

# THE DINGHY

**NEWSLETTER OF THE SINCLAIR INLET YACHT CLUB**

## HAPPY NEW YEAR 2009

### **2009 Commodore Don Sandstrom's Greetings**

Greetings to all my fellow boaters and club members. As we look forward to boating in 2009, we should first remember our great 2008 boating season and thank Dennis for his leadership for a second year, that provided us all with great fun on the water and smooth operation of the club. We had a wonderful experience with Christmas Lane that topped off a great series of cruises. Everyone who participated enjoyed the chance to get out on their boats and share a lot of fun with their fellow club members. It has been a privilege to serve with such a good board and I look forward to serving as commodore, knowing I will have such great people sharing in the responsibility of running the club.

The club has survived the high gas prices and economic downturn that has put a damper on boating in general, and will continue to provide opportunities to travel to many local marinas. Our goal will be to give everyone the chance to stay active in boating, keeping down the costs we all face when we leave our homeport. We live in the best part of the world for recreational boating, with many interesting destinations and usually calm waters to make our adventures enjoyable and safe. We will continue to promote safe boating and good fellowship. If you have not had the chance to come to one of our cruises, start planning to join us this boating season for a great time with old friends and the chance to make new ones. Talk to anyone who has joined us and they will tell you it is well worth firing up the engines or hoisting the sails to come join in the fun.

As is the case with any volunteer organization in these busy times, we are always looking for those who would consider helping out to keep the club running smoothly. If you would be interested in serving as a cruise host, helping with club functions or serving on the board, you can talk to any of the board members and they will welcome any amount of assistance you can provide. This club belongs to all of us and we each have a vested interest in keeping it an active and vibrant organization in the boating community. No one can do it alone and no one is expected to do too much. When we all share in what needs to be done, the job is easy and fun.

The club is looking forward to another wonderful year of boating fun, please make this the year you take advantage of your membership and come along for some great experiences with your fellow members. I thank you for your support of the board and what it is trying to do, providing everyone with a good excuse to leave the yard work and other demands behind, and get out on the water!

## CHRISTMAS LANE – THE RESULTS!



Commodore Dennis Fetters presents the Plaque and People Choice Trophy to Marty and Leanne Hobbs for their first place boat "Another Adventure". Pictured at right.



Commodore Dennis Fetters and his wife Lois won Second Place in the Peoples Choice Award Contest for their boat "Cruise 'N Aweigh".



Commodore Dennis Fetters awards Third Place in the Peoples Choice Award Contest to V/C Don Sandstrom and his wife Vicki for their boat "Dawgfish" pictured here including it's reflection.



## The Sinclair Inlet Yacht Club Awards

First Place went to Dennis and Lois Fetters  
 Second Place went to Don and Vicki Sandstrom  
 Third Place went to Bruce and Barbara Martin  
 Pictured at left is Martin's boat the "B & B's Ocean View"



Dennis and Lois with First Place Trophy



Don and Vicki with accept 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Trophy



The Christmas Lane awards were presented to the winners at the Quarterly Meeting and Christmas Brunch held again this year at the Port Orchard Puerto Vallarta Restaurant.

Doug Rotter's name was drawn for the Bean Pot but since he was not present, the funds will roll to the next quarterly meeting.

Bruce and Barbara Martin are awarded the third place trophy, by Commodore Dennis Fetters



# New 2009 Bridge Sworn In

Stu Higgs swore in the new bridge at the December Quarterly Meeting. The new bridge is as follows:

Commodore Don Sandstrom  
Vice Commodore .....opened  
Rear Commodore Jim Lundin  
Secretary Vicki Sandstrom  
Treasurer Lois Fetters  
Trustee Dennis Fetters  
Trustee Bill Barton  
Trustee .....opened

## Yachtsman of the Year Award

The Yachtsman of the year award is given when the Board of Directors feels that a member has gone overboard in helping the club. The award is not given every year and is not given lightly. This year the Board of Directors (with out any input from Dennis or Lois Fetters) decided to present this award to Commodore Dennis Fetters and Treasurer Lois Fetters for all they do and have done for the club. Dennis served his second year as Commodore because Bob and Charlie Ristine sold their boat and left boating, and the club, just as Bob was to move into the Commodore spot. Dennis stepped up and agreed, at the Boards request, to stand as Commodore for another year. Dennis and Lois also produce the Dinghy and the Yearbook and Lois has served as the club Treasurer for the past five years. Don Sandstrom presented a Yachtsman of the Year plaque to Dennis and Lois at the Quarterly Meeting.

## Christmas Lane Wrap Up

This year was the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Port Orchard Chimes and Light Festival so everyone went all out including us. This year we added a Wine and Snacks Meet and Greet on Friday evening. All boaters who had come for Christmas Lane were welcomed to the Activities Barge and we shared some great food and wine and met some really nice folks.

On Saturday the turnout was great. Twenty-eight Boats entered this year and the weather was GREAT! Mild temperatures with almost no wind at all. The boats went to new heights in decorating this year and the bribery was plentiful. All reported having a good time so next year we might be even bigger! The crowds that came down to view the boats and vote for their favorite were estimated to be around 1400 to 1500 people. We had over 800 votes cast when we ran out of ballots, and we still had an hour to go. We got some suggestions on how to improve the event even more so watch out for next year.

The Chimes and Light Festival had similar reports of record crowds with more shops opened and a free movie at the theater. The Paws and Purrs parade had 68 entries this year and included dogs, cats, rabbits and even miniature horses.

With budget cuts at the city the Fireworks may be in jeopardy for next year so if you know of anyone who would like to make a donation to the Chimes and Light Festival to ensure the big show for next December let Lois Feters know and she will put them in touch with the right people.

## **2009 Cruise Schedule**

Mark your calendar so you won't miss out on the fun.

May 15,16,17 Shakedown cruise to Brownsville

June 5,6,7 Poulsbo here we 'commen' Quarterly Meeting here too

July 3, 4 5 The Cruise to nowhere...Port Orchard Marina for fireworks

August 14,15,16 Silverdale (Maybe in August we can beat the wind)

September 18,19,20 Gig Harbor – Arabella's landing Quarterly Meeting and BBQ

December 4,5,6 Christmas Lane Quarterly Meeting

If you have any suggestions for improvement of the schedule, please let a Board Member know, as we are always open to member's suggestions.

NOTE: Schedule is subject to change so watch for email alerts as cruise dates approach.

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD**

At the January Board Meeting it was proposed, and passed a vote of the board, that we have a membership drive. To that end, the Board would like to temporarily suspend the Initiation Fee for new members that join the club between January 1, 2009 and May 1, 2009. Per the bylaws all members present at the March Quarterly Membership Meeting will vote on this proposition. We are going to be hyping this Membership Drive as an Off Season discount. If you have friends who have expressed an interest in joining the club, this would be the time to follow up on their interest.

## **MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup> 7:00PM COSMO'S DELI IN PORT ORCHARD MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Our March quarterly membership meeting will be held at Cosmo's Deli, 1821 SE Lund Ave. in Port Orchard. We have reserved the bar for 7:00pm and plan on coffee and desserts. If you would like to dine at Cosmo's we suggest you arrive early and dine in the restaurant, then move into the bar for our meeting and dessert.

Hope to see you there. Please RSVP to Lois Feters at 360 871-8264 so we can give the restaurant our final count.

## **Bremerton Yacht Club Needs our Help**

The Bremerton Yacht Club will be having their annual Predicted Log race on February 14<sup>th</sup> and needs observers for the race. This is great fun as you get to ride on some rather outstanding boats, time the legs of the race, and ensure that

the entrant complies with the rules. The BYC is very appreciative of your help and in the past has had donuts and coffee for you prior to the race. The Skipper of the boat you are assigned to will provide you with lunch during the race and you are welcome to join in the party in the evening when the winners are announced. If you want to take part in this event, call or email Linda Ritter at 360 373-5996 or [olritter@gmail.com](mailto:olritter@gmail.com)

## **MEMBERSHIP**

We have good news and bad news. First the bad news. The following members failed to renew their memberships by January 1, 2009 so will be dropped from our rolls: Walter Newman, Brad and Merry Potter, Doug and Julie Rotter.

Good news.....The Board has accepted an application for membership from:

David and Judy Griffiths  
4570 SE Bakken Ct. NE  
Port Orchard, WA 98366  
360 874-0437

David and Judy have a 30' Carver Cruiser and moor at Port Orchard Marina  
If you have any comments on this new membership please contact Don Sandstrom at 360 876-1054

## **HELP WANTED:**

We have an opening for Vice Commodore as Ed O'Callaghan has quit the club. It is the board's intention (with membership approval) to move Jim Lundin from Rear Commodore to fill the Vice Commodore spot and recruit a member to serve as Rear Commodore for 2009.

We currently need a volunteer for the position of Trustee for 2009. If you are interested Please contact any Board member and let them know.

We will need a new Treasurer in 2010 so if you have a head for numbers this could be the spot for you.

We will also need a Dinghy Editor/Publisher for 2010 so if words are your thing, let us know and we will sign you up!

Position duties are listed in the Byelaws and are in your yearbook.

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**Vice Commodore: Opened**  
**Rear Commodore: Jim Lundin**  
**Secretary: Vicki Sandstrom**  
**Treasurer: Lois Fetters**

**COMING EVENTS:**

**February 10th Board Meeting @ Commodore Don Sandstrom's house,  
call for directions**  
**March 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Membership Meeting @ Cosmo's Deli**  
**March 10th Board Meeting TBA**