

Longview Yacht Club

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THE RIVER CURRENT

2015 Commodore George Dennis

April 2015

COMING EVENTS

Membership Meeting & Potluck 6:30 PM	April 13th
Work Party 8:00–12:00 AM	April 18th
Astoria Seafood Festival	April 24-26
Board Meeting 6:30 PM	April 27
CRYA opening Day in Camas	May 2
Membership Meeting 6:30 PM	May 11
Best Decorated Boat Contest	May 15

CURRENT GAS PRICE

MEMBER	\$3.75
NON MEMBER	\$4.00

CURRENT DIESEL PRICE

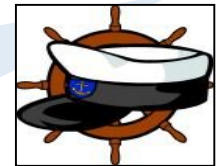
MEMBER	\$3.46
NON MEMBER	\$3.73

COMMODORE'S CORNER

March has been a productive month for the Longview Yacht Club! The budget committee, under Cal Dowd's direction, has a fee increase proposal to present to the membership at the April meeting that is responsive to the DNR lease and is also affordable for the membership. Under Craig Norton's direction, members recently installed six non-skid fiberglass panels that permit light to penetrate under our dock space and the work crew enjoyed a tasty lunch provided by Gary Homme. Under Kat Pettersen's lead, the social committee has done some house cleaning and has recommended the purchase of an awning that will be installed on the east

side of the clubhouse. Cruise director John Flag has made moorage arrangements in Astoria to accommodate our boats at the Astoria Seafood Festival in April. Be sure to sign up with John if you intend to participate. For the many years that I have been a member of the Longview Yacht Club, we've enjoyed a membership of around 100 members, but our treasurer, Mary Meek, informed me that we currently have 83 active members. Although we don't have an overabundance of moorage space available, it is in the best interest of our or-

ganization to solicit new members. Our club has a newly renovated clubhouse, safe docks, a hoist, fuel, and an active social calendar. Consider inviting your neighbors, friends and relatives who share a common interest in boating to attend one of our meetings so they can see for themselves what our club has to offer. Our April 13 potluck starts at 6:30 p.m. and the general membership meeting follows immediately at 7 p.m.





“CRUISE REPORT”
2009 LYC CRUISE – GENERAL INFO



Astoria Wine and Seafood Festival
April 24,25,26, is our next upcoming cruise.
A sign up sheet is in the clubhouse.
Any Members wishing to attend need to sign up ASAP.
If you are planning on arriving in Astoria before Friday the 24th,
you need to call the Astoria Marina office at (503) 325-8279, to let them know your arrival date. If you
are attending only the 24-26th, LYC has reserved spaces as per our sign up sheet, no need to call the
Astoria Marina

Cruise Chairman
John Flagg
QAPjohn@yahoo.com



HOUSE & MOORING MATTERS

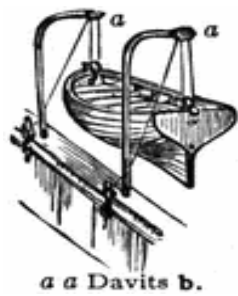


Open moorage space F5 has been awarded to Jeff Hickman
Open Moorage space F8 is open for a bit it will accomodate a 24 foot boat
You can email me or send me a letter UPS

The grading project is very successful and fun but we still have a long way to go .
Any volunteers would be great at the work party hopefully we can get some of the same people to make it go smooth

The next work party is April 18 . hope to see you there
If you're interested in doing a lunch at the work party please contact me I need a few more volunteers.

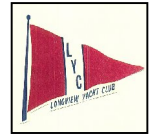
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Committee Chairman
Craig Norton



**Challenges
are what make
life interesting
and overcoming
them is
what makes life
meaningful.”**



2015 SOCIAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



JANUARY

- 24Commodore's Ball
- 26Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm

FEBRUARY

- 1Supper Bowl Party
- 9Club Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 21Crab Feed
- 23Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm

MARCH

- 9Club Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 13-15St. Pat's Party & Cruise @ MCYC
- 21Work Party
- 23Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm

APRIL

- 13Club Meeting & Potluck @ 6:30 pm
- 18Work Party
- 24-26Seafood Festival
- 27Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm

MAY

- 15 Best Dressed Boat Contest
- 2 - 3CRYA Opening Day Weekend
- 11Club Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 15 - 17LYC Opening Day Cathlamet Cruise
- 18Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 23-25Memorial Day Cruise

JUNE

- 8Club Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 13Work Party
- 22Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm

JULY

- 13Club Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 17-19Bald Eagle Festival Cathlamet
- 27Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm

AUGUST

- 10Club Meeting & Potluck @ 6:30 pm
- 15Work Party

SEPTEMBER

- 14Club Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 19Work Party
- 19Cheese Burger In Paradise Social
- 28Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm

OCTOBER

- 3-4CRYA Closing Day - Camas
- 12Club Meeting & Potluck @ 6:30 pm
- 17Work Party
- 16 - 18Halloween Cruise to Sand Island
- 26Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm

NOVEMBER

- 7Spaghetti Feed & Auction
- 9Club Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 18-20St. Helens City Docks with MCYC
- 23Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm

DECEMBER

- 4Board Decorates Clubhouse @ 6 pm
- 5Christmas Open House @ 2:00-5:00 pm
- 7Club Meeting @ 6:30
- 12 - 13Land Cruise to MCYC (Christmas Ships)
- 14 ... Old and New Board Meeting @ 6:30 Meeting

JANUARY 2016

- 2Board takes down Christmas Decorations
- 23Commodore's Ball
- 25Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm

2015 WORK PARTYS

MARCH 21
 APRIL 18
 JUNE 13
 AUGUST 15
 SEPTEMBER 19
 OCTOBER 17



MCYC ST PADDY'S WEEKEND



MCYC St Paddy's weekend Cruise was a great time: Four LYC boats attended the MCYC St. Paddy's Weekend party. We docked at Sand Island Thursday night, then on to MCYC Friday morning, dodging a vast maze of fishing boats going up the Willamette Slough. Once docked at MCYC, we shared moorage with many boats from Tye, St Helens and Compass Rose Yacht Clubs, totaling about 17 guest boats, and another y or so motor homes. MCYC did an awesome job, again, of welcoming guest, organization food abundance and prep, horse racing, spud racing more food, an evening of music and dancing. And then more food. It was nice to see old friends and make some new ones. Our granddaughter, Zuri, went with us and met another young girl visiting with her dad and grandmother from Tye. They became best buddies immediately and both participated in the spud racing, with plans for next year's sum=per racers already in the works. The girls then wore the poor dad out with dancing with both of them that evening. We have made plans to cruise with them to the future? Zuri also got to participate in the horse races and even won the third heat. She was so excited! If you didn't get a chance to go this year, you missed a really good time. We will definably attend next year!

Your Social funds dollars hard at work.

The board approved spending for a 20ft wide SunSetter awning last week. The awning is motorized, controlled remotely and has a wind sensor that will roll it up automatically if the wind gets too strong. It will also have an aluminum cover to protect it from the elements when in the stored position. It has been ordered and is planned to be installed on the east side of the clubhouse prior to our LYC Opening Day activities. Chris Erickson will install an electrical plugin under the eaves at the same time he is installing a couple of 30amp plugs for guest moorage. We would like to thank all our members that allowed this addition to be purchased!



Upcoming Events

A couple of new events are in the works:

Suds and Grub, April 11 is a free BBQ event for our members who happen to be at the club that day, either just visiting or working on their boats. Menu is burgers, shish kabobs, coleslaw, and punch. BYOB as usual also.

Swap Meet A Swap Meet is in the infancy planning stage, to be held in early June at a place yet to be determined. Hopefully a large parking lot or grassy area. It will be open to the public and we will do advertising, flyers and mailings to our river yacht clubs. Start gathering all your extra "stuff" and think of the money you'll make and the space you'll gain! This event will take extra folks to help plan and carry out. Please call me if you can help.

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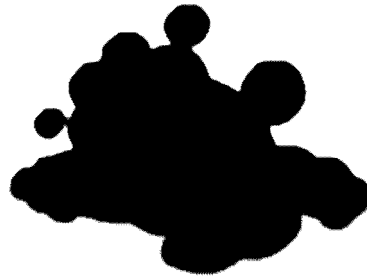
LYC SUDS & GRUB

A BBQ for the folks working on their boats

If you are working on getting ready for boating season: cleaning, sprucing, fixing, or just visiting, no matter what size boat you have, if you provide the suds and elbow grease, the Social Committee will provide the grub!

Cost: nothing

We just appreciate how hard our members work and our boats are just as important as our club!!

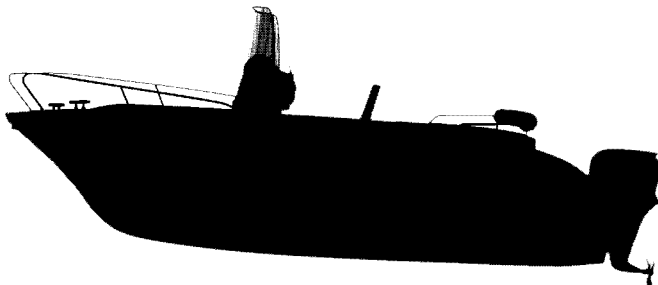


When: April 11, 4pm to 6pm

Where: Clubhouse

What: BBQ

BYOB as usual



The LYC Classifieds

*If you are interested in listing anything here, e-mail Mary McCarthy
360-431-3062. We would love to help you sell your stuff!*

McCarthy's boathouse for sale: 18,000. Call Dennis McCarthy @ 360-430-2295 for more details or email him @ dmmccarthy1@comcast.net

**1989 29' Barhopper \$10,000
Contact Frank Stein 414-9468**

Boathouse located at LYC slip A-1. Overall dimensions 38' long by 28' wide. Well dimensions are 11' wide by 30' long. Door height is 9'6". New roof, insulated steel, installed in 2010, additional floatation in 2012. House is in good condition, triple logs on each side, newer stringers and newer pressure treated 5' deck. \$17,500 or best offer.

Contact Alan Howard at 360-425-7823 or lccalan@comcast.net.

41 foot Mainship, excellent condition, recently updated, twin 454's, 1200+ hours, \$75,000/offer Also, well-built 31 x 65 house w/20 ft door (21.5 ft. from water) with huge logs, elec. door opener, updated (will be sold after boat).

Contact Mike Anderson 636-1378

14 ft. Larson Aluminum Boat, EZ loader trailer and a 6 hp Johnson motor. Every- thing is in good shape. \$650.00.

Contact Jim Biwer at 636-2576

Media Alert:

If You Don't Want More Corn In Your Gas Tank, Boat US Says Boaters Need to Speak Up Now

THE ISSUE: The Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) is the 2005 federal law that requires the blending of biofuels such as corn-ethanol into our gasoline. When it was written, it assumed that America's use of gasoline would continue to rise and mandated escalating amounts of biofuels to be blended with our fuel. Since 2005, however, gasoline usage has actually declined steadily, which today forces more ethanol into less gasoline. To keep up with this RFS mandate, in 2010 the EPA permitted E15 (fuel containing up to 15% ethanol) into the marketplace. Even though E15 is prohibited from being used in marine engines, snowmobiles, motorcycles, small engines like lawnmowers and leaf blowers, as well as any vehicle made before 2001, this fuel can now be found at over 100 stations in 16 states at the very same pumps as E10 and ethanol-free gasoline. Over 60% of Boat Owners Association of The United States (Boat US) half million members as well as millions of recreational boaters fill their boat's fuel tanks at roadside gas stations where the higher blend ethanol fuels are often the cheapest fuel at the pump. This creates a huge potential for mis-fueling and puts boaters at risk.

ACTION NEEDED NOW: For years, Boat US has been battling in Washington to make sure recreational boat owners can buy gasoline that works with their recreational boat engines. Senators Diane Feinstein and Pat Toomey have now introduced S. 577, the "Corn Ethanol Mandate Elimination Act of 2015" in the US Senate.

This bill, which has both Democrat and Republican support, will effectively remove the government mandate for higher blends of corn-based ethanol fuels (more than 10%) and allow for investment in other more compatible biofuels. BoatUS believes it is a critical step to solving the ethanol issue and urges America's boat owners to contact their Senator now to become a co-sponsor and supporter of S. 577. Boaters can easily do this at: <http://goo.gl/S4bWMu>. For more on the Renewable Fuel Standard go to www.BoatUS.com/gov.

WHO: Boat Owners Association of The United States ([BoatUS](http://www.BoatUS.com)) is the nation's leading advocate for recreational boaters providing its over half million members with government representation, fighting against unfair federal taxes, fees and regulations that single out boat owners. BoatUS is also non-partisan working on both sides of the aisle as well as with state agencies to promote boating laws that make sense.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Photo Available at: <http://www.BoatUS.com/pressroom/previewImg/hiRes/1083.jpg>

Agreement Reached with the Dept. of Natural Resources to Start Over (with full stakeholder process) Regarding Work on a Potential HCP for Over-water Structures, Log Booming

critical for Members and Yacht Club and Community Boating Club owners to know – there should not be any attempt to require HCP-type provisions through leases or lease renewals!

On Monday, March 16, a coalition of interests working with key state legislators reached an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Lands Commissioner, Commissioner Goldmark, to essentially “put down” the draft Habitat Conservation Plan sections related to overwater structures and log booming, and to start those fresh from scratch with a full and thorough stakeholder process.

Why hasn't the full HCP been put down? It is because aquaculture and shellfish interests in fact want to save their HCP work with the DNR move ahead, thus that part of the HCP will stay in play while ours undergoes a do-over and is started from scratch.

BAW is very proud of this outcome, as it marks a very stark and significant change from last November, when the DNR appeared bound and determined to move ahead with this HCP. Late in 2014 and at the beginning of 2015, we formed an alliance with NMTA and the Washington Public Ports Association that grew to include the American Waterway Operators, individual ports, the Washington Forest Protection Association, Weyerhaeuser, wood preserving industries, the Association of Washington Business, the Washington State Farm Bureau, and others.

We also would not have achieved the progress we did without key legislators, including those who prime-sponsored Senate Bill 5959 (Sen. Brian Hatfield, D-Raymond/19th Dist.) and House Bill 2069 (Agriculture and Natural Resource Committee Chair Brian Blake, D-Aberdeen/19th Dist.). Many other legislators were extremely helpful in this endeavor, among them Senate Natural Resources Committee Chair Kirk Pearson (R-Monroe/39th Dist.) and Majority Leader Mark Schoesler (R-Ritzville/9th Dist.), and Representatives such as J.T. Wilcox (R-Yelm/2nd Dist.), Vincent Buys (R-Lynden/42nd Dist.), Norma Smith (R-Clinton/10th Dist.), and Kristine Lytton (D-Mount Vernon/40th Dist.).

SB 5959 ultimately passed off the Senate Floor, and HB 2069 had a successful public hearing and would have moved if not for the progress of 5959. RBAW testified at both Senate and House hearings, through the very fine work of 1st Vice President Wayne Gilham and 2nd VP Drew Erickson.

As this full stakeholder process begins – one that will involve a representative or representatives of the RBAW, there is one very important message we need to get out to the full RBAW Membership, and most importantly to those of you who have Aquatic Lands leases with the DNR. It is as follows:

1. Please make sure there is not any “in the field” attempt to impose HCP conditions on an existing lease, a lease renewal, or a proposed new lease agreement;
2. .
3. If you encounter any effort by a DNR representative to impose new or additional requirements outside current law and beyond existing WACs and Sec. 7 consultation agreements (ESA), it is important that you “push back” against such attempts;
4. .

Please contact the RBAW immediately if you believe you are being subject to unfair or unwarranted conditions in connection with your lease. You can e-mail President Paul Thorpe at Paul.Thorpe@comcast.net, 1st VP Wayne Gilham at Wgilham@harbornet.com, or RBAW Lobbyist Doug Levy at Levy4@msn.com.

This provides the basic information regarding the re-set of the HCP process on overwater structures. All of us at RBAW are very proud to know that our time, work, and efforts made a difference!



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Talking Points on RBAW Key Issues

Recreation Resource Account (“Boating Facilities Program”) – Restore 2012 diversion of funds

- ☑ This is a highly successful, dedicated Capital account – and a very unique one. We know of no other dedicated account where the user is constitutionally eligible to KEEP the dollars – yet typically leaves them unclaimed for a state investment in infrastructure;
- ☑ This account is administered by the Recreation and Conservation Office and was first established through a voter-approved Initiative back in the mid-1960s – Initiative 215;
- ☑ Since that time, grants have been provided for boating facilities in 38 of our state’s 39 counties;
- ☑ This funding source is an absolutely vital one when you consider that over 90 percent of the boats plying our state’s waterways are 20’ or under – meaning they depend on the system of ramps, launches, docks, parking areas, etc., that is funded under this program;
- ☑ In 2012, \$3.3 million of the RRA was diverted into a Fish and Wildlife marine law enforcement account in the Operating Budget. We strongly opposed that diversion as a breach of faith, and we urge you to right the wrong of moving these dedicated funds by restoring the \$3.3M.

DNR HCP – SB 5959 (HB 2069 has “died” but can mention where we are w/ House Members) – Pending in Senate Rules and needs to be ‘pulled’ forward to the Senate Floor Calendar

- ☑ The Department of Natural Resources spent some 10+ years working on a federal Habitat Conservation Plan for overwater structures that would be a first of its kind in the nation – DNR then proceeded to give us a mere few months to review what they’d drafted: several hundred pages of documents.
- ☑ We have major concerns about the significant cost implications of what this HCP means for overwater structures for all of our community boat clubs and yacht clubs that have aquatic lands leases with DNR.
- ☑ We also wonder why a draft HCP that is purportedly to cover 14 endangered and listed species is proposing to cover DOUBLE the number of species it needs to.
- ☑ We continue to have questions about how necessary all of this is, given the fact that we already undergo Sec. 7 consultation under the federal Endangered Species Act when our remodels or renovations of overwater structures impact those species.
- ☑ This is not about shirking an environmental stewardship responsibility we take very seriously
- ☑ SB 5959 is about the policy-makers who oversee DNR and our state agencies hitting the “pause” button, and formalizing a time-out that allows for a real consultation process between stakeholders and the Agency.

HB 1738 – Bringing back 14 ½ cents of percentage allocation boating, snowmobiling, and off-road non-highway tax refunds

- ☑ When a boater, or a snowmobiler, or an off-road vehicle fills up at a gas station, his or her expectation is that the fuel tax from those purchases is going to their non-highway accounts since their purchases are for a non-highway purpose.
- ☑ The Recreation Resource Account for boaters, the “NOVA” account for off-road vehicles and hikers, and the State Parks snowmobiling account for snowmobilers have the percentage of gas tax funding they received based on 23 cents of the 37.5 cents in total fuel tax.

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Ladies Night



For
'Ladies Night Out'
information
contact Vicki Erickson

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Promoting
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boating

Were on the Web
<http://lyc1932.org/>

MEMBERS CORNER

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ANYONE WITH NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES FOR CLUB EVENTS
OR INTEREST SEND THEM
TO
lycportcaptain@cni.net

One of the
most important
keys to Success
is having the discipline
to do what you know
you should do,
even when you
Don't feel like doing it."

83RD Longview Yacht Club Opening Day Weekend

2015 LYC Opening Day Festivities are fast approaching. May 15th - 17th will be here before we know it. We are planning on having the 2nd annual Best Dressed Boat Competition. The rules will be the same as last year. A potluck Friday night, May 15th, precedes the Saturday opening day breakfast, boat parade in Fisher Island Slough, and the cruise (to be determined, suggestion was made to cruise to Walker Island or Bat Water Station since it is only for 1 night. To be discussed at April membership meeting.) The boat owners who choose to participate in the competition are encouraged to spiff up their boat and park around the club house no later than 4:00pm before the potluck. Vessel owners will then host club members aboard their vessels before and/or after the potluck.

Criteria for judging include: 1) clean power plant, galley, pilot house, and outer deck ; 2) visual display of the Longview Yacht Club colors (red, white, and blue) throughout the vessel; 3) adequate supply of safety equipment available for inspection.

Two perpetual trophies will be awarded on Opening Day morning after breakfast for the best dressed boats, one for vessels 30 feet and under and another for vessels 31 feet and over.

If you are interested in participating and socializing, please fill out the attached registration form and return it to Vice Commodore Vicki Erickson no later than April 30th.



Longview Yacht Club Opening Day - 2015



Best Dressed Boat Application

Owner Name: _____

Yacht Name: _____

Yacht Length: _____

Day Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____