



# Rainier Yacht Club Burgee

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## Commodore's Report

*Cheryl Webber*

Hello Everyone:

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Chris and P/C Tom Neal in hosting such a special Commodore's ball. From the palm trees to the exquisite Hawaiian flowers and the Caribbean flair dinner, it was a magnificent night. A special thanks to our talented Linda and Vance Christensen for making the palm trees and to the many volunteers. You all outdid yourselves and made the evening quite special. Thank you all very much; it is a privilege to be your Commodore.

Spring has arrived, and we are off and running with the talents of Sharon Danielson for Daffodil and Open Day festivities. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for the second planning meeting on Tuesday, March 28 @ 6:30pm.

The annuals are out, and if you have not received your copies, please plan to attend the April dinner meeting for your copy. V/C Dennis and Marlene Voss did a great job. Please remember to support our advertisers in the annual.

Please check out our Nor'Westing ad this month; we are going strong in recruiting, and have a potential member coming to our April dinner meeting. Sharon Danielson has membership packages for any folks who do not have some on hand. Let's make this a team effort and make our goal of 10 new members by Change of Watch!

I look forward to seeing you at the April dinner meeting.

## Vice Commodore's Report

*Dennis Voss*

We would like to thank Chris and Tom for the wonderful evening they put together for Cheryl's Commodore ball. The decorations, food and entertainment were superb.

It is that time of the year, and we have put together the nominating committee for positions at RYC. This year we are working on getting candidates for the Fleet Captain, Rear Commodore and a single Board position. The nominating committee plans to have the slate of candidates announced at the April dinner meeting.

The annual has been completed and was passed out to all members who attended the March dinner meeting. If you were unable to attend, please come to the April dinner meeting and pick yours up. We would like to thank those who contributed in the production of the annual.

WIC is going strong with the great work being done by Kristi Hartman and Karen LaRusso. Please support WIC if you are able to by attending the various meetings and the upcoming Rainier luncheon in May.

We are really excited about the upcoming Daffodil festival and the number of members who are planning on attending by boat. If you are unable to attend by boat, please come by car, as Tacoma really puts on a great weekend.

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon and in the upcoming events this summer

## Rear Commodore's Report

*Richard Leonard*

Spring showers bring May, flowers! Yes, it's that time to start cleaning and preparing our watercrafts for pre-summer fun. Coming soon is Tacoma Daffodil, RYC Cruise and Opening Day. It only seems like a short while ago we were decorating and Christmas cruising. Shirley & I are looking forward to spending time on the waterways with our fellow members and friends of RYC. We also want to give a special shout out to Tom & Chris Neal for upholding the Rainier tradition for putting on a great Commodore ball.

Our April dinner meeting will be held on Tuesday the 4th. Our caterer for the evening will be Nina.

If you are not on the permanent dinner list and will be attending the dinner meeting, be sure to let me know by **Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**. Also, if you are on the list and **will not** be attending, you will also need to let me know by **March 31<sup>st</sup>**. You may leave a message at **206-772-4003** or e-mail me at [MonSac@aol.com](mailto:MonSac@aol.com)

Our dinner meeting set up will be done by Barbara & Tim Lodermeier with Jerry LaRusso tending bar. Thank you for your support and participation.

### **Permanent Dinner List**

Dianne Bomberg	Karen LaRusso
Tim & Sandy Subert	Richard & Shirley Leonard
Dan & Sylvia Croy	Tim & Barbara Lodermeier
Jim & Sharon Danielson	Tom & Chris Neal
Gene Fujita	Sam & Sharon Olsson
Jerry & Michelle Harrison	Randy & Willa Rockhill
Brad & Kristi Hartman	Michael Mc Bride
Tom & Leslie Hill	Brian Skaggs
Jerry LaRusso	Dennis & Marlene Voss
Paul & Cheryl Winchester	Cheryl Weber

Lonnie & Linda Yates

## Fleet Captain's Report

*Tim Lodermeier*

Hello Everybody!

Are you getting excited about spring cruises yet? I am! The DAFFODIL MARINE PARADE is just around the corner--April 20th to the 23rd, Thursday thru Sunday. If you are going on Thursday, make sure Tacoma Yacht Club knows you are coming. Oh, if you haven't registered yet, you better get busy. Go to the Tacoma Yacht Club web site, [tacomayachtclub.org](http://tacomayachtclub.org), and click on Daffodil for the registration form. Following is a list of people participating.

Cheryl Webber	Sun Daze	Kevin & Lori Davis	Rainbow Sea
Dennis & Marlene Voss	Hand Me Up II	Mark & Norma Covey	Dragon Lady
Richard & Shirley Leonard	Monsac	Sam & Sharon Ollson	Slo Troll
Jerry LaRusso	Serena	Jerry & Michelle Harrison	Bringing RV
Jim & Sharon Danielson	Hide Aweigh	Tom & Leslie Hill	Motel
Tim & Sandy Subert	Beach Music		
Tom & Chris Neal	Whimsea		
Tim & Barb Lodermeier	Seranetta		

The next event is our spring evening dinner cruise on April 29th. So far we have four couples signed up. We will talk more about this at our dinner meeting.

I am really looking forward to OPENING DAY AT SEATTLE YACHT CLUB! We have a jam-packed weekend of fun at opening day. We have eight boats that will be at "O" dock and more in the cut. We need help decorating our parade entry. Paul & Cheryl Winchester have volunteered their boat. Let's all pitch in and it will make it a fun event.

See you at the dinner meeting.

## WIC

The WIC Luncheon Calendar continues to move along at the speed of light! Karen LaRusso (WIC Alt.) and I attended the regular WIC meeting hosted by Meydenbauer YC. Thank you Karen for your time (and help wrangling Elly!). The next WIC meeting will be not be until October at Tacoma YC.

WIC will have an entry in the dressed power group for Opening Day, and we hope to have RYC represented in that group. Coming up next year is the 50th anniversary of WIC. This is a big deal, and they are planning a gala to celebrate! To better include women representing our yacht clubs, the committee is considering a Saturday for the event. We'll keep you posted...

As of submission, RYC will be attending the Olympia YC luncheon on 3/20. Thanks go out to Norma Covey and Shirley Leonard for joining me for the haul down to Olympia. A total of 4 ladies will be attending.

The Bremerton YC luncheon "Mad Hatter" is coming up quickly. Please send me your RSVP's for the 4/13 (Thurs.) lunch right away if you plan to attend. They are due by 4/3! Wear your favorite hat and receive a free raffle ticket! This will be the first luncheon having an increased cost of \$12 per person - still the best bargain around! Let's make a fun day of it and ride the ferry over together!

Our own WIC luncheon is coming together nicely. May 18th (Thurs.) is the anniversary of the eruption of Mt. St. Helens in 1980. The Cascade volcanic range continues to be active and we are fortunate to have snagged Bill Steele from the Pacific NW Seismograph Network at the UW Earth and Space Sciences Lab to come and present on this topic. Should be smokin'! With your help we will be transforming the club into a national park setting complete with a catered gourmet picnic lunch. If you have a faux Christmas tree (without lights) that you can lend us for the park effect please let me know. On the list for trees so far are Dianne Bomberg, Guy Woodell, and Cheryl Webber. Thank you to the following individuals for signing up to volunteer for this event at the March dinner meeting: Dennis Voss, Sylvia and Dan Croy, Dianne Bomberg, Karen LaRusso, Sam Olsson, and Lonnie Yates. We will need a few more bodies to help set-up the night before, serve at the event and help with clean-up.

Please contact me at 425-277-1998 or drop me an e-mail at [splashnw@aol.com](mailto:splashnw@aol.com) regarding any of the above activities! Thank you! Kristi Hartman, WIC Representative

## Other Club News:

**To Our Friends at RYC**---Thank you all so very much for your kind thoughts, prayers, words of sympathy and beautiful plants, flowers and baskets you sent to us after the loss of our dear daughter Danielle. Most of you knew her as Dani, our granddaughter Alex's mom. We have received great comfort from the love and friendship you have extended, and we thank you all.

Ron and Sandi Thompson

**RYC Annual Correction:** Wayne & Norma Covey's home phone should be: (425) 485-4924. Please make this change in your annual.

**Birthdays:** Karen LaRusso 4/9 Chris Barry 4/14  
 Mick Martinsons 4/12 Sylvia Croy 4/24  
 Sandra Subert 4/28

**Anniversaries:** Leslie & Tom Hill 4/8 Michelle & Jerry Harrison 4/20

**Spring boating checklist:** Here are some things to think about before your first major cruise:

- Make sure PDF's are in good condition.
- Check expiration dates on flares & fire extinguishers and make sure extinguishers are easily accessible & full.
- Inspect anchor and docklines for chafing, wear and rot.
- Check cabin, cockpit and nav lights & replace if necessary.
- Update or replace old charts and waterway guides.
- Reconnect electronics and antennas; test for problems.
- Make sure bilge float switch is working properly.
- Change oil; replace fuel filters/water separators.

**Recipe:**

**Better Than “\_\_\_\_\_” Chocolate Cake**

(Sssh! The original recipe is Better Than “Sex” Chocolate Cake, but you can substitute any old thing you want!)

1 pkg. chocolate cake mix	1 small pkg. instant chocolate pudding
4 eggs	8 oz. carton sour cream
½ c. vegetable oil	1 ¾ c. chocolate chips
¼ c. water	¾ c. chopped pecans
1 t. vanilla	

Remove a spoon or two of cake mix and use to coat chocolate chips and pecans; set aside. Combine remaining cake mix, eggs, oil, water, vanilla, pudding mix and sour cream. Mix well; fold in chocolate chips & nuts. Turn into greased/floured bundt pan and bake at 350 degrees 50 – 55 minutes or until cake tests done. Remove from pan and cool on rack; frost when completely cooled. **Frosting:** Melt one stick butter in sauce pan. Add 1 c. packed brown sugar and cook until bubbly, stirring constantly. Add ¼ cup evaporated milk and mix and continue to cook until smooth. Remove from heat and sift powdered sugar into the mix until spreading consistency is reached. Don't be tempted to add too much sugar; the frosting thickens as it cools. The consistency should be just slightly firmer than runny. Drizzle over the cake!

**Who Ya Gonna Call & Schedule of Events**

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