

Multnomah Channel Yacht Club

Channel Chatter

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

I'm grateful and feel honored to be chosen by the members of MCYC to represent our organization for the upcoming year. My main goal is to live up to your expectations as your Commodore and be a fine ambassador to other yacht clubs and organizations we may encounter while cruising or on shore. My plans for the business end of our club are to listen to all of your concerns and giving equal consideration to all. The success of our club hinges on involvement of it members. Attend the meetings, read your e-mail and give your constructive input. It's your club, not just an inexpensive place to park your boat.

I will have expectations of all MCYC members in return. It's called "JUST HAVE FUN". We are a social organization and I think we have strayed from our theme of "THE FRIENDLIEST CLUB ON THE WATER". We also have an obligation to our mates as well as ourselves to enjoy boating and the water, after all that's why we are all here. Don't wait for a club cruise to venture away on your yacht. Load up some provisions, your mate and the family pet and have some quiet time at Coon Island or wherever you can get to. Our motto for the year is, "GRAB YOUR MATE AND DONT BE LATE FOR A GREAT TIME IN 2009".

Linda and I have a few new ideas for upcoming meetings and events give us a chance and don't be leery of a few changes in the name of fun. I'm going to have drawings for prizes at meetings for members present. We are going to provide a monthly cake to honor our birthdays and anniversaries. I would like to replace the age-old BOO-BOO vest with a new RUBBER DUCKY award that the Commodore would issue for the most memorable moments in our boating adventures. Photos are more than welcome. We are going to have a great year. >>>Commodore Charley<<<

FIRST LADY'S COMMENTS

Wow! It's here! The New Year and my "watch" as First Lady! It seems overwhelming just to think about it, but I know that I will have the advice of all the Past First Ladies to rely on, so I enthusiastically accept this big challenge.

We have the Best Club on the River, and in case any doubters remain, we will prove it AGAIN in May! I feel a strong sense of honor in starting my duties, and I will not fail you.

The Survivor's Cruise was a little short on participation, but those of us who did attend will remember it, especially for the Prime Rib. We had a wonderful New Year's Day and dinner, then Commodore Charley and PC Mike worked half the night clearing the log jam which engulfed us at Coon Island East dock.

The next day, we went down the River with the LYC boats, and tied up at Sand Island, where long winter walks in the snow and Snow Geese kept cabin fever at bay. The men watched football, caught sturgeon and did their things, but this is what boating is all about for me: making the most of every landing, every cruise.

MCYC needs MORE cruising, because it's the cruises we remember, and what is a boat for if not to generate wonderful cruising memories? At the Club, I want to talk about CRUISING, because that's why we're all here. We use the club to start and end our CRUISES. >>>First Lady Linda<<<

SOCIAL CHAIR'S REPORT

Well, wasn't that an eventful Holiday season? Parties and good cheer and everybody got to play in the snow! OK, so most of us weren't actually playing...it was more like shoveling: off the docks, off the roofs...but the moorage came out of it just fine, so, good job MCYC!

Our 1st holiday event just before the snow started to fall was the C Dock Progressive Cheer. Wow, did our friends on C Dock ever decorate. The boathouses and floating homes looked just gorgeous, and best of all they were full of delicious food and warm holiday beverages and lots of our friends. Thanks to everyone on C Dock for a great time.

The very next day was our annual Christmas Ships Party and the start of the 1st big snowstorm. I'm afraid some of us chickened out of driving through the hills in the snow and had to miss this one, but we heard it had a pretty good turn out nonetheless, and everyone had a really good time. Thanks to Joyce and Rick and Lynne and Joe for heading this up, and to all their 'helpers' for their hard work. Also thanks to everyone who braved the storm to attend. It wouldn't have been a party without you!

After a couple of weeks of snow and shoveling, we ended the year with a fun New Year's Eve party hosted by Duane and Deborah. They fed us a melt-in-your-mouth meal with Turkey, Ham and all of our favorite holiday side dishes. After dinner DJ Jovy and her faithful assistant Mark got the music going and we danced all evening. Thanks Duane and Deborah and Mark and Jovy, we all had a good time.

SOCIAL CHAIR'S REPORT, CONTINUED:

Next up on our social calendar is the Commodore's Ball on January 17th at the Red Lion Hotel at Jantzen Beach. You've all got your Tuxedos cleaned and pressed and your new dresses picked out right? Great, we'll see you there!

On Sunday February 1st we have our 2nd annual Super Bowl Party hosted by Brian and Shelly, Wayne and Anna, Scott and Sondra and Dave K. and Linda. This promises to be a lot of fun so be sure you make plans to be there.

The next Friday, February 6th, we have our annual Soup and Bread Event hosted by Clayton and Betty, Gordon and Judy, and Larry and Diane H. They'll be serving up two kinds of hot soup, along with fresh, warm, home baked bread and dessert for only \$6, so be sure to bring your friends and family and a favorite game to play. Good food and good friends, sounds like a pretty nice evening.

As we begin a new year we would like to say we are thankful for all of our friends at MCYC and the area boating community. Our lives are better for your friendship. >>>Robin and Joel DeJardin<<<

POTPOURRI/EDITOR'S NOTES:

Winter heroes: I've been told that the politically correct thing to do is not to make a big deal about the stalwart members who hung it ALL out to save our moorage. Your Editor is not politically correct, never has been and refuses to be. It will be MY personal policy that when I see one of them heading for the bar, they don't buy that drink, I do. This is MY Club, MY moorage and MY boat they saved, and I can't forget that. There's precedent for this in the Air Force, where the Combat Air Rescue Service helicopter crews couldn't buy a drink in any military aviator's bar they went into. This doesn't have to be an "official" policy, let's just make it happen.

Club Awards: I don't know how YOU see it, but I think covering the West wall with our many awards is a splendid idea. Let's thank PC John and VC Duane for their initiative on getting the plaques up.

DJ Jovi's Speaker/Amp fund has a good start, but it's just a start. Being a DJ involves some expense, and since it's for all of our entertainment (and brings more folks and \$\$\$ to MCYC), we need to pump up that fund quickly.

Birthday/Anniversary cake: Another outstanding idea. Now if that delicious cake had a few less calories....

B.-B.O.T.Y. 2008 went to Dave Karpeles, for the well-photographed dinghy abuse incidents.

Social Event Hosting: Margaret Fasel, Galley Chief, reminds us that MCYC Policy requires members to host or co-host at least one social function per year. There are more than enough of them to go around, and the best friendships are those made while working side-by-side. Look at a calendar and either create/plan an event or sign up to co-host one. Help's available if you're new to the process. There are "standard" events held every year, but we could use some new infusion of ideas for parties. With the new members come those new ideas, so let's kick it around the next time we all get together. No one will laugh at your theme idea, that's a promise (Commodore will growl if they do). Get started by calling/emailing Party Captain Robin DeJardin to set the date!

Humor Department

Due to the increased reports of excessive alcohol consumption the MCYC's doctor issues this warning:

Warning: The consumption of alcohol may cause you to think that you can dance and that falling down is part of that process.

Breaking News: Two ships collided in fog and heavy seas off the Cape last night. One ship carried red paint, while the cargo of the other was blue paint. There are reports of marooned sailors on the beach.....TA-DA, THAT'S ALL FOLKS!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: January 17, 2009: Commodore's Ball, see [attached flyer](#). January 21, 2009, General Meeting.

February 1, 2009 Super Bowl XLIII Party, [see accompanying flyer](#). February 6, 2009 First Friday "Soup & Bread" party, MCYC, see [linked flyer](#). February 14-15, Sweetheart's Cruise, WYC Docks. February ??, 2009 A Work Party will likely be scheduled sometime between the Sweetheart's Cruise and St. Paddy's Day Party to get set up for THAT "really big show".

SAFETY PAGE:

This is new to the Chatter, but since we are serious about our boating safety, the Commodore and your Editor decided to start a Safe Boating column. The basic premise here is that boating problems are almost ALWAYS caused by a failure of the Five P's. If you were military, you know that they are: Prior Planning Prevents Poor Performance. You CAN plan too much while preparing for problems afloat, and your Editor is probably a good example of that, but far WORSE issues come up when planning hasn't been done. I've listed a few things you may not have done to prepare for the worst:

1. Do you un-mount each fire extinguisher and shake it up to un-clump the powder? You should, and often.
2. When is the last time you checked your radio OVER A DISTANCE? Sure it's fine to talk to someone within view, but what about 5 miles away around six bends in the river? Buddy up with someone going out and check it out.
3. Has your First Mate ever worked the radio? Does she know what to say if you can't get to the mike? Practice!
4. Has your First Mate ever gotten into the Flare Kit? Can she load and fire a Meteor Flare? Strike a Day Smoke? Does she know when to use the different alert/locate items in the kit? Ooops, more Practice required. >>Boat Safely!<<

