



# TIME OUT FOR SUMMER CRUISING

Seabacs Boating Club is exclusively Boeing and may draw membership only from Boeing Employees, immediate family, contractors and retirees. Members are welcome with or without a boat. Please pass the word to other employees. The Seabacs have been in existence for fifty years and have a rich history and excellent reputation throughout the boating community to earn the privilege of reciprocal moorage with 50 plus yacht clubs. Comparatively, Seabacs dues are some of the lowest in the boating community. *The next Seabacs Meeting is Monday, June 13, at 7 p.m. at the Boeing Oxbow Rec Center located along the Duwamish Waterway on Seattle Boeing property. Seabacs Web site is [www.seabacs.org](http://www.seabacs.org). Then it is time out for cruising in July & August Your support is needed to keep this Boeing club, which started 50 years ago, afloat.*

*The views expressed herein are solely those of the SEABACS Boating Club and do not necessarily reflect those of the Boeing Company.*

**Come cruise with us!** The featured Cruise this month is Taste of Tacoma Cruise on June 24-26 and then July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend cruise to Port Orchard. Plus more; see pages 3, 4 and 5. Sign Up Now!

## NEWS FROM THE BRIDGE

*Commodore's Column  
By Steve W. Stroud*



Greetings Fellow Seabacs,

I would like to thank all of you who showed up for Opening Day, it was quite the turn out of club members. I would especially like to thank Tap and Sue Ames for once again so generously donating their boat for the day and allowing us the ability to participate in the parade. It was a great time and would also like to thank the members of Puget Sound Yacht Club for being such great hosts for the Opening Day weekend. Finally we are getting some warmer weather and let's hope that it continues on and we have an enjoyable and safe summer cruising season. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at Kingston for the Memorial Day

cruise which is one of our more well attended cruises. And if not there then perhaps at Dock Street in June or one of the many other cruises we have planned for this summer.

Hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable cruising season whether you are going to a club sponsored event or traveling on your own to one of the many other locations within the Greater Puget Sound area. Thanks, Steve Stroud

*Vice Commodore Column  
By Mike Kelley*



Hey, we had a great time at the Seattle Y.C. opening on Tap and Sue's boat and at Puget Sound Yacht Club's facility. PSYC had a nice dinner and dance afterward. We attended the South Sound Opening at Des Moines Yacht Club the next weekend. They also had a nice dinner and dance. I encourage everyone to consider attending these functions as they are fun and good way to meet other boaters. Today I'm preparing the boat to

go to Kingston. This will be the first cruise of the season for our boat so I hope all goes well. I hope to see you all there.

Vice Commodore Mike Kelley

## Jr Past Commodore's Column

*By Hiram Betancourt*

### Summer is Around the Corner.

That's right, in spite of the rain and cold weather we've had, a boater's summer is right around the corner and mariners from all over Puget Sound are planning to attend their favorite destinations to escape the daily grind of winter and *springster* blues to relax and have fun on the water. And in despite of the fact that our economy is in a slump, Seabacs members will be making it out this year to various summer destinations.

#### Around Seabacs

June and July are meeting-free months so we may go off to the far yonder to explore the waters with its many destinations. Seabacs own 4<sup>th</sup> of July cruise will be hosted, again, by the Ames where ten slips have been reserved at Port Orchard. On



June 24-26, enjoy the Taste of Tacoma hosted by the Jacksons. In August, look for the Forbes, Horns and Lavagettos to host the cruise to Westcott Bay on August 5-7. Also, look forward to great lessons on the water with the Forbes. They will host a cruise to Bremerton in July. Make sure you don't miss out on the fun and sign up with the good lieutenants. See you on the water!

### **Fleet Captain**

*Patrick Forbes*



When you get behind the wheel of your boat do you take it seriously that you are the Captain of a vessel. The Coastguard, the Army Corps of Engineers and your insurance company think you are. As the Captain you have certain responsibilities and rights. I got an expensive reminder a few years back of those responsibilities while passing through the Ballard Locks.

When coming through the locks you need to listen very carefully to the instructions given by the lock masters who are part of the Army Corps of Engineers. They have lots of experience with passing boats through the locks. But having said that don't let it get into your head that they are in charge. You are the Captain of your boat and are therefore responsible for your boat and its safety. If a lock master tells you to do something that you consider dangerous to you or your boat it is your responsibility to say no. Speak up.

In my case Karen was handling the bow line and after getting the boat in position by the wall I took the stern line. The lock master told

Karen to pull in the bow to the point the stern was out and the flare of the bow was over the edge of the lock. We could not put a fender up there because it wouldn't stay and could damage the port holes. I tried to get them to ease the bow line but the lock master insisted we keep the bow in and stern out. I backed down. As a result we have damage to the paint around our port holes where the side of the lock scraped. It could have been worse if it had damaged the hull or frames.

Everything I have read since then says I should have told him to back off. I was in charge and knew my boat and its characteristics better than him. He probably doesn't even know. He was not responsible for any damage his instructions caused, I was. He is there to "guide" you through.

Another situation where I had to demonstrate my being the Captain came during a rescue of another boat. Karen and I were working to pull a 19 foot boat away from the rocks at Ram Island. I was on the radio with the Coastguard and running the helm. Just as we were trying to do a tricky maneuver involving our boat changing our tow line from the bow to the stern and theirs from the stern to the bow the Coastguard wanted some information. I had to quickly assess the situation and decided I couldn't deal with the Coastguard at that moment for something I felt was not critical. I told them to "standby, we are a little busy." They graciously accepted that. We did the maneuver to reverse the boats direction and then I was able to meet the Coastguard's needs. Keep in mind that your insurance company appreciates your being a Captain in charge of your vessel.

Fleet Captain Patrick Forbes

For more information about Summer Cruising, please see the Upcoming Cruises and Events column in this newsletter.

### **♦♦ For Members ♦♦**

To attend a cruise, contact a Cruise Lieutenant or sign up at a meeting. The cruise lieutenant will let you know if reservations are your responsibility which is usually the case. Please be sure to remember that you did sign up and confirm with the cruise lieutenant(s) that you will attend. If something comes up that you cannot attend, please let the cruise lieutenant know as far in advance as possible. This is to preserve our reputation as a boating group as well as being courteous to our volunteer cruise lieutenant(s). Thanks.

### **More Information for Cruise Planning**

Boeing Employees Recreational Clubs and Services (<http://www.boeing.com/companyoffices/aboutus/recreation/>) Phone number 206-655-1941 has items which can be checked out to be used on Seabacs Cruises. Additionally, Seabacs has cruise items in the cupboards at Oxbow Recreation Center which can be used on cruises (please do check with Ardis about what is for a cruise and what is for refreshments).

Do check out these resources when planning a cruise or event.

### **Reciprocal Moorages**

Reciprocals: For reciprocal data please contact George Wilson or visit the Seabacs website, [www.seabacs.org](http://www.seabacs.org), for a list of current Seabacs reciprocal locations.

Did you know that you can visit Seattle via boat by using the reciprocals available on Lake Union? Puget Sound Yacht Club is within taxi distance to downtown events or



walking distance to the University of Washington. Plus, some good restaurants are nearby. Check the Seabacs website for other reciprocals in the area.

*Please note that a **current Seabac membership card and a burgee are needed to take advantage of reciprocal moorage.***

**Upcoming CRUISES & EVENTS**



**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CRUISE**

May 27-30

KINGSTON MARINA



We are hosting the three-day Memorial weekend club cruise to Kingston Marina - a favorite. There are so many things to do within walking distance of the full-service marina; on Saturday there is the Farmer's Market at the marina park, complete with live musical performances. The marina has an electric cart they lend boaters (it's free). This is a popular destination for many reasons:

- \* The Farmer's Market at the marina park is Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. -- and, there's usually live music performed on the stage
- \* The marina has an electric cart available FREE to all marina guests -- it can be used to run errands in town, buy groceries, etc.
- \* The marina has wifi.
- \* The big white tent is a nice place to dance and/or play games on Saturday evening

\* The marina is easy walking distance to many restaurants and pubs

\* The Clearwater Casino will send a FREE shuttle to pick up marina guests for dinner and/or gambling at the casino -- taking the van to the Sunday night buffet is a tradition

\* Bocce Ball and kite flying at the park are fun competitive and fun activities, weather permitting

\* The marina is sheltered from rough waters

\* Live animals visible from the dock often include beautiful starfish, crab, small fishes, and more (of course, there are often dogs and cats, too)

**If you are planning to join the fun, please call the marina (360.297.3545) and make reservations.**

**What's to Eat?**

Friday, May 27 -- Treats/snacks on the dock after 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 28 -- Breakfast served on the dock includes eggs, sausage, fresh fruit, coffee, and juice

Saturday dinner -- Pot luck with chicken wings, rice, and french bread provided. Bring something to share.

Sunday, May 29 -- Breakfast served on the dock will include French toast, fresh fruit, coffee, and juice.

Sunday dinner -- Catch the free shuttle to the Clearwater Casino for the buffet.

Monday, May 30 -- breakfast will include Danish/donuts & coffee. So, if you haven't yet made reservations and you want to join the fun, call the Port of Kingston Marina at (360) 297-3545 to reserve a slip with the Seabacs. Thanks! Terri-Ann Betancourt 425.313.1087



**June 3-5**

**Northwest Boating Council  
Picnic at Brownsville**

**NBC Ports of Call Picnic**

The Northwestern Boating Association (NBC) is hosting their summer picnic in Brownsville on June 3-5 and Seabacs will provide a basket for the raffle. This is a well-attended event with lots of fun activities.

[Picnic Schedule of Events](#)  
[Picnic Registration Form](#)

There are lots of events planned for this year's Summer Picnic and you can bring your boat or R.V. - or stay at a local motel.

Volunteers from KCYC have a great BBQ Rib & Chicken Dinner planned and the Port is very eventful on July weekends with the Farmers Market and Music in the Park on Saturday evenings. Complete info can be found in the Picnic Flyer.



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**TASTE OF TACOMA  
CRUISE \***

**Dock Street Marina \*  
June 24-26, 2011**

Cruise Lts. Bob and Ginny Jackson

A day or two of nice weather was a reminder that summer's coming and with it Seabacs' Taste of Tacoma cruise to Dock Street Marina on the Thea Foss Waterway.

If you'd like to boat in to this event, do two things:

**1) Call the marina (253)572-2524 and make a reservation.** Secure your first night's moorage with your charge card at a cost of \$1/ft, LOA. This



must be done no later than June 17th -- one week prior to your arrival. (If you need to cancel, there's no penalty if it's done 72 hrs. prior to arrival date.) (Drive-ins, skip this step and go directly to the next.)

2) Call or email the Jacksons and let them know you plan to attend.

### FRIDAY

Dinner at Harmon's Brew Pub

### SATURDAY

Continental breakfast – Coffee, fruit, cheese, breakfast breads

**Taste of Tacoma** – Be transported\* to Point Defiance Park for the annual Taste of Tacoma and Art a la Carte. *This Ultimate Family Picnic features 28 restaurants, 20 food product companies, four entertainment stages with music and comedy, three beer and wine gardens, a covered dining area, AND over 100 juried arts and crafts vendors; the Wine & Jazz wine tasting, carnival games and amusement rides. There is no charge for admission or parking.*

<http://www.tasteoftacoma.com/index.php>

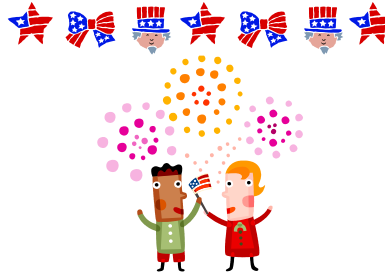
\*Travel to and from Pt. Defiance Park takes about a half hour via the Sounder Link and Pierce County Transit unless you can score a ride with one of the drive-ins.

### **Pot Luck on the Dock**

Club provided chicken salad croissants. You bring: Appetizer, main dish, salad, or dessert

### SUNDAY

**Coffee and ...** fair weather (sit down meal) OR foul weather (grab and go) ... breakfast.



### **July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend Cruise Port Orchard July 1-4**

Where to watch the fireworks? How about right at your own boat at the Port Orchard cruise? Yes, they are right there in front of you as you watch from the comfort of your boat. Reservations may be made by calling Port Orchard Marina and telling them you are from Seabacs.



Tap & Sue Ames and Paul & Birgit Hunter have a great weekend cruise planned. Make your reservations early!

### **IOBG District 1 2011 Summer Picnic!**

You are invited to the next International Order of the Blue Gavel (IOBG) **Summer Picnic** to be held in Kingston on July 15-16. Enjoy a visit to the Keyport Naval Undersea Warfare Museum, social events, dinner and more.

You may have already let them know you are coming, but if you could submit your Registration Form **BEFORE JULY 4th** that would be very helpful in calculating how much food will be needed. Please click on the following links to download the Picnic Schedule of Events and Registration Form.

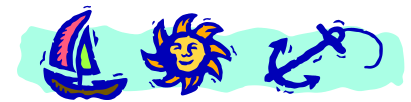
### **New Location Bremerton Marina BYO Everything Cruise July 22-24**

Dear Seabacs, Because of the newsletter deadline and uncertainty of Bainbridge Island moorage, I made an arbitrary decision and we have changed the cruise from Winslow to Bremerton. We have reservations for 10 boats. People wishing to join the cruise should contact us for reservations and we will assign slips.

There was just too many questions and uncertainty with Winslow so maybe in the future, we will try again. As for this year, it will be Bremerton on July 22-24th weekend.

We will still get together for Friday night happy hour with heavy appetizers where Pat and Karen's boat is located or in the covered area available at the Marina. Then Saturday evening will be a "bring your own barbecue meat and Potluck accompaniments" and Pat will light off the Barbie on the dock near our boat. More plans will be announced later.

Karen and Pat Forbes



### **August 5, 6 7 Anchor Out in San Juans**

The cruise north to the San Juans will be an anchor out in Westcott Bay. Bring extra fenders, lines, and maybe an extra anchor. We will raft together. Pat and Karen are cruising north the week before leaving on July 28 and heading



into the gulf islands. We will be back to Westcott Bay for the weekend by Aug 5<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to go early and meet up, let us know. We have heard of others who plan an after trip. They will meet us on the weekend of Aug 5-7 and head north for about the following week. Share your plans with each other and as the saying goes, you always have friends on the water. Tentative plans for the Westcott Bay trip include a "fishy" potluck. It will be bring your favorite seafood in one form or another to share.

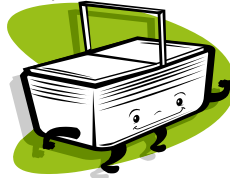


### August 27-28 Redneck Weekend Anchor-out Cruise

#### ANCHORING OUT

Many boaters (including us) use their boats as portable waterfront condos. If, on occasion, you are tired of the high cost of marina fees, eating out, shopping, noise from bars and traffic up and down the dock and just want to enjoy your boat in peace and quiet with 360 degree views, you may want to consider anchoring out. If you have a reasonable dingy, mom and pop stores and cafes, Laundromats, lots of inlets and places to explore are within reasonable distance. Example: Garrison Bay of San Juan Island, some of the best crabbing in the islands, cost - free. A short dingy ride away is Roche Harbor (very expensive), park at the dingy dock and enjoy for free. We have anchored out all the way to the Northern tip of Vancouver Island. We don't have a generator.

You stay for a couple of days and your batteries recharge as you move to the next bay. Shower when you arrive as your water is hot. Every few days we stay at a marina. There are great anchorage in South Sound along with state parks! Okay, that said . . . . .



#### RED NECK ANCHOR OUT

Join us at Blakley Bay just north of Blake Island the weekend of August 27th! Never anchored out before, don't have an anchor? No problem, just get close and we will help. We will have our 13 foot dingy on the ready. Throw us a line and raft up! Activities may include but are not limited to a dingy parade to Blakely Rock, duct tape art contest, beer tasting, spittin contest, prize for the best decorated redneck boat, extra points for plaid shirts and a big bonus for NRA hats! You will receive your very own collectable Redneck Yacht Club burgee made from authentic, purchased from Walmart (years ago), blue tarp! What else could you wish for! More information will be sent as we get closer. E-mail us at [bonniekelley@comcast.net](mailto:bonniekelley@comcast.net) or call 253 569 0373. As with all redneck issues things could change on a whim!

Mike and Bonnie Kelley



### Labor Day Cruise to Poulsbo, September 2-5, 2011

Bob and Ginny Jackson invite you to join the Seabacs crew at this wonderful destination. "Little Norway" on Puget Fjord

awaits our arrival, ready to entertain us for the three day weekend cruise.

Possible activities: a dingy trip to the Naval Undersea Museum\*; a hike to the Farmer's Market; dinner at Tizley's Europub; an antique shop treasure hunt; a koldboard (smorgasbord) themed happy hour; fun and games on the dock....

*\*If we're lucky, former Navy submariner Patrick Forbes will be along to narrate.*

Guest moorage is \$.90/ft LOA. We have reserved twelve slips for the weekend. If you plan to boat in, please let us know **no later than August 12, 2011**. The Port of Poulsbo Marina wants the cruise lieutenants to do all the work, so do not even think of bothering them. Contact the Jacksons by phone or email and let us know if we'll be saying "Velkommen to Poulsbo" to you. Sooner is better in case we need more spaces. (Rainier YC will also be in port that weekend with 21 boats expected.)



If you are looking for cruises to festivals when Seabacs are not having a cruise weekend, below are a few events being planned at marinas.

August 12-14: [Inaugural Classic Yacht Rendezvous](#) Bremerton/Port Orchard

August 20: [Kitsap Wine Festival](#) Bremerton

October 28-31: [USS Turner Joy Haunted Ship](#) Bremerton

**EVENT REPORTS**





## Boating Organizations

NBC, RBAW, IOBG, NBF

AKA, Northwest Boating Council, Recreational Boating Association of Washington, International Order of the Blue Gavel and National Boating Federation. These organizations represent most yacht clubs in the area and work to keep Puget Sound waters friendly to boaters. RBAW ([www.rbaw.org](http://www.rbaw.org)) is active in working for positive legislation at the State level in Olympia. NBF monitors things on a Federal level. Seabac individuals may join these organizations. Seabacs Boating Club itself cannot have a membership due to Boeing restrictions but you are urged to participate individually in these organizations to help keep a "united front" for favorable boating conditions.

## USCG – GPS enhanced EPIRBs



The US Coast Guard strongly urges vessel owners/operators to replace and upgrade existing Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs) with newer ones that include the GPS transmission feature. GPS enhanced EPIRBs will include the distress position (accurate within 100 meters), allowing responders to concentrate on rescue rather than search. Advisory 02-11 (5/20/11).

JUNE 9

The US Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone on waters of East Passage, Tacoma, Washington for a

regional water rescue exercise on June 9 from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. 76 Fed. Reg. 23708 (April 28, 2011).

## New Assumed Average Weight Per Person Established by US Coastguard

The US Coast Guard issued guidance for implementation of the new Assumed Average Weight Per Person (AAWPP) with respect to existing passenger vessels. Effective December 1, 2011, the AAWPP for use in determining the maximum number of persons permitted on a vessel will be 185 pounds. Previously, the assumed weight in most situations was 160 pounds. CG-543 Policy Letter 11-03 (4/8/11).

### *Clean Boating Act Input Opportunity*

You may be aware that the EPA will be proposing regulations as required by the Clean Boating Act (See our Legislative Director's Report of May 04, 2011, below). The EPA is inviting your comments on Best Management Practices on or before June 2, 2011. For information on how to transmit your comments to the EPA, please visit their web site at <http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/lawsguidance/cwa/vessel/CBA/participate.cfm>. **Important:**

### **Respond by June 2.**

The forthcoming regulations are planned to incorporate and/or will be based on, the best management practices in effect, which can mitigate the adverse effects from bilge water, gray water, and deck runoff from recreational vessels.

Your input can make a difference!  
Fred W. Poppe, President NBF

## SUNSHINE

Please contact Sharron Horn with any Sunshine news.

## BIRTHDAYS



## JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

Paul Hunter	6/11
Andis Lavagetto	6/14
Jennifer Hopkins	6/17
Ginny Jackson	6/23
Safwan Sheykho	6/26
Roland Strolis	7/03
Linda Testa	7/07
Julia Darby	7/10
LaRon Simmons	7/22
Scott Schreder	7/31
Patrick Forbes	8/09
Steve Mackin	8/23
Rita Siemko	8/25
Vivian Strolis	8/25
Michaelene Fowler	8/28

## CLASSIFIEDS

### BOAT FOR SALE



### **26 foot Tollycraft Cruiser For Sale.**

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### SEABACS CALENDAR

2011	CRUISES AND EVENTS	Location	Contact
May 27-30	Memorial Day Weekend Cruise	Kingston Marina	Horn/Betancourt
June 3-5	Northwest Boating Council Picnic	Brownsville Marina	Stroud
June 11	Seabac Garage Sale	Betancourt home	Committee
June 13	General Meeting	Oxbow Rec Center	Stroud
June 24-26	Taste of Tacoma Cruise	Dock Street	Jackson
July 1-4	July 4 <sup>th</sup> Weekend Cruise	Port Orchard	Ames /Hunter
July 15-16	IOBG District 1 Summer Picnic	Brownsville Marina	
July 21-24	BYO Everything Cruise ( <a href="#">new location</a> )	Bremerton Marina	Forbes
Aug 5, 6, 7	Anchor Out in San Juans Cruise	Westcott Bay	Forbes/Horn/Lavagetto
August 27-28	Redneck Weekend Anchor-Out Cruise	Blakely Bay or Silverdale	Kelley
Sept 2-5	Labor Day Weekend Cruise	Poulsbo Marina	Jackson
Sept 12	General Meeting	Oxbow Rec Center	Stroud
Sept 17	Past Commodore Surprise Cruise	Surprise! Watch for clues about where this will be.	Betancourt
Sept 24	NBC Do Nothing Cruise	Dockton County Park	NBC
Oct 8	Viking Yacht Club Commodore Ball (dress whites)	Tacoma Yacht Club	Stroud
Oct 21-23	Halloween Cruise	Gig Harbor Arbela's	Kelley and Waffle



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