

Lopez Island Yacht Club

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NEWSLINE

JANUARY 2010

Happenings

- January Board Meeting
Wednesday, 6:30
January 6
- January General Member-
ship Meeting
Wednesday
January 20
- Seattle Boat Show
Friday, January 29 -
Saturday, February 6

Commodore	
Dave Welker	468-4007
Vice Commodore	
Jerry Hancock	468-3871
Rear Commodore	
Diana Hancock	468-3871
Secretary	
Gayl Beller	468-2977
Treasurer	
Rod Duncan	468-3588
Trustees	
Bill White	468-3408
Mary Allsop	468-2380
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Bob Maxson	468-4859
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Patty Maxson	468-4859
July Fourth Float Chair(s)	
Bill White and Judy Welker	
Reciprocal Chair	
Mary Allsop	468-2380
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COMMODORE'S CORNER

Happy New Year! Here we go. The amount of daylight is slowly getting longer as the earth tilts its way toward summer and the active boating season.

As you may know, Judy and I missed the Commodore's Christmas Party because we were visiting our "old gang" on Maui. There was a lot of catching up to do after seven years!

All reports indicate that a wonderful time was had by all. Special thanks to Rodman, Karen and the Bay Café.

Now I know there were rumors out there that I was actually in attendance and behaving better than normal, but, alas, that was just the "Ghost of Commodore Future". I was actually enjoying a cocktail at the Lahaina Yacht Club that evening and exchanging our club burgee with their new Commodore Brian Blundell.

So, if you're headed to Maui this year, be sure to take your LIYC membership card and visit the LYC clubhouse.

This yacht club year couldn't begin without acknowledging the great efforts of all the club's members that made last year so much fun, especially to last year's officers and board.

Let's welcome Diana Hancock (Rear Commodore) and Gayl Beller (Secretary) as new club officers.

My wife Judy will continue to maintain the club website (lopezislandyachtclub.com). It's a great source of current and past club info.

And that special "Mahalo" to Shanley for our newsletter and just generally reminding us of what we're supposed to be doing!

In "ole sailing lore", the time spent gabbing about the deck while consuming the daily ration of grog was termed "splicing the main brace". Hope to see you at the January meeting—we'll do a little "splicing the main brace".

Dave

What's Happening ?

JANUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 20, 2010
Potluck at the Islander
6:00 pm—No Host Social Hour
7:00—Dinner and Program

ETHAN SALTER

Will present
"Why There is No Motor"

The Lopez Seafaring and Voyaging Program leads a rowing/sailing adventure to several marine parks in the San Juan Islands. Aboard two husky expedition boats, up to 10 students spend 5 days on the water and camping. They all learn the basics of sailing and rowing small vessels, as well as seafaring skills such as the use of compass and charts.

Bring a main dish, side, salad or dessert to share and your own eating utensils. Coffee will be available. Other beverages can be purchased in the Islander Lounge.

Questions? Call your hosts, Jerry and Diana Hancock
468-3871 or email: jerry.hancock@rockisland.com

SEATTLE BOAT SHOW
January 29—February 6

See page 3 for details

**SEATTLE BOAT SHOW STARTS
FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2010**

The 63rd Annual Seattle Boat Show promises to be bigger and better than ever with 1,000 boats, hundreds of accessories and the latest in hi-tech. A free shuttle will run continuously between the indoor exhibitions at Qwest Field Event Center and Boats Afloat at South Lake Union.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, but those purchasing tickets online will receive free parking at the show, a free cup of clam chowder at FX McRory's (in Pioneer Square) and a free one-year subscription to a boating magazine.

For 2010, there will also be a special package: purchase a \$20 ticket online and you gain entrance to the show plus a fish & chips dinner and beverage of your choice at FX McRory's.

For more information, show updates and special offers, visit the show's website, www.seattleboatshow.com.

DOCK SPACE AVAILABLE

Space is available at the Galley Dock

Call Jeff at 360-468-2713

GOT A FAVORITE?

Cruise destination, or meeting program idea, or other suggestions? Watch for the LIYC questionnaire coming soon—to the February newsletter near you.

We want your input!

AMERICA'S WATERWAY WATCH

You've heard the news accounts about the latest homeland terrorist attempt aboard a domestic flight on Christmas Day. And, we're hearing we should expect more. Many of the possible targets are said to be near or accessible by bodies of water.

With over 95,000 miles of US coastline and many more rivers, lakes and waterways, it's impossible for our U. S. Coast Guard (USCG) to be everywhere. That's why the USCG has established America's Waterway Watch. They are asking those of us lucky enough to live, work or play near the water to be on the alert for "suspicious behavior", to document that behavior, and to report it as quickly as possible.

But what is "suspicious behavior"?

USCG has developed a short 5 minute video to provide detailed examples of what might constitute "suspicious behavior" and what to do about it.

View the video at
www.americaswaterwaywatch.com

Reports can be made by calling the National Terror Hotline:

1-877-24WATCH,
the U.S. Coast Guard on Marine
Channel 16,
or call 911.

And, remember America's Waterway Watch tagline, "People are not suspicious, behavior is."

THE 2009 LIYC CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS A BIG SUCCESS!

Thanks to hosts **Rod Duncan** and **Karen Bistrin** and the friendly, efficient staff at the Bay Café, LIYC members enjoyed a wonderful evening of great food, sparkling decorations, fun entertainment and lots of laughs.

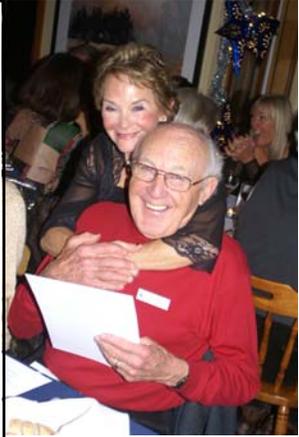


Carole White, guest (and set decorator extraordinaire) Rita O'Boyle, Barbara Reiswig and Nancy Luebke



Sam and Gayl Beller and Jamie Stephens

Guests loved the sparkling candlelight, er, until Joe Carney set his menu on fire.
(Joe and Karen Bistrin after the fire was extinguished.) >



Ralph and Phyllis Nansen celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary.

We were treated to a private performance of a capella group *Lopez Sound*.
Lane Langford (a member of the group) >>> is apparently required to do special exercises before the singing begins. (Why else would he look like this?)



**THANKS
ROD AND KAREN**

Barbara Carver (with Lane above) and George and Mary Lou Hestad. >>



Outgoing Commodore Bill White and Host Rod Duncan present the Commodore's burgee to 2010 Commodore Dave Welker.



But, wait! Wasn't Dave supposed to be in Hawaii ???

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