

Multnomah Channel Yacht Club

Channel Chatter

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Commodore's Comments

Ahoy, MCYC Skippers and First Mates. I've turned back the clocks onboard Orion, cleaned the Northwest green-stuff off her decks, and covered the sails for the winter. I turn the page on the calendar and realize its November. Where has this year gone? It sure has been one hell of a great ride for this Commodore and First Lady. Well, this might sound like the end to a fun cruising season, in fact it's just the beginning of our foul weather cruises on board Orion. For her crew, it's the peaceful and quiet times, at our favorite moorages, left vacant by the fair weather boaters. It reminds me of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays spent on Coon Island. Those are fun times spent without the stressful hustle and bustle holidays bring upon us. Remember, any day spent aboard your boat, is better than any day at the office. Happy cruising to you all.

<<Commodore Charley>>

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First Lady's Comments

November is a special month in our house. First there is Veteran's Day and second, Thanksgiving Day. Both are days for giving thanks. Thanks to the men and women who gave their service to protect and defend the freedoms we enjoy as Americans. Thanks to God for giving us the many blessings we enjoy year round. We are truly blessed.

<<First Lady Linda>>

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Car for Sale

2002 Kia Rio 4-door
Air, Stereo/CD
5-Speed Manual Trans
About 80,000 miles
Extra snow wheels (rims only)
Tire chains (EZ-on kind)
Runs perfect
About \$2000
See: Chatterwallah

First Lady's Comments, Con't

Teddy says he can't wait to see all y'all at St. Helens.....



Social Director's Comments

Where does the time go?! Has anyone else been caught off guard by the fact that the holidays are right around the corner? Fliers are out for the Christmas ships party so be sure to read all about it and see how you can help.

The work crew for the Italian Dinner on the tenth of October worked together to put on an excellent meal. Thanks to all the kitchen crew: Brian and Janet, Don Johnson, Reichens and Jellums.

Halloween began early with a cruise in the middle of October and finished with a bang when the clubhouse became a haunted house on the 31st. Thank you Mark, Jovi, John, Karen, Karen and Art for a fun filled, spooky evening. The spooks were gone for Hot Salsa Saturday when Debbie won best salsa for her mild salsa with guacamole. Thanks to Heuers and Clarks for tasty tacos and margaritas.

There's lots more going on before we get to the Commodore's Ball on Jan. 16th. The final scheduled cruise for this year is set for November 14 - 15 to St. Helens. Two Christmas events are back to back in December, C Dock Holiday Cheer on December 12th and Christmas

Social Director's Comments, Con't

Ships on the 13th. We'll ring in the new year with a New Year's Eve party on December 31st. Be sure to check out fliers for each event, mark your calendars and RSVP when you see it. See ya' at the river, Susan

Editor's Comments

It's been a busy month for your Chatterwallah as well. I finished the last Chatter and got on a plane to Mexico. After a grueling day winging our way to Dallas, and then Puerto Vallarta, we got off the airplane and were in the tropics immediately! We're not used to that down there, but then, we'd never gone down to our timeshare in October before, either. We made the best of the turbulent weather there, and met Mark & Jovi when they came down to visit with Mark's son, who just happened to be there at the same time we were. The two weeks in Paradise was too soon up, though, and we came back to a missing season. It seems that Fall happened while we were gone, and now it's Winter! I guess we can handle THAT also.

First item of interest concerns those who might have a Mr. Heater brand "Big Buddy" model propane heater. I have (or had) one, and it blew up 11-09, "grand mal". I use mine to heat my shop building, and I was out there working. The building was only in the low 50's, so I fired up the heater for the first time this season, and it started it's usual toasty warm radiance. Suddenly, there was a loud POP!, and I turned around to face the heater and flames were erupting out the top and touching the roof of the building! I reached down and shut off the gas supply at the tank, and the fire went out. Elapsed time, maybe two seconds, seemed like an eternity. I blabbed about the incident on my website, and this

Calendar of Events

November:

St Helens City Cruise – 13-15th

Gen. Mtg, Elections – 18th

December:

Board Meeting – 2d

Christmas Ships Party – 13th

Annual Meeting – 16th

New Year's Eve Party – 31st

January, 2010

Survivor Cruise – 1st

Boat Show 3rd – 10th

Board Meeting – 7th

Commodore's Ball – 16th

General Meeting – 21st

Editor's Comments, Con't

morning, a friend emails me from South Dakota that there was a recall on those, some 4 ½ years ago! So, if you have a Mr. Heater Big Buddy heater, Model # MH-18-B, STOP USING IT!

What I think happened to mine was that it flashed back, probably due to an obstruction in the fuel delivery pipe, and the backflash blew apart the interior gas piping inside the heater. I had a nice conversation with Enerco, the holding company for Mr. Heater, and confirmed that this is a recalled one, so I get a free replacement!

These gas appliance backflashes are usually caused by small bugs crawling into the gas delivery system through the air mixing port. Next spring, I'll bag the heater and throw a few mothballs in the bag. From now on, every catalytic heater I have (4 of them) gets tested out in the open after being laid up and before being commissioned for service.

The next thing is a crime prevention item. A scam involving dishonest cashiers has started in Texas and may be working it's way out here. It's real easy for the cashier to pull off. Basically, the cashier, without asking you, rings up a cash-back at the end of the order you are paying for with a debit or credit card. Unless you check your receipt as soon as the cashier hands it to you, you won't know this. If the cashiers are monitored by camera, they just give the cash to a friend who goes through the line later with a transaction. I have an email I saved with details of this scam in it. Pay close attention EVERY TIME you check out!

News You can Use

With the holidays coming up, it's time to mark those calendars with some details, not just gigs.

Joyce Speight reminds us that Christmas Ships and the accompanying toy drive is barely a month away (Dec 13th). Keep that in mind if you buck the crowds on Black Friday to shop. Your Chatterwallah usually brings two gifts, but will probably bump that up to three this year. Columbia County's needy aren't in any better shape this year than last, despite the mistaken cheery news from the East that we're almost back to normal.

Vice Commodore Duane reminds us that his grand-daughter Payton is in the Dream Club at David Douglas High School (Go Scots!) and as part of that mentoring organization, is trying to complete raising supplies of food for a proper Thanksgiving Dinner for at least ten families (DDSD is not a rich zone, either). There are multiple pages referring to this worthy cause, and we've all met Payton and admire her adult skills, so let's support her cause. Call, see or email Duane.

ELECTIONS: are coming up next week. If you can't make the meeting, email votes will be counted, but get them in soon!

News from Betty Gardner. Clayton just had a knee replaced, so he will be out of action for a while. Betty also reminds us that our new, remodeled website needs photos, so get them in to Webmaster Brian (after this weekend, he's transferring his flag to California).

Clean Marina:

Here's an article referred by Chaplain Randy with 9 concise tips to help keep the boating environment clean.

Spill-proof your oil changes. For oil changes, use an oil change pump to transfer oil to a spill-proof container. Wrap a plastic bag or absorbent pad around the oil filter to prevent oil from spilling into the bilge.

When fueling, stop the drops!

Prevent fuel spills by filling fuel tanks slowly and using absorbent pads or rags to catch drips and spills. Don't "top off" or overflow your fuel tank. Leave the tank

10% empty to allow fuel to expand as it warms.

Do not add soap. Never use soap to disperse fuel and oil spills. It increases harm to the environment, and it is illegal.

Minimize boat cleaning and maintenance in the water. If possible, save maintenance projects for the boatyard. When performing work on the water minimize your impact by containing waste. Use tarps and vacuum sanders to collect all drips and debris for proper disposal.

Reduce toxic discharges from bottom paints. Minimize the discharge of heavy metals found in soft-sloughing antifouling paints by using a less toxic, or nontoxic antifouling paint. Use only non-abrasive underwater hull cleaning techniques to prevent excessive paint discharge. Remember, dry storage reduces the need for antifouling paints and saves money.

Dispose of hazardous waste properly. Dispose of paints, batteries, antifreeze, cleaning products, oil, oil filters and other hazardous wastes at a hazardous waste collection facility or event.

Plan A-head! Manage sewage wastes properly. Never discharge sewage within 3 miles of shore. Use harbor pump-out stations and shore-side facilities. If you don't have an installed toilet, use a port-a-potty and empty it at a harbor dump station or bathroom.

Stow it, don't throw it! Keep your trash on board. Never throw cigarette butts, fishing line, or any other garbage into the ocean. Take advantage of shore-side facilities to recycle plastic, glass, metal, and paper.

Reduce Greywater discharges. Use a phosphate-free biodegradable soap to minimize the impacts of greywater on the marine environment. Also minimize discharge by doing dishes and showers on shore whenever possible. Attribution:

<http://www.discoverboating.com/re/sources/article.aspx?id=283>

