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Commodore's Report

Tom Neal

Hi Everyone!

What a fun time of year we have coming up in Rainier Yacht Club! Even though the prime cruising season is over for a while, we still have a lot of fun boating and social activities planned for the near future. Here's what we have coming up:

The November dinner meeting is November 2nd. Let's all get together and make fun of our favorite politician on Election Day! Don't forget about bringing canned goods to this meeting for Northwest Harvest, and we'll see that they get delivered. Also, now is a great time to go through your closets and get rid of those coats that you never wear. Bring them to the club and we'll see that they get to the KRIZ radio annual coat drive.

Our annual Thanksgiving cruise to Poulsbo is next on November 26-28 and it's always a beautiful place to go that time of year. If the weather turns out to be a problem, we have Elliot Bay as a backup. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting.

Believe it or not, the next thing on the agenda, and before the December meeting, is our annual Lighted Boat Cruise to Coulon Park, followed by the Christmas Party on Friday, December 3rd. There will be another cruise on Saturday, December 4th as well. More information will follow at the meeting.

The next event, and one you won't want to miss, is the Special People's Cruise on Sunday, December 5th. We'll join up with Meydenbauer Bay YC to host a group of special people in a short cruise around the lake. This is something that they look forward to all year and is well worth your time if you can make it. More information to follow.

2004 will be capped off with a fun New Year's Eve party at the club on December 31st.

We have two new membership applications to vote on at the next meeting and a short induction ceremony. As mentioned at the last meeting, the board implemented an incentive plan to increase our membership. Members will receive a \$50 voucher for each new family boating membership and \$25 for each new social membership. These vouchers can be applied to your membership dues on the next renewal. Speaking of dues, please don't forget that we rely on prompt payment of dues to keep the club running smoothly. If you haven't sent your check yet, save a stamp and bring it to the meeting on November 2nd.

Lastly, Chris and I started our Commodore Ball tour of the Grand 14 clubs last weekend by representing RYC at the Queen City CO Ball. Our next one is October 30th at Meydenbauer Bay. I am extremely proud to be representing RYC at these special events as your Commodore, and Chris feels the same way. Rainier is tops!

Vice Commodore's Report

Cheryl Webber

Hello, Folks! It was great seeing everyone at the September dinner meeting; the dinner entrée was a perfect selection for a fall menu and enjoyed by all! Great job, R/C Dennis!

ANNUAL UPDATE: Digital pictures are ideal for our annual. Could you kindly e-mail those special folks to me at cw4645@aol.com. (We can scan prints if we need to.)

If you are currently advertising, please be reviewing your ad for any changes as I will be contacting you shortly for your renewal. Current members, please check your annual for any changes you may want to be making in addresses, phone numbers or pictures and advise me at cw4645@aol.com or @ 206-650-4645. Thank you for your cooperation.

PHONE TREE: We are up and running with our phone tree, thanks to these special volunteers: Phone Tree Captain Karen LaRusso, Sylvia Croy, Gayle Brown, Sharon Olsson. I know this service provided by these folks will help us all in serving the membership at RYC. Expect your first call as a reminder for the November Dinner meeting. This happens to fall on election night so remember to VOTE early!

WIC: Five Ladies represented RYC at the Tyee Yacht Club WIC luncheon. The weather was sunny and warm as was the camaraderie within the clubs. Thank you, ladies for your support; it was a fun afternoon. Chris Neal's and my term has come to an end, and we are looking for two ladies who would be willing to take this over for the 2004-2005 year. Please contact me 206-650-4645.

Dennis and Marlene, Jim and I are heading this weekend to our JO Ball, the theme of which is Pirates of the Caribbean. This should be a weekend of good stories to share with you all soon. We look forward to seeing you at the club's Halloween Party.

Rear Commodore's Report

Dennis Voss

Hi everyone, hope all is well in your boating activities. Marlene and I have been enjoying the JO Balls and getting to know our counterparts. We have attended three so far and have another one coming up soon. Representing the club is a wonderful experience we feel privileged to have and we are really enjoying the new friends along with all our wonderful friends from Rainier.

With the rentals being real strong during the summer, the club was able to have the floors downstairs professionally stripped and waxed. The dance floor was stripped and re-varnished; and we were able to purchase a new electric stove for the galley.

We recently had a work party and had a great time cleaning out the cabinets and bar. A special thanks to those who helped out: Norm & Carol; Ron & Sandi; Jim & Sharon; Fred & Cheryl; Lynn & Robin; Tom Neal; Tim Lodermeier and Dan Croy.

The next dinner meeting will be held on Election Day; **please let us know as soon as possible if you will be attending the meeting**. Also, we are looking for assistance in helping clean up after the dinner meetings and getting the galley back in order. Please let me know if you are able to assist. The Danielsons have signed up to decorate for the November meeting, and December is being done by the Lodermeiers. There are still some months open, so please let me know if you are interested in signing up. I will also have the sign-up sheet at the November dinner meeting,

Fleet Captain's Report

Fred Stauss

Cheryl and I would like to get RYC known as the fun club of the Puget Sound area that loves to cruise. We have had some great trips in the recent past.....such as the 4th July cruise to Olympia and the Labor Day cruise to Poulsbo. Now we just need to figure out how to make these trips the standard rather than the goal.

The September and November cruises were both small, but fun. September's cruise to Gig Harbor had 2 boats that participated. We had great weather for cruising and a wonderful welcome by Arabella's landing. The weekend was a peaceful, laid-back time of eating and watching football. October's cruise to Port Orchard was foggy going over, and windy coming back. It rained during our stay, with sunny stints as well. Again, 2 boats participated. We met up with a 40-boat cruise from Des Moines Yacht Club. We were invited to join in on their Halloween festivities for the entire weekend. They were extremely fun and generous to us.

We want to do our best to get as many RYC members as possible boating on our monthly cruises. If you have any suggestions to get more people out on the water, please let us know. The first suggestion we received was to give a projected list of cruises so members can plan ahead. Here it is!

2004

November 26-28 Thanksgiving weekend cruise to Poulsbo Marina or Elliott Bay Marina
December 3 Christmas Lights Cruise followed by Christmas party at RYC
December 4 Christmas Lights Cruise
December 5 Special Peoples Cruise

2005

January 15-16 Lake Washington dinner cruise and overnight stay
February 18-21 Heavy Weather at Bremerton YC
March 26-27 Kirkland dinner cruise and overnight stay
April 15-17 Daffodil at Tacoma YC
May 6-8 Opening Day with Seattle YC, Tyee YC and Queen City YC
May 14 Poulsbo at RYC IPBA
May 28-30 Memorial Day cruise to Bremerton YC with Gig Harbor YC
July 1-4 July 4 cruise
July 9 Seafair Pirates Landing at Alki Beach followed by BBQ
July 22-24 Wagon Wheel at Andrews Bay with Day Island YC
September 2-5 Labor Day cruise to Poulsbo Marina
October 7-9 Gig Harbor, Arabella's Landing
November 25-27 Thanksgiving weekend cruise to Poulsbo Marina
December 2 Christmas lights cruise and Christmas party at RY
December 3 Christmas lights cruise
December 4 Special Peoples cruise

We would like to get everyone attending the holiday lighted boat cruise on Friday, December 3. To kick off this event, we will begin by having a cruise on the Friday after Thanksgiving to Poulsbo (if the weather is good) or to Elliott Bay Marina (if the weather is bad) to get boats decorated for the holiday festivities. WELL----even if you can't make the decorating party, make sure you decorate and join us for the parade. Also, invite anyone else - club members and non-members - to join us. Sam Olsson will lead the parade starting from the marina at 6:30 p.m. We will head south along the shore and then cut across to Coulon to see the lights and then back to the club following the same route for the Christmas party.

Other Club News

We want to extend our thoughts and prayers to Gene Jones who is currently undergoing cancer treatment. Gene's been a faithful member of our Club since 1990, and we've missed his presence the last several months.

Dennis Voss's 'phone number has changed to (206)571-3339. Please make a note of it in your Annual.

Birthdays:	Sandi Thompson	11/7	Dan Croy	11/9	Gene Johnson	11/19
	Michelle Harrison	11/4	Shirley Leonard	11/28		
	Richard Leonard	11/14	Tom Hill	11/2		

Anniversaries: None

For Sale:

2002 Chevrolet Venture 7-passenger van: \$12,500.

Includes power door locks & windows, sliding doors both sides, CD player, A/C, fold-down seats
Excellent condition! Contact Dave Bomberg, (206) 772-6590

Recipe:

Creamy Mashed Cauliflower

Serve the candied yams on Thanksgiving (they're too yummy to omit!), but for you who are watching carbs, this is a great substitute for mashed potatoes - 3 g carbs per serving.

5 c. cauliflower florets	1 clove garlic (optional)
1½ quarts water	¼ t. salt ¼ c. mayonnaise

Steam cauliflower and garlic for 15 minutes or until tender; drain.
Blend or food process cauliflower, garlic, mayo and salt until creamy.

Who 'Ya Gonna Call

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