



**EDMONDS
YACHT CLUB**

February 2010

Commodore Wally Croasdill



We seem to be clicking through the year at a fairly rapid pace. We started 2010, or ended 2009, depending upon your perspective, with a wonderful New Year's Eve party. Over eighty of our members attended and all enjoyed the dinner and dancing which took place. It was a great event to close out the old club.

Two weeks later Edmonds Yacht Club hosted a Junior Officer's Ball in honor of Vice Commodore Michael Forbis and First Mate Leslie, and Rear Commodore Harry Duncan and First Mate Sandi. The theme was Prime Time Reruns, and you should be viewing some pictures either in this Ship to Shore issue or on the EYC website. Harry and Sandi were particularly well dressed as a couple from the 70's show Laugh-In, and played the part extremely well to everyone's delight. There have been numerous favorable comments from the other officers of the Grand 14 who all enjoyed the party very much. I would like to particularly thank Sharon Croasdill, Denise Coleman, and Don & Mary Mayfilson for their contributions of time and energy to make this event the success that it was. I also want to thank the over twenty individuals who helped decorate Friday night. It was their support which contributed greatly to this event.

A very important event at EYC is coming up at the end of February. It is our annual Crab Feed and Auction. This event goes to help the Cruise Fund which supports our cruises throughout the year. Cruising is what this club is about, and these funds go a long way towards keeping the cost of the cruises down to a reasonable amount. This should be our first major event in the new clubhouse and is always very fun and popular. It will be extremely important to get your reservations in early as I am sure we will have a very large turnout. I would not want to see anyone get turned away because they waited too long to sign up. It also is very important to be able to get an accurate head count so that a proper amount of food can be ordered. With the large amount of crab that we order, it must be ordered ahead of time, so making sure that we have enough is critical.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE think about what you can donate for the auction. Items which are always popular are: desserts, baskets of assorted items or which follow a particular theme, hosted dinner parties, and timeshares, just to name a few. We are down to just a few weeks before the event and really need your help and support. Please contact any of the officers to arrange for delivery or pickup of your donated items.

Thank you all for your time, energy, and support of this club.

Commodore Wally Croasdill

Happy Valentine's Day!

General Meeting

Feb. 23, 2010

Cornish Game Hens

Salad, rice & dessert

Catered by Don Mayfield

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 Feb. 19 at 10 am.**

**Please call Vicki Forssell
to make your reservation:**

(see page 5 for more info.)

**(425) 672-1602 or
vlforssell@earthlink.net**

Vice Commodore Michael Forbis



Auction, Auction, Auction... We need your support! If every member donates just one item we will have plenty of goods for the auction. So before you pull your boat out of mothballs for the Sweetheart Cruise, spend a few minutes and figure out what you will donate to the EYC Crab Feed and Auction. If you are taking the big Green and White boat to the Sweetheart cruise you will have a relaxing 20 minutes on the water to plan your auction donation.

I sincerely thank all of our members who helped with the Junior Officer's Ball. The whole weekend was a great success and I have been receiving Thank You cards from all the Grand Fourteen junior officers. Special thanks to Commodore Wally & Sharon Croasdill, Don Mayfield & Mary Olson, P/C Ron & Alicia Hammill, Ron & Denise Coleman, P/C Ernie & Marilyn Collins, Doug Penny & P/C Eileen Schoener, and Jim & Colleen Welsh. It really does take a village to throw a great party.

Did I mention the Sweetheart Cruise? Before the rumors start, I have to say I will be attending by myself. Leslie will be flying to Calgary to visit her parents. So I'm leaving *Crewless* on her blocks and will be taking the Green and White. I hope to see you at the Sweetheart Cruise, the Crab Feed and Auction, and don't forget to book your reservation for the Commodore's Ball.

If you have a minute, please check out the new EYC website at www.edmondsyachtclub.com. If you have comments, please click on the webmaster link or give me a call. One of the issues with the old site was the out-of-date pictures and the calendar. The new site permits any EYC member to post pictures using a simple process directly on the website. The new site was designed by my son Cameron to look much like the old site but to automate many of the manual processes. Cameron can add more features and create a website that is truly useful to our EYC members.

Vice Commodore Michael Forbis



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Our Kingston Sweetheart Cruise is February 12th through the 15th!

For full details and the sign-up sheet for our first cruise of 2010, check your e-mails and look for flyers at our meetings.

For more information, contact Larry & Allison Madison, your cruise hosts, at 206-384-2355





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Rear Commodore Harry Duncan



It never ceases to amaze me the amount of talent we have in our club. Every event we put on is first-rate and evidences the collaboration of a group of very gifted and ingenious folks who got together and put on one heck of a party. And the JO Ball was no exception! From the theme, to the decorations, to the food and beverages, to the music, and I could go on an

on, the club shined for us and our Grand 14 counterparts. Sandi and I thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, and by the thank-you cards we have received so far, so did everyone else. To Commodore Wally and Sharon Croasdill for the planning and bringing together of this memorable weekend, to Denise Coleman for the ingenious themed table centerpieces and wall décor, to P/C Eileen Schoner and Doug Penny for the amazing giant retro TV they designed and built, to Mary Olson for her again and as usual incredible services as bartender extraordinaire, and to all of you who gave up your time and efforts to make this one of mine and Sandi's favorite EYC events ever, please accept our heartfelt thanks and sincere gratitude. We will keep this in our memories always.

The annual Crab Feed and Auction, on the calendar for February 27th, is fast approaching. It will be the first major event in the new clubhouse and plans are underway to make this the biggest and best auction ever. But we cannot do this without YOUR help. As members of the EYC, we all form a part of the procurement team. If you have not already decided on what you will be donating to this year's auction, please put on your thinking caps and get the idea juices flowing. If you need help with ideas, please contact any member of the bridge and they will be glad to help you. Procurement forms can be found on the website and are also available at every club function until the auction. Please get those me or Sandi by February 20th if at all possible. You can mail them, hand-deliver them or email them to me at hneafie@hotmail.com. Donations will be accepted after that date, but in order to publish an accurate auction booklet the earlier we receive your procurement forms, the better.

Although procurement is the foremost need, we are still looking for people to lend a hand. It is a big job to put on a successful crab feed and auction, and this is a call for anyone who is willing and able to give just a small part of their time and talents to help us achieve our goals. We need help with silent auction setup and display, large auction setup, table setup, dessert auction, and other essential tasks. With everyone's help we can look forward to another terrific evening enjoying great food, the comical and often hilarious antics of those auctioneer guys, P/C's Ernie Collins and Ron Hammill, and lots of friendly (we hope) and competitive bidding!

Harry

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WIC luncheon schedule for 2010

Ladies, Please plan to attend!

February 17th — Seattle YC
March 11th — Poulsbo YC
April 13th — Day Island YC
May 18th — Rainier YC

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Ahoy! The first cruise of 2010 is here. The Sweetheart Cruise is sounding like a lot of fun, food and drink. And you don't even have to go far (for those moored in Edmonds). For skippers and mates wanting to get a little action at this year's 2010 Valentine's Day weekend contact your Cruise Captains Larry & Allison Madison. Look for their flyer in your email, newsletter, EYC website or just give them a call @ 206-384-2355.

We also have the Crab Feed and Auction February 27th. Although in the past I have never been to that event myself my boat was. I look forward to attending this year and maybe putting up Tumbleweed again for another Margarita Cruise. Our first Margarita Cruise was so much fun, however, booking the whales for the event was a challenge but worth it.

I would like to get a head start on getting the dates out there for informal cruises so skippers can make plans for them. Laurie King-Harris sent me these dates and destinations: Pt. Hudson June 18-20, Bell Harbor July 30-Aug 1, Poulsbo Aug 20-22, and Brownsville Sept 17-19. For more information on these cruises please contact Laurie. For any upcoming cruise, formal or informal, call me on my cell @ 425-760-7168.

Good weather and fair seas to all.

F/C Guy De Rosa

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FEBRUARY...The month to celebrate love

Reflecting back upon all of the many Valentine's Days we have celebrated throughout the years, many emotions stir our hearts. The gifts of flowers, chocolates, and jewelry (gotta have those baubles!) turned my head when I was young and love was new. Now while greatly appreciating all of the gifts that my sturdy Captain Ron gives me, the wisdom of age has expanded my understanding of love to include graciousness, kindness, respect and well-intentioned humor.

As I turn 60 at the end of February, my life's journey so far has truly taught me to focus primarily on the people I care about. As I focus on Ron, what can I say? He is one of the kindest people I have ever met who is a great step-dad and who has exquisite taste when it comes to choosing a wife.

As I focus on our daughter Alexis, Ron and I do all we can to enhance her happiness. To that end, it is important to us to facilitate her visits with her dad. As many of you know, John has recently moved into an apartment near us in Edmonds so that now he and Alexis can get together quite often.

The wisdom of love has taught me that truly everything boils down to caring for one another. Many of our friends marvel at the graciousness of Ron and me as far as helping John re-establish himself in Edmonds is concerned. Reflecting on what a great dad he is, it is not difficult for us to treat John with the graciousness and respect he deserves. He often thanks us for helping him deal with the stuff of life as he faces his challenging medical issues. When he thanks us, I simply ask him, "Wouldn't you do the same thing for us?" He smiles and replies, "Well, certainly."

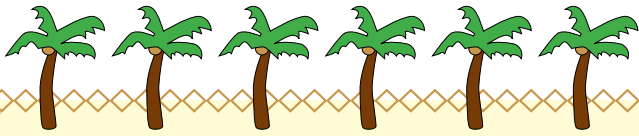
Not only am I blessed with a devoted husband and daughter, I am so fortunate to have my EYC family. We are a highly functioning group because, with our passion for boating, we choose to spend fun time together. And, in February, the month of the Sweetheart Cruise to Kingston, we celebrate love with our sweetheart, of course, but we also celebrate friendship by boating with one another.

When I stand back and observe those EYC members who always have a great time on the cruises, these are the people who are kind, gracious, and respectful of others. These are the people we all want to be around because they make us feel good. And this, my friends, more than the flowers, chocolates, and baubles (yes, you guys, you MUST keep these gifts coming!) is what love is all about.

And, as we all know, those who are lucky enough to cruise with Captain Hammill have a better time than he does because they get to travel with him (sigh)!

May you choose to celebrate your month of February, your 2010, and all the remainder of your life with love.





2010 Cruise Schedule

Feb 12-15	Kingston Sweetheart
Apr 17-18	Tacoma Daffodil
Apr 30-May 2	SYC Opening Day
May 28-31	Port Orchard, Mem. Day
June 18-20	Pt. Hudson CC*
July 2-5	Lopez Island, Indep. Day
July 6-18	Commodore's cruise
July 30-Aug 1	Bell Harbor CC*
Aug 20-22	Poulsbo CC*
Sept 3-6	Pt. Ludlow, Labor Day
Sept 17-19	Brownsville CC*


*CC = Casual (no-host) Cruise

As it becomes available, cruise information will be posted on www.edmondsyachtclub.com.

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Are you on the permanent reservation list? Call Vicki only if you can't attend the current meeting or if you are bringing guests. Please call with your cancellation/additional guest headcount **the Friday before** the general meeting.

Please do not leave Vicki a voice-mail regarding reservation changes on General Meeting day (Tuesday)—she will not be able to retrieve those messages until after the meeting.

For the convenience of the club (and you!), please consider placing yourself on the monthly general meeting permanent reservation list if you haven't already done so.

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 Saturday, March 13, 2010
 in honor of
Commodore Wally & Sharon Croasdill.
 Information coming soon.



Our sincere condolences to Mike Meiers for the loss of his mother.

Our sincere condolences to Leslie Forbis for the loss of her grandmother.

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



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Dock Talk by ???

Some of the talk around the docks:

Andy and Carole Asimakopoulos are off to Honolulu the middle of January for business/pleasure and then to the Big Island to visit the Mietzners and other friends. They will be back just before the Crab Feed and then in March, off to Tampa, Savannah, Charleston, Charlotte, and Asheville.

The Hammills along with Don Mayfield and Mary Olson are off to Cabo for some needed R&R after the wonderful JO Ball they put on. They will be gone for a couple of weeks, back the first of February.

Tom and Ana Allison are off doing the hula, diving and soaking up the Hawaiian sun in Maui for a week.

Paul Harris and Laurie King-Harris are also off to Maui for some vacation time.

True or false?? Commodore Wally & First Mate Sharon are enjoying the month of February at their condo in Whistler enjoying the Winter Olympics... tax season is just around the corner.

Want to see your name in print? Make the headlines? Then don't be shy, send me your news to docktalk09@earthlink.net and you will be featured in a future edition of *Dock Talk*.

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EDMONDS YACHT CLUB MEN'S LUNCHEON

The next Men's Club Luncheon is at:

Arnie's Restaurant

Thursday, February 11th
Time: 11:30 am

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Our regularly-scheduled TGIF
this month will be during the Kingston Cruise.

Donation items and
help are needed for the

EYC CRAB FEED & AUCTION

February 27, 2010

5:30 pm @ the new Clubhouse

Contact any bridge member for more information
and/or to get ideas for donation items. Procurement
forms are available on the EYC website.

February

Calendar

W	Feb. 3	Pinochle, 7-9 pm
Th	Feb. 11	Men's Luncheon
	Feb. 12-15	TGIF and Kingston Cruise
W	Feb. 17	WIC, Seattle YC
W	Feb. 17	Pinochle, 7-9 pm
Th	Feb. 18	Board Meeting
Tu	Feb. 23	General Meeting
Sa	Feb. 27	Crab Feed & Auction

More information about calendar events
can be found on our EYC web site.