



Clover Island Yacht Club

Kennewick, Washington

April 2010

From the Helm

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Wow, it is already April, the weather has warmed up and the boating season is off to a great start. Angie and Jeffrey Chapla and Nickie and Gary Wold sponsored the first boat prep-breakfast with all of the trimmings. Then Doug and Debbie Hughes took the helm for the Saint Patrick's Day party that received many positive comments. The Month of March proved to be another success and I want to thank all that participated and helped with these events.

The kitchen island is in the works. Steve Sigler has taken the lead on the island and many of the components are ordered including the cabinets. We are currently in the process of receiving bids for the required island pumping and electrical. We also purchased an upright freezer for the kitchen storage area. This has already been of value during the Saint Patrick's Day party. We have also purchased a



**Courtney Blanchard
Commodore**

natural gas detector for the kitchen as a safety precaution. I want to remind everyone that we all signed agreements on how fobs (electronic keys) would be controlled. The key is to be used only by the member and their spouse. All guests must be accompanied by a member. Contractors that are licensed and insured can get special access to our docks. There are keys programmed that allow them access to the docks during day light hours. Talk with a board member to get one of these keys if you need to have a licensed contractor or mechanic access the dock without you accompanying them. The reason for the control of the keys is to maintain our security and limit our liabilities.

Additionally, the gas dock electronic equipment has been relocated to the electrical closet. And finally, the yearbook is in for production and we will have it to the members soon!!

Information from BoatUS

On May 22-28 the 2010 National Safe Boating Week kicks off. The following has been taken from the March/April issue.

This years theme continues "Wear It"! message for life jackets, the number of boating fatalities increased in 2008, according to U.S. Coast Guard statistics, two-thirds of boating fatalities are from drowning and 90% of those people were not wearing life jackets. New, more comfortable styles and high-tech inflatables are steadily increasing wear rates.

Remember any one under the age of 12 must wear a life jacket.

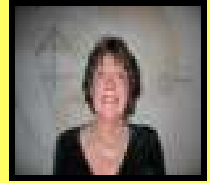


"Yacht Talk" is now attached to the Clover Island Yacht Club web page. If you have a problem with your email just go the www.ciyc.net and you will see the most recent edition.



Sunshine Report

By Genie Sigler



Members that received a little extra Sunshine in March:

- Cal & Mary Coie – Cal's aunt passed away
- Barry Bourne – Had back Surgery
- Bea Dickey – Undergoing extensive medical tests
- Suzie Hammer – Broke her foot

I appreciate all who notify me about our members who could use a little extra Sunshine in their lives. Please call me at 543-7586. Thank You.

Genie Sigler



General Meeting

The General Membership Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the Month, starting at 7:30 PM.

This meeting is preceded by a potluck dinner. Each member coming to the dinner brings a main dish, salad or dessert to serve at least 10 people.

The Board of Trustees meetings are the last Thursday at 6:00 PM

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 <i>Easter</i>	5	6 <i>General Membership Meeting</i>	7	8	9 <i>Blue Gavel Sponsoring BBQ</i>	10
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Cruise and Entertainment

By: Larry the Kuga Guy



Arrr! And ahoy matey's! March be's the month of the vernal equinox, and one look around the island lets you know spring has sprung. Since winter released its icy grip on us early this year, many buccaneers have already been out on the water getting first crack at those sunny days.

We had a new event at the Club early in the month, hosted by new members Jeff & Angie Chapla. The "Get Your Gear Ready Breakfast" was a great idea to entice members to come down on a Saturday morning, have some breakfast, and then go get your boat and gear ready for the season. The breakfast was so good and so big that I think a number of folks actually ended up heading down to their boats and boathouses to take a nap before winding up again to do some work! Great job Jeff and Angie and all who pitched in to help.

After missing the St. Patty's day party last year, the CIYC was rippin' ready to bring it back again in the new building. The Hughes' outdid themselves on this one gang! That was some super-delicious corned beef, red potatoes and cabbage! I over-hear a few people say that they don't normally like those things, but after tasting a few bites from someone else, they were up and in the chow line with their own plates. Doug and Debbie, and most of the Hughes clan for that matter, filled our bellies and gave us an event to remember. Can't wait till next year! I just might be hungry again by then.

Coming up in April is the first cruise of the season! FISHHOOK!!! If you are looking for a little peace and quiet, the early spring Fishhook cruise is what you want. The park isn't open yet so we have the place to ourselves. If you haven't been on this cruise before, now's a great time to join us! Also, if you have not "locked through" before, this is a great opportunity to go through with a group and see how it is done.

The Friday Night barbeque on April 9th will be a special treat. The Blue Gavel will be sponsoring the evening and the weather should be just right by then. Come on down!

