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From the Helm

Happy New Year to all. The hot news for this month is our Annual Commodore's Ball to be held January 17th at the Swinomish Casino. In case you misplaced your invitation, it is open bar at 6 pm and dinner at 7 pm with Officer Installation, Awards, and dancing to follow.

The dinner will not be setup as a regular buffet this year, but rather a number of individual "stations" each serving a yummie item: roast beef, chicken, etc. Please get you RSVP in to Pam Edwards ASAP so we can get a count. Also, please invite your friends as well to this gala evening.

On a business note, your flag officers had their first planning meeting on January 2 and we hope to add a number of additional club activities. Also, it is my personal objective this year to organize all of our key club and member information in a central database to facilitate easier communication and uniform records. For now we are upgrading the website with "bulletin boards" to facilitate simplified messaging between various groups (cruisers, racers, etc). Our current webmaster, Dave Thomson, is spearheading this. I am forming an "Information Systems" committee to support this effort and anyone wishing to participate please contact me at windhog@comcast.net or 299-6610. --Bill Booth, AYC Commodore 2004

Notes and Announcements from the "Center of dah' Boat"

Seems like just yesterday, I didn't say no to Spencer one more time and I was Rear Commodore. It was only with the help and cooperation of so many that I got through the year without a great deal of unpleasant work and a lot of good laughs and smiles. Thank



you to all who helped out with our various "bar" functions and the maintenance of the Club. Particularly I would like to thank the IJDGABTT society and their members. It makes it so much easier to do this job when over a cup of coffee I have many friends who always say... "Yes, I'll do that!". Thanks guys and gals!



Now I am moving to the new position of Vice Commodore and I'll have to figure out how it works. Rumor has it that I am in charge of entertainment and food... I think that will work... I enjoy that part of life a great deal. I will be calling on the various members to chip in with their ideas and help. It is what makes our organization work... those people with ideas and thoughts who are willing to get behind with their energy and smiles.

I regret that I won't be at this year's Commodore's Ball to dance and carry on as I have a trip planned with Rotary International and the "Wheelchair Project" to Trinidad. But do me a big favor... make sure that Pam wears her "Bartender Gift" for all to enjoy.

As always, if you have ideas to make the Club better, please let me know. "Remember... Life is Short... Sail Fast!" --Pat Barrett, Vice Commodore

AYC January Events

January 17, Commodore's Ball... contact Pam Edwards-Harju

January 23, Hamburger and Bowling Night... Contact Bill or Marcia Short

Every Friday, AYC Bar opens at 5:30pm

Looking forward from the Rear...

Commodore

The New Year has begun whether or not I am ready. I am looking forward to this new adventure as the Rear Commodore. This past year saw a lot of good things going on at the club and I hope that I can help to continue these and add to them as we progress through the year. Being the new kid on the block, I have a lot to learn and am getting started. In the past the volunteer barkeepers have been the backbone to our many events. Without them we would not have the good times. I am looking forward to their outstanding job and to all of them continuing with us. Even I have completed the necessary courses to become a bartender. I see this as one of the best ways to meet and get to know the members of our club. I would encourage you to become a bartender and you can harass the rest of us! As the year progresses look for me to be volunteering you for some of our activities. The best way to prevent this from happening is to sign up for the events you wish to be involved in. No matter what, we will have fun this year. Happy New Year. --Dave Malsed, Rear Commodore.

Commodore's Ball, January 17

Hi, its me once again - reminding you that you only have about 10 days to RSVP for the "doooo" of the year. The food is going to be to die for - the music outstanding - and first and foremost it's my party and I want all of you there. The RSVP deadline is January 12th - you still have time to check you calendar - mark it in pen and come on down.

Here is the story on what is happening. Commodore Ball - January 17, Northern Lights Casino. No host cocktails @ 6:00 pm, scrumptious buffet dinner @ 7:00 pm

If you have RSVP'd already, thank you very much. If not, just e-mail me call the club with your RSVP. We already have a good group, so please be part of the "in crowd" - see ya there. --Pam

AYC December Activities

The festivities started out by decorating the club. John & Kim Satterlee, Anita Davis, Suzanne Emery, Cynthia Backlund, Pat Malsed and I had fun decorating and making the club look beautiful. After a full morning

we all went to lunch at Gere Deli. The Christmas party was great, lots of wonderful food, homemade hot butter rum, music and laughter, in fact, getting together for the holidays was special. New Years Eve has come and gone, with 15 couples helping bring in the New Year. The club provided champagne for the New Year's toast. Take down was a breeze thanks to all that helped. Thanks everyone and happy 2004. --Linda Harbers

Cruise Events Planned for 2004

Here are the major cruiser events planned for 2004, with *tentative* dates. Several minor cruises are also in the planning stage. We had 25 people in attendance at the planning meeting: Cases, Harbers, Emerys, Wrights, Thomsons, Cheaquis, Karney, Backlands, O'Neills, Steve Dubnoff, Marian Lowe, Joe Cartwright, Ken Cave, Chuck Lowe, and Bill Short. All will be announced via the AYC website as details are finalized.

- February 14, Cruisers' Pot Luck, Clubhouse
- March 13, Tacoma Glass Museum Land Cruise
- April 10-11, Friday Harbor Shakedown Cruise, Roger Wright, Cruise Captain
- May 1-2, Sucia Island Cruise, Dick Smock and John Moody, Cruise Captains
- May 15, Saddlebag Island Clean-up
- May 29-31, Garrison Bay Cruise, Dave Thomson and Phil Case, Cruise Captains
- September 4-6, Victoria Classic Boat Show Cruise
- September 18-19, Reid Harbor Wine and Cheese Cruise
- December 4-5, Victoria Land Cruise

Note that several of the cruises need Captains. Those of you with natural leadership skills should contact me immediately to volunteer to run the Cruise of your choice, before all the Captain slots are filled (otherwise I may be contacting YOU!). Also, I will gratefully accept suggestions and comments. --Dave Thomson, 2004 Cruise Chair (360-293-7900, eltortuga@comcast.net)

From the Decorating Committee

Hi All! This year has been both fun and interesting for me as your Decorating Chairperson. It gave me the opportunity to get to know many of you better. WHAT TALENT WE HAVE IN AYC! The core committee consisted of: Pam Edwards- Harju, Karen Thomson, Jerica Carsberg, Dick Smock. I think Dick was one brave guy to take this task on. Each Committee Member then got their own volunteers to assist them with their part of the project.

Here is a list of our accomplishments regarding the finishing of the multi-purpose room:

- √ Completed our plan on schedule.
- √ We remained within our budget. In fact, we are with some remaining funds to add a few finishing touches. Our art work will go up the first week in January.
- √ The repaint job of the room was done due to a pigment problem with the paint. This was a huge task undertaken by Pam, Karen and Jennifer Bowman. I want to thank these three as they worked under a tight time line at a busy time of the year.
- √ Woodwork was another big task and Dick recruited some great talent. This illustrious group included: Bob Carlson, John Satterlee, Maury Fink, Marv Klinger, and Bill Larson.
- √ Vic Childs and Catherine Bearce have been working on the art and it looks great.

Thank you all for your support especially knowing how busy most are with other commitments. Have a great New Year! --Barbara Ritts

Hamburger and Bowling Night Planned for January 23

Come join us, Friday, January 23, at the AYC clubhouse for hamburgers and potato salad from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Don't forget the bar opens earlier. After filling up on hamburgers, we will see you at the San Juan Lanes to finish up our evening with bowling and good fun beginning at 7:30 pm. Cooks and bowling hosts: Bill and Marcia Short. Call us if you have questions. -- Bill Short.

Using AYC's Yahoo Group E-Mail

Anacortes YC Yahoo group e-mail posting privileges are available to all AYC members who are currently subscribed. Address e-mail to the group @ anacortesyc@yahoo.com. Your posting privileges are only for the e-mail address you furnished to the club. If you try using an e-mail address other than your subscribed address it will not post. For example: if you try posting from your workplace e-mail address or if you recently changed your e-mail address, your post will automatically be rejected. If you want an additional address added or if you change your e-mail address, please advise me of the change. All posts are moderated, which means they must be approved by one of several moderators. This is done for two reasons: 1) to filter out computer viruses, and 2) to filter out "junk mail." Only posts which are of obvious club related interest are approved. Please no jokes, chain letters, business ads, political opinions etc. Because all posts are moderated, there may be a slight time lag before the e-mail is posted. Posts are normally approved the same day. Any questions or e-mail address changes please phone me @ 293-1357. Thanks.--Dick Karney

Victoria Land Cruise

The Victoria Land Cruise set sail on the Anacortes to Sidney ferry on the first weekend in December. Six couples enjoyed coffee, conversation and sight-seeing along the way into Canada. Lunch at the Rumrunner Pub in Sidney found the Rees, Swains, Smiths, Cheaquis, Larsons, and Shorts fueling up for the dash down to Victoria. Shopping, caroling concerts, a dinner theater, decorated trees in the Empress Hotel, coffee and pastries in the many bakeries were a number of activities engaged in by the crew. A special Saturday afternoon concert was held in Market Square with 52 tubas playing Christmas carols for the shoppers. What a sound! Dinner at a local Greek restaurant was a lively affair for Saturday evening followed the next day with another beautiful trip home on the ferry. --Cruise captains, Bill and Marcia Short

Contributions to the *Knot News*

Please send articles, photos and other items of interest to AYC members to George Hatfield, Editor, email gphatfield2@comcast.net. The deadline for the February 2004 issue is Friday, January 30.