



Lopez Island Yacht Club

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NEWSLINE

DECEMBER 2014

Happenings

- **December Board Meeting**
Wednesday, Dec 3
- **Commodore's Holiday Party**
Wednesday, Dec 17

Commodore Jim Ghinazzi	468-4292
Vice Commodore Doug Cram	468-4877
Rear Commodore Lane Langford	468-4581
Secretary , Julie Duncan	468-2161
Treasurer , Sam Beller	468-2977
Trustees Diana Hancock	468-3871
Duane Bordvick	468-3152
Membership Chair Gayl Beller	468-2977
Web Wench Judy Welker	468-4007
Reciprocal Chair Dave Welker	468-4007
Sailing Chair Russ Johnson	468-2655
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COMMODORE'S CORNER

Hi, all,

I don't know about you, but I have had a great year. All of the cruises organized by **Lane Langford** were terrific. The General Meetings and hosts arranged by **Doug Cram** were awesome. A big THANKS to everyone who prepared and presented us with a glimpse into their travel lives.

December concludes my tenure at Commodore. I want to thank everyone for the support and encouragement I have received as your Commodore this year. I know, with Doug at the helm, next year promises to be even better. Please give Doug and your new board the support they will need, especially for hosting and presentations.

I want to thank **Migael Scherer** for her November presentation "Running Aground on Purpose: Exploring the Backwaters of Puget Sound and the San Juan Islands". It was most interesting.

Also, at the November meeting, your staff for next year was voted into office:

Doug Cram	Commodore
Lane Langford	Vice Commodore
Paul Henriksen	Rear Commodore
Julie Duncan	Secretary
Sam Beller	Treasurer
Jim Ghinazzi	Staff Commodore
Duane Bordvick	Trustee

The other members that have volunteered and continue to serve on the staff are the "Newsline" editor **Shanley Lett**, Web Wench **Judy Welker**, Membership Chair **Gayl Beller**, and **Russ Johnson** as Sailing Chair with help from **Bill White**. **Dave Welker** serves as our Reciprocal Chair.

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Over the next months, consider attending more events, hosting either a General Meeting or one of the cruising outings. Also, think about volunteering for a staff position. (You have a whole year to prepare.)

Our last General Meeting of the year is the annual Commodore's Holiday Party. Please plan to attend on Wednesday, December 17th, at Woodman Hall. The deadline for reservations is December 10th. The festivities start at 6:00 PM with a no-host bar. Dinner starts promptly at 7:00 PM. There will be great food, fun people, music and then dancing after dinner.

Thanks again. Fair seas and winds.....

Jim

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

COMMODORE'S HOLIDAY PARTY

December 17, 2014

6:00 pm

Woodman Hall

See last page of the "Newsline" for details

Make your reservations by December 10th
By sending in the form or calling Jim Ghinazzi

2015 DUES ARE DUE

SEE DUES RENEWAL FORM AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER

LOPEZ ISLAND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER SAILING INSTRUCTION

Submitted by Gary Zerbst

For an activity to survive for more than a generation, the youth of the next generation must be taught. This is true of boating in general and sailing in particular. That's why the sailing program administered by the Lopez Island Family Resource Center (LIFRC), as part of their Kids' Summer Workshop offerings, is so important. LIFRC's program is strictly limited to learning-to-sail instruction primarily for youth 9 and older, but also adults. The Lopez Island Yacht Club (LIYC) has long been associated with LIFRC's sailing program by offering a way for their members to contribute to the sailing program providing funding for "learn to sail" scholarships for island youth. In this way, LIYC lends its support to the recreational boating world for future generations.

In addition to financial support donated by its members, LIYC supports youth sailing through the volunteer activities of several of its members. The volunteer group calls itself "Sail Lopez". Yacht club members Trevor Bryant, John Butte, Gene Helfman, Bill White, and Gary Zerbst all are active in Sail Lopez, maintaining the fleet from the ravages of youthful exuberance, inexperience, and just plain old wear and tear. Sail Lopez also advises the non-sailing Board of LIFRC in their administration of the sailing program.

For this important program to continue, we are asking LIYC members for support through a tax-deductible scholarship donation offered on the 2015 Dues Renewal form. This opens up sailing to Lopez Island kids of all incomes.

Thank you, LIYC members, for your past and continuing support of LIFRC's sailing instruction classes.

*It's Not Too Early to Think Cruising.....*Your new Rear Commodore Paul Henriksen is already on the job working up plans for our 2015 cruising season. He's looking for some new exciting ports of call in addition to the old favorites. One such new possibility is the Galiano Oceanfront Inn and Spa. Located in Sturdies Bay, Galiano Island, the Inn is within walking distance of the village of Sturdies Bay with its shops, galleries and restaurants. The grocery store is called the "Garage" and is very complete for provisioning.

The Pizza Terrace is a new favorite—sun-filled with a view of the water, and excellent wood-fired oven pizzas. The restaurant is also excellent and shares the same views of Active Pass and the B C ferries. Connie and Mel, the very active owners and innkeepers, work to create a relaxing environment for their guests at the inn or on the dock.

Got more ideas? Email them to Paul at paulh@centurytel.net.

NOVEMBER'S GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

was a lively event with fun (and tasty freshly picked apples) centerpieces, introduction of new members, elections for 2015 officers, a great presentation and lots of raffle money. Thanks to Bob and Lynn Hall for hosting and to Migael Scherer for her entertaining presentation.



Jim Lett tries his luck by buying raffle tickets from Bob and Lynn Hall



Mary Lou and George Hestad with presenter Migael Scherer.

<< Rob Thesman and Marci Flanery

Commodore Jim Ghinazzi welcomes new members Tom and Lisa DiGiorgio.

Lauren Stephens welcomes lots of raffle winnings.

