



Rainier Yacht Club Burgee

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Commodore's Report

Dan Croy

As this is my final contribution to the Burgee, I have a few people to thank. First of all, I want to thank Sylvia for making "going through the chairs" an enjoyable endeavor. If you didn't know, she has been an outstanding representative for Rainier Yacht Club at the Grand 14 functions. In addition, I'd like to thank each member for their contributions to the club. A club cannot survive without enthusiastic, talented, fun and energetic members like Rainier has. Everyone contributes so much to make this club the great club that it is. I would also like to thank our dedicated bridge officers, hard working board members and the zealous committee chairs who have worked so hard to make this year a success. I have enjoyed serving you all, and my job has been made easier with the contributions of these fine people. Looking back on the year, the fun events like the Christmas parade/party, the New Year's Eve party and all the great cruises could not have happened without the tremendous volunteers---THANK YOU! We may not be the biggest club, but we have fantastic members and everyone has a great time at those cruises/events they can attend.

The Change of Watch will occur on June 1. Please show up at the Change of Watch meeting (RSVP to the Rear Commodore - white pants and blue blazers if you have them) and welcome the incoming bridge. If the membership supports the new bridge the way they have supported the past bridge, it will be another great year ahead. Sorry, I missed the May Board Meeting (vacation) and can't include the latest info from the board.

Sylvia and I wish everyone a great cruising season and a fun safe summer; soon I'll be sitting in the members section!

Best Wishes,

Dan

Vice Commodore's Report

Tom Neal

Hi Everyone!

My year as Vice Commodore is just about over, and I'm really looking forward to the distinct honor of being your next Commodore. I consider it an awesome responsibility and duty to carry on the tradition of Commodores from years past and I will try my very best not to let them, or you, down.

Chris and I attended our 14th JO ball at Queen City the weekend of May 21-23 and are looking forward, with just a little bit of apprehension, to attending 14 Commodore Balls next year. I've got to say, that after attending all of these events, the folks of Rainier Yacht Club can put on a ball that rivals any of the other clubs!

The recent WIC luncheon on the 20th was a great success thanks to Cheryl and Chris for coordinating all of the activities and details. The men didn't play much of a role in this but I've got to say that it wouldn't have been the same if it hadn't been for the men of Rainier who showed up ready to serve in their whites!

Thanks to Gene Jones, Guy Woodell, Jim Veldwyk, Sam Olsson, Ron Thompson, Norm DuBane, Dave Bomberg, and Len Hathaway for a great job. The ladies really appreciated it and said that we put on a luncheon that will set new standards for WIC. I can't say that I've ever sat down before to lunch being the only male in a room full of 55 or so women but it was fun.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank a couple of people who made my job easier this past year:

1. Thanks to Dianne Bomberg for doing such a super job on this Burgee. She has put up with us getting things in late and never once threatened to quit! This newsletter is the glue that helps holds the organization together and she has done a wonderful job.
2. Thanks to Richard Frisch for doing such a wonderful job in putting together the graphics and design of this year's yearbook. Richard spent many hours in front of his computer screen and putting up with me bugging him from over his shoulder, to make sure that we had a quality product.

The Change-of-Watch is coming up on June 1st and we're all hoping for a great turnout with as many people as possible wearing their "whites". Cheryl promises a great dinner and PC Ron Thompson will conduct the ceremony. It's the last meeting before September so try your best to make it to this one. Please don't forget to notify Cheryl that you're coming.

See you there!

Rear Commodore's Report

Cheryl Webber

Hello, Everyone! This is my last report as your Rear Commodore, and I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to you all for making this a very successful year. It seemed whenever there was a need we had plenty of folks roll up their sleeves to pitch in and help; this is what makes Rainier Yacht Club a great club! Thank You.

The WIC luncheon was a terrific hit on Thursday, and this was made possible only because of our dear members' hard efforts. We had over 60 guests attend, coming from Bremerton, Olympia, Edmonds, Meydenbauer, Gig Harbor, Poulsbo and Rainier Yacht Club. I would like to give a special thanks to Vice Commodore Tom Neal and Chris Neal for both of your time into making this a special luncheon. For setting up for the luncheon, a special thanks to Marianne Butt, Sandi Thompson, Fred Stauss, Richard Leonard. Bar Tender special thanks to P/C Len Hathaway and Sandi Thompson. The raffle was hosted by Cheryl Carterman; thank you, Cheryl. The gift wrapping was provide by our very talented Sharon Danielson; thank you, Sharon.

We hope to see **EVERYONE** at the change of watch dinner meeting **June 1, 2004**. Dinner will be BBQ with strawberry shortcake for dessert. **Sunday May 30, 2004** is the deadline for reservation. We are all looking forward to the evening festivities.

Bar Tender: Jerry Larusso
Cashier: Jim Veldwyk
Dining Room Set-Up: P/C Bob and Tess Brown
Clean Up: Dennis Voss

Permanent Dinner List

Lynn & Lila Baker	Brad & Kristi Hartman	Randy & Willa Rockhill
Dianne Bomberg	Tom & Leslie Hill	Fred Stauss & Cheryl
Dan & Sylvia Croy	Jerry & Karen LaRusso	Carterman
Jim & Sharon Danielson	Richard & Shirley Leonard	Ron & Sandi Thompson
Richard Frisch & Gayle Brown	Tim & Barb Lodermeier	Jim Veldwyk & Cheryl
Gene Fujita	Tom & Chris Neal	Webber
Gary & Kelli Gaston	Sam & Sharon Olsson	Dennis & Marlene Voss
		Paul & Cheryl Winchester
		Guy & Leslie Woodell

Fleet Captain's Report

Dennis Voss

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support during my year as Fleet Captain. I've really enjoyed getting to know many of you throughout the year. We had a great turn out for Opening Day, and a great job by those involved in the decorated boat--we got 2nd place! Way to go Rainier!

Coming up Memorial Weekend is the annual Bremerton Cruise with Gig Harbor. This will be my last cruise as Fleet Captain, and I look forward to seeing all of you there. We have 15 boats signed up to go so far; it looks like it is going to be a great weekend with lots of activities. There is still room for those who still want to go.

Again, thank you to everybody; you have made my year very enjoyable. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Fred Strauss as the Fleet Captain for next year and encourage everyone to support Fred and attend as many cruises as possible.

See you on the water.

Other Club News:

IPBA:

Thanks to Sam & Sharon, Neville & Judy for participating in the race co-hosted by us and Poulsbo. Next year I would like to see at least 6 boats participate, which we will work towards over this next year to get more of you involved.

I am in communication with Queen City YC and Bellevue YC as to laying out a "practice course" on the Lake for any of us to use to become familiar with IPBA, plotting a course and getting to know your vessel better. More through Email and phone calls through the summer.

Bilge Buddy: Check out those fire extinguishers--at least take them off the bracket and shake them so the powder stays loose. How about the Flares and Shotgun shells? They have an expiration date on them. Boater's World is about \$20.00 for flares, \$15.00 for shells. Also those pesky batteries, check the fluid level, (distilled water best) and as VC Tom Neal can attest to, make sure your terminal fittings are tight. They can loosen up from vibration and cause voltage problems.

PC Dave Bomberg

The first **Friday Night Social** was attended by about 15 people who all had a good time. Stay tuned for the next event!

Gene & Carolyn Johnson have returned from their winter home in Florida. We hope to see them soon!

Birthdays:	Fred Stauss	6/2	Stan Bowen	6/12
	Gary Shafer	6/7	Marsee Bowen	6/25
	Brian Skaggs	6/26	Robert Lynch	6/29

Anniversaries:	Barb & Gary Shafer	6/10	Marianne & Bill Butt	6/28
	Leslie & Guy Woodell	6/30		

Recipe:

Strawberry Salad with Poppy Seed Dressing

3 T. sugar	1 T. poppy seeds
3 T. light mayonnaise	1 T. white wine vinegar
2 T. fat-free milk	10-oz. bag romaine lettuce, roughly chopped
1 c. sliced strawberries	2 T. toasted slivered almonds

Combine sugar, mayo, milk, poppy seeds and vinegar in a small bowl and whisk well. Place the lettuce in a large bowl. Add the strawberries and almonds and toss lightly. Divide among individual serving plates and drizzle each with about 1 T. dressing. Serves 6.

Who Ya Gonna Call & Schedule of Events

<p>Commodore Dan Croy (425) 226-5180 dscroy@comcast.net</p> <p>Vice Commodore Tom Neal (253) 631-5061 tneal02@sprynet.com</p>	<p>Rear Commodore Cheryl Webber (206) 650-4645 CW4645@aol.com</p> <p>Fleet Captain Dennis Voss (253) 813-1819 dmvoss@comcast.net</p>	<p>May 29-31 June 1 June 15 July 2-4</p>	<p>Calendar of Events</p> <p>Memorial Day Cruise to Bremerton Dinner Meeting and Change of Watch Board Meeting Cruise Olympia Yacht Club 100-year Celebration</p>
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Editor's Note: This will be the last formal publication of the Burgee Newsletter until September. Your Bridge and Fleet Captain will be keeping you informed of upcoming events during the summer months.