



Walla Walla Yacht Club

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March 2010

Commodore	Mike Bates (2010)	Board Members	John Armstrong (2009-2010)
Vice Commodore	Butch Foreman (2010)		Dave Payne (2009-20010)
Treasurer	Ken Kuhlmann (2010)		Eric Schulz (2009-2010)
Secretary	Linda Yoes (2010)		Kathy Byrne (2010-2011)
Past Commodore	Dave Payne (2008)		Bob Staunton (2010-2011)
Caretaker	Dana Blackshire		Darroll Clark (2010-2011)

COMMODORE'S CHATTER

Spring is almost here which translates into get your vessels ready for the upcoming boating season. It also means that you should be fixing those "I'll fix it later" items before they turn into major boat dollar issues. The bottom line is think safety and don't put off those projects that have been sitting there waiting and then bam, you have a major incident.

The projects are on schedule. We are working on the breakwater replacement by finishing all those little detail items that will wrap up this project. The clubhouse repair will start up again with the arrival of some structural lumber for the underside of the clubhouse. The interior work can then commence. The pump-out project will start in March with plumbing and electrical installation. Concrete work will follow in April. There are many smaller projects that will require our attention and will need to be completed this year. Project leaders will be contacting members asking for your assistance. Please be generous with your time.

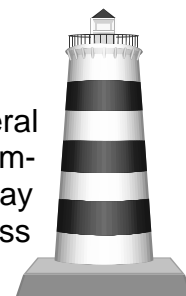
Although Barbara and I were unable to attend the St. Valentine's Dinner, I understand that those who did attend had a great time. Susie had great decorations, a fine dinner, and lots of games for those who attended. Thanks for your hard work, Susie.

Don't forget to make plans to attend the Knife, Fork and Spoon Regatta at the Clover Island Restaurant on March 13. Those of you planning on racing this year should plan on attending and remember that liability insurance is a requirement.

Commodore Mike

FIRST MATES' MEETING

All WWYC women are invited to meet in the kitchen after the conclusion of the general membership meeting. The First Mates is open to all women who are interested in club improvement. We earn our funds through special events (like the recent Valentine's Day Party) and the Membership Meetings. We meet once a year, informally, to discuss projects for this coming year and review our funds. .



CUPS?



Our supply of coffee cups in the kitchen is dwindling. Maybe they have gone on "walk-about"? Please check your boats and boathouses. If you have any extra which you'd like to donate, that would be great!

The Board recommends the adoption of the completely revised Article V, as shown. The membership requested that the Board present a revision that included Capital Expenditures.

The current bylaw is presented first for comparison. It will be replaced entirely with the newly proposed Article V, upon approval of the membership (next page)

(This is the current bylaw, as it now reads)

ARTICLE V

BUDGET

Section 1. **BUDGET COMMITTEE.** The budget committee shall consist of the Secretary/Treasurer and three (3) regular members appointed by the Commodore.

Section 2. **BUDGET.** The Chairman of the Budget Committee shall present a preliminary operating budget to the Board of Directors at the February meeting of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall develop a recommended budget to present to the general membership at the March meeting. (amended 11-9-97)

Section 3. **APPROVAL.** The annual operating budget shall be presented to the membership for approval at the March meeting. (amended 11-9-97)

Section 4. **EXCESS OBLIGATION.** The officers and/or the Board of Directors and/or any paid employee of the club shall not obligate the club in excess of the approved total annual operating budget without ratification in accordance with Article VI, Section 4.

Section 5. **ASSESSMENTS.** Non-budgeted costs to the club may be financed through assessments.

a. **Proposal:** Assessments may be proposed by the Board or may be proposed by the membership at a general membership meeting through an approved motion.

b. **Notification:** All proposed assessments shall be presented in writing to the membership in accordance with Article VI, Section 3.

c. **Action:** Action on the proposed assessments shall be taken at the next regularly scheduled membership meeting or at a special meeting held prior thereto.

(This is the proposed bylaw amendment)

ARTICLE V

ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

(amended 03-28-10)

Section 1. **ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET**

- a. Budget Committee. The Budget Committee shall consist of the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Treasurer, and Secretary. The Treasurer shall serve as the Chairman of the Budget Committee.
- b. Annual Operating Budget. The Budget Committee shall present a preliminary operating budget to the Board of Directors at the February meeting of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall develop a recommended operating budget to present to the general membership at the March meeting. (amended 11-9-97)
- c. Approval. The annual operating budget shall be presented to the membership for approval at the March General Membership meeting. (amended 11-9-97)

Section 2: **CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**

- a. Capital Expenses Committee. The Capital Expenses Committee shall be chaired by the Vice Commodore who is also tasked as Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee. The members of the Capital Expenses Committee will be the members of the Long Range Planning Committee. Reference Article V, Section 4. (needs to agree with existing bylaws)
- b. Capital Expenditures. Capital expenditures are not a part of normal operating expenses. Capital expenditures special projects and shall be accounted for separately on the balance sheet. Capital expenditures and acquisitions less than \$2,000 will be considered as part of the annual operating budget.
- c. Capital Expenditures Budget Submittal: The Capital Expenses Committee shall present a preliminary budget to the Board of Directors by the February board meeting. This report will be integrated into the budget overview.
- d. Approval. The Annual Capital Expenses budget shall be presented to the membership for approval at the March General Membership Meeting. Additional capital expenses shall be approved, as needed, by the membership at general membership meetings or at special membership meetings, if required.

Section 3. **EXCESS OBLIGATION.** The officers and/or the Board of Directors and/or any paid employee of the club or any member shall not obligate the club in excess of the approved total annual operating budget without ratification in accordance with Article VI, Section 4.

Section 4. **EMERGENCY SPENDING.** If the Board determines that there is not enough money available in the operating budget to meet an emergency expense, then the board will declare an emergency which allows the board to authorize spending from other club resources.

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The Board recommends the following amendment for adoption. It was agreed that this amendment would improve the functionality of the board, in case of circumstances that require this action. All current board members are appreciated for all the work that they do and this amendment does not reflect on any board member.

**ARTICLE II
GOVERNING BODY**

Section 6. TERMINATION OF OFFICE.

Current bylaw:

a. Absenteeism. Any elected member of the Board of Directors absent from three (3) **consecutive** regular board meetings per year may be removed by action of the Board of Directors, thereby constituting a vacancy on the Board of Directors.

Proposed amendment:

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RACE REPORT



2010 Knife, Fork & Spoon Regatta – Reminder!

Don't miss the annual 'Knife, Fork and Spoon Regatta' on March 13th. Come dine with us at the Clover Island Inn on March 13th, 6:30 pm. All members are welcome. **See below for details.** A brief meeting and race committee sign-ups will follow. I hope to see you all there! **Don't forget to RSVP by March 5th!**

Saturday, March 13, 2010 ~ 6:30 PM

Clover Island Inn

**435 Clover Island Drive,
Kennewick, WA 99336**
Telephone: (509) 586-0541
2 Prime Rib Dinners for \$30
or Order off Menu
(Meeting to follow)

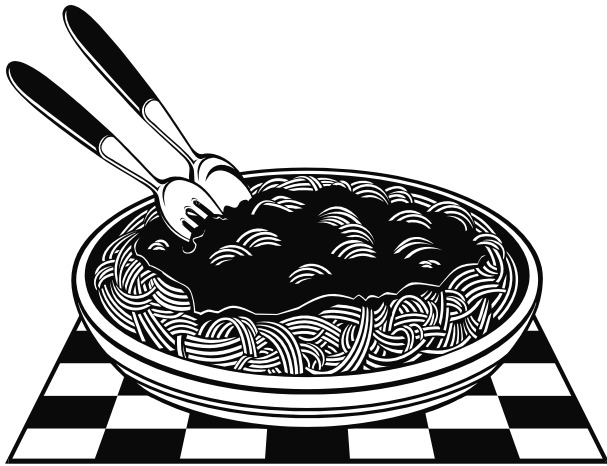
Please RSVP by March 5th

Lindsay Todd (lgtodd@charter.net) or - 509-545-4049 (leave message)

Optional Room Rates: \$79 single, \$84 for double

Call or email Amber Martin, Catering Manager

Phone (509)586-0541
www.cloverislandinn.com



**1ST MEMBERSHIP
MEETING OF THE
YEAR!**

March 28th – 1:30 p.m.

On the menu ~~~

Spaghetti with two sauces (meat and vegetarian)

Antipasto salad

Caesar salad

Garlic bread

Brownie Sundaes

Includes punch & coffee

Please bring your own refreshments if you prefer other than coffee or punch!
Thanks.

Prepared for you by the First Mates



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| ⇒ Adults (12 and above) | \$7.50 |
| ⇒ Kids (6 – 11) | \$4.00 |
| ⇒ Kids (5 and under) | no charge |

The **Calling Committee** will be calling you **by Tuesday, March 23rd** – help them and the cooks by saying you will come - so quantities can be planned. (And, please come if you say you will be there – thanks) However, if you have a late change of plans and can come, please do! There's always a little extra. Guests are welcome.

- If you live in the **Tri Cities** or surrounding area, Joan Gray (509-783-4496) will be calling you.
- Those in **Walla Walla** and **Milton-Freewater** will be called by Marcia Clausen (509) 522-0804
- Kay Bailey (541-566-3836) will call the **Hermiston and other areas.**

WWYC CALENDAR – 2010

March 9th Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
March 13th Knife-Fork-and-Spoon Regatta, 6:30 p.m., Clover Island Inn
March 29th First Membership Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Meeting to follow

April 13th Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
April 10th Race #1, Skipper's Meeting, 8:30 a.m.
April 24th Race #2, Skipper's Meeting, 8:30 a.m.

Spring Race Series

Race #1	Apr 10
Race #2	Apr 24
Race #3	May 8
Race #4	May 22 (CBSC invited)
Race #5	June 5

Fall Race Series

Race #1	Aug 28
Race #2	Sept 9 (25-miler)
Race #3	Sept 26
Race #4	Oct 9
Race #5	Oct 23



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DON'T MISS THIS!

- ***March 28th, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.***
1st General Membership Meeting
- ***2 Bylaw Proposals Included***
- ***Knife-Fork-&-Spoon Regatta!***