



Lopez Island Yacht Club

P.O. Box 22 • Lopez Island, WA 98261

NEWSLINE

JANUARY 2009

Happenings

- January Board Meeting
Wednesday, 6:30
January 7
- January General
Membership Meeting
Wednesday
January 21
- Seattle Boat Show
January 23 thru Feb 1.

Commodore Bill White	468-3408
Vice Commodore Dave Welker	468-4007
Rear Commodore Jerry Hancock	468-3871
Secretary Judy Welker	468-4007
Treasurer Rod Duncan	468-3588
Trustees Bill Pugerude Mary Allsop	468-3408 468-2388
Chaplain Bob Maxson	468-4859
Historian Patty Maxson	468-4859
July Fourth Float Chair <u>NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS</u>	
Reciprocal Chair Mary Allsop	468-2380
"Newsline" Editor Shanley Lett	468-3990

COMMODORE'S CORNER

I am sure you will all join me in thanking Bill and Glenda for steering LIYC in a calm tide in '08. Thanks, Bill and Glenda.

On a winter afternoon commute home from Friday Harbor a few years ago, I was delighted to meet Bill McKinney. In our conversation, Bill was explaining life on Lopez as he and Betty Lou had lived there for quite some time and Carole and I were in our first year. Bill told me there were three social activities for us to become involved: a church group, the golf club, or the yacht club. I remember thinking, "I could do yacht club."

SO...Bill sponsored Carole and me and found 3 other people I had not yet met to vouch for us. We paid our fee, showed up for a meeting, and we were in.

I am proud to belong to a yacht club that doesn't take itself too seriously...and now they want me to be Commodore! I will do my best this year to uphold the standards to which this club has risen, keep it simple, fun, safe, and affordable.

As an example of my steadfastness, last Opening Day Commodore Bill asked if I felt that a flag-raising ceremony (as is the norm in many prestigious yacht clubs) would be a good idea. I looked him in the eye and reminded him, "Sir, we have standards." After much laughter, and a discussion about whether the Islander even had a flag pole, we went to have another beverage.

I look forward to a great year and your continuing support.

HAPPY NEW YEAR !

Bill

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

JANUARY'S GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2009

ISLANDER

1800 HOURS — NO HOST SOCIAL

1900 HOURS — POTLUCK DINNER AND PROGRAM

Put aside thoughts of wind, snow and rain for a hot, hot program. Put on your grass skirts and flowered shirts for:

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**WELKERS CHOSEN AS
COMMODORE-A-DORE
RECIPIENTS FOR 2008**



A round of applause greeted Commodore Bill Pugerude's announcement that Dave and Judy Welker had been selected to receive the 2008 Commode-a-dore Award.

The announcement is made each year at the annual Christmas party to honor those who, in the opinion of the Commodore, have contributed most to the club's well-being over the year just ending.

In addition to serving terms on the board, currently as Secretary (Judy) and Rear Commodore (Dave), the Welkers have organized and hosted the LaConner cruise, and the past two Blakely Crab Feed Cruises. (When boats began arriving at Blakely in September 2008 to find all slips already filled, the Welkers' quick thinking moved the event—and 20+ boats—to the Lopez Islander, thus saving the weekend.)

Judy is also developing the soon-to-be-released LIYC web site and has volunteered to relieve Carolyn Woodbury from her longstanding duties updating the LIYC handbook.

Congratulations! To Dave and Judy!

**SPECIAL THANKS TO BILL DILLER
FOR HOSTING LIYC'S 2008
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**NEW DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR
ENTRY INTO CANADA IN 2009**

If you plan to boat to Canada this summer, take note of some new documentation requirements. Effective June 1, 2009, Passports, a Passport Card or an Enhanced Washington State Driver License will be required for travel to and from Canada on a boat. A regular driver license and a birth certificate will no longer be sufficient.

Passport Cards and Enhanced Driver are smaller, more convenient, and cheaper but they do have limited application. Passports on the other hand are good worldwide with no restrictions as to mode of travel. A new Passport costs \$100 and is good for 10 years.

A Passport Card by itself will cost \$45 and is also good for 10 years. But, except for its smaller size, there isn't any need to get one if you already have a Passport.

U.S. Customs/Border Patrol and the U.S. State Department are urging everyone who thinks they will need one of these documents to apply now as this is their slow time of the year. As it gets closer to June 1 and the traveling public realizes the requirement changes, delays in processing applications could be very long.

I-68's and Nexus passes issued prior to June 1, 2009, will be valid after June 1, at least through the end of 2009 according to a press release from the Recreational Boating Association of Washington.

For additional information, go to the Customs and Border Protection website: www.cbp.gov or call 1-800-562-5943 and ask for Small Boat Program.

LIYC CHRISTMAS PARTY MARKS 2008'S LAST LIYC EVENT !

The Islander Lounge was the scene for the 2008 Christmas party attended by about 60 members. Jay Simonson was the winner of the Christmas vignette guessing game. (The answers were 1. Peas on Earth 2. MistleToad and 3. Cartridge in a Bare Tree.)



< Bette Shuh and Rudy Onstad.

Joe and Judy Thornton >



John Butte looks incredulous at Linda Zerbst's holiday tale.

Nancy > Luebke and Glenda Pugerude



Outgoing Commodore Bill Pugerude introduced incoming officers Mary Allsop, Trustee, Rod Duncan, Treasurer and Incoming Commodore Bill White. 2009 Rear Commodore Jerry Hancock promised a "colorful



year" in 2009 as he accepted his burgee.

(Perhaps his attire is reflective of what that phrase means ?)



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