



**EDMONDS  
YACHT CLUB**

**January 2007**

**January 23, 2007**

**General Meeting,  
Happy New Year!**

**Dinner by Brown's Catering  
Appetizers & Socializing until  
assembly at 7 PM.**

*Green Salad*

*Brocoli Beef w/Garlic Sauce*

*Pork Fried Rice*

*Asian Capellini Salad*

*Fortune Cookie & Ice Cream*

**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, January 19th, 10am.***

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

**(425) 774-8893**

## Commodore Carol Bowen



New Years Greetings...A time for reflection and looking forward.

You all are the strength and spirit of our Edmonds Yacht Club boating family. We rally around our members when they need love and support. We make time to gather for fun & friendship. The commitments made by our leaders/volunteers past and present speaks to the depth of our respect and caring for each other and the legacy of our Edmonds Yacht Club. Thank you one and all for your commitment & participation in the past, present & future!

Speaking of commitment...The Ground Lease has been signed and the committee is looking to expand for the next phase. Please thoughtfully consider how your talents and skills can make a difference in the acquisition process for our future home.

Speaking of commitment...Your Junior Officers are preparing for their premiere event!

The annual auction and crab feed is just around the corner. Dan and I will be representing EYC at the Tacoma YC Commodores Ball the night of the auction. Be sure and look for the "Fiesta Basket" we're donating. It's going to be a lot of fun shopping for it while we're in Mexico this month!

Thank you FC Croasdill for orchestrating Holiday on the Docks! Thank you to Rick and Debbie Gregorek, Paul Harris and Laurie King-Harris, and Mike and Leslie Ann Forbis for hosting the awesome Saturday night family dinner and visit from Santa! And last but not least, thank you Denise Coleman for hosting the cookie exchange and thank you Board Members for hosting the Sunday "Hot Ruddered Bum" Party! What a festive and fun weekend! Weren't the kids visits with Santa great?! I wonder where they found our Santa; he was one in a million, a real keeper!

What's coming up?

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## Vice Commodore Ted Newton

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Hi Everyone!

Wow what a fantastic time Debi and I had in Lahaina Hawaii! We had some major beach time, saw a Blue Whale, had a large school of Dolphins swim with our snorkeling boat, and ate some of the finest seafood, and not to mention finding the best place to drink a Maitai. However the very minute we

came home our weather took a serious turn for the worst. It snowed bigtime, it rained enough to float a boat, and of course the windstorm of all windstorms. We were one of the lucky ones that had our power out for nine days or 238 hours. Now being an all electric home that means that all we had for warmth was a fireplace and that only got the house up to 50 degrees. Debi deserves a medal for what she had to put up with, and my Honda EU 1000 is now in it's own display case for viewing, it ran my refer for the entire time. Thank-you to those of you that offered help and shelter it meant a lot to us.

Ok back to work, the house is crumbling a bit, we had to buy a new thermostat, a new VCR/DVD player, and a new microwave, all of these purchases came without warning and Audree and Leif came to the rescue with their devotion to our club's well being and got them purchased immediately, thank-you!

Another hero is Don Jangard for all the very talented work he has put into the "Boat Wall of Fame," I have heard some very nice comments on how this turned out and they are all due to his (and his crew's) efforts. We still have room for your boat picture, please send the photo to the club.

We desperately need your auction items, remember everyone in the club benefits in the proceeds of the auction so everyone in the club should bring in an item for the auction. Please don't make me beg you, do it now and bring it to the club or call Ron Hammill and he will take care of it for you. We also need many volunteers to help the night of the auction so please call anyone of the officers to see how you could help.

By the way, Happy New Year to one and all of you wonderful EYC members!

Mahalo!  
*Ted*



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### Membership News

If you know of anyone interested in membership let me know I'll be happy to follow up. Let your boating friends and family know about EYC and all the excitement we have going on!

**For membership information call Susan Romei at:  
425-422-5175.**

### Thank you!

We would like to thank the following people for their help with the Holiday on the Docks ham dinner, cookie exchange, and visit from Santa:

Our wonderful co-cruise captains,  
Debbie & Rick Gregorek and  
Michael & Leslie Forbis

Plus, Wally & Sharon Croasdill, Denise Coleman, Lorie Jones, Bill Forrsell, Don Mayfield, Paul & Kathy Armstrong, Jim & Cindy Davidson, Dennis & Cindy Heetbrink, John Keyes, Carol Bowen, and everyone else who helped make Saturday a success!

You are all wonderful!

*Laurie King-Harris & Paul Harris*

## Rear Commodore Ron Hammill

### Belonging



As Christmas approaches with the same speed as a running marlin I am reminded of how important belonging is, to my family and me. We joined the EYC 4 years ago and it opened up doors to new friends and activities. We love the caring and accepting atmosphere that belonging to EYC has brought to our lives on a daily basis.

You only get out of life what you put into it is certainly a truism. PC Dennis Heetbrink was instrumental in coaxing me to go thru the chairs and EYC secretary Denise Coleman's help and advice have made it easy for Alicia and myself.

The EYC Crab Feed & Auction is on the horizon and we hope that this fund raiser will be even a bigger success than 2006. Don't forget to get those donations in.

I want to wish all, a great Christmas and Happy New Year and of course safe boating with following seas for all.

*Ron Hammill*  
Rear Commodore

**DOCK TALK** is on vacation  
this month, but it will return soon!

### Make your reservations for the **EYC Crab Feed and Auction!**

*(reservations are due Jan. 26th)*

Saturday, **February 3**

Social and silent auction at 6pm

Dinner to follow at close of silent auction

After dinner, there will be a live "Dessert & Other Items" auction

\$27.50 per person

Please call Wally Croasdill at (425) 771-4724 to make reservations, or send a check (Payable to EYC) to:

Wally Croasdill  
911 Hindley Lane  
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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### January Calendar

Su	<b>Dec. 31</b>	New Year's Party
W	<b>Jan. 3</b>	Pinochle, 7-9 pm
Th	<b>Jan. 11</b>	Men's Luncheon
F	<b>Jan. 12</b>	TGIF
W	<b>Jan. 17</b>	Pinochle, 7-9 pm
Th	<b>Jan. 18</b>	Board Meeting
Tu	<b>Jan. 23</b>	General Meeting
Th	<b>Feb. 1</b>	WIC Luncheon at Bremerton
Sa	<b>Feb. 3</b>	Crab Feed & Auction
	<b>Feb. 16</b>	Kingston cruise, 16th-19th

### Handy EYC E-mail Addresses

**pictures@edmondsyachtclub.com**—use this address to send cruise or event pictures that you have.

**shiptoshore@edmondsyachtclub.com**—for Ship to Shore newsletter-related information.

**information@edmondsyachtclub.com**—a general use address for questions, or if you don't know who to contact (e-mails here will probably be redirected through the board).

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## Fleet Captain Wally Croasdill

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What a beautiful display of boats we had this December at the Port of Edmonds Marina. I would like to thank Tom & Ana Allison, Dan & Commodore Carol Bowen, P/C Ernie & Marilyn Collins, Guy & Sheila DeRosa, Jim & Shanna England, Bill & Vicki Forssell, Kellie & Linda Hammett, Mike & Lorie Jones, John Keyes, Don Mayfield, Mike & Wendy

Popke, P/C Ron & Marita Thody, and Byron & Leslie Wetherholt for bringing in their boats and for the fantastic lighting displays they all put up. I have had several comments from members and the Port on the wonderful display of lights by our members.

The Holiday on the Docks weekend was great fun, from the Friday night TGIF, the Saturday night holiday dinner, and to the Tom and Jerry party on Sunday. Special thanks go out to Paul Harris & Laurie King-Harris, Rick & Debbie Gregorek, and Michael & Leslie Forbis. They put on a great Saturday night ham dinner with all the “fixins”. I would also like to thank “Santa” for showing up after dinner, and entertaining young and old alike. He did a wonderful job, and was enjoyed by all.

Next up is the annual auction and crab feed. We really need to hear from those of you who are planning on having a donation for this event. Donations are running behind, and we would really like to make this event as big as last year. Proceeds from this event go towards helping keep the price down on future events. Please give me a call if you are planning to donate, so that we make sure that we get your items announced in the program schedule.

Thanks for all your help, and wishing you good health and happiness in the coming new year,

F/C Wally Croasdill

*Get Ready!*

### **Kingston Cruise February 16–19th!**

- Great food & fun games!
- Flyers will be available at January’s TGIF and general meeting.
- **Volunteers are needed!** Please call Michael & Leslie Forbis if you can help: 425-742-3375

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## Fleet Chaplain Shirley Wilson

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### **NIGHT WATCH**

I don’t know who the author of this story is or the time frame that it is referring to, but I was touched when I read it. I am passing it on to you as a way of starting the New Year with hope and faith.

A nurse took the tired, anxious serviceman to the bedside. “Your son is here,” she said to the old man. She had to repeat the words several times before the patient’s eyes opened. Heavily sedated because of the pain of his heart attack, he dimly saw the young uniformed Marine standing outside the oxygen tent. He reached out his hand. The Marine wrapped his toughened fingers around the old man’s limp ones, squeezing a message of love and encouragement.

The nurse brought a chair so that the Marine could sit beside the bed. All through the night the young Marine sat there in the poorly lighted ward, holding the old man’s hand and offering him words of love and strength. Occasionally, the nurse suggested that the Marine move away and rest awhile. He refused.

Whenever the nurse came into the ward, the Marine was oblivious of her and of the night noises of the hospital – the clanking of the oxygen tank, the laughter of the night staff members exchanging greetings, the cries and moans of the other patients. Now and then she heard him say a few gentle words. The dying man said nothing, only held tightly to his son all through the night.

Along towards dawn, the old man died. The Marine released the now lifeless hand he had been holding and went to tell the nurse. While she did what she had to do, he waited. Finally, she returned. She started to offer words of sympathy, but the Marine interrupted her. “Who was that man?” he asked.

The nurse was startled, “He was your father,” she answered.

“No, he wasn’t,” the Marine replied. “I never saw him before in my life.”

“Then why didn’t you say something when I took you to him?”

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**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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## Favorite TGIF Recipes!

### Vic's Chicken Rice Bake

1 Whole fryer chicken (4-5 lbs)  
1 onion (quartered)  
2 carrots (quartered)  
3 stalks celery (quartered)  
20 whole peppercorns

1 ½ cups Uncle Bens rice  
3 ¼ cups water  
1 tsp salt  
1 pat butter  
3 tbsl rice vinegar  
¼ tsp cayenne pepper

8 oz jar of pimentos  
8 oz slivered almonds  
2 oz butter  
8 oz of sliced mushrooms  
2 shallot cloves chopped  
½ tsp thyme  
¼ tsp rosemary  
¼ tsp oregano

4 cups chicken stock  
5 tbsl corn starch  
Salt & pepper to taste

In a stock pot place whole chicken and cover with water. Add onion, carrots, celery and peppercorns. Bring to a boil uncovered. Cover and simmer for 1 ½ hours. Drain and hand shred the chicken into small pieces and save for later. (Can be done 1-2 days in advance of meal.) (To make own broth, retain 6-8 cups of liquid from above and reduce 1/3 to ½ by boiling uncovered.)

In a medium sized pot add water, salt, butter, vinegar, cayenne pepper and bring to a boil. Add rice, cover and simmer for 25-28 minutes. When rice is done stir in the pimentos liquid & all.

In a medium fry pan brown the almond slivers in 1 oz of butter (remove & retain). Add the other 1 oz of butter and sauté the mushroom, shallots and spices until mushrooms are soft. Stir in the almonds and retain.

In a small pot combine the stock & corn starch and bring to a slow boil while whisking until thickened. Add salt & pepper to taste.

In a large covered casserole layer 1/3 of rice mixture followed by ½ almond mix and ½ the chicken cover with ½ the remaining rice followed by the almonds & chicken cover with remaining rice. Put a hole in center of top layer of rice and slowly add gravy until all is absorbed. Bake covered in a 325 degree oven for 1 hour. Serve.



## SUNSHINE REPORT

Our sincere condolences go to:

Don Jangard on the loss of his sister in November.

Janice Shreve on the loss of her mother in December.

Scott Austin is recovering from a serious incisional infection from his last surgery.

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



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## Commodore Carol Bowen, *continued*

\*\*\*To start with, New Years Eve Party is just around the corner as I write this article. The décor has been top secret, however I have heard something about burnt fingers from glue guns, surprise visitors, a red carpet... you'll be hearing more about the details in next months article. Hope you were able to experience it first hand!!!

\*\*\*Port of Edmonds Executive Director Chris Keuss will be attending our January meeting and giving a brief presentation on what's happening at the Port.

\*\*\*TGIFs: Seasoned and New Members: Consider teaming up and hosting a TGIF!

I'll be looking for some volunteers!

\*\*\*March 17<sup>th</sup>, St. Patty's Day Party at the Club.

\*\*\*Dock Ambassadors, that means all of you (!)... Start talking to your marina neighbors about joining Edmonds Yacht Club. Don't keep all the fun you are having a secret!

\*\*\*April ? : Ladies only Tea: How about dressing up and bringing a tea cup/saucer and the story that comes with it! Want to hostess a table?

\*\*\*Swap Meet: Anyone interested in helping develop this idea, please contact me.

Wow! Before you know it Spring will be here. With the cold, wet and stormy Autumn we have endured, it is hard to believe! Come in from the cold this winter and warm up with your friends at the Edmonds Yacht Club!

See you soon!  
*Commodore Carol*




## Night Watch, *continued*

"I knew right away there had been a mistake, but I also knew he needed his son, and his son just wasn't here. When I realized that he was too sick to tell whether or not I was his son, knowing how much he needed me, I stayed."

The next time someone needs you...just be there. Stay. We are not human beings going through a temporary spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings going through a temporary human experience.

This is my prayer for you this New Year: That your year will be crowned with God's goodness, and your paths will drip with abundance. (Psalm 65:11)




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*Sharon Croasdill, Christel Osterstrom, & Debbie Gregorek*



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January 12, 2007

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F-O: Appetizers

P-Z: Casseroles

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**6:30 PM Social Hour**

**7:00 PM Dinner**