

Longview Yacht Club

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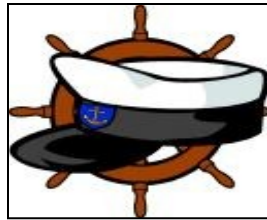
JERRY NORTON 2010 COMMODORE

Dec 1, 2010

COMING EVENTS

LYC Christmas Open House 2-5pm	Dec 5
Cruise to Sand Island for Christmas Ships	Dec 10 -12
MCYC Christmas Ships Land Cruise	Dec 12
General Membership Meeting	Dec 13
Old and New Board Members Meeting 6:30	Dec 27
MCYC New Year's Eve	Dec 30 -31

COMMODORE'S CORNER



Wow I can't believe its December already!

The year is winding down; we still have a couple of events to look forward to first. On December 5th we have our Open House at the club house. I encourage all to attend! This is a great way to start the holiday season. Just bring a treat to share with old friends

and new. **Please bring a canned or dry good to be donated to the Food Bank also.**

Next is our Commodore's Ball. This is a good way to end the holidays. Check your calendar for the date. It would be great if we had 100% attendance.

Now for a more serious note. We all will be receiving our Dec. billings soon. Please note there is a \$15.00 volunteer charge for RBAW dues. RBAW stands for "Recreational Boaters Association of Washington." These people work hard fighting negative legislation and lobbying for our best interests. They need our help badly. Thanks for considering to help this cause.

Best Wishes to All

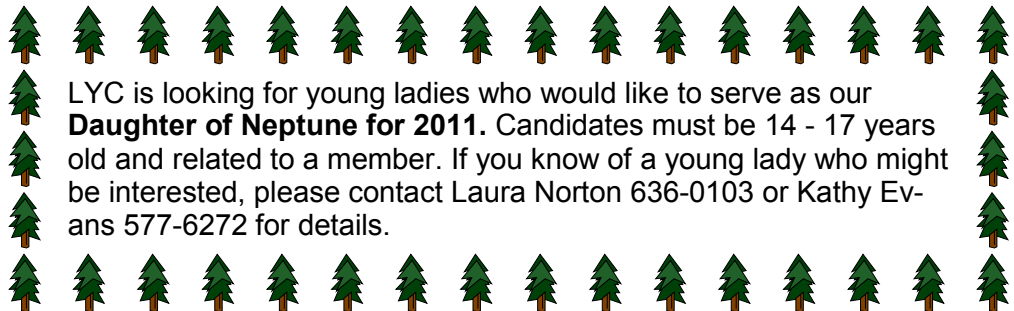
Commodore Jerry Norton

CURRENT GAS PRICE

MEMBER	\$3.21
NON MEMBER	\$3.46

CURRENT DIESEL PRICE

MEMBER	\$2.78
NON MEMBER	\$3.05



LYC is looking for young ladies who would like to serve as our **Daughter of Neptune for 2011**. Candidates must be 14 - 17 years old and related to a member. If you know of a young lady who might be interested, please contact Laura Norton 636-0103 or Kathy Evans 577-6272 for details.

HOUSE MATTERS

The scheduled work parties for 2010 are completed. I want to thank the members that participated this year for the patience, advice, and talents you shared in maintaining and improving the club. There are some projects that are on going and will be a part of the scheduled work parties for 2011. We will be continuing the electrical upgrade to the club as a whole. We also have to complete the BACKFLOW PREVENTION upgrade required by the City of Longview. This project has a deadline of AUGUST 1, 2011. If there

are members that would be interested in helping complete this project, your help would be greatly appreciated. We have no choice as this is a requirement by the city and must be completed by the date given.

Port Captain Dave Williams completed winterizing the docks, pumpout, and ice machine ahead of the recent cold weather we experienced.

Members will be notified when the water is turned back on and ready for the next boating season.

Ray Prynne **751-0672 (cell)**

MOORAGE MATTERS

OPEN MOORAGE

At this time there are 2 spots open for bid. Space F-5 continues to be open for bid, and is listed as a spot for a 20' boat. Space E-6 is also available and listed as a 20' space.

These spaces are located on either side of the ramp to the clubhouse.

BOAT HOUSES

Boathouse spaces E-1 and H-9 are open for bid. If you are interested in either of these spots please notify me in writing (USPS or email) within 30 days of this publication.

You must have a boathouse to bid on these spaces.

MEMBERS WAITING FOR PERMANENT MOORAGE (If you are not on the list please notify me so that you can be added.)

Mike Fudge (8/08) 30' power; Tom Norton (8/08) 40' power; Pete Pettersen (9/08) 47' sail; Bob Tininenko (11/08) 30' power; Jim Biwer (2/09) 28' sail; Ken McCallister (6/09) 47' power; Jon Norgaard (9/09) 63' power; Fred Less (11/09) 22' power.

RECREATIONAL BOATING ASSOCIATION
of WASHINGTON (RBAW)

The following letter was received from Ed Jennerich, the current President of RBAW:

Dear Commodore,

I 'd like to apprise you of several important issues which impact recreational boaters and I 'd ask that you pass this information along to your membership and to encourage your membership to become more involved in RBAW.

During the 2010 legislative session, at the behest of RBAW and other groups, the Legislature mandated a Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) study. The study 's purpose was to calculate the amount of money recreational boaters pay into the State and the amount of money the State puts into recreational boating activities and infrastructure. The Draft JLARC Study showed that recreational boaters put \$70.9 million into the State but only received \$54 million in return. Thus, recreation boaters have become a profit center for the State to the tune of \$16.9 million. I 'm sure your membership will agree this is an unacceptable situation and RBAW is working to address this inequity.

Likewise, recreational boaters are also subject to the Watercraft Excise Tax (WET) which we pay annually but which other "user groups " are not subject to. We will be advocating for the repeal of the WET during the upcoming legislative session. We recognize this is an uphill battle but it is an injustice that should not be allowed to stand.

For over 50 years RBAW has been a respected advocate for the recreational boater in Olympia and beyond. We are an all-volunteer organization that depends on our membership to make our voices heard. Each member Club may send two delegates to our Board meetings which are held at Seattle Yacht Club on the first Thursday of each month. I 'd like to urge you to send delegates to the meeting so that your Club can be involved at the policy level and to communicate important issues to your membership. The greater the member involvement the greater the impact we have in improving recreational boating in Washington.

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Our Officers and Board members are also available (and eager) to make presentations to your Club. This allows for direct communication between RBAW and its members. If you' d like one of us to make a presentation, contact me at jennerich@mindspring.com with details of date and time.

Effective January 1, 2011, the newsletter of the Recreational Boating Association of Washington will become electronic only, insuring more timely dissemination of information. The money we save in postage and paper can be used to better advantage in our efforts to represent recreational boaters across the state. Also, be sure to check out our newly revamped website at www.rbaw.org.

I 'd like to personally thank you and your membership for your support of RBAW and to strongly encourage your membership to become more involved. We can 't afford to be passive. We need everyone to be involved in protecting our recreational boating lifestyle.

Sincerely,

Ed Jennerich

President

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BOAT 1995 3288 BAYLINER MOTOR YACHT TWIN DIESELS**

**BOATHOUSE
32' x 59' HOUSE'LOCATED AT SPACE J-4**

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2010 SOCIAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

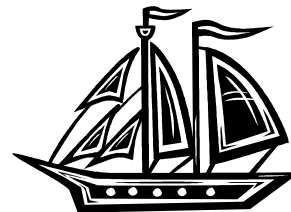


DECEMBER

- 4 Board Decorates Clubhouse
- 5 Christmas Open House @ 2:00-5:00 pm
- 12 Land Cruise to MCYC (*Christmas Ships*)
- 13 Club Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 27 Old and New Board Meeting @ 6:30
- 30-31 MCYC (*New Years Eve Party*)

JANUARY 2011

- 1 Survivor Cruise to Coon Is. East (MCYC)
- 10 Membership Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 24 Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 29 2011 Commodore's Ball



Christmas Ship Parade

2010 marks the 56th year for the Christmas Ship Parade on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers. The Christmas Ship Fleet averages about 55 to 60 boats between the two Columbia and Willamette River fleets. Both fleets will be out every night for two weeks beginning December 9, 2010 and running nightly through December 21.

On Saturday, Dec 11th, 6pm., both fleets will assemble at the St Helens City Docks and head downriver to Columbia City, cross to the WA side and the RV Park, then return to St Helens, where they will spend the night.

Without the donations from the restaurants and the hotels along the waterfront, this parade would not be possible. Their donations are used to pay for our required "Event Insurance Policy." Each Christmas Ship skipper pays his own fuel costs and receives no money from the donations.

We're on the Web
<http://lyc1932.org/>

Our mission: To encourage and promote recreational Yachting, sailing and boating, the science of seamanship and navigation, and to provide and maintain suitable facilities for the use and recreation of its members and to promote and encourage social relationships among its members.