruise Info

DON'T FORGET!

**February 10, 11, 12
Valentine & Hearts Celebration
Cruise In**

The Yacht Club is the destination!!

**"Lovers" Italian Dinner
"Sweethearts" Games
"Cupids" Stroll**

**More Info Coming
Cruise Captains: Donna Wisenburg
Karen Kinney**

Fleet Captain's Report

The 2012 cruise season is underway. It is my pleasure to serve as the Fleet Captain for this fantastic yacht club.

Seattle Boat Show

Rear Commodore Greg Morgan and his wife Bridaine stepped in and were Cruise Captains for the Seattle Boat Show Trip. It was a well planned event that everyone enjoyed. We started the day at the clubhouse with a light breakfast. We had a great time on the bus up to the show and then spent the day walking around. We toured beautiful boats at the docks on Lake Union and walked the events center at Quest Field exploring all the booths. On our way home we were treated to a gift raffle and jello shots. WOW what a time!

FIYC Car & Boat Cruise

The next Cruise is February 10th – 12th at our clubhouse. It is a Valentines Day theme car and boat cruise. There will be a few boats at the dock and others will drive. This is always a very popular family cruise with activities for everyone. With Donna Wisenburg and Karen Kenny as the Cruise Captains this is a guaranteed enjoyable event. There will be a sign up sheet going around and more info to come. I hope to see all there!

Dock Street Cruise

Mark your calendars for March 16th -18th for the Cruise to Dock Street Marina in Tacoma. The cruise captains are Shawn and Tracy Ottenbreit.

I am still looking for an adventurous cruise captain for the Labor Day Cruise to Bell Harbor Marina in Seattle. Reservations have already been made with the marina. All we need is someone who wants to plan a few things and earn the opportunity to call themselves Cruise Captains! I would love to have a person or couple who have never done this before step forward. This is one of the simplest cruises to plan.

I look forward to a memorable boating season

Tony and Casi Wilkerson
"Fansea"

“The 3 R’s” for FIYC... *Reduce, Re-use, & Recycle*

those household items you don't need anymore!

Drop Off Date/Time Begins:

Sat., March 3 – At Noon

(Please drop off items in designated area...Thank you!)

Tent/Table/Sale Set Up

Fri, March 2: Friday Night BBQ @ 5:30 p.m.



Saturday, March 10, 2012

It's a great time for a good Spring cleaning!

Clean out your Basement, Garage, Boat & Storage unit!

We need gently used

(in working order) items for the sale:

Glassware, books, tools, clothing, furniture, garden items,
decorations, vases, lamps, pictures, records, boating/nautical items, etc.

Drop off: Begins Saturday, March 3rd.

This is this club's 2nd **biggest fund raising event of the year.**

Your participation is important!

Questions?

Please contact:

Cindy Rychard at 549-7007

Boating Education



Have you ever been out in the fog near shipping lanes (say in East Passage by Maury Island or in Rosario Strait) and wonder where the big ships are? Or even just cruising north close to Maury Island and wondering what might come around the corner up by Point Robinson? If you drive a slow boat like mine (6 kts) or even a faster boat, you may not be able to get out of their way; and they won't be able to stop (it takes them more than one mile!) or turn (takes up to ½ mile to make a 90 degree turn).

There is a service out there that not only helps keep order among the big ships and barges but also can be of great assistance to the recreational boater. It is called the Vessel Traffic System or VTS. The VTS consists of the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS),

Vessel Movement Reporting System (VMRS), and Surveillance Systems.

When you look at a chart of Puget Sound, the Strait of Juan de Fuca or Rosario Strait you will notice that shipping lanes are plotted with occasional circular areas that surround a buoy. This is the TSS. Ships required to adhere to the VTS stay in these lanes designated for specific directions. If you stay out of these lanes, you stay out of their path. Thus there are two important things for a recreational boater to remember:

Stay out of these shipping lanes, especially in poor visibility conditions.

Always cross the lanes at 90 degrees to the lane to expedite your crossing.

The VMRS is a data base that keeps track of where the large vessels are.

The Surveillance Systems consist of Radar, an Automatic Identification System (AIS-the subject of the boating education article for next month), and closed-circuit television. These systems supplement the voice reporting from vessels and help verify the location, heading and speed of vessels.

VMRS vessels are required to do active reporting of their position, speed and heading in addition to other helpful information such as their ultimate destination. This is done by VHF radio to the VTS.

As a recreational boater you can monitor the VTS channel to hear whether there are large vessels operating near you. You may also call them and ask if there are any vessels in your vicinity (especially helpful in the dense fog). But note that if you call them and report a position in a shipping lane the first thing they will say is "get out of the shipping lane". The VTSPS (Vessel Traffic Service Puget Sound) also known as "Seattle Traffic" can be reached on VHF channel 14 south of Admiralty Inlet and channel 5A north into the Strait of Juan de Fuca. You can also reach Seattle Traffic by phone at (206)217-6152 or (206)217-6050.

Traffic in Canada is handled by three other VTS which interface with Seattle Traffic.

The VTSPS has provided a helpful manual for recreational boaters. It can be accessed at http://www.uscg.mil/d13/psvts/boaters_man/

You can also learn more details about the system at <http://www.uscg.mil/d13/psvts/>

A more detailed version of this article will be posted on the FIYC web site under "Boating Education".

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