



December 2009

Making
Christmas Memories



December 11-13, 2009

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Christmas photo & pet food donation

Friday

TGIF: Crocks full of Soup

Salad & Rolls
Hot Buttered Rums

A-R: Appetizers

S-Z: Desserts

6:30 pm Appetizers

7 pm Dinner

8 pm Decorated boat judging

Cost: \$5/adult, \$3/kids

Saturday

**Fleece Blankets for
"Pathways for Women"**

See page 2 for details.

And, hang out on the decorated
boats dock with your fellow EYCs!

Sunday

Don & Ron's Prime Rib Buffet

Baked potatoes with the fixings
Green salad & dressing
Pumpkin & apple pies, brownies

4:30 pm Appetizers

5:30 pm Dinner

7:30 pm Santa!

Commodore Wally Croasdill



I hope you had a chance to view the interior of the new clubhouse a couple of weeks ago. It is going to be outstanding. The galley will be fantastic with all the space and proper appliances to use. The main area is very spacious and open, and the entry with the grand stairway will be the number one place for indoor pictures.

Several events are fast approaching. *Holiday on the Docks* is first up in early December. Activities include decorated

Edmonds Yacht Club boats, a visit to the marina by the Argosy Christmas Ship and its music, TGIF, and a warm and wonderful family Holiday Dinner on Sunday December 13th. Next up will be New Year's Eve, followed by the Junior Officer's Ball, the Crab Feed and Auction, and several other events before the end of March. Be sure to check the calendar in the newsletter, the EYC annual directory, and watch your e-mail for announcements. E-mail has become an important tool for communicating events, activities, and meetings within the club. I know Secretary Denise Coleman has most everyone's e-mail address, but if you are not receiving announcements, you may want to check with her. Then all you have to do is check your e-mail regularly.

In early November I had the opportunity to help out at the WIC luncheon put on by Sharon Croasdill and the ladies of the club. There were sixty-seven ladies from EYC and other clubs of the Grand Fourteen. A great tasting lunch was prepared by Don Mayfield and Ron and Denise Coleman. Serving the food were the Flag Officers, David Hertz, Ron Bray, Dick Marshall, Marty Bower, and Ted Newton. A wonderful presentation was put on by John Keyes which displayed the many pictures he took while on his trip to Africa. Sharon is still hearing from other Grand Fourteen clubs regarding the fine food and terrific presentation of the sights and scenery of Africa. Sixteen wonderful & interesting baskets were prepared & donated by EYC women members, which were raffled off and helped raise funds for the event and the Club.

During November, Sharon and I had the honor of representing EYC at both Meydenbauer Bay and Tyee Yacht Clubs' Commodores' Balls. We thoroughly enjoyed the great food, dancing and camaraderie of the Grand Fourteen members.

On Sunday, November the 8th, Sharon and I welcomed a new member to our growing family. He is a wonderful addition to his two sisters.

Sharon and I hope you all get to spend time with family and friends during this special time of the year and you remain safe and healthy. We wish you all the Happiest Holidays, a very Merry Christmas, and a Joyous New Year!

Commodore Wally Croasdill

Vice Commodore Michael Forbis



I joined the "Thrill Seekers Club" and headed to Poulsbo for the Halloween cruise. I discovered rough weather is only worsened by being alone on the boat. I was coming from Everett and turned the corner at Mukilteo only to find out the seas were a bit bigger than I anticipated. After several hours of being tossed around at 8 knots, I arrived in Port Madison with a very wet V-berth.

With plenty of heat and lots of washing, the boat is good as new! The cruise was great and now I wish I would have carved a pumpkin and dressed up. I'll have to wait till next year. Special thanks to Tom and Anna Alison for making the Halloween Cruise a great success.

The EYC website has been in dire need of updating. Bit by bit, I have been working on most of the pages. If you find any problems or have suggestions for new material please contact me. If you are a cruise captain or are working on any EYC function, I would be happy to help you post information to the website.

The Membership Committee has met twice this year and we have a box of ideas for bringing in new members to our EYC boating family. If you have any ideas or want to help with recruiting, please contact me or come to our next committee meeting. We are considering joining in with 3 other Grand Fourteen yacht clubs and staffing a booth at the Seattle Boat Show. The booth is just in the planning stages but if you are interested in helping to staff a booth let me know.

If you store your boat on the hard, be sure to winterize it. What happens when we get a big snow storm? The power goes out! So don't rely on a heater to protect your pride and joy. You need to drain the water and put antifreeze in all the right places.

The next event is *Holiday on the Docks!* I hope Santa Claus will bring you a new GPS, Kevlar sail, or pair of really big turbo chargers.

Merry Christmas and I hope to see you at the next cruise, TGIF, or General Meeting!

V/C Michael Forbis



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Opportunities to

give
during the holidays

Fleece blanket project (Saturday, Dec. 12)

Have fun putting together fleece blankets (no sewing required) for a very worthy cause. Norma Sola-Pierce is inviting anyone interested in making blankets to meet at St. Alban's Church from 10am-2pm on December 12th. Please contact Norma for more information and/or for dollar donations to help purchase the fleece material. Her e-mail is normasolapierce@comcast.net.

Pet drive (Now through Dec. 19)

During these tough economic times, many folks have given up or abandoned their pets and the shelters are in dire need of support. Mary Olson is focusing on three worthy pet causes: the Feral Cat Spay and Neuter Project, the Humane Society, and PAWS. A bin will be available in the foyer at the club—please consider donating any of the following:

- Pet food,
- CLEAN old towels,
- Clay litter (not clumping),
- Toys, and
- Cash donations.

The bin will remain at the club until the 19th of December. Please contact Mary Olson if you need more information or wish to make a dollar donation. Mary's e-mail is meowmom1985@gmail.com.



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Rear Commodore Harry Duncan



The 2009-2010 Annual is completed and by the time you read this you should have your copies. But if you weren't able to pick them up at the last TGIF or the November general meeting, they will be mailed to you. P/C Bob Petrie has done another terrific job of gathering all of the new information and pictures and ads, and organizing this material into final layout for publication—our sincere thanks to Bob for his selfless efforts year after year in overseeing and bringing our club's "Bible" to print.

As with any undertaking of this size you may find a few minor glitches. If you do note any errors, please remember the effort that has gone into getting the Annual printed and distributed to the membership in a very short period of time, let our secretary know, and we will fix them next year.

The holidays are just around the corner and we soon will be enjoying gathering with friends & family, enjoying fine meals, and celebrating the joys of the season. As this will be my last article in 2009, I thought a little holiday humor might be apropos:

I saw it placed there on the table, and began trembling as I picked up the note

My knees began shaking, sweat filling my brow as I read what my darling had wrote.

"Here's a list I've compiled of tasks that need doing, hopefully by the end of the day.

But if there's not enough time to finish today, by tomorrow morning is okay

First, locate its whereabouts, then set up and assemble the tree.

But this time dear,

Read the instructions very carefully, remember what happened last year?

Next bring up the boxes, there's 15 I think, of ornaments and cute Christmas stuff.

I'm out shopping for more now, because doesn't it seem, like there's really just never enough?

Next get out the lights and untangle the strings; a challenge I'd venture to guess,

Since you tossed them all into the box willy-nilly, I know they must be quite a mess!

Next put up the ladder, climb up on the roof, try and not dwell on your fear of heights.

Wrap the strings around the eaves with order and care and replace any burned out lights."

Finished with perusing her carefully planned list, I thought gleefully as I crumpled the note,

This can wait for another more convenient time, today I'm going to work on the boat!

Merry Christmas everyone—Sandi and I wish each of you a safe, happy, and healthful New Year!

Harry

Did you know

There are a lot more things going on during *Holiday on the Docks* than what's listed in this newsletter.

For example:

- Decorated boat information and slip setup,
- Christmas "Memory Wall," and
- Santa's visit.

More info about *Holiday on the Docks (HOTD)* can be found on our website: EdmondsYachtClub.com ► Public Pages ► General Meetings ► November General Meeting

Here you'll find the *HOTD* flyer, the lighted boat signup sheet, and the *Pathways for Women* blanket project.

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WIC luncheon for December

Ladies, Please plan to attend!

December 9th — Port Orchard YC (\$14)

Instead of an ornament exchange, they have asked us to bring unwrapped toys for "Toys For Tots."

Contact Sharon Croasdill if you have questions:

206-660-3360



Fleet Captain Guy DeRosa



What a weekend for Halloween! I may have spoken too soon when I left Everett that Friday morning and said to our Vice Commodore, "Come on out, the water is fine." Soon after, I turned the corner past the Mukilteo Ferry and my boat got tossed like a salad with spray over my wheel house. My hat is off to those hard core boaters who braved those seas. The weekend was

fantastic, as was the weather. It was worth the trip. Tom & Ana Allison were our Cruise Captains and did a great job. My thanks to them for all of their hard work.

For those of you who haven't heard, our Puget Sound waters including the Strait of Juan de Fuca and up to the B.C. border have a new name. It is now officially called the Salish Sea but does not wipe the older names off the map. Canada is looking to adopt the name to include the Strait of Georgia and the lower Johnstone Strait. Makes it sound a little more adventurous!

We've got some fun in the month of December. For those interested in participating for *Holiday on the Docks* and decorating your boat please contact your Cruise Captains Ron & Denise Coleman or Dock Master Mike Jones.

The winter weather is upon us already, but don't forget about our Sweetheart Cruise in February.

If anyone has questions regarding any of the upcoming cruises, please call me.

F/C Guy De Rosa



Gomez Addams visits the docks during the Poulsbo Halloween cruise. Where's Morticia?

Motivational Speaker Alicia McCullough Hammill

Christmas in Edmonds

With December upon us, with all the hustle and bustle of Christmas time, this is truly a season to focus on our many blessings. We are so fortunate to live in a beautiful seaside town that wholeheartedly celebrates the magic of this holiday by dressing its shops in a magnificent display of Christmas finery. And we EYC members are so fortunate to have our brand new beautiful clubhouse being completed during this festive season. We are truly blessed to belong to a club full of the many devoted boat-loving people who, through dedication and hard work and many long hours, have made our new clubhouse a reality. Feeling gratitude for these dedicated club members, let me paraphrase Tiny Tim's final words in Charles Dickens' *The Christmas Carol*: "And bless you each and every one!"

As we Hammills focus on what we truly want for Christmas, our wish for all of us in the Edmonds Yacht Club family is this: an abundance of time well-spent celebrating the magic of Christmas with the people we love. A few years ago, when the remake of movie, *The Polar Express* came out, Ron, Alexis and I couldn't watch it enough times. It's such a beautiful tale of that mysterious train that takes the boy to the North Pole where he discovers the true magic of Christmas. When Santa gives the boy one bell from the harness of the reindeer, his mother is sorry that the bell does not ring. Only the boy and his sister can hear the bell ring because they are true believers in the magic of Christmas. As time goes by, and the young boy grows into a man, and then into an old man, he still hears the bell ring "as it does for those who truly believe." In a simple straight-forward way, the story captures the essence behind each and every Christmas gift: it's not the gift itself that represents the magic; it's the love behind the gift-giving that is the magic. When we focus on each gift as a gift of love, we too, will always hear that Christmas bell.

May the magic of Christmas be with you this season and always.

Alicia

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Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Eddie Van Halen (with stylish Hannah Montana guitar) at the Poulsbo cruise. Rumor has it they drank more than their fair share of that Bud.



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Ships Store Holiday Events!

Sunday, December 6th:

Special holiday shopping 12–3 pm at the club. Additional stock will be on hand. Orders placed will be available for pick-up on Dec. 22nd.

Friday, December 11th:


The store will be open during TGIF. Orders placed will be available for pick-up on Dec. 22nd.

Tuesday, December 15th:

Last day to order from the Ships Store. Shop online through the EYC website, e-mail Ana at taallison@comcast.net, or call her at 206-297-2734.

Tuesday, December 22:

Gift wrap party 6–9 pm. Bring your gifts to the club for wrapping — \$5. Pick up your orders, too.




**Sunshine
Report**

Our sincere condolences to Steve Romei for the loss of his mother.

Please e-mail SunshineEYC@hotmail.com for Sunshine related items or call me at 206-715-9696. Thank you.


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



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Dock Talk by ???

Not much going on, but here are a few tidbits:

Commodore Wally and First Mate Sharon welcomed a new grandson a couple of weeks ago. Son Michael and his wife Sara welcomed a brother for Ava and Caroline. Congratulations!

Paul Harris and Laurie King-Harris celebrated Paul's 40th birthday the weekend of November 14th in Port Townsend at historic and newly-renovated Clam Cannery Hotel (the cool old brick building hanging over the water at Quincy St.). They had a lot of fun and ate at quite a few of PT's amazing restaurants, but it was viciously cold and windy up there! Laurie (and I'm sure Paul too) were glad they packed coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and the skinny dog's coat, too. If you want to wish Paul a HB next year, mark your calendar for 11/18.

Judy Roller has sold her house and is downsizing to something more comfortable for her and Mackie. I hear she will be doing some traveling this winter and spring so it will make it easier not having such a big place to look after.

Leo and Joanie Wasko are back after motoring to California for a few weeks.

Christel Osterstrom went home to Sweden for a visit.

Don and Ruth Austin are off to Arizona for a visit with their daughter.

Don't be shy—send me your news to Docktalk09@earthlink.net for a future Ship to Shore newsletter.

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TGIF!

December 11, 2009

Crocks of homemade soup!

*Served with salad and rolls
and hot buttered rums*

Hosted by the *Holiday on the Docks* team

\$5.00 for adults
\$3.00 for kids 12 & under

6:30 pm appetizers
7:00 pm dinner
8:00 pm boat judging
BYOB

A–R Appetizers

S–Z Desserts

December

Calendar

W	Dec. 2	Pinochle, 7-9 pm
Su	Dec. 6	Ships Store @ the club
W	Dec. 9	WIC—Port Orchard YC
Th	Dec. 10	Men's Luncheon
F	Dec. 11	TGIF
Sa	Dec. 12	Visit the decorated boats
Su	Dec. 13	Prime rib and Santa!
W	Dec. 16	Pinochle, 7-9 pm
Th	Dec. 17	Board Meeting
Tu	Dec. 22	Gift Wrap party, club
Th	Dec. 31	New Years Eve party

More event information can be found on our EYC web site.