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Happy
New Year!

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Fircrest Yacht Club Newsletter
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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Paul Olsen, Commodore 2019

I trust everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Years. Our holiday season was filled with festive dinners with loved ones both family and friends and a few nights aboard the Shannon Lee. I was even able to find time to spend some much needed time in my shop to get my snowmobile ready for the season. A great way to wrap up 2018.

As I wrapped up a fun filled four day New Year's cruise which included small craft advisories, Seattle Ferris wheel ride, Pike Place Market and watching the Space Needle blow up, then to find a real life Rave that was happening New Year's Eve at Elliot Bay Marina. With a slow start to the day I decided to sit down to plug all the "proposed" Club events into my calendar a few things came to mind. As a Club, we haven't "voted in" the 2019 cruise schedule yet, but it looks like another fun year of boating again – including a proposed new event for October. I was a bit bummed to realize the Shannon Lee will be missing a couple cruises this year due to previously scheduled events, but I trust you will all have a great time. I encourage you to also get your calendar out and really look at what cruises you will actually be attending this year. Please don't sign up for future Club events "because it's convenient" or "you're afraid of not getting on the list". Last year we had several cancellations or "no shows" for some reason of which most should have been better communicated to the cruise host. FYC understands emergencies or unavoidable events, but there were several "no shows" which in my opinion shows a lack of respect for the Club, marina and other peoples time.

I've noticed a decline in members signing up for hosting and too many bookings for events, combine that with no shows it appears the club is a bit out of balance. Until you have hosted a cruise you don't realize the fun or work it can be. Bottom line the burden "no shows" cause work and added expenses for the club. I'd like to encourage new hosts to get involved for 2019, not only new members but senior level members also. Ideally a veteran host partner with a new host to make it easier for both. Co-hosting with another boat makes the event pretty easy and fun.

As the new Commodore, I have heard quite a few different comments and ideas in the past 30 days - all of which were interesting and exciting due to various levels of enthusiasm and seniority. Hopefully the members are okay with me using this platform as Commodore, as a way of creating dialog between the Bridge and Club members to make the changes that will keep our Club vibrant and active. Open discussions at monthly meetings are not fair to the members that can't attend and let's face it some of the members are a bit more outspoken than others. I'd like to use my position as a way to "open the conversation" for ideas and what the current Club Members would like to see change or not change in the Club. I want to hear from you, my email and phone number are below. Remember, this is an effort to better the Club for its **active members** and all that plan on participating for 2019.

Below are a couple of questions I'd like your feedback on before the monthly meeting January 15th, if possible. Phone calls are my least accessible means due to my career, but text, emails or scheduled calls will work. It might be easiest to copy and paste the questions below and email them to me. I'd just like to hear from you all. We want to know what is the most effective, accountable and accurate way for you to get involved with the club cruises? I look forward to getting to know the new members as well as catching up with the older, salty ones this year.

What are some changes you would like to see for 2019?

1. New cruise locations?
2. New meeting location?
3. Non-hosted smaller cruises?

Why did you join FYC?

- The burgee colors compliment the canvas and overall look of your boat?
- So you can get reciprocal moorage at other club locations?
- The locations of the club events?

How would you like to see and be able to sign-up for club events?

- Facebook
- Email
- Text / call
- Club Events

Do you have any other feedback or ideas to make our Club great???

My goal is to get as much feedback as possible the first quarter of 2019 to ensure the Fircrest Yacht Club stays alive and fresh. You know the definition of *insanity* by some.... Doing the same thing year over year and having expectations of different results. For 2019, the Bridge will be pushing for changes and involvement from its members. The Bridge wants Fircrest Yacht Club to continue to be one of the oldest and most active clubs in the Puget Sound. Thank you in advance for your time, participation and feedback.

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VICE COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Happy New Year Everyone!

Thank you for your vote of confidence to serve FYC as your Vice Commodore. I look forward to 2019 and will provide assistance to our Commodore Paul as needed.

I want to thank you all for the generous donations to our holiday food drive and Toys 4 Tots. Approximately 45 toys were delivered to their warehouse on Dec 3rd. That same day over 100 food and beverage items were delivered to St. Francis House in Puyallup. Fircrest members have generous hearts!

Vice Commodore
Toni

TREASURER'S COMMENTS

I've thoroughly enjoyed my position as Treasurer for FYC and look forward to another year. I also look forward to another fun year of boating with the club.

***THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE
TUESDAY JANUARY 15TH at 6:30 AT
JOHNNY'S AT FIFE RESTAURANT.***

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

15 Leanne Hobbs
16 Bob Polus
25 Britney Latimer
25 Garry Weaver

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

1 Jane Bouge
2 Scott Haverlock
3 Harry Fairbanks
16 Dustin Latimer
18 Gloria Durkee
22 Mike Mielke
23 Christine Johnson
26 Brad Lawrence
26 Toni Fairbanks

Please check out our
Reciprocal Moorage Link:

www.yachtdestinations.org

Budget

Fircrest Yacht Club Account	
Bank Balance as of 11/30/18	\$ 7,397.97
Income	\$ 3,521.42
Expenses	\$ (3,579.03)
Bank Balance as of 12/31/18	\$ 7,340.36

FYC quality apparel is always available. If interested, check out the following website for what you want to order:

<http://www.companycasuals.com/artnstitches>

Then email your request to Kim Weaver who will order it.

Her email address is: kweaver@cascade-machinery.com



We already have the Fircrest Yacht Club name template to add to your clothing orders.

FYC 2019 PROPOSED CRUISE SCHEDULE

Date	Event
Jan 15	Meeting @ Johnny's at Fife 6:30 pm
Feb 15, 16, 17	Valentines Day Cruise @ Arabellas Landing (15 slips available)
Feb 19	Meeting @ Johnny's at Fife 6:30 pm
Mar 19	Meeting @ Johnny's at Fife 6:30 pm
Mar 22, 23, 24	March Madness Cruise@ Des Moines Marina (18 slips confirmed)
Apr 12, 13, 14	Daffodil Marine Festival @ Breakwater Marina
Apr 16	Meeting @ Johnny's at Fife 6:30 pm
May 21	Meeting @ Johnny's at Fife 6:30 pm
May 24, 25, 26, 27	Memorial Day Cruise - Brownsville (20 slips confirmed) Reservation PAID
Jun 21, 22, 23	Longest Day Cruise@ Longbranch Marina
Jul 5, 6, 7	Fourth of July Cruise - Dockton Marina
Aug 9, 10, 11	Dock Street Marina Tacoma (asked for 20 slips)
Aug 23, 24, 25	Kid's Cruise to Dockton
Aug 30, 31, Sept 1, 2	Labor Day Cruise - Swan Town (15 slips confirmed)
Sep 17	Meeting @ Johnny's at Fife 6:30 pm
Oct 4, 5, 6	PROPOSED NEW CRUISE 1ST WEEKEND IN OCTOBER - DECIDE WHERE
Oct 15	Meeting @ Johnny's at Fife 6:30 pm
Oct 25, 26, 27	Halloween Cruise @Des Moines Marina (20 slips confirmed)
Nov 19	Meeting @ Johnny's at Fife 6:30 pm
Nov 29, 30, Dec 1	Leftovers Cruise to Arabella's Landing (15 slips available)
Dec 1	Holiday Party