



Lopez Island Yacht Club

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NEWSLINE

OCTOBER 2008

Happenings

- October Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 1
- October General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, October 15

Commodore Bill Pugerude	468-4485
Vice Commodore Bill White	468-3408
Rear Commodore Dave Welker	468-4007
Secretary Judy Welker	468-4007
Treasurer Rod Duncan	468-3588
Trustees Jim Lett Gordie Rydberg	468-3990 468-2284
Chaplain Bob Maxson	468-4859
Historian Patty Maxson	468-4859
July Fourth Float Chair Ed Carpenter	468-4248
Reciprocal Chair Mary Allsop	468-2380
"Newsline" Editor Shanley Lett	468-3990

COMMODORE'S CORNER

It is late September (as I write this) and Glenda and I are at our Johns Island cabin waiting for our last guest of the season. It is raining but the wood stove makes the cozy difference. We hope for clearing weather for the weekend.

Boaters are always ready to alter plans based on weather. LIYC alters plans when Blakely Island Marina double books the facility! Some "forward observers" from Friday Harbor Sailing Club (FHSC) discovered Bellingham Sailing Club was "fully entrenched" in the marina. They would not move. (If we were there first, we would not have moved either.) Without delay, the program was switched to Lopez. The Islander granted our every request—their staff is very flexible. **Dave and Judy Welker** secured the banquet room, permits, a tent and the event continued as planned. We are very fortunate to have access to this great facility.

Since 2004 when Glenda and I joined and immediately got involved in our yacht club, I have quizzed several people from different yacht clubs and discovered that no two clubs are created equal. For instance, we have in all probability: the lowest annual dues, most informal club, highest % of volunteers. We say the pledge to our national flag fewer times than other clubs and there is rarely is a prayer at one of our meetings.

Our cruises are always tailored to the people participating and their desires are always considered. No member is required to own a boat and the monthly meetings are well attended and entertaining.

During my tenure, I have never heard of a membership committee, yet we always have enough members. Our membership is very stable. ARE WE PROUD OF OUR ORGANIZATION?

FHSC asked to join us for Opening Day a couple of years ago. They really enjoy our company (as we do theirs) and they are generous with volunteers and financial support. It won't be long until we're planning Opening Day 2009, so if you'd like to comment on our past or future Opening Day festivities, please contact me or any of your board members.

See you in October.....

Bill

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

OCTOBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, October 15, 2008

Dinner at the Islander

6:00 No-Host Social

7:00 Dinner and Program

See blue cover page for details and reservation form.

NEW LIYC OFFICER SLATE PROPOSED FOR 2009

The following candidates have been recommended as officers for 2009 by Commodore Bill Pugerude's Nominating Committee:

Commodore: Bill White
Vice Commodore: Dave Velker
Rear Commodore: Jerry Hancock
Treasurer: Rod Duncan
Secretary: Judy Velker
Trustees: Bill Pugerude (1 year)
Mary Allsop (2 year)

The annual election of officers will take place at the November General Membership Meeting.

New officers assume their responsibilities on January 1.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

8/1/08 Beginning Balance	\$8,116
Cash Deposits	107
Expenses	(317)
8/31/08 Ending Balance	\$7,906

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LOPEZ ISLAND YACHT CLUB!

2008 marks the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Lopez Island Yacht Club. Founding members, as published in the 8/30/78 "Island Record" are shown below: Mara Murphy, Robina Bant, Joe Sanchez, Pat Cunningham, Rod ("The Hair") Duncan, Pat Pricer, a guest, and Scott Patrick. (Not pictured were Marlene and Mike McDowell.)



The club, open to both sailboaters and powerboaters, had two requirements for membership beyond acceptance of the application form. Within one year, members were asked to sail a figure-eight singlehanded and tell an unbelievable but true sea story.

Applications for membership could be obtained from Ron or Jennifer Meng at the Islands Marine Center. There was a \$5 initiation fee plus \$15.00 yearly membership.

(Watch for more on our fledgling organization in next month's "Newline".)

SEPTEMBER'S MYSTERY NIGHT AT THE ISLANDER... A

crowd of black-shrouded LIYC members and guests packed the Islander for the first general meeting of the fall season. The décor (by Rod Duncan, Karen Bistrin and guest Rita O'Boyle) included tables covered in black tablecloths and strewn with dead flowers and bloody hatchets. It perfectly matched the program for the night – the showing of the A&E documentary on the murder of Lopez' own Rolf Nesland.



Looking dark and sinister are Diana >> and Jerry Hancock, << Glenda Pugerude and Doug Cram



Dave Welker, >> Host Rod Duncan and Ralph Nansen



Jim Lett and Paul and Gloria Sands

Leo and Betty Zaborsky, Gary and Linda Zerst



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Paul and Mary Gauthier and Rob and Susan Emerson have completed requirements for LIYC membership. Please be sure to welcome them at the next yacht club event.

COMING SOON TO A WEBSITE NEAR YOU:

www.lopezislandyachtclub.com

BLAKELY COULD HAVE BOMBED !!! But it didn't, thanks to quick action by Rear Commodore Dave (and Judy) Welker. (See "Commodore's Corner" for recap of the over-

booking situation which could have led to the cancellation of the last official cruise of our 2008 season.) A little black cloud was hanging over the event, both figuratively and literally, as Friday Harbor Sailing Club left Blakely and joined LIYC at the Islander docks—thanks to incredible cooperation from Kathy Casey and the Islander staff—
 nual crab feed and champagne breakfast went on without any more hitches.



Commodore Bill Pugerude with Mary Stiger and Glenda



Ralph and Phyllis Nansen

Karen Bistrin, Rod Duncan and >> Audrey Bordvick



Bill "Muffin Man" White and (below) Jim Lett and Dick Behan take their eggs very seriously.



Dave Welker (with crossed arms) was ready for rain under the "cook tent" with Chefs Doug Cram, Duane Bordvick, Russ Johnson, and Jon Allsop, but the Sunday sun was back to stay.



SPECIAL THANKS to Dave and Judy Welker for organizing, purchasing and transporting food and equipment, and all-around saving the day—another great "Blakely" weekend.

