



November 2007

Commodore Ted Newton

November 27, 2007

**General Meeting,
Happy Thanksgiving!**

Cod Caddy Ganty

Blue Cheese Mixed Green Salad

Dessert: Burnt Cream

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**Appetizers & Socializing until
assembly at 7 PM.**

COST: \$22.50 per person
(price includes drinks)

6:00 PM Social Hour

7:00 PM Dinner

8:00 PM Meeting

**Reservations are due by
Friday, November 23, 10am.**

**Please call Carol Asimakopoulos
to make your reservation:**

(425) 774-8893



Wow what a busy weekend October 20th & 21st it was this year. The Past Commodores were invited to Everett Yacht Club on Saturday for their Silver Star Ball. We had a University of Washington home game against a local rival Oregon. (We had a fantastic cruise planned by Susan Romei to Poulsbo, that the fall weather had to interfere with a bit in the beginning. In spite of the weather 6 brave families met the challenge (5 by boat & 1 by car) and had a truly fun time with lots of one on one time to know and enjoy each other. And finally Debi and I had one of the 14

Commodore Balls on Saturday in Olympia honoring Gary & Colleen Nelson.

Yes my friends the calendar can get very complicated and at times a bit hectic to plan events without overlapping. Thanks for understanding this challenge.

The next big event is our annual Wine Tasting Party on Nov. 2nd hosted by Mike & Anne Meiers with wines "Around the Horn" a very classy event. Then it is off to France on Nov. 17th to honor our Junior Officers Ron Hammill & Wally Croasdill with their brides Alicia & Sharon at the "Charades of Paris".

Now that the JO Ball is planned, it is time to think about a really big event for our club, New Years Eve. As some of you may know via the grapevine, Vicki Forssell (event planner for the stars) has accepted the challenge to chair the event. So men, make sure your tuxes are cleaned, and ladies find another evening gown. Not! Now didn't I say that this year was going to be FUN?! Men, find your best Hawaiian shirt, ladies dust off your muumuu's and lets have some FUN this year with a Hawaiian Luau New Year's Eve! So Hawaiian wear will be the attire rather than tuxes and gowns, but if you really want to go ahead and wear your tux and gowns....it may not be easy doing the limbo though. Sign up sheets will be available at TGIF and at the General Meetings. It promises to be quite a FUN evening!!

Hey now would you look at that, nothing so far was double booked this month! :)

Bye for now,

Commodore Ted



Vice Commodore Ron Hammill



Vacation Anyone?

Disneyland, Polynesia, the Caribbean, all places to visit. Go with family or without? How long to stay? Where to stay and the obvious question, what will it cost? We here at the Edmonds Yacht Club are answering your urge to be world travelers by inviting you to join us for an Evening in Paris. Enjoy the view

of the Eiffel Tower, the waterfront cafes, and the timelessness of the Parisian world for only \$70 per couple. Your stay will include an exclusive cocktail hour in your honor at the EYC waterfront bistro. Champagne with succulent hors d'oeuvres with white linen service by a very French staff. The main entrée will include Chicken cordon blue or baked salmon in French sauce and those tasty French pastries we all love but won't admit to eating.

The evening will continue with soft back ground music plus dancing into the wee hours as we enjoy the flavor and eclectic taste of the most romantic city in the world. Your evening companions will include some of the most famous French men and women plus more than one French poodle. Come as your favorite French person, place or thing or the infamous American tourist.

So cast your inhibitions aside and come with us to Paris, France, the night of November 17th. Join the Junior officers from the Grand 14 and our own Sharon and Wally (Wally's World) with Alicia and Ron as your hosts for an unforgettable evening.

Vice Commodore Ron Hammill

Membership News

If you have questions concerning membership in EYC, please call Jim Davidson at 206-370-0728.

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Rear Commodore Wally Croasdill



WOW!! Have you taken a look at the EYC website lately. I think the opening page looks great! When you get a chance, wander around through the site. I hope you all can appreciate the time and effort Paul Harris has put into this. In case you may have forgotten, the address is:
www.edmondsyachtclub.com.

I would like to thank Bob Petrie for his hard work on the directory, and the pictures from Christel Osterstrom, Sharon Croasdill, Dave Wilson, Jim Davidson, and many others that appear inside. The pictures let everyone share in the FUN times we all have together.

It's not too early, especially with the upcoming shopping season, to start thinking about the Crab Feed and Auction in February 2008. Your donations are very much appreciated, and go a long way towards helping fund events and projects. Last year was a huge success, thanks to the hard working members of EYC. Watch for an announcement coming soon for an auction committee meeting.

R/C Wally Croasdill



Gobble! Gobble!

November Calendar

F	Nov. 2	Wine Tasting
W	Nov. 7	Pinochle, 7-9 pm
Th	Nov. 8	Men's Luncheon
F	Nov. 9	TGIF
Tu	Nov. 13	WIC
Th	Nov. 15	Board Meeting
Sa	Nov. 17	JO Ball
W	Nov. 21	Pinochle, 7-9 pm
Tu	Nov. 27	General Meeting

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Fleet Captain Michael Forbis



Wow what an October? I want to give a special thanks to the 21 folks who came and shared their ideas at the Regatta Committee meeting. We have another great year planned ahead. Please be ready to answer the call to help our Cruise Captains cook a meal, plan a game, or just clean up. We have kept many of our favorite cruises and also added some new ones. The new annual has the 2007 – 2008 schedule, but there will be a few surprises, so be sure to read your Ship to

Shore. We are also formalizing what was called informal cruises. These old informal cruises will be called “No Host Cruises” and this just means that food and beverages are on your own. Paul Harris is working on a list serve for “Buddy Cruises”. So if you going somewhere and want to invite EYC members on your cruise, you will have an easy way to tell the rest of EYC about your plans. While cruising this summer, we ran into a number of EYC boats. With a change of a day or two in your schedule you may be able to coordinate your cruises with others in the club. And remember, it is always safer to cruise with a partner!

Have you every seen a rainbow after a storm? That rainbow sums up the October Cruise. After two to four foot seas and 20 to 35 knot winds, we made it to Poulsbo! Our veteran Cruise Captain Susan Romei called all the members who signed up for the cruise and made sure that everyone knew about the near gale conditions. With a few members already on the water and a few more still planning to come, Susan and I decided to let the cruise continue. She suggested to everyone that they could come to Poulsbo by ferry, spend the day shopping, and meet the club for Saturday night dinner on the docks. All told we had five boats and the Romei’s came on the Saturday morning ferry. My family joined the Keyes’ and DeRosa’s for an impromptu Friday night dinner at Tizley’s. The cocktail party was moved to Saturday and the Saturday breakfast was moved to Sunday. We started the cocktail party at 3:00 on the dock and by 6:30 we were ready for dinner in the floating house. The whole group played “Catch Phase” and the evening ended in a rather small version of the traditional cigar lounge. A special thanks to Susan and Steve for going the extra mile to ensure a successful cruise. A great time was had by all 12 adults and 4 kids. Unfortunately, the storm we tried to avoid came a week early this year. If we had held out for the traditional last weekend in October, the weather would have been great. I’m glad all of you know that hind site is 20/20!

The October cruise was last on-the-water cruise for this year. I hope everybody made it though the season safe and sound. I spent about 180 hours at the helm this year and I wanted to share a few things I heard on the marine radio. I hope to share these radio calls to get you thinking about next year. A little extra maintenance, a safe boating course, a new PFD,

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Fleet Chaplain Shirley Wilson

FRIGHTENING WORDS

When my son Larry joined the Army, I was hoping I would never have to hear those frightening words, “Mom, I’m going to Iraq.” But when the call finally came, I could hear in his voice that he was excited to be going to serve his country. He would be leaving in a few short days so there was nothing left to do but tell him how proud I was of him and assure him that he would be constantly in my prayers. Because that’s what moms do.

I suspect that Larry is pretty selective in the information he sends home because he doesn’t want to worry us. So we tend to hear more about the good things that are going on in Iraq instead of all the bad news.

In one of his e-mails he said, in part, “Our main mission as civil affairs soldiers is working with the villages and cities, helping them with the necessities of life including medicine, food, water and schools. They call it ‘winning the hearts and minds.’ So far I have met several city mayors, tribal leaders (called shakes) and village leaders (called muktars).

“When we meet them they offer us tea, which they call chi, and food that can be pretty interesting. A few days ago we ate a side of sheep on a bed of rice. It was on a single big round plate. There were no dishes, napkins, or silverware because Iraqis eat with their hands. We just surrounded the dish and dug in, tearing the meat off the bones. Sheep meat is very greasy and fat, but to them it is a most special Iraqi dish.

“Most villagers are very poor, living in mud huts. All they do is raise sheep, much like in Biblical times. At one of the villages we handed out food, stuffed animals, and soccer balls to the children. It didn’t take them long to come running and surround us. It was very heartwarming.”

Recently Larry sent home a copy of Stars and Stripes, a newspaper that services the military. I thought it was pretty cool because his picture was on page four. The article told about a state of the art well, that he and his Battalion helped to make happen in the parched desert of Iraq. It seems this well will flow for decades, and provide water for up to 20 to 30 families and their livestock. This project happened as a result of our civil affairs soldiers and the Iraqi army working together. Larry said that they work hard to find humanitarian projects like this one, that benefit impoverished Iraqi citizens.

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Frightening Words, *continued*

Yes, I'm very proud of my son, but I know that if it were not for the grace of God, I would be living with constant anxiety and fear for his safety. I'm so thankful that I have a loving heavenly Father who loves Larry more than I do and also has the power to keep him safe. With that blessed hope, those words that were at first so frightening, lost their power over me and became transformed into feelings of trust and inner peace.

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As always, everything is online as well. We also have catalogs to look at and pick from, too.

Also we have the Boatique Lady coming to the November meeting!

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See you all there!



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Fleet Captain Michael Forbis, *continued*

EPIRB, a new radio, stopping at the fuel dock before you leave, or just a little more of something could save your vacation or even your life. I heard a gambit of calls saying, "I ran out of fuel," "my fan belt broke," "my engine quit," "I have dirty fuel filters," "my batteries are dead," "I ran aground," and even a man-overboard call. All of these repairs would have cost much less than a Vessel Assist call. The "dirty fuel filter" call was this weekend on my return from Poulsbo. The vessel was behind us near Kingston in 4-foot seas. Imagine what his passengers were thinking while they were tossed around helplessly while waiting for the towboat. I heard the man-overboard about one hour after we crossed the Columbia River Bar in 14-foot seas. If you ever get caught in rough waters, put on your PFD. You would not drive your car without a seatbelt, so just consider your PFD your marine seatbelt. This winter is time to think about getting needed maintenance performed. Read your owner's manuals and schedule needed maintenance. Be sure to change your filters and test your batteries and make sure every thing on your boat works properly. With a little planning you will be ready for another safe and sound cruising season with your Edmonds Yacht Club friends.

F/C Michael Forbis and First mate Leslie



EDMONDS YACHT CLUB MEN'S LUNCHEON

The next Men's Club Luncheon is at:

Arnie's Restaurant

Date: Thursday, November 8

Time: 11:30 am


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DOCK TALK

By Rosemary Collins

Oh Baby! Keston Daniel Gruhl came into the Stone family history September 28. Welcome little one. The Rollers new grandbaby is already 3 months old. Time flies!

Speaking of birthdates...Did you know the Tacoma Yacht Club is celebrating their 70th year? They have the honor of having been the FIRST yachting club start-up West of the Mississippi.

Rumor has it that Carl Patopea was in town recently and celebrated his 85th birthday. Way to go Carl, party on.

Guy Derosa and Michael Forbis took a cruise this month. They came from Portland to Everett on Sheila and Guys' newly purchased 70 foot steel boat. I cannot believe they got a slip already for that size of a vessel. Congratulations! We expect to hear more of that story from the captain himself as the adventure unfolds.


Soon it will be 2008. So I want to remind all of you that you will want to get your passports in order before you head on up to Canada this coming season. I believe June is the month when passports will be required for Canadian cruising.

John and Patty Chigaris are expecting...Did they say December?

Oh and I found out where Ruth Austin was going in that new Volkswagen Toureh. She went on a wonderful weekend trip to Leavenworth. She and Don stayed with the Armstrongs in a condo near the golf course they purchased at the EYC Auction. Great time was had by all, good weather, good shopping, good friends in a beautiful place. Buy something wonderful at the auction...

Enjoy!

SUNSHINE REPORT



Our sincere condolences to Sandy Duncan on the passing of her mother and to Chad Carstens on the passing of his grandmother.

We are happy to report that Don Jangard and Leo Wasko are doing superbly after their surgeries.

Wishing all EYC members and their families well....*Mary Krzeszowski*

IMPORTANT DINNER MEETING NOTE:

There is a lot of planning and preparation for our general meeting dinners. Please call Carol Asimakopoulos at her home (425-774-8893) or on her cell phone (206-595-6076) **by the Friday before** the Tuesday dinner to ensure we have a proper head count.

Also consider placing yourself on 'permanent reservation' list and then you'll only need to call when you **can't** make it. Don't forget to let Carol know if you're bringing guests, too. *Thank You!*



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7:00 PM Dinner