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Commodores Corner

By Pete Porter

. The Past Year of WSCYC

This has been a really great year for your yacht club. I have seen several things that make me really proud to be associated with this club. Our members who have headed south this past season report how being a member of WSCYC has allowed them free moorage, other privileges, and new friendships formed from staying at other yacht clubs on the way. I hear of other yacht club membership and participation in sailing events being down over the northwest. Well our numbers are up! We have close to 100 members and we had 17 boats participate in the September six pack series! Some of this year's accomplishments? We have a greatly improved website. The club newsletter is getting published regularly. The club successfully hosted seven races including 2 of the 7 West Sound Sailing Association series races. The new (and some say confusing) race starting sequence was implemented in all these races. Your yacht club now has a budget. We implemented a new routine of Wednesday evening

board meetings and then reconvening at the Ale House. None of these fun things would have happened without your hard working board members Greg, Chris, Cathy, Paul and Brian and many other volunteers. And guess what, these board members had so much fun this year they all have volunteered to come back next year! And so lastly but certainly not leastly, I want to give a huge thanks to Rob Heay for his awesome support of the club. He not only provides us a great place to hold our board meetings, sponsors many of our races by providing free beers and turkey and getting us many new members by signing them up every time he sells a boat. Thanks Rob!! To close, I want to say I have had a fun time being your commodore. I am stepping down, but I plan on continuing to an active club member. Thanks.

Words of Vice

By Greg Perkins

Items of Interest\Upcoming Events

What a GREAT Year!! Without chronicling each and every event I'll just say that all of the 15 scheduled events (Cruises and Race\Race Series) found a host or a race committee. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who made it happen. I made it to as many events as I could but found that I did not sail near as much as I would have liked.

My personal goal is to attend as many events as possible.

My goal for our club is to have all races and cruises sponsored again so that no event gets cancelled. I would also like to have a unscheduled cruise or two. It doesn't have to be well thought out, or even have an elaborate plan. A couple of boats going to the Dock Street Marina in Tacoma would work (just let me know I can be ready in less than an hour).

Our events Cruises and Races are a great way to make friends or new friends. If you haven't made it to either in a while or if you are a new member please make it your personal goal to attend an event (myself I have met someone new at every event I have attended).

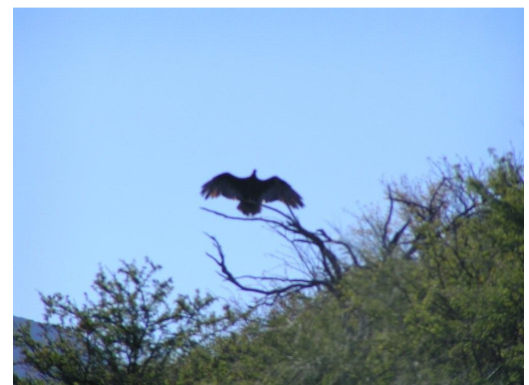
If you would like to host a cruise or committee a race please send me an e-mail, Sign up at the Christmas Party, or see me at the party.

As Pete mentioned all of the current board members have volunteered to stick around for another year, if re-elected. It has been one of the best jobs I've had, and getting to know the other board members has been a real blessing.

I've run out of things to say so I'll leave you with some pictures of my latest trip. I spent most of October with my Dad. We spent five days fishing at Lake Novillo which is in San Pedro de la Cueva in Sonora Mexico.

See you at the Party.

Greg



Cathy spoke with the Harbor Master at Dock Street Marina here are the answers to her questions:

- Bridge height is 64 feet and if you have a taller rig the bridge can be opened by calling the WSDOT a couple of hours in advance.
- Upon arrival at the marina, give us a call and we will come and check you in and give you the guest code. We change it monthly. We take a credit card to reserve, but don't run it until you arrive and use your card.
- We don't have a covered area at the marina, but we do have a club house across the water at our Delin Docks Marina. It has a full kitchen and all you have to do is call and reserve it. There is a \$50.00 refundable damage deposit on the off chance that something goes crazy.
- If you have a group coming down please call for availability, some weekends are booked. We will take reservations up to a year in advance.
- We are working with a number of restaurants within walking distance to get discounts. They have already agreed to help with larger group availability. The restaurants include Harmon Brewery, Indochine, El Gaucho, Cutters Point Coffee and an Ice Cream shop to name a few. There is also the light rail of Tacoma that is a five minute walk from the docks. We are literally 50 yards from the Museum of Glass, which is absolutely breath taking.

We look forward to hearing from you about a stay in the future. Bring the whole gang down and let's give them a view of Tacoma that they probably never thought existed!

Have a great rest of the summer.

Craig Perry

Manager, Dock Street Marina

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Secretary's Sentances

By the time you read this all the year's racing and cruises will be over. One last Club must do is the end of the year Awards Banquet/Christmas Party. Commodore Pete has planned a great time, a great menu and venue. Door prizes, wine and some Club business, elections of officers for 2008 and a call for volunteers. I am looking forward to having a wonderful evening. I hope some of you who haven't been able to attend the cruises are planning to come to the party. I'd love to have a face to go with a name and to meet you in person.

The Rum Run was a bit on the wild side. Can't blame it on Rum though. At the beginning the wind was blowing at about 3 knots and by the time we arrived at Illahee it was up to about 15. The wind was probably up to 20 by the time we were at Key Port. While tying on the fenders before going into the marina at Poulsbo we saw steady 25 knots and gusts were higher. After a VHF discussion we decided to return to Port Orchard and go out to dinner there. We still had Hot Buttered Rums on the host boat, good food at one of the local eateries and lively conversations.

I encourage you to consider volunteering to host a cruise or a race. The Club also needs a volunteer for a trustee position, a newsletter editor and a cruise director. Unlike many other clubs, WSCYC has no obligations to volunteer time. To 'coin a phrase', The needs and wants of the many cannot be organized and sponsored by the few. You are the ones who make WSCYC such a great Club

See you on the 8th!!

Cathy\



Docklines Cover Contest

Hopefully all of you have had the opportunity to use the club's reciprocal privileges. Just in case you haven't noticed the last couple years, the cover of the Docklines has been a color photograph. There was no rhyme or reason to how these photos were chosen. The photos just seemed to show up at the right time and were ideal for the cover that year.

This time around I would like the members of our yacht club to submit photos that could be used for the Docklines cover next year. I know some of you have photos worthy of gracing the cover of an international syndicate boating magazine, why not the Docklines?! This is your chance to be famous, able to wave the Docklines in the faces of your envious friends. Imagine the look on your friends faces when they step aboard your yacht and there rests the mighty Docklines, perfectly centered on the table, with your photo beaming brightly on the cover. Ahhhhhh yesssss, such a magnificent vision!

Submit your cover worthy photos by January 31, 2008 to your Rear Commodore, Chris at jorgensenca@hotmail.com

The winner will be announced in a future club newsletter. We also haven't yet decided on the prize for submitting the winning entry yet, but at the last meeting we were leaning towards waiving the winner's club membership fee for 2008.

Have a Happy Holiday Season,
Chris