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March 2008

March 25, 2008

**General Meeting,
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**6:00 PM Social Hour
7:00 PM Dinner
8:00 PM Meeting**

**Reservations are due by
Friday, March 21, 10am.**

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

(425) 774-8893

Commodore Ted Newton



As I think about this year being a Leap Year, and the fact that Leap Years only exist every four years, I think back four years ago. About four years or so ago I started out my commitment as an officer with the Edmonds Yacht Club. Wow how time fly's when you are having FUN, especially when you are only four months away from the end of your journey. :)

Ok back to business, this years Crab Feed and Auction turned out to be nothing short of fabulous, thanks to it's leaders Mike & Leslie Forbis and Team Auction. A while back I asked you to contribute to it, and you did. I asked you to attend it, and you did. And I asked you to buy items at it, and you really did! Thanks to one and all we cleared over \$14,000 that will be wisely spent and benefit each and every member.

Speaking of Teams, a special Thank-You to Team Kingston with their leaders Sandi & Harry Duncan for pulling off a truly FUN filled Sweethearts Cruise across the bay to Kingston.

Did you know that our very own member Lois Toroni is the new President of Women's Interclub. Congrats Lois, and yes don't worry I will find you a big boat for the Opening Day Parade at SYC.

Speaking of opening days, we have two coming up very soon. The first one being at Tacoma Yacht Club in mid April. This is a FUN filled three day event, and this year we will have a Flag Officer boat for the parade, and at least two other member boats in the harbor from EYC. I will have a RV parked up front in the parking lot, so come on down and join in all the FUN!

Next comes the Super Bowl of all opening day parades, the big Seattle Yacht Club's Opening Day the first week of May. EYC has big plans this year with multiple entries in the parade. If you haven't joined all the FUN before, this is the year to find out what all the FUN is about. So plan on attending the planning meetings and helping us with our entries.

Last on my list of things this month is to remind all of our members that the Port of Edmonds has a great program for us called " Dock N Pay". This allows us to save 10 cents a gallon of gas or diesel and be billed for it on our moorage bills if we are tenants of the Port. Or it can be billed to a credit card if you are not a Port tenant. Please talk to the wonderful Port employees for more info.

Happy spring boating,

Commodore Ted

Vice Commodore Ron Hammill



Family Friends and the Fleet

As most of you know Alicia's mother passed away last Thursday February 21st. She went peacefully after having suffered a stroke at the age of 88. At the time of her passing she was staying in a very nice full care facility in Lynnwood, getting the best of care. The family had been alerted and we gathered around for Rita's last hours.

Needless to say Alicia and our family were devastated by this event. Even though it was expected it is never easy. Upon hearing of the passing, our friends come forward with their condolences and grieved with Alicia which I am sure made it easier for her. The outpouring of sympathy from our extended family in the yacht club was incredible. The cards, flowers and baskets were not expected but much appreciated. The passing of each day makes it easier for our family and thanks to all of our friends in the fleet we look forward to remembering Rita and cherishing the friendships that have developed by our membership in the Edmonds Yacht club.

Our personal strengths can carry us only so far. The support of family and friends gives us the strength to carry on and prosper.

Thank you all,
Ron Hammill
V/C Edmonds Yacht Club

Membership News

If you have questions concerning membership in EYC, please call Jim Davidson at 206-370-0728.

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The Edmonds Yacht Club Annual Directory has been now been delivered to all current yacht club members. If you did not receive a copy, please let me know.

We have recently been extended reciprocal moorage privileges for the 2008 season by the following yacht clubs:

- Maple Bay Yacht Club – Duncan, B.C.
- Portland Yacht Club – Portland, OR
- Quartermaster Yacht Club – Vashon, WA
- Queen City Yacht Club–Seattle, WA. Seattle facility only.
- Richmond Yacht Club – Richmond B.C.
- Roche Harbor Yacht Club – Bremerton Marina only
- Shelter Bay Yacht Club – La Conner, WA
- West Seattle Yacht Club – Port of Brownsville Marina

Each individual yacht club has its own rules and regulations which you must follow, and every one of the clubs does require you to fly your EYC burgee at all times while using their facilities. I know that it should go without saying, but please remember that we are all ambassadors for Edmonds Yacht Club, and while out and about, your graciousness and respectfulness towards others is always expected.

Sharon and I recently had the pleasure of attending the Gig Harbor Junior Officer Ball. The GHYC members put on a terrific party and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. When we left Edmonds on Saturday afternoon, to head towards Gig Harbor, the sun was shining and we had a fantastic view of downtown Seattle with the snow covered Cascades in the background. When we looked to the west, there were the Olympics all covered in snow. Talk about some great Northwest scenery! It felt good to be out on the water. I hope you all get the chance soon to be out in your boats.

Smooth cruising to all,

R/C Wally Croasdill

March Calendar



- W **Mar. 5** Pinochle, 7-9 pm
- F **Mar. 7** TGIF
- Sa **Mar. 8** Commodore's Ball
- Th **Mar. 13** Men's Luncheon
- W **Mar. 19** Pinochle, 7-9 pm
- Th **Mar. 20** Board Meeting
- Tu **Mar. 25** **General Meeting**
- W **Mar. 26** WIC luncheon
- Mar. 28-30** Bell Harbor cruise



Handy EYC E-mail Addresses

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Fleet Captain Michael Forbis



Just the Facts Ma'am! OK, so you want it short and sweet...

I hope you were able to attend the Fleet Captain's Crab Feed and Auction. The Mayfield Chowder was excellent and the so was the crab! Top it off with Rosemary Collins' bread, salad, meal prep and the rest of the story is just money in the bank, say about \$14,000! Thanks to all who helped and all who donated and attended.

I hope you were also able to attend the Sweetheart Cruise to Kingston. The weather was nice and I think we had about 16 boats. Sandy Duncan and crew turned the Kingston Cove Yacht Club into the Café Amore. There was great food, wine and games for everyone! The boaters had a lot of fun on the dock. However, I did hear of a rumor that some were cold on the Sunbird?

Tired of missing out? Want to get in on the next big thing? Here's your chance...

Come to the Opening Day Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 7:30. We will be planning our entries for the SYC Opening Day Parade May 2nd - 4th. This year's theme is "A Three Ring Circus". There is someone with the idea of being in the "Spirit" category so help us win by showing your spirit on the committee!

Can't wait till Opening Day?

Come join your EYC buddies for the Informal Bell Street Harbor Cruise, March 28th - 30th. This is a very laid back cruise where you can start your own cocktail party or just do your own thing. EYC has reserved 14 slips on "C" dock. To attend, you need to call the marina at (206) 615-3952 and tell them you are with EYC and book a slip. The marina would like you to book by mid March.

Do you need a bigger party? Do you need it now?

Join your EYC officers at the Tacoma Yacht Club Daffodil Parade on April 18th - 20th. We will have 3 boats on the dock and you can bring your boat too. If you want to cruise in, you'll need to talk to Commodore Ted Newton real quick.

Not in a big hurry? But still want a big party?

Maybe the Port Orchard Y.C. cruise is right for you? The cruise is May 23rd - 26th. I don't have any details other than we're working on a Cruise Captain and I'm sure an event this big will need a committee!

But are you ready to cruise?

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Fleet Chaplain Shirley Wilson

STORMS

Each spring I hope (and sometimes pray) for a warm and beautiful summer. This was especially important to my family back in our boating days. Boating is so much more enjoyable when the waters are calm and the weather is sunny.

In 1996 I had a wonderful experience in Israel. Our tour group was in a boat on the Sea of Galilee. The water was so calm and still. I don't think I have ever experienced such peace, before or since. However, the captain of the small vessel we were in told us that storms often come up unexpectedly on the Sea and it can be very dangerous at those times to be out there. Those of us on the tour were glad that it happened to stay calm for us that day.

Psalm 107:23-30 says in part, "Those who go down to the sea in ships, they see the works of the Lord, and His wonders in the deep. For He commands and raises the stormy wind, which lifts up the waves of the sea. They mount up to the heavens. They go down again to the depths. Their soul melts because of trouble. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end." Reading this almost makes you feel seasick, doesn't it?

The Psalm goes on to say, "Then they cry out to the Lord in their trouble, and He brings them out of their distresses. He calms the storm, so that its waves are still. So He guides them to their desired haven."

I believe this passage is talking about the storms of life as well as the storms at sea. They too can come up very quickly and catch us off guard. It's at those times we need to remember to "cry out to the Lord" because as the Scripture assures us, He is there to help us.

It's encouraging and comforting to me to know that we have a powerful and merciful Captain who desires to calm the storm and to bring us to a safe harbor.



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Fleet Captain Michael Forbis, *continued*

Be sure to change those fuel filters, treat your fuel, and check the water in your batteries - before leaving the dock. Make sure the bilge pumps run, and check the float switches. Fill the tanks and maybe take her out for a test spin before attempting a longer cruise. Start getting your boat ready now and don't miss a single day of spring and summer cruising.

F/C Michael Forbis and First mate Leslie





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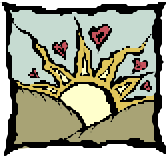
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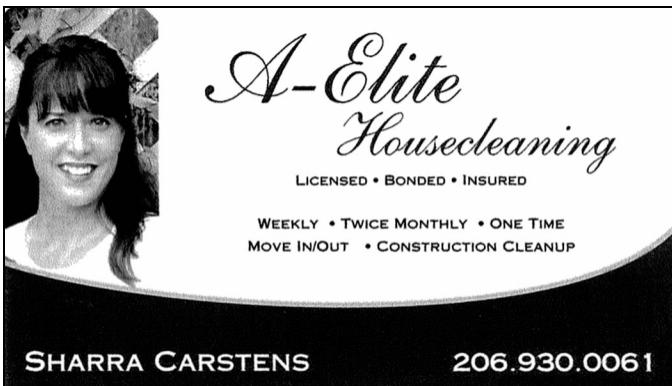
Our sincere condolences to Alicia McCullough on the passing of her mother.

Update on Shirley Wilson: Her surgery was successful however she is currently experiencing irregular heartbeats and very low blood pressure.

Gerri Jackson-Bell fell walking up a ramp and fractured the bone that holds her eye in place. She will soon learn if surgery is needed.

Past member Sandra Patopia passed away in her sleep. She was only 62 and many members remember her with fond memories and will miss her greatly.

Wishing all EYC members and their families well....
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Crab Dip

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- 1 can crab, drained & rinsed (or use fresh crab!)
- 20 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 2 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 4 Tbsp. mayonnaise
- 2 stalks green onions (scallions), sliced
- 2 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 12 oz. jar chili sauce (Heinz or Del Monte)
- Fresh parsley, chopped

Combine cream cheese, lemon juice, mayonnaise, green onions & Worcestershire in a bowl, and beat it with a mixer.

Spread the cream cheese mixture in a dish with an edge. Top it with the chili sauce, and then crumble the crab over everything. Top it all off with the parsley.

Serve with your favorite crackers or pita chips.
Enjoy!



EDMONDS YACHT CLUB MEN'S LUNCHEON

The next Men's Club Luncheon is at:

Arnie's Restaurant

Date: Thursday, March 13

Time: 11:30 am

*For more information contact
Metch Krzeszowski, 425-776-1372*

Women's Interclub Council (WIC) News

The ladies of the Grand 14 Women's Interclub Council are very busy. On February 20th at Seattle Yacht Club, the WIC board installed Lois Toroni as President. She was presented with the traditional gavel and a beautiful president's pin. She then presided over her first luncheon at SYC. This was memorable because of the speaker Nancy Pearl (super librarian who has her own action figurine) and the lemon meringue pie, baked on shortbread. WOW to both!

We are signing up now for the luncheon at Olympia Yacht Club on March 26th. Their theme is springtime and love. The entertainment is love songs from musicals, sung by a soprano and baritone. So, it not just a young man's fancy that turns to love in the spring. I find it irresistible too. I have to send reservations in by March 12th so there is still time for you to sign up. Just call me. (425-673-9070.) As usual, we will carpool.

Reservations for the 50th anniversary luncheon on April 5th at La Quinta Inn in Tacoma must be mailed by March 7th. This will be a very special affair and EYC has signed up 19 people so far. There will be carpooling of course, and open seating at the luncheon. IF we don't meet by March 7th and you want to go but haven't signed up yet, just give me a call and I will make the reservation for you and you can pay me later.

We have been invited to Seattle Yacht Club's Women's Drama Group Opening Day One Act Comedy on Wednesday April 30th. This is a free event that starts at 9:30 AM with incredible refreshments and then the always hilarious performance. We have already signed up 14 for carpooling purposes but there is no deadline for reservations so you can wait until the last minute to decide.

I am looking for volunteers beginning the first of May to get us started on a weight loss program after all this! I know I will need it.

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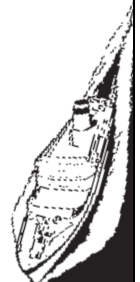
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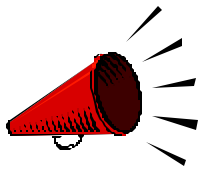
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By RoseMary Collins



Whine 101

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When someone jabs the elbow of your red wine holding arm, thereby spilling red wine on your white nordy cotton v-neck t-shirt, get it in cold cold water fast. Then soak and scrub until most is out. Then spray cold water and sprinkle salt over all. Let it set, overnight is good. Then wash in cold wash & rinse cycles, hang dry, no heat (heat sets the stain), no dryer.

When someone at your dinner table spills a glass of red wine all over the white tablecloth in front of you, RUN don't walk for paper towels to sop it up with. Get all liquid off top and underneath of tablecloth. If at home, get cloth into cold water Pronto, if at club-go sit elsewhere and hide, or if bold try white wine or soda water, otherwise pray.

When someone accidentally spills their red wine down the back of your white blouse, you know the drill — cold cold water etc. There is another newer idea, a spray product called Wine Away that I am told "really works". So now I am all set for the next episode of Red Wine vs. white. And finally, white could be on the way out...
Enjoy!

IMPORTANT DINNER MEETING NOTE:

There is a lot of planning and preparation for our general meeting dinners. Please call Carole 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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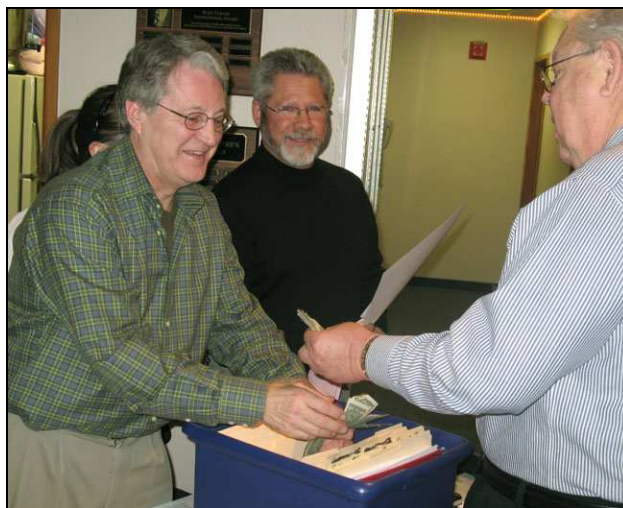
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