



Multnomah Channel Yacht Club

Channel Chatter

50990 Dike Rd. Scappoose, Or. 97056 (503) 543 - 5055

February, 2009

Commodore's Comments

January was a great month and the Commodore's Ball went well. I have heard only positive things about MCYC and of our members. This is the prevailing opinion members of other Yacht Clubs have relayed to me. This alone should give every member of MCYC a lot of pride in our club. Linda and I are really looking forward to February, and what a start to the month. The 2nd annual Super Bowl Party! Scott, Sondra, Brian, Shelly, David, Linda, Wayne, Anna, and Alex. You folks are a class act and your party is the example all should follow. This is why Linda and I joined MCYC - FUN-FUN-FUN

February has only begun for us. We are looking forward to attending the Riverside Yacht Club's Commodore's Ball as well as our cruise to WYC for the Sweethearts Cruise. The cocktail flag will be flying from Orion's mast and all are welcome. We'll see you at WYC.>>>CC Charley<<<

First Lady's Comments

The first week of February brought a string of very beautiful pre-spring days. Yesterday was 60 degrees and a feeling of spring is in the air. I started thinking of those wonderful spring days filled with warming sunshine and the desire to clean up in preparation for summer. I had Charley clean up the flower pots so I could start to plant flowers. Later that day we looked at fabric to

First Lady's Comments, Con't
recover our patio chairs. No doubt about it, spring is in the air. I am excited to ponder the prospects of warm days, weekend boat trips and stimulating conversations that last well into the night with friends on the dock. Looking forward to summer, hope you are too.>>Linda<<

Social Director's Column

We here at MCYC had a great start to 2009 by welcoming new Commodore Charley Jensen and 1st Mate Linda at a lovely Commodore's Ball at the Red Lion, complete with 17 piece band and fabulous food. Vice Commodore Duane and Deborah Westfall did an excellent job of creating an elegant evening for us all and we would like to say thank-you for that.

Just this past Sunday we had our 2nd annual Super Bowl Party, and I think I can speak for everyone who attended by saying 'Super' isn't a strong enough word for the event the 'Sherwood crew' put on for us. The three big screens let us keep an eye on all the football action, and the non-stop food kept us full and happy. They started with snacks, then circulated with hot finger foods, and at half-time fed us a full blown hot meal. Oh, and don't forget dessert! Thanks to Giacherios, Hales, Karpeles and McGees for an outstanding afternoon of fun, food and games.

Our next event coming up very quickly is the Soup and Bread
CC Charley

Social Director's Column, Con't
dinner, this Friday, February 6th. This event is hosted by Clayton and Betty Gardner, Gordon and Judy Hill, and Larry and Diane Hill and features two kinds of hot soup, warm, home baked bread as well as dessert for only \$6. The bar opens at 5:30 and dinner starts at 6:00 so don't be late, and we'll see you there!

For our February cruise this year will be going to Willamette Yacht Club for their annual Valentine's Party. You can boat or RV in, or just drive over for one or all of the events. Please RSVP to Cruise co-Captains Donna and Larry Clark at lddmclark@msn.com if you are planning to attend so they can let our friends at Willamette know how many to expect.

We have once again been invited to join Longview Yacht Club for their annual Crab Feed. This year's event is on Saturday, February 21st and again this year we have secured a ride on the Big Yellow Scappoose School Bus for those who would like a 'designated driver'. Cost for the Crab Feed is \$16, with a chicken dinner, for those who don't eat seafood, being offered for only \$10. Cost for the bus ride will be \$15 per person, unless we get a big crowd, then we should be able to lower the price accordingly.

(Continued on Page Two)

Social Director's Column, Con't

LYC is once again offering a prize for best 'crab-eating bib' and due to MCYC's very creative, and somewhat competitive, members we have been known to win this one, so start thinking now about your prize-winning entry! Bus pick up time will be 12:15 pm in front of our club (have your bus fare ready for George, the Busmeister) and the event runs from 1-5 pm at Longview. Please RSVP to Robin at radejardin@verizon.net if you plan to attend, so our friends at Longview can have plenty of crab for everyone.

Lastly we would like to remind everyone that St. Patrick's Day is quickly sneaking up on us, like it always does and we should all give Bob Gedde a call and find out what he needs us to do. This is always a fun weekend, but there is a lot of prep work that goes into making it that way, so lets all get on board! >EssDees, Robin and Joel<

Boating Humor:

Some "nautical" definitions, courtesy of Bostonboating.com:

Adrift - A method of moving across the water when nothing on your boat works. You normally do not have a lot of input as to where you are actually going, but you *can* get there.

Bilge pump - An electrical device designed to remove the charge from your batteries. These devices only operate properly when the boat is not taking on water.

Buoy - A navigational aid indicating there is something worth noting somewhere close to the location of the buoy, possibly to one side or the other or below it.

Compass - A navigational aid that accurately points to the largest metal object on your boat.

Overboard - A term describing the final resting-place for anything expensive dropped while on board a boat.

MCYC Schedule Feb, Mar, Apr

FEBRUARY:

Soup & Bread 1 st Friday	6 th
Sweetheart Cruise	13 th -15 th
General Meeting	18 th
LYC Crab Feed	21 st

MARCH:

Board Meeting	4 th
Work Party	7 th
St. Pat's Day Party	13 th -15 th
General Meeting	18 th

APRIL:

Board Meeting	1 st
Chili Cookoff Cruise	10 th -12 th
General Meeting	15 th

..... Editor "Chatterwallah's" Notes:

Back to the 3-column format for the Chatter. Something to be said for tradition. (I was outvoted.)

How about this Columbia County Creeping Crud? Everyone has it. It appears survivable. "Doctor Chatterwallah" prescribes honey and bourbon. Just keep telling yourself "it's medicinal". My copy of CCC looks to be a 3-boxer.

How about that OUTSTANDING Super Bowl party! That, readers, is how PARTY is done! Your scribbler didn't win anything this year, but I had a great time.

Short notes from the 1-21 meeting: Sea Tow is in Chapter 11, so if you have a contract with them, see 'da Judge (and get TowBoat US). Don't forget to email your RSVP for the WYC Sweetheart Cruise, if you forgot to. WYC promises us they will monitor VHF Ch. 72 to offer docking assists.

Note the Work Party for March 7th. That's an ALL HANDS work party. Plenty of work for the first Mates, so let's have a good turnout to spiff up the Club for St. Pat's. There are still some cruises unhosted. See a brass hat about signing up for one. There are two at St. Helens City Dock this year, so there's no excuse not to be co-hosting, it doesn't get any easier than St. Helens! There WILL be a bus for the LYC Crab feed away-

Editor's Notes, Con't:

party. Your Editor made the arrangements. Big Yellow again. Those "stimulating" Jello snacks again. Yeah! We might even have a Big Yellow mix tape to play. If I make it, it WILL be heavy on GenOne rock.

More notes from the 020509

Board Meeting: We need some ideas for Opening Day decorations. The theme this year has something to do with Bridges. I can't find it written down anywhere so I won't refer you to it yet....MCYC is getting to a crisis point with a lack of bartenders. Our OLCC Premise License says we have to have licensed barkeeps when we serve alcohol, ANY AND ALL ALCOHOL. Many former licensees have had their server licenses go out of date (I'm guilty!). We can renew online through Oregon Restaurant Education Foundation's website. You take the renewal course online, and when you do the exam, you have to have a proctor in the room with you. A proctor is anyone over 21 years of age. Fee is \$25. You must have had your original course in the past seven years to do the online course and test. Here is the website's URL:

http://www.ora.org/Education/education_training_ASE.htm

Thanks to Deborah Westfall for that timely information. That is all.

..... Rental Space for Valentine's Day mash notes:

BeeBee: 32 years of lovin' you. It's not enuff. XOXOXOXOXO So, why isn't YOUR mash note in here, Skipper? No excuse, is there? Rod Blagojevich has nothing on your editor, I could get rich with just this little space, huh?

