



Rainier Yacht Club Burgee

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Commodore's Report

Tom Neal

Hi Everyone! Boating season is really here and it's time to have fun on the water!

We had a wonderful time at Daffodil, and we all had a great opportunity to wash the salt off our boats. Vance and Linda graciously offered the use of their beautiful boat in the parade, and the weather broke just in time to make it really fun. Thanks, Vance and Linda for the hospitality. Dennis was spectacular in his outfit with little pink shoes during the trivia contest, too.

May is packed with fun things to do, starting with Opening Day on May 6th, the Rainier/Poulsbo IPBA event May 14th, the Rainier WIC luncheon for the ladies on May 19th and ending up with our Memorial Day cruise with Gig Harbor Yacht Club to Bremerton.

Opening Day is always fun, and we have a special treat in store for us when our very own Randy Rockhill will be playing taps on Saturday at the closing ceremony, which starts at 6:00 p.m. Let's all make sure we get there on the lawn at SYC to hear Randy. In addition to the activities at SYC, including a super prime rib buffet on Friday night, there will be shuttles to take us to Queen City for their events and to the Tyee Yacht Club's event at Duke's for their fabulous steak dinner on Saturday. All in all, it's a great time to be together as a yacht club at O-dock.

I hope to see you all at the May dinner meeting where Dennis promises to have another fine dinner, and we will vote on our new slate of officers and board members. Thanks to Cheryl and her nominating committee for doing such a great job in getting such a fine group to step up and serve the club. In addition, we will be hearing more about activities at the Memorial Day cruise and an opportunity to sign up for that special cruise. If I don't see you at the meeting, I hope you can make it to Opening Day.

There's lots of information on the upcoming WIC Luncheon on the next few pages!

Please be reminded that our uniform of the day is now white slacks, belt and shoes with the navy blazer.

Vice Commodore's Report

Cheryl Weber

Hello! It was great to see all of you and to have such a great turn out for April's dinner meeting as we are gearing up for a good cruising season.

I hope you enjoyed our guest, Dana Felton from NOAA Weather Service. Our next guest who we are planning to reschedule, will be Spike McCray from Meydenbauer Yacht Club, representing a Pacific Northwest pioneer family of hardhat divers. Stay tuned!

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The 2005-2006 nominees for Bridge Officers and Board Members of Rainier Yacht Club:

Commodore: Cheryl Webber
Vice Commodore: Dennis Voss
Rear Commodore: Richard Leonard
Fleet Captain: Tim Lodermeier*
Treasurer: Brian Skaggs
Secretary: Michelle Harrison

Board Member: Leslie Hill
Board Member: Richard Frisch
Board Member: Vance Christianson**

* Nominated by the Committee to replace Fred Stauss, who withdrew his name for re-election to Fleet Captain.

**A one year term to finish out Mike Barnhart's 2-year term.

We would like to extend our appreciation to the nominating committee for their time and efforts in putting together a fine slate of nominees to represent the membership at Rainier Yacht Club. We look forward to seeing you at the May dinner meeting.

WOW what can we say for RYC HIPPO-Way to go Dennis! We know you were under the weather but you did a fine job representing Rainier Yacht Club at Tacoma Yacht Club Daffodil. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Rainier Yacht Club's WIC luncheon on **THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2005.**

Rear Commodore's Report

Dennis Voss

Hi Everyone,

It looks like we are starting to get some good weather. I look forward to seeing many of you at our dinner meetings coming up this May and June. These will be the last two for the summer, so please make an effort to attend to hear about upcoming events. Opening day will soon be upon us and it would be great to have a good turnout at SYC!

Below is the permanent dinner list. If you will not be able to attend please let me know as soon as possible. If you are not on the list the same goes for you if you would like to attend. I would like to thank Cheryl and Fred in advance for setting up for the May dinner meeting.

Baker, Lynn & Lila	Bomberg, Dianne
Croy, Dan & Sylvia	Danielson, Jim & Sharon
Frisch/Brown, Richard & Gayle	Fujita, Gene
Hartman, Brad & Kristi	Hill, Tom & Leslie
LaRusso, Jerry & Karen	Leonard, Richard & Shirley
Lodermeier, Tim & Barb	Neal, Tom & Chris
Olsson, Sam & Sharon	Rockhill, Randy & Willa
Webber, Cheryl	Voss, Dennis
Winchester, Paul & Cheryl	Woodell, Guy & Leslie

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

Fleet Captain's Report

Fred Stauss

We have now entered the most exciting part of the boating year. As always, Tacoma Yacht club put on a wonderful Daffodil event...great food, great entertainment and great people. They certainly deserve a round of applause for this annual event. It was also great to see that we had 11 boats there and we even had the great place we had 2 years ago next to the hot dog stand. I guess we earned our spot back with TYC. Finally, Vance & Linda Christensen showed off the club in great style with their boat, carrying the bridge in the Daffodil Parade.

Next up is Opening Day on May 7. Seattle Yacht Club has assured me that we have space on the docks, but has not sent me the details yet. I will let everyone know as soon as I get them. And just a reminder, Tyee Yacht Club will be having their steak dinner and dance on Opening Day at Duke's Restaurant rather than at their club.

May 14 is our annual log race in Poulsbo that we sponsor with Poulsbo Yacht Club. We have a handful of racers that attend every year and certainly have space for more. If you have any desire to become a log racer this is an event to attend. If you want to be a part of this event but not race, you can be an observer on one of the racing boats. Ask for details.

To round out the month of May, we have our annual outing on Memorial weekend with Gig Harbor Yacht Club at Bremerton Yacht Club. I am in the process of putting the details together with GHYC. Again, as details come together I will send out information and make requests for assistance.

GREEN THUMBS AFLOAT!! RYC MAY WIC LUNCHEON VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

(See Invitation on the last page)

Calling all members! The RYC Women's Interclub (WIC) luncheon is fast approaching and we will need everyone's help to make it a memorable day! We are really excited to have Seattle garden guru and columnist Marianne Binetti (of the Seattle P.I. and King County Journal newspapers!). She will be giving a fun presentation about container gardening, the idea being that you can take your gardening cruising with you... and we have a wonderful "garden-fresh" menu planned with Catering by Nina. There will be some great prizes to be won as well, so you won't want to miss this! We hope you can arrange your schedule so you can be there to show your support of the club that day! *We can't emphasize enough how important it is to have a strong showing of attendees at our own luncheon... Thank you in advance to everyone for making it a fun, successful day!*

Even if you are unable to be there the day of the luncheon, we will still need volunteers for set-up the evening before, and a few other tasks that don't necessarily require you to be onsite. So if you are unable to attend, your help is still appreciated! The WIC luncheon traditionally enlists the assistance of our able-bodied men to serve the ladies at the luncheon. Lunch is "on the house" for the servers, and we have a fun twist on the uniform this year, so come on down and help us out if you can! If you would like to assist with the luncheon, please contact Kristi Hartman for details by phone 425-277-1998 or e-mail splashnw@aol.com at your earliest convenience. Thank you so much!

Other Club News:

We understand Bob Kramer is having some serious health problems. Bob is a Past Commodore (1969); he and Jewell were members for many years before moving to Oregon. If you would like to send him a card, their address is: 237 S. W. Meadow Lakes Drive, Prineville, OR 97754.

Birthdays: Cheryl Winchester 5/16
Vance Christensen 5/23
Barb Lodermeier 5/25

Anniversaries: Barb & Tim Lodermeier 5/4 Gene & Cindy Rubbert 5/13

Who Ya Gonna Call & Schedule of Events

<p>Commodore Tom Neal (253) 631-5061 tneal02@sprynet.com</p> <p>Vice Commodore Cheryl Webber (206)650-4645 CW4645@aol.com</p>	<p>Rear Commodore Dennis Voss (206) 571-3339 dvoss@comcast.net</p> <p>Fleet Captain Fred Stauss (206)767-1950 ffstauss@aol.com</p>	<p>May 3 May 6-8 May 14 May 17 May 19 May 28-30 June 7 June 21</p>	<p>Calendar of Events Dinner Meeting, Vote on Slate Opening Day Festivities, SYC Rainier/Poulsbo IPBA Race Board Meeting WIC Luncheon Memorial Day Cruise-In to Bremerton Dinner Meeting, Change-of-Watch Board Meeting</p>
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You are cordially invited to attend the
Green Thumbs Afloat
Women's Interclub Luncheon
At Rainier Yacht Club

Thursday, May 19, 2005

11:00 AM Social Hour

12:00 PM Luncheon

\$10.00 per person

With Guest Marianne Binetti

Known for her light hearted and fun approach to gardening, Marianne has a degree in horticulture from WSU and writes a syndicated column that runs in over a dozen newspapers. She also writes weekly for the Seattle P-I garden page and does a radio show on weekends for KIXI.

You may recognize Marianne from her appearances on HGTV and The Discovery channel, or see her byline under articles in Better Homes and Gardens, Woman's Day and other magazines.

Marianne is the author of 8 gardening books, the latest "The Best Garden Plants for Washington and Oregon" and the mother of three children. She lectures widely on not only gardening but goal setting, balancing a family and career and of course, enjoying a garden.

Please make checks payable to RYC
Reservations and payment should be made by May 11th

Please send to:



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We look forward to seeing you on May 19th

**MEN OF RAINIER: WE NEED YOUR HELP IN SERVING THE LADIES. IT'S A LOT OF FUN.
PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS NEAL OR KRISTI HARTMAN.**