



Multnomah Channel Yacht Club

Channel Chatter

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Commodore's Comments

January and February started out great, good news about our water lease and assignment.

The First Lady, Daughter of Neptune and I have attended three other yacht clubs' Commodores' Balls (Portland Yacht Club, Tyee Yacht Club, & Riverside Yacht Club). We all had a great time meeting the new Commodores, First Ladies and Daughters of Neptune. We made some new friends and renewed old friendships. We talked about getting together on the water this year. It was also great to watch the daughters of Neptune take part in the Commodores' Balls. We had a lot of well wishes for our year of 2010. The best comment that we got was, do you always party that that? They thought that the MCYC Commodores Ball was done with such pride and enthusiasm. It was a great time to promote our club and St. Patty's Day and the Ladies' Dinner. We had a great response from the other clubs saying that they are looking forward to coming to our club for St. Patty's and the Ladies' Dinner. One of the people that we met has a family member that lives near to our yacht club and is looking to join.

Now for the hard part: within a day or so of each other we had two longtime members pass away.

Justin Smith was the Commodore in 1985 and was best known as Smitty. Smitty was a key member for getting our club house to its present location. He was a very active member of the club and never missed a work party. The memorial for Smitty will be at MCYC February 27th, 2010 at 1:00pm. Please join us in remembering this wonderful member.

Mildred Meifert was a charter member of MCYC. She was 99 years

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young when she passed away. We should all take the time to remember her in our prayers and thank her for helping to give us the club we all love. She helped give the club a great start.

Both of these people loved this club and wanted it to be the best it could be. I hope that we can honor them by making this club the best it can be and welcome all that come to our club with open arms. Thank you for making the club a place that we can call home, and where the members are our family. You both will be missed.

Well, the Commodore is back on his crutches and I have time to think about Family, Friends and Health. Let's remember how much our family, friends and health mean to us. We need to remember the passing of our MCYC family and friends.

So with that, be kind to each other and take the time to spend time doing what you enjoy and I hope to see you on the river and at the club.

Your 2010 Commodore, Duane

First Lady's Comments

I think that the Commodore & Daughter of Neptune have said it all. We have had a good time making new friends and seeing old friends.

Remember that Willamette Yacht Club is having a Valentine's Day Weekend: you can boat in or drive in, but last year, a good time was had by all. The next thing coming up is St. Patty's Day weekend at the club March 12, 13 & 14, 2010. Tyee, Riverside and Portland Yacht Clubs have all said that they will be there. Donna Clark is working on the raffle for both St. Patty's Day and the Ladies' Dinner. Please give her all the help that you can. The Ladies' Dinner is April 8th, 2010.

Thank you, Deborah

Social Director's Comments

During a brief walk in the sunshine the other day I spotted four different flowers blooming in the yard. What a boost during these long winter months! But, with Super Bowl just days away, the place to really get energized will be at the Super Bowl party. Join in the fun with Toilet Bowl Toss, Game Grids, or new this year, 50/50 raffle. The food is always plentiful, fantastic and at \$10, such a deal.

Clarks and Schneiders will be hosting a Sweetheart's cruise over Valentine's Day weekend. Next up after that will be the Chili Cook-off – host yet to be claimed. Check out the full cruise schedule on our web page, then contact Donna if you'd like to host a cruise this year.

The Commodore's Ball was a big hit – we certainly do clean up good, don't we? And speaking of big, St. Patty's is right around the corner. All the clubs get together as we host for the weekend. It's a fun filled event made possible with many hands contributing. Bob Gedde has a sign-up sheet, so let him know where you'd like to help out.

We have lots of open dates on the calendar, so if you haven't already claimed one to host an event – grab that pen and let me know what fun you have in mind. Remember you can team up with someone to lighten the work load and draw on experience from seasoned members.

Until then, see ya' at the river, Susan

Daughter of Neptune's Comments
This month I have done so much, plus experienced so much that I never thought I could in my life. I had my Commodore's Ball and that was a lot of fun. Then I went to the boat show and meet a few of the of the Daughters of Neptune. I found out that McKenna is going to be a daughter again from Longview Yacht Club, Jackie from

Calendar of Events

February

WYC's Valentine's Day 12-14th
Private Party – Greenwood – 13th
General Meeting – 7:30pm – 17th
Smitty Service – 1pm – 27th
LYC Crab Feed – 1pm – 2th

March

Board Meeting – 7:30pm – 3rd
St. Paddy's Day – 12-14th
General Meeting – 7:30pm – 17th

April

Easter - 4th
Board Meeting – 7:30pm – 7th
Ladies' Dinner – 5:30pm – 8th
Private Party - 13th
Chili Cruise, Coon Isl – 16-18th
General Meeting – 7:30pm – 21st

May

MCYC Opening Day – 8am – 1st

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Dolphin Yacht Club and Kyli from Waverly Yacht Club. I am very happy to have them back this year. I taught life jacket safety at the boat show. I thought that was a lot of fun, letting the parents know how to fit their kids for life jackets.

I went to Portland Yacht Clubs Commodores' Ball, where we did the Grand March and I had a lot of fun there too. Holly Peterson is Portland Yacht Club's Daughter of Neptune. She recently had back surgery and she is home now.

Next, I went to Tyee Yacht Club and that was also a lot of fun. They had three Daughters of Neptune, from 2006, 2009, and 2010 is Alexis Mouchon.

On the 6th of February I went to Riverside Yacht Club's Commodore's Ball. I had a lot of fun there because I was the one taking pictures there. I had so much fun doing photography.

Today I am going to Super Bowl Sunday at the Club and am looking forward to having a good time with everyone. See you there!! <Payton>

Special Notice

Most of you may have heard of the death of lifetime member and former Commodore (1985) Justin (Smitty) Smith. His family will be having a celebration of his life at MCYC Saturday, February 27th at

1:00 PM. They and his former neighbors at Mayfair Moorage will furnish a dinner. MCYC will provide a no host bar and the family will sponsor a champagne toast to Smitty.

Smitty worked tirelessly on getting piling driven and the moorage built and ready for the clubhouse and boat slips ready for MCYC boats when we had to move from Larson's in 1988.

Since this is a formal remembrance of a Past Commodore and Lifetime Member, members are encouraged to wear the Winter Yachting Uniform.

Cards of remembrance and condolence will be available. First Lady Deborah is planning a riverside event to commemorate Smitty.

Editor's Notes

Wow! A weather geek like your Editor is just amazed as what we've been through so far this Winter. The season came in with a moderate Arctic Outbreak that froze the moorage solid, and required PC Bob Gedde's special touch to restore the sewer and plumbing, AGAIN! Next, the El Nino kicked in, and we've had a solid month of balmy weather, with more in the forecast. It looks to be an early Spring, maybe the earliest I've seen in MY 47 years as an Oregonian. It looks like there won't be much of a freshet, there's little snow in the mountains to melt. For those on City water, it looks like water restrictions will be inevitable this Summer. We could yet have a wet Spring, which MIGHT bring more snow to the mountains, but the southerly weather regimes seem entrenched, and unless the El Nino moderates, change is unlikely.

News Snippets:

- Paul Donheffner, Director of the Marine Board, was forced to resign by Gov. Kulongski. Paul stood firm on boating law, and the Guv'ner wanted to "green it up". See Paul's explanation in the Sunday, Feb 7th, Eugene Register-Guard: <http://tinyurl.com/ylyx5ol>
- Doug Walker has renewed the Club's business relationship

with BoatUS, and the attached Press Kit is provided for our info. The right-hand column pertains to us. It's also available online at: <http://tinyurl.com/yac6mf7> use our group number GA82926Y, and use Doug's cell phone # (in roster) to contact him as the Group Rep. Make a note that we get a discount on BoatUS prices with this deal.

- The Board recently decided that their minutes are the official record of business, and that personal recordings of Board Meeting business will not be allowed. The Board has the right to do this, both in our rules and in Oregon law. Surreptitious recording of conversations is a violation of the Oregon Revised Statutes, and by the Board's decision, all further recordings fit the ORS descriptions. ORS 165.540 is relevant.
- Your Editor and Blanche rounded up a nice set of FREE laundry machines for the Club. They will go in the storage room next to the outside bathroom. Think work party soon for installation.
- Security. There are changes coming down the pike for us, but for now, it's enough to begin to think about facility security at MCYC. Leaving the gate open is a huge no-no, and it will help if we improve our boats' looks by keeping highly portable auxiliary gear out of sight (below decks, offsite, etc). Security is 90% mental: if you look like a pigeon, you WILL get plucked. If you have concerns, your Editor, IPC Jensen and Randy Heuer all have the professional experience to help you out.

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