



January 2010

Commodore Wally Croasdill



Happy New Year!

**General Meeting
January 26, 2009**

Chicken Marsala

with roasted red potatoes, green beans
and a Caesar salad

Dessert: New York Cheesecake

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
Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 10 am.**

**Please call Vicki Forssell
to make your reservation:
(see page 5 for more info.)**

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Welcome to the New Year 2010! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. The month of December proved to be a very busy month at Edmonds Yacht Club. We filled the docks at the Port of Edmonds Guest Moorage with many colorful and well decorated boats. Thanks very much to all who brought out their boats and spent the time and energy to decorate! The Port is very appreciative, and so is the community at large. I think this is one way for the club

to give back to the community and helps the club to be an involved member of the City of Edmonds.

Holiday on the Docks was again under the direction and ever watchful eye of Denise Coleman. She rounded up the troops and had the club totally decorated for Christmas as we rolled into December and for the weekend of EYC special events. TGIF was very well attended with an extra large group of people. The soups that were prepared by our members were well received on a cold December night, and if anyone went hungry it was their own fault.

I think that all who attended the *Holiday on the Docks* Family Dinner would agree that Don Mayfield knows his way around prime rib. He and his sidekick Ron Coleman planned and prepared a bountiful feast that fed over 100 happy members and their families. Though the meal was very good and the decorations superb, I think the highlight of the night was a special visit from Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and one special Elf. I think he might even be the Chief Elf. If you did not know, Santa is played by Don Mayfield, Mrs. Claus is Mary Olson, and the Elf is Don's son Toby.

As you read this, over eighty of our members and their friends had a wonderful New Year's Eve at the club. Yes, it was not at the new club, but it was a good night to say goodbye to 2009 and the building which has served this club so well for so many years. Think back upon all that has taken place here, the history of the club, and to all those who have spent countless hours and to those who have given this club so much of themselves. This history has helped to shape and define the membership, and has helped to create a passion and a sense of caring which is found in the members of Edmonds Yacht Club. This sense of caring is what has driven this club, no, has consumed this club over the last couple of years. Many members have spoken passionately about the vision that each sees for the future of the club and the direction it should take. And as loud and as rancorous as some meetings have been, there has always been one common thread. The continuity and the love for the club and its members. And that is a fact that you cannot deny.

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Vice Commodore Michael Forbis



Christmas, New Years, what's next? Why the Grand Opening of the new clubhouse, of course. And I think it is time to shake up our schedule a bit. So if you are tired of the same-old, same-old at EYC then put your thinking cap on. Bring your new ideas to the next Regatta Committee meeting. I'll be working with the Bridge Officers to get the next meeting scheduled in February.

Commodore's Cruise? That might be a bit presumptuous, but based on history I plan to have a Commodore's Cruise Meeting Wednesday, January 27, at 7:00 in the new clubhouse. I have a plan for a two stage, two week cruise to the North Gulf Islands, and then to the Broughton Islands beginning right after the July 4th cruise. Those with a week to share together can attend the first week and enjoy a complete cruise. The more adventurous of us can continue on for another week in the Broughton Islands. If you would like to help plan this event, please attend the Commodore's Cruise Meeting.

I have been updating the EYC website. 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. My son Cameron is designing a completely new website. The new site is automated and will help everyone in the club get more content on the site and help keep the site up-to-date. So stay tuned for the launch of the new site about the time we open the new clubhouse.

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. It looks like our plan to join three other Grand XIV clubs and have a booth at the Seattle Boat Show will not materialize this year. Please remember that you are the best recruiter for the Edmonds Yacht Club most new members join because they have friends in the club.

If you store your boat out of the water, 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. Whether or not your boat is in or out of the water you need to visit your boat and make sure the bilges are empty and that everything is OK.

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Years, I hope to see you at the JO Ball and the General Meeting!

Vice Commodore Michael Forbis

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Edmonds Yacht Club Junior Officers' Ball



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Rear Commodore Harry Duncan



Exciting things are in store for the Edmonds Yacht Club in 2010, and we look forward with great anticipation and not just a little impatience to moving into our new clubhouse! It started with a vision many years ago and thanks to the planning and hard work of many of our yacht club members it is about to become a reality. Since Sandi and I

have been members of the club these past eight years, it has been a source of friendship, good times, and many wonderful memories. Now we are about to set out on a new adventure building upon and expanding those friendships and creating new memories in a beautiful new setting.

We owe a deep debt of gratitude to those who saw the vision and are making it come true.

Happy New Year fellow EYCers—may 2010 be a healthful, happy and prosperous new year for each of you!

Rear Commodore Harry Duncan

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Not much to report as we have no cruises this month. However, if anyone wants to go on a weekend cruise somewhere, let me know. I might be interested. I could use a little getaway to anywhere.

I wasn't there but it sounds like *Holiday on the Docks* was great. I wish I could have been there but I was in the middle of a move.

We do have the Sweetheart Cruise next month to our neighbors across the sea at the Port of Kingston, February 12–15. Those that went last year will tell you it was a lot of fun. Our Cruise Captains are Larry & Allison Madison. For questions or to reserve please contact them or you can always call me @ 425-760-7168.

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THE UNFORESEEN

When the unforeseen happens how do we react? After the initial shock, our next reaction may be anger, sorrow, depression or a feeling of helplessness. Our friend, Clem, said he raged at God recently, with fists in the air, when his wife, Rita, became seriously ill while vacationing in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. They, along with several other couples, including Dave and me, from various locations in the United States have spent winter vacations together at the same resort for over 30 years without any mishap or illness. What happened this year was totally unexpected and unforeseen.

When Rita first became ill with a headache and fever, we all assumed it was probably the flu, but when the symptoms became more severe with internal bleeding and convulsions, she was taken by ambulance to a nearby hospital and kept in ICU for several days. Blood tests showed that she had been bitten by a mosquito carrying the dengue virus. Further research told us that this disease is caused by a family of viruses transmitted by the bite of an aedes aegypti mosquito that has previously bitten an infected person. Luckily Rita's critical status finally lifted and we could all breath a sigh of relief. She was out of danger. About that time, her husband, Clem, started feeling sick with similar symptoms and was admitted to the ICU after collapsing. His case was not as severe so his recovery was quicker. They eventually both felt well enough to return to their home in New York in time for the Christmas holidays.

I believe Clem's reaction of anger was an honest one, and a healthy one. God wants us to be open and honest in our relationship with Him, telling Him how we feel so that He can help us work through it. David, in the Bible, certainly poured out his frustrations to His Heavenly Father in the Psalms and God honored and blessed him as a result. Clem, as well, trusted God enough to tell Him his true feelings.

We don't know what the New Year will bring. But we know the One who is in charge of our future. With that knowledge, we should not be afraid of the unforeseen. Our Heavenly Father is in control and He is completely trustworthy and totally loving. He has made us to be resilient and He promises to go through all the difficult places with us. As Robert Schuller once said, "Tough times never last, but tough people do."



Commodore Wally Croasdill, *continued*

So we welcome 2010 with much anticipation. It is the dawning of a new era, and one which will see us in a new location where we all can begin to create new memories.

In regards to the January General Meeting and Dinner, and if it is in the new clubhouse, we will no longer be catered by Anthony's Restaurant. At least not the January meeting. The plan as I write this article will be to have a different caterer. This will mean that if you are planning on coming to the meeting, **you will need to have your reservation in to Vicki Forssell by Tuesday the 19th of January**. Speaking of dinner reservations, there are some of you who need to make sure that you let Vicki know if you are coming or not. This is very important so that our dinner counts are correct. Please take care of this as it is just not that difficult to let Vicki if you will not be there.


Happy New Year!
Commodore Wally Croasdill



Allison and Larry — an ode to our old club

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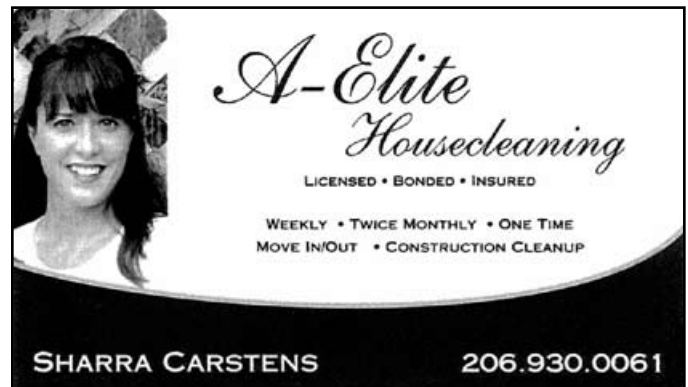


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On the permanent reservation list? Call Vicki only if you cannot attend the current meeting or if you are bringing additional guests. This month, please call with your cancellation/additional guest headcount by **one week before** the general meeting.

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.

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Dock Talk by ???

Here's the talk around the dock:

Gerri and P/C David spent Christmas and New Years on the "high seas" on a Holland America ship traveling from Auckland, New Zealand down through the South Island of New Zealand, then crossing the South Pacific to Tasmania and on to Australia.

Once in Sydney, they will be meeting up with friends, then fly up to Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef, see the Rain Forest, and then fly on to Alice Springs to see Ayers Rock—then back to Sydney and the I-o-n-g flight back home through Los Angeles.

Debbie Gregorek and son Jeff spent the Christmas holiday in California with family.

Bill and Vicki Forssell spent Christmas in Spokane, Washington with Vicki's family.

Wendy Carpenter's daughter, Whitney, was here for a brief visit over the Christmas holiday.

Garry and Ingrid Bruner and family spent Christmas plus a couple of weeks in Maui enjoying a warm, tropical holiday instead of a cold, but sunny, Seattle holiday. Aloha!

Ron and Marita Thody will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on New Years Eve at EYC and then follow up with a week in DisneyWorld in Orlando Florida. In April they will be spending 2 weeks in Kona, Hawaii with Rich and Chris McCroskey.

I believe it was overheard that P/C Ron Hammill, Alicia and Alexis will be spending a couple of weeks in January in Cabo San Lucas to be joined by Don Mayfield, Mary Olson, Ron and Denise Coleman, but not ALL at the same time.

Send your news or tidbits, interesting or not, to Docktalk09@earthlink.net to be featured in a future *Ship to Shore* article.

I hope all of our EYC family had a wonderful Christmas and best wishes for the New Year!

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January

Calendar

W	Jan. 6	Pinochle, 7-9 pm
F	Jan. 8	TGIF
Sa	Jan. 9	EYC JO Ball
Th	Jan. 14	Men's Luncheon
W	Jan. 20	Pinochle, 7-9 pm
Th	Jan. 21	Board Meeting
Tu	Jan. 26	General Meeting

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