

WAVEMAKER

Fircrest Yacht Club Newsletter
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Commodores Report

Well we started our November 18th meeting at Johnny's about 6:30 where we had guest Wendy Peterson. Wendy and her husband Bruce plan to join Fircrest in

January 2009. Welcome aboard Bruce and Wendy!

I also had the pleasure of introducing Diane Dolstad, who owns a 29 foot Champion sailboat. Diane lives in Olympia and found our ad in the Norwester magazine. Diane also heard in a conversation, that she had with me over the phone, that Fircrest is a great yacht club to belong to and so, with an A+ recommendation, she decided to check us out. Now Diane plans to join up at our Christmas party! Welcome aboard Diane!

Our new Webmasters, Moti and Debra Krauthamer, were busy preparing a high tech wireless internet presentation of our new Fircrest web page for all to see, which was fantastic to say the least. It takes talented people like Moti, Debra, and our previous Webmaster Steve Bagley, to perform this vital task. Check out the website!

We also had our nominations and elections for the new 2009 Officers. So please welcome aboard Chuck Maddox as our Commodore, Scott Haverlock as our Vice Commodore, and Leanne Hobbs as Treasurer.

Our 2009 Volunteers are (and in no particular order):

Michele Auset - Our new Wavemaker Editor.

Moti, Debra and Akiva Krauthamer - Our new Webmasters



Dave Johnson- Our Yacht Fashion Sales Director (who also tells the best blond jokes)

Kathy Loyd - Communications Expert.

Helen Jamieson - Hand Book and Photo Editor.

Nancy Maddox - Our Sunshine Girl!

Dick Kohler - NBC Spokesperson

Jack Reardon - The Trophy Master

Jack and Kathy- Take care of our food drive

Our Volunteers and Cruise Hosts (Present and past) are what keep our club afloat.

Thank you from *all* of Fircrest.

This will be my last Commodores Report; my term is up. I had a lot of fun and it was an honor to serve. My job was not that hard because I had a great bridge of officers and friends that helped me: Vice Commodore Chuck Maddox, Treasurer Jill Miller, past Commodores Dave Albertson and Jack Reardon, Editors: Helen Jamieson and Steve Marstrom, Sales Director Dave Johnson, well this list could just keep on going.... We made a lot of friends, Thank You all!

Also to those volunteers that passed on their batons: Steve Marstrom - our skilled Wavemaker Editor for many years. Steve Bagley - Our long time Talented Webmaster

Terry Albertson, the Sunshine Girl, who is always checking on who may need a bit of cheer
Fircrest thanks you. Because of the vital work you have done, your club is thriving.

Got another story to tell called (The three Senior Amigos). Recently Dave Albertson asked if we, Dave Johnson and I, could help in moving his boat (The Handsome Prince) from Sun Fjord Repair facility back to his marina. So Dave Johnson and I left our cars at Dave's marina (Chinook). We then rode with Dave Albertson back to Sun Fjord leaving his car there, so when at last the boat was docked, one of us could drive

Dave back to his car. All was going according to plan, helping Dave dock his boat back at Chinook Marina. As Dave was busily securing his vessel, he thanked Dave Johnson and me. We said goodbye, walked up the ramps, got in our cars, and drove away. As I turned in my drive way I got a call from Dave Albertson, who was now standing in an empty parking lot, while his car is parked miles away at Sun Fjord... So there you have it, three cases in point proving that the first thing to go is short term memory. Dave finally did catch a ride back to his car thanks to Fircrest member Gary Michaelis, who also moors their boat at Chinook and happened to be there. Thanks Gary... Well I hope see you all at the Christ-

Reminder from the RECREATIONAL BOATING ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON

For questions go to the Customs & Border Protection website: www.getyouhome.gov

If Boating to or from Canada next summer, apply for your Passports now. The Passport



Office will get very busy and the process takes several weeks.

Beginning June 1, 2009 Passports, a Passport Card or an Enhanced Washington State Drivers License will be required for travel to and from Canada on a boat. A regular driver's license and a birth certificate will no longer suffice.

While a Passport Cards or Enhanced Drivers Licenses are smaller, more convenient and cheaper they do have limited application. Passports on the other hand are good worldwide with no restrictions as to mode of Travel. At the present time a new passport cost one hundred dollars (\$100) and is good for ten years. When applying for a passport, for an additional twenty dollars, a passport card can also be obtained.

A Passport Card by itself cost forty five dollars (\$45) and is good for ten years. It is not known what the cost would be for someone who already has a passport, but except for smaller size there really isn't any advantage in getting one if you already have a passport.

CBP and the State Department are urging everyone who thinks they are going to need one

of these documents to apply as soon as possible as this is their slow time of the year.

Both organizations feel that as June 1, 2009 gets closer and the traveling public realizes the change in requirement, delays in processing applications could be very long.

I-68's and NEXUS passes issued prior to June 1, 2009 using a birth certificate or similar document will be valid after June 1, but CBP would appreciate a call advising after one of the new approved documents has been obtained.

For questions, call 1-800-562-5943(Washington State only) and ask for the Small Boat Program.

As of now I-68's will continue to be issued after June 1, 2009.



Time for some holiday fun & cheer.....

Bring all your silent auction items to this great event all proceeds go to the club. This is always a highlight of the year as we all get dressed up and celebrate the holidays. We are asking all members to bring canned goods and non-perishable food items for the families that are having difficulties through this time of year. Jack Reardon will take all donations to the church. December 7, 2008 - 2:00ish

La Quinta

1425 E 27th St, Tacoma (800) 531-5900

Dinner is at 3:30 \$25.40 per person pay at the door

Please call either Cindi or Nancy with any questions

Sunshine Report:

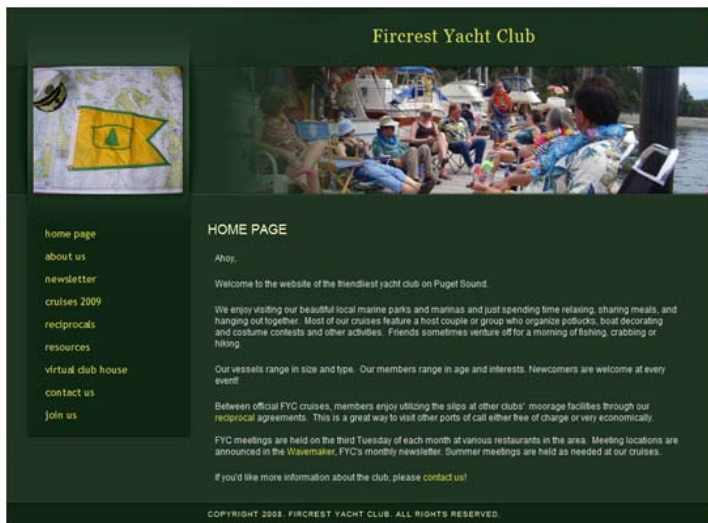
This will be the last Sunshine report from Terry. Next one comes from Nancy Maddox. Be sure to feed her any important Sunshine info at muffy28@comcast.net

Our good friend Norma Serl injured herself at the Ocean Shores Dry land cruise and will be undergoing surgery December 5th at Allenmore Hospital. Needless to say the Serl's will be missing the Christmas party and they will be missed by us all. Please keep Norma and Chuck in your thoughts and prayers. A card has gone out from the club.

Terry!

New look to Website

If you have not yet gotten a chance to check out our new website, it is well worth the time! Sign up to be able to access the member only area where there are discussion boards. Moti has done an awesome job with this. Below is a quick look at what the home page looks like.



FIRCREST YACHT CLUB MEETINGS Held on the third Tuesday of the month at Johnny's Restaurant in Fife, unless otherwise noted.



From the Editor

I am excited about starting as Editor! I am hoping to get submissions from people throughout the year.

I would like to see recipes submitted, reviews of products that you have either had wonderful success with or about those products that do not really do what they are supposed to, review of places you have visited with a picture or two or a review of a project you have done and, of course, cruise information prior to the cruise and a review/report after the cruise.

Burt & I really enjoyed the Leftover Cruise last weekend! There were some truly inspired costumes, awesome food and, as always, excellent company. Barb & the Finck boys dun real good by us all!

I will try to have the Wavemaker done and out to you the first week of the month, so having any submissions to me by the end of the month would be ideal.

Michele Ausetth

**SEATTLE
BOAT SHOW**
INDOORS + AFLOAT

JAN 23 - FEB 1, 2009
QWEST FIELD EVENT CENTER
AND SOUTH LAKE UNION

Recipe Corner: Geoduck Patties

2 cups ground geoduck
3 eggs

About 1/4 - 1/3 cup of chopped/pureed onions
About 1 clove of garlic finely chopped/pureed
per cup of ground geoduck

Basil, Pepper & Salt to taste

Enough bread crumbs (Italian Style) to make the batter stiff enough to hold together, but not so stiff that you have to work too hard at making patties

Fry in Olive oil (You definitely want them done—they should not be mushy in the middle)

Michele



YOU MIGHT BE A REDNECK IF.....

...you be one of da 28 people who came on down to da club's Redneck Thanksgiving cruise at Longbranch, November 28-30.

R-Venturetoo, Polar Bear and SKYY III were chompin at da bit to get the partie started so dey got der on Thursday. Thanks to Jill Miller's cookin' special vittles, da folks chowed down on a mighty fine turkey dinner on Thanksgiving.

On Friday Lady M, Hammer P, Rachael Marie, L'Chaim, Another Adventure, TAZ, Destiny and Double Play high tailed it to da marina fer Road Kill and A Six Pack. Da group got busy larnin' da words in da offical Redneck Dictionary dat wuz writ just fer da club and workin' on the finger-lickin' goodies dat everybuddy cooked up. We even got sum of Garry Finck's Squirrel Chili. Mighty good eatin'.

Dos dat got up fer sun rise on Saturday had Garry's biscuits and gravy, so dat they'd be readie fer da official Wineaux Hour. A big thankee to Kerry and Helen Jamieson fer getting' Claude Gahard from Trilium Creek Winery to edukate us bout Charduna, Murlow and Shur-Oz. Sure glad Claude come along wit samples!

After Tom Tinker got to da dock wit his boat, and Dave Albertson, Dave Johnson and Joleen Baker got der hot rods to da marina, we all et a huge buffet dinner. It was a dang five-star Fircrest feast. After da dinner, we got to countin' da ballots fer the snazziest plaid flannel shirt contest. Fourth runner up, Burt Auseth won his self a life time supply of store bought toothpicks. He be real ready fer possum stew now. Third runner up, Dave Goughnour be a real safe guy now cuz he gotta' a Redneck smoke alarm (even has the Jiffy Pop brand name on it). Marty Hobbs done got second place and strutted away wit a brand spankin' new plumber's helper dat he kin even use fer a backscratcher. The grand prize winner would be Toni Fairbanks. She got herself a custom-made beer can Christmas wreath..not like dem cheapies ye git at WalMart. Harry, her hubby, got his self a dang fancy baseball air freshner fer how he hepped her "create" her outfit.

Right after da the prizes be given out, da lights went out and Moti Krauthamer, his wife, Debra Alderman and their son, Akiva, dis some real magik and da Longbranch Pavilion waz made into a movie theater. There was a lot of hootin' and hollerin' as we all watched our favoright funnie guys...Jeff Foxworthy and Larry The Cable Guy.

Sunday morning da group had xtra time fer a second and third cuppa coffee cuz we be waitin' on da fog to lift. By bout 10, engines took ta startin', we be huggin' each utter good by and got goin' ta home.

A big thank ewe to everyone fer comin' and helpin' make da cruise a mighty good time.

Barb, Denny and Garry



Fircrest 2009 Cruise Schedule

| Date | Cruise | Hosts |
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| 02/14 | Sweetheart Cruise Gig Harbor Anthony's for lunch 11:30am | Chuck & Nancy Maddox |
| Date not yet known | NBC work party Not an official FYC cruise but one we traditionally support | |
| 04/17 thru 04/19 | Daffodil Cruise Breakwater Marina | Dave Goughner & Jill Miller Chuck & Peggy Allen |
| 05/22 thru 05/25 | Memorial Day Poulsbo Marina (Moorage Reserved) | Available for Hosting |
| 06/06 thru 06/08? | NBC Picnic Not an official FYC cruise but lots of fun | |
| 06/19 thru 06/20 | Longest Day Fair Harbor Marina (Moorage Reserved) | Burt & Michele Ausetz |
| 07/03 thru 07/06 | 4th of July Wagon Wheel Dockton | Available for Hosting |
| 07/31 thru 08/02 | * Lazy Days Arabella's Landing Gig Harbor | Available for Hosting |
| 09/04 thru 09/07 | * Labor Day Olympia Swantown Marina | Available for Hosting |
| Not Yet Scheduled | October Cruise | Available for Hosting |
| 10/09 thru 10/11 | *Ocean Shores Dry Land Cruise The Polynesian - Ocean Shores (Penhouse Reserved) | Ron & Cindi Fox |
| 11/27 thru 11/29 | Leftovers Cruise Longbranch | Available for Hosting |
| 12/06 | Special Peoples Cruise | |
| | Holiday Party Tacoma La Quinta [if OK in 2008] | Chuck & Nancy Maddox Scott & Kim Haverlock |