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**June 2009**



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**General Meeting—  
Change of Watch  
June 23, 2009**

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**Commodore Ron Hammill**



Greetings and salutations from your soon-to-be Past Commodore. Some of you probably think that Alicia and I are really looking forward to the change of watch. The reality is that I have thoroughly enjoyed being your Commodore. As a club we have moved forward with the plans for the new clubhouse, changed our bylaws to better prepare for the added responsibilities of building ownership, attracted many new members and enjoyed lots of fun events centered around our cruises and parties.

In addition to all of this Alicia and I have gotten the opportunity to represent Edmonds Yacht Club with the rest of the Grand Fourteen Yacht Clubs in the Puget Sound area. We have met and befriended many people from many different towns along the Puget Sound and some have become fast friends. Going thru the chairs has been a wonderful and rewarding experience.

To all of the EYC members we wish to extend our sincere appreciation of the way you have accepted and supported us. Yes, the change of watch is approaching. Even though I will not be your Commodore, I leave the job in the most capable hands of Wally Croasdill, future Commodore of Edmonds Yacht Club (A.K.A. Wally's World).

*Ron Hammill, Commodore*

**PS.** I'm adding this last-minute note to my article to acknowledge and express my own and the entire yacht club's deepest sympathy to Judy Roller and family over the passing of Past Commodore Bob Roller. Bob has been an integral part of the Edmonds Yacht Club family for many years. Bob's comments at the general meeting were not always on topic but were always entertaining. He has left us and put out to sea and we all wish him favorable winds and following seas.

More last minute notes. **Club house report:** It's official! The Edmonds Yacht Club has finally closed on a loan from Prime Pacific Bank to build our new clubhouse. Expect to see the construction to begin sometime around the middle of this month. It has been a long and arduous project beginning with casual conversations many years ago. With the support of all of our membership we were able to negotiate a lease with the Port, a loan with the bank, and a long term lease with NPI, and a construction contract with Halverson Construction.

Special recognition should be noted for those members involved with the negotiations planning and committees. A partial list of EYC members who played major roles are Kim Pierce, Ron Coleman, Ernie Collins, Mike Jones, Dick Potter, Paul Harris, and a cast of thousands.

## Vice Commodore Wally Croasdill



WOW! Who said that the time spent being on the Board would be long, and the task arduous? NOT AT ALL!! The time has flown by very fast. And now the end is near. But wait, first we have much to do this coming year. We have much to work through as a Board and membership, and we have a new building to construct! Along with all of this we need our membership to step

forward and participate in many helpful and constructive ways. I am currently looking for individuals or groups to prepare General Meeting meals and TGIF meals. I have a few groups who have already stepped forward and let me know that they are ready to help, but we can use many more.

I am also looking for people to help with General Meeting setup and greeters. Many committees also need to be setup and staffed. Among the committees are Regatta, Membership, Social, Finance, and By-laws.

The Regatta committee is under the direction of the Fleet Captain and is responsible for our many well-attended cruises.

Membership is charged with developing and attracting new club members. May not be so hard once there is a parking lot all torn up to make way for the new clubhouse.


The Social committee will be planning our many regularly scheduled meetings and events. This year there will be a Junior Officer Ball along with a Commodore Ball and New Year's Eve. Word has it that the New Years Eve party is being planned as I write this. I think you will be pleased.


But it really is amazing as to how fast the time has gone since P/C Potter first approached me to be Fleet Captain. But, and I know that I have said it before, every Past Commodore was exactly right on when they said how much fun Sharon and I would have. It has been quite an experience, and we are looking forward to this next year very much. So with all of your help, let's make it one of the best years yet. They're all good of course, but just wait until you enter Wally World!! The best is yet to come!

Have a fun and safe summer!  
V/C Wally Croasdill

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### New Member Bar-B-Q

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's event on May 17<sup>th</sup> successful. Thanks to Bob Petrie and Ted Newton for getting the signage prepared for the Port to display on the Marina gates. The event was well represented by Commodore Ron Hammill, who came back from Gig Harbor early to attend, Vice Commodore Wally Croasdill, Rear Commodore Michael Forbis, Past Commodore Carol Bowen and Dan Bowen that took time to help for a couple of hours in between running errands in preparation of the upcoming cruise-out this weekend. Alicia Hammill and Sharon Croasdill stopped by to support us as well.

Although it was pretty quiet for the first two hours, we had support from the membership coming by to give their support to the cause and then the momentum began.

The last two hours were better and we had five or six potential members to follow up with. Our Flag officers did a great job presenting the drawings of our new club, getting their contact info and selling everything we have to offer. I'm sure we will get new member applications because of it.

Special thanks go out to new member Jim Welsh who was there very early to help me set up and spent the day at the grill with me as well. You did a great job.

My appreciation to my wife Cindy, slicing and dicing, mixing and preparing to get the event started and to keep it going. You're the best!

Jim Davidson  
Membership Committee

## Rear Commodore Michael Forbis



Leslie and I cruised to Port Orchard sans children. The weather was unbelievable; we had a wonderful time with our EYC friends eating all that food; pancakes, sausage, corn dogs, taco salads, steak, and steak for breakfast. I think I gained 5 lbs. Hats off to all the cooks!

I had the chance to try out my little yellow sailboat. Dick Marshall provided a few words of wisdom; don't tie down the sheet and take a paddle! Eric Pederson offered me an oar from his tender so I had my alternate method of propulsion. I bought a 20 foot line to use as the sheet and found that it was about 5 feet too short. The result was it too short to tie down so I was safe. Dick told me to let go of the sheet if I felt the boat was going to knockdown.

Paul Harris and Austin DeRosa each took a turn in the boat. Guy DeRosa and I took the boat out with the two of us onboard. We were at max capacity and a bit of water came in the dagger board hole. We had fun and I plan to take the boat to the Point Hudson cruise.

I really want to thank Eric Pederson for the oar. Eric took his tender for a spin and forgot to fill the tank. When he reached for the oars, he realized I still had one. I heard he rowed in circles for awhile but finally made it back to the dock. I went shopping at Harbor Marine and bought a collapsible oar and a 30 foot line for the new sheet. Sorry Eric, I promise it won't happen again.

On the way back from Port Orchard, I ran past Jim Welsh sailing back to Edmonds on Irish Merger. Dick Marshall unfurled right at the dock and left Port Orchard under sail. We had five or six sailboats on the cruise—a great show from our EYC sailing friends.

We are counting down the days till our departure for our circumnavigation of Vancouver Island. I still have a list of things to do but I think I'll get the important things done. I spent the day re-bedding the windows in our aft cabin. I hope to re-seal the windshields before we leave. The list goes on and on...

I hope we get to see all of you at Fourth of July. When we return, we should be able to see some real progress on the new clubhouse. The new building will be a great place to expand our circle of EYC friends and give our club the growing room we need. Happy boating to all of you and be safe out on the water.

*R/C Michael Forbis and First mate Leslie*

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**Paul and I wish you all a wonderful summer!**

**We'll be back with the EYC newsletter in September.  
Thanks BIG TIME to all of our wonderful newsletter contributors! -Laurie**

## Fleet Captain Harry Duncan



The final formal cruise of the year is soon to be upon us—the Fourth of July cruise to Fisherman Bay on Lopez Island July 3–5. So far we have 38 boats scheduled to attend. Tom and Ana Allison and their crew have been hard at work planning the fun, and if you haven't included this one in your summer plans, you may be missing out on one of the year's best cruises!


There are two remaining informal cruises, Port Townsend is the first, June 19–21. All of the EYC slips for this cruise have been taken, but contact Point Hudson for slip availability and let Laurie King-Harris know if you find a spot and will be attending. Bell Harbor is July 24–26 and slips are still available. Again, contact Laurie for information and sign up.

I know I have mentioned before how swiftly I thought this cruising year was passing, but now that we are winding down to the last formal cruise and my job as Fleet Captain is coming to an end, I am overwhelmed by how fast it really has gone by! This year has been a lot of fun, a lot of work, and very rewarding. I am most grateful for having had the opportunity to work with some incredibly remarkable and talented folks. And what I will take away from this experience as your Fleet Captain is the memory of this amazing group of people, the members of the EYC, who came together with their ideas, their talents and their hard work to help make each and every cruise and event truly successful. My sincere gratitude and appreciation to all of you who helped make my job so enjoyable!

I am now looking forward to next year as your Rear Commodore and the new duties that come with that job, along with watching the construction and waiting with great anticipation for completion of our new clubhouse!

Have a safe and wonderful summer!

*Harry*



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## Fleet Chaplain Shirley Wilson

### WHY FATHER HAS HIS DAY

Did you know that Father's Day originated right here in the Pacific Northwest? A woman named Sonora Smart Dodd of Creston, WA, first suggested the idea of the holiday in 1909. Her father, William Smart, a Civil War veteran, was a widower who raised six children on his own. He must have done a wonderful job, because when Sonora became an adult, she was inspired to create the holiday in memory of her father.

A friend of mine, Sarah Sweeney, shared a beautiful story about her father. When she was 16, her dad became ill with cancer and was given only six weeks to live. Sarah had been raised to have a close relationship with the God but when this happened she became very angry at Him. How could a loving God do this to her father whom she loved so dearly?

They were living in Europe at the time of the diagnosis, where her father worked for the Drug Enforcement Administration. The family immediately returned to the States where he would begin treatment, but a CAT scan showed the cancer was all over his body, giving them little hope of recovery. The treatments proved to be so horrible that her father made the choice to stop them, against doctor's orders, so that he could die in peace. However, God had a better plan. At the end of the six weeks, Sarah's dad was not only still alive, a follow-up CAT scan showed that there was no evidence of cancer left in his body! He was in complete remission.

But Sarah remained angry at God. There was always the fear that the remission might not last, so she still distanced herself from Him. It wasn't until several years later, at the age of 21, that she finally made her peace with her Heavenly Father. It happened while she was praying with a friend. God let her know that it was okay to be angry at Him. She was encouraged to pour out her true feelings of guilt, anger, and even hatred toward God. He, in His mercy, understood, giving her an immediate sense of calm, and their relationship was restored.

Sarah's dad lived for 20 more years. So they had ample opportunity to get to know and appreciate each other in a meaningful way. When she was little, she felt special in her role as daddy's "baby girl" but as a police officer her dad worked weird shifts and was gone a lot. Later, she got to know him as an adult and they grew very close. After her dad was diagnosed the second time, he died within six months, but during that time, they talked every day, becoming even closer. He had become the caring father that Sarah had always wanted and needed, and a wonderful memory for her young son, Ronan.

Father's are so important. It's only fair for them to have their special day. I'm sure that Sonora Smart Dodd and Sarah Sweeney would both agree.



## 2009 Cruise Schedule

- June 19-21 Pt. Hudson CC\*
- July 3-5 Lopez Island
- July 24-26 Bell Harbor CC\*
- Aug 7-16 Commodore's Cruise to the south Sound
- Sept 4-7 Pleasant Harbor
- Oct (TBD) Halloween @ Poulsbo

\*CC = Casual (no-host) Cruise

More cruise info on [www.edmondsyachtclub.com](http://www.edmondsyachtclub.com):  
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### \*EYC Welcomes New Members\*

I recall this time last year when I thought I was writing my last newsletter as your Commodore. Then I said, "Yes, I'll be the New Member Chairman." So back to writing newsletter articles I went. But since I decided this would be my last year as the New Member Chairman, I do believe I am truly writing my last, last newsletter article.

That being said I would like to introduce the following new members to you.

**Nils & Edel Moerkeseth.** They live in Shoreline. Nils works for Schottel—a company that makes marine propulsion systems and thrusters. They have a 36' Grand Banks called "Lady M" that is currently moored in Gig Harbor but is on the list to come to Edmonds Marina soon.

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## Casual Cruise to Bell Harbor July 24-26th !

We still have EYC slips available on C dock -- please call Bell Harbor marina soon at 206-615-3952 to make reservations (identify yourself as an EYC member). The marina will require you to pay for your first night's moorage to lock in your reservation. Contact Laurie King-Harris with questions: [laurie@island-time.com](mailto:laurie@island-time.com) or 425-774-4837



## SUNSHINE REPORT

PC Bob Roller passed away on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. He suffered a massive stroke on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Bob has been a dear friend to this club and he will surely be missed. Judy appreciates all the support she has received from their many friends.

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

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# DOCK TALK

By ??

A little bit of news:

Mike and Anne Meiers, Steve and Susan Romei along with Kevin, Eric and Tony (I think the boys are all going) are leaving in a few weeks to spend a couple of weeks in Hawaii basking in the sun and surf on the Big Island. Have a wonderful time and drink a Mai Tai or two or even three for me. *Aloha!*

Ernie and Marilyn Collins will be celebrating 40 years of marriage with a road trip around the Peninsula staying at a few B&B's along the way.

Dave Bell and Jerri-Jackson Bell are celebrating 10 years thanks to members of EYC who were instrumental in their being together. Congratulations to both couples!!

P/C Pete and Diane Almgren are thrilled that the twins are graduating from college. Kristen graduated from Pacific University Memorial Day weekend with a degree in Mathematics; Karl graduates June 13th from UW with a degree in Community and Environmental Planning.

Word around the Docks is Dan and Carol Bowen will be the new skipper and first mate for Ray and JoAnn Tanners' boat "Foolish Pleasure." No word if they will change the name. Maybe "Bigger Horizons" or "Beyond the Horizons?"

It's not news, but please keep P/C Bob and Judy Roller in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Bob has been a key figure for a long time in the Edmonds Yacht Club.

Don't be shy, e-mail any news to me at [DockTalk09@earthlink.net](mailto:DockTalk09@earthlink.net) and I'll be sure to include it in future Dock Talk articles.

Have a great summer and get out there and go cruising!



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## EDMONDS YACHT CLUB MEN'S LUNCHEON

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**Slip Wanted:** Jim Welsh has a 42' sailboat and is looking for an uncovered slip in Edmonds to sublet for June, July and August. If you know of an available slip, please call Jim at 206-390-2642(c);

## \*EYC Welcomes New Members\*

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**Kirby & Idona Souther.** They live in Lynnwood. They both work for Seattle Radiologist—Kirby as a MRI Tech, and Idona as a Patient Coordinator. They have two children named Justin and Heather. They have a 24' Maxum called "Beagle Express" (must be a Beagle somewhere) that is here in the Edmonds area.

**Tony & Susan Mangubat.** They live Seattle and have four (yes four) children named Adina, Eleazar, Alex, and Alicia. Tony owns Southcenter Cosmetic Surgery as a surgeon, Susan as the manager. They own a 42' Endeavor sailboat named "Imagine" that is moored in front of their home on Lake Washington.

All three of these new members have not only paid this year's remaining dues but also next year's dues, so please welcome them with open arms! ☺

Thanks for all the memories and Good Night Gracie!

*I/P/C Ted Newton & New Member Chairman*

**TGIF!**  
**June 12, 2009**

***Lasagna!***

**Hosted by:**  
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**A-C** Appetizers  
**D-N** Side Dishes  
**O-Z** Desserts

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**BYOB**    **6:00 pm social hour**    **7:00 pm dinner**

**June**  
**Calendar**

- W **June 3** Pinochle, 7-9 pm  
Th **June 11** Men's Luncheon  
F **June 12** TGIF  
W **June 17** Pinochle, 7-9 pm  
Th **June 18** Board Meeting  
**June 19-21** Pt. Hudson Cruise  
Tu **June 23** **General Meeting**  
**(Change of Watch!)**  
**July 2-5** Lopez Cruise

See the **2009 Cruise Schedule** on page 5 for all your EYC summer boat trips! More information is always on our EYC web site!