



# What is to come in 2012?

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-one 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, January 9, at 7 p.m. at the Boeing Oxbow Rec Center located along the Duwamish Waterway on Seattle Boeing property.* There will be a special program put on by Denny and Sharron Horn. **Do attend the meeting and enjoy this introduction to boating 2012. Your support is needed to keep this 51 year old Boeing club afloat.**

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

**In 2012, with the 51<sup>st</sup> year of Seabacs upon us., it is time to get ready for 2012 cruising.**

## NEWS FROM THE BRIDGE

*Commodore's Column  
By Tap Ames*



### BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR

Holidays are over and we all take a deep breath and look forward to what the new year brings. I am honored to look at the New Year with the cap of Commodore on my head. A new and exciting experience for me (being Commodore, not having something on my head). I want to thank all of my predecessors, Seabacs would not be here if it wasn't for the hard work and dedication that you provided. I also wish to extend a thank you to all of the current members who are helping me this year. We have a great Officers Bridge. Seabacs is

blessed by having such generous and caring members that work so well together. Our get togethers and cruises are always fun (even the rainy ones). It's true, with Seabacs you always have a friend on the water.

Just in case you haven't heard. MUSTANG SURVIVAL HAS ISSUED A VOLUNTARY RECALL NOTICE ON MD2010 AND MD2012, MODEL 22LB INFLATABLE PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE. Mustang is recalling all of these devices sold in the US during 2011. Any of these model PFDs without an "MIT" (Membrane Inflatable Technology) stamp in black should be returned to Mustang. If you need more information, call Mustang at 1-800-526-0532, or visit their website at [www.mustangsurvival.com/22lb-product-notice](http://www.mustangsurvival.com/22lb-product-notice). You mail your pfd to Mustang; they fix it, mark it with MIT and mail it back. It takes 2-3 weeks. This recall is only for these two models; all other Mustang products use a different inflation process.

**THE JANUARY MEETING IS GOING TO BE**

**COOL!!** This has nothing to do with the weather. It is going to be cool because Denny Horn (and his wonderful wife, Sharron) have agreed to share with us a video of their trip in **Dbaitable** from Dagsmars to Chatterbox Falls in Princess Louisa inlet. This is a very popular cruising destination; one where I hope the **Viking Princess** makes it to this summer. Denny, an experienced cruiser in Northwest waters, is a great photographer; his pictures are fabulous. I know this half-hour presentation will be really interesting for everyone. I suspect Denny and Sharron will be willing to answer questions afterwards. So, first date to remember in the New Year is Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Popcorn may be provided.

Seabacs is a wonderful club, full of wonderful people. Come to the meetings, join our cruises. The Cruising Life is a great life. Be active in our club, new friends and new adventures await you! Fair Winds and Following Seas.

Tight lines, Tap Ames

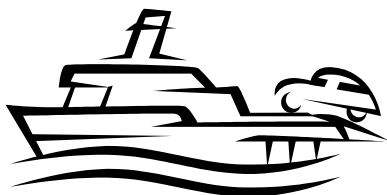
*Vice Commodore Column**By Terri-Ann Betancourt*

Happy New Year -- wishing you a positive start to a healthy, happy, and successful 2012. There are always things to look forward to experiencing in the new year . . . maybe your wish is for more family time, a special vacation, a new work assignment or . . . maybe it's to spend more time on the water, cruising Puget Sound and beyond!

If you're looking for a cruise with fellow boaters, check out the 2012 Seabacs cruise calendar. We've got cruises planned from the San Juan Islands to Olympia and many points in between. And, remember that we have members who cruise year round – you can often schedule to cruise together or plan to rendezvous at various locations.

It's not too early to start getting your boat in ship shape for boating season. You might even want to whet your appetite by attending the Seattle Boat Show – it's a Seabacs tradition to go to the boat show in late January. More than one member has left the show having signed on the dotted line to take possession a new boat!

Happy New Year . . . Hope to See You on the Water!

**Secretary's Study***By Karen Forbes*

Hi, from sunny Arizona. Weather is working it's up to the 70's for the New Year and the skies are clear. I'm visiting the grandkids for a week while Pat heads off on a mission trip to Thailand. It's interesting to think how involved all our lives are at this time of year and so much to think about. Of course we are still anxiously awaiting the boating season but that will come in time. For now, we thoroughly enjoy the Holiday's and everything it brings into our lives. When you all come back to reality and starting thinking about boating again, give some consideration to being a cruise captain. It's not hard and can be a simple pleasure. And there is lots of help and people willing to pitch in while on a cruise. Boating season will be upon us soon and I can hardly wait. But for now, I'm going to enjoy the grandchildren for a week. Hope you had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

**Fleet Captain***Patrick Forbes*

The New Year is upon us and winter has just started. It's a good time to be thinking about the boat. We winterized them to keep them in top condition for spring but we should be checking on our friend to make sure she is doing well in this cold and wet. Even if you keep her covered and on a trailer you

need to check her over for leaks and mildew. Look under the engine for oil that shouldn't be there and antifreeze that seeps when gaskets freeze. Check over the fresh water system to make sure it isn't leaking. Look at the toilet to make sure all is secure. Tanks spend a lot of time expanding and contracting this time of year so check them carefully. Your nose will probably be your best gage for something being wrong. On the Lady Kathleen we don't winterize the engines except to plug in the intercooler heaters so we start the engines to avoid problems later. Speaking of heaters make sure that the cords are staying cool and no moisture is around them. Watch for flammables too.

Look the old gal over and give her a big hug of care. Then go to the boat show and get her that Christmas gift you forgot to get her. Then you can have a peaceful long winters nap.

Fleet Captain Patrick Forbes

**♦♦ 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.

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

**Upcoming CRUISES & EVENTS**



**NORTHWESTERN BOATING COUNCIL**

**PRESIDENT'S DINNER  
JANUARY 14, 2012  
HOSTED BY THE**



Tacoma Outboard Association  
646 S Wilton Rd, Tacoma  
98465

**DINNER CATERED BY  
THE  
Spring Lake Cafe**  
6:00 P.M. SOCIAL HOUR

7:00 P.M. DINNER  
8:30 P.M. AWARDS & PROGRAM  
**COST - \$55 PER COUPLE  
\$27.50 INDIVIDUAL**  
**BYOB / WITH BEER AND WINE FOR DONATION**  
Write checks to NBC  
mail payment to:  
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**PLEASE SEND  
RESERVATIONS IN EARLY**

**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY**  
**March 16 – 18, 2012**  
**EVER GREEN CRUISE**

Plan now to get on your green for the Ever Green Cruise, the first cruise of the season -- the 2012 Boating Season... that is... Set your sights beyond the upcoming holidays and think St. Patrick's Day and spring. Open up your new year's calendar and reserve Friday, March 16th through Sunday, March 18th for a cruise to Seattle's Bell Harbor Marina. In addition to each other's company, Seabacs will be enjoying whatever Seattle has to offer on **St. Patrick's Day**.  
Cruise Lieutenants  
Bob and Ginny Jackson

**CRUISE AND EVENT REPORTS**

**Puget Sound Yacht Club  
Commodore's Ball**

Steve and Rhonda Stroud, 2011 Commodore and First-Mate attended the Puget Sound Yacht Club Ball and reception. They

report that it was an outstanding event.



**SEABACS  
AWARDS BANQUET  
Luncheon**

The year-end awards lunch and presentation of new officers was a Luncheon which was held at Billy Baroo's at the Foster Golf Links, Tukwila on Sunday, December 4. Bonnie and Mike Kelley hosted the event which was well attended by Seabac members, families and guests. Awards both humorous and serious were given out by mistress of ceremony, Bonnie. The event included lots of laughs and reminders of a good boating year. Congratulations Boating Family of the Year. Earned by participation based on a point system, this award is given each year to the most active family. We hear there was a close runner-up family. Keep being active in Seabacs, it could be your family next year.

**SEABACS MEETINGS:**

Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at Boeing Oxbow Recreation Center except for July and August. The General Meeting begins at 7:00 pm and is followed by refreshments, boat-talk, and conversation.





urged to participate individually in these organizations to help keep a “united front” for favorable boating conditions.

### NBC

**Sissi Longthorpe** attended the most recent meeting of NBC representing both Seabac and Carver Cruiser clubs. The editor has gleaned the following from the minutes that may be of interest to Seabacs concerning Northwest Boating Council (NBC). Individuals are encouraged to purchase a membership. Seabacs is a supporting club of NBC.

Bill VanFleet is the current President. The annual dinner is on January 14, 2012 at the Tacoma Outboard Association clubhouse in Tacoma. **All Seabacs are invited to attend.**

What is the benefit/value of belonging to NBC? One of the purposes of NBC is “fellowship” between yacht clubs by working together on projects and improve boating in the Northwest. One project is a yearly work party to restore and clean up Blake Island each year after winter storms. Proposed is a fall work party at Penrose which is in the development stage. A picnic each June brings clubs together. Individuals are encouraged to become members and to participate in activities. Contact Bill VanFleet for more information.

### Northwestern Boating Council Washington State Parks Boating Safety Advisory Council December 2011 Report

#### Overview:

The December 1<sup>st</sup>h Advisory Council meeting emphasized the value of “on-the-water” patrols and boat inspections given. Agencies must precede this data

to the State Parks to support the distribution of grant monies available in 2012. The State Parks will continue with the training of agency personnel next year.

Harborview Injury Protection and Research and Children’s Hospital Seattle teamed to produce a report on accidents and deaths correlated to the formal WA State accident and death reporting system (required by the Coast Guard). The results showed an overlay of 45% more deaths and 75% more injuries are reported by the States’ Hospitals than just reported through the States’ Boating Accident system. The data reflects that many victims are injured in a boating related accident, but have been able to get treatment after the fact, thus not reporting the accident within the USCG/State system. Injuries were higher that reported for PWC use, paddle craft/non-motorized, and boats less than 20 feet in length.

#### State Efforts

- The state is reviewing the registration lag problem associated with the reduction of boat registration this year.
- Mailings will go to boaters that have not renewed their registration in the last two years.
- Work with WDFW on a campaign to get boaters registered for fishing.
- The State will review Marketing Media to bolster PFD usage.
- Target – adult males

#### In the Works

- Next Advisory Council Meeting - February 17th
- Comment on the FFY2011 Recreational Boating Safety Report which will be submitted to the USCG.

Submitted by:

Raymond Williams

State Parks Boating Safety  
Advisory Council  
NBC Representative

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### RBAW News

RBAW is boating’s legislative representative in Olympia. RBAW watches issues that affect the boating community and they are closely monitored by RBAW members. Each February RBAW sponsors a reception in Olympia where boaters and legislators meet in a relaxed atmosphere to discuss boating issues. The date for the 2012 reception will be announced soon. Boaters are encouraged to join RBAW. For more information contact:

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### The US Coast Guard

#### MUSTANG SURVIVAL PFD RECALL NOTICE

RECALL NOTICE ON MD2010 & MD2012 model 22LB Inflatable Personal Flotation Devices

The United States Coast Guard strongly urges mariners and boaters alike to check their Mustang Survival PFDs. Mustang Survival is voluntarily recalling all model number MD2010 and MD2012 inflatable Personal Flotation Devices (PFD's) sold in the United States during 2011.

#### ORION RECALL

Orion issues recall notice for hand-launched aerial signals Dec 8 2011 in Currents by Deborah Bach Orion Safety Products has issued a recall for two models of its hand-launched aerial signals, citing problems with the devices failing to launch



and/or ignite. The recall applies to older Orion XLT and 12-gauge signals made with orange ABS plastic. XLTs are self-contained, hand-launched signals, while 12-gauge signals have a pistol-style launch and a plastic shell. In 2008, Orion switched from orange ABS to red-colored, glass-filled polyethylene for its better strength, durability and resistance to moisture. The last XLTs that used orange ABS in the launch tube body expire this month, while the last 12-inch gauge shells using the orange ABS plastic expire in March 2012.

If you have an XLT signal with an orange launch tube that has an expiration date between November 2011 and December 2011, or an orange 12-gauge shell that has an expiration date between November 2011 and March 2012, you are eligible to receive a free, four-pack replacement at no cost. To obtain a replacement pack, submit the following information by email to [customerservice@orionsignals.com](mailto:customerservice@orionsignals.com), subject "SIGNAL REPLACEMENT," or by mail to Orion Safety Products, Attn. Signal Replacement Program, P.O. Box 1047, Easton, MD, 21601:

- § Name
- § Address
- § Daytime/phone/number
- § Signal/quantity
- § Lot/number
- § Expiration/date

Customers are also asked to submit a photo of their signals, clearly showing the expiration date and lot number. Do not ship any signals back to Orion. Replacement packs cannot be shipped to a P.O. Box.

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**DOD/DOT – joint statement  
re LightSquared signals**

The Department of Defense (DOD) and Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a [joint statement](#) regarding the recent testing of LightSquared's proposal to provide new broadband service. The final test report will be sent to the National Telecommunications and Information Agency (NTIA), which advises the President on telecommunications policy, and represents federal agencies to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Preliminary analysis of the test findings found no significant interference with cellular phones. However, the testing did show that LightSquared signals caused harmful interference to the majority of other tested general purpose GPS receivers. Separate analysis by the Federal Aviation Administration also found interference with a flight safety system designed to warn pilots of approaching terrain. The findings were presented to the technical steering group which represents the seven federal agencies that make up the Space-Based Positioning Navigation and Timing Executive Committee. Over the next several weeks, the final analysis of the findings will be completed and a final report will be transmitted from NTIA to the FCC. (12/14/11).

**BIRTHDAYS**



**JANUARY**

Tim Cartmel	1/17
Dennis Darby	1/18
Brenda Petterson	1/22
Hiram Betancourt	1/29
Daniel Slemko	1/31

**SUNSHINE**

Please contact Jan Wilson [trawlercat@comcast.net](mailto:trawlercat@comcast.net) with Sunshine news.

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The SEABACS Newsletter is available on the web site [www.seabacs.org](http://www.seabacs.org) or at the meeting. If you wish to have it e-mailed to you, please do request that via Mary Ann. **Please submit newsletter information to Mary Ann by the 24th of the**



month. There will be no  
newsletter published in July or

August.  
[Wm.mab@wavecable.com](mailto:Wm.mab@wavecable.com)

SEABACS CALENDAR

2012	CRUISES AND EVENTS	Location	Contact
January 14	Northwest Boating Council Dinner	TOA Clubhouse	Longthorpe
Jan 27 – Feb 5	Seattle Boat Show	Seattle	Waffle
Mar 16-18	St. Patrick's Day Ever Green Cruise	Seattle Bell Harbor	Jacksons
Apr 20-22	Daffodil Weekend Cruise or drive in	Tacoma Yacht Club	Petite
May 5	Opening Day at Seattle Yacht Club	Seabacs at Puget Sound YC	Ames
May 25-28	Kingston Memorial Day Cruise	Kingston Marina	Betancourt

Here is the remaining schedule for now ...

Please help fill in the empty spaces. And, if you have an idea for a cruise, contact Pat Forbes.

2012 CRUISE SCHEDULE IN THE MAKING

Date	Port	Cruise Lt.	Event
6/15 to 6/17	Hudson Point	TBD	Cruise to Port Townsend
7/3 to 7/4	Port Orchard	Ames/Hunter	Independence Day Cruise
7/29 to 7/29	Wescott Bay	TBD	San Juan Cruise
8/18 to 8/19	Everett Marina	TBD	Cruise
8/31 to 9/3	Olympia	Maybe Past Commodore?	Labor Day Cruise
9/14 To 9/16	Unknown	Past Commodore Stroud	Surprise Cruise
10/19 to 10/21	Arabellas Gig Harbor	Kelley	Halloween Cruise

Bon Voyage

2012 BRIDGE, OFFICERS, TRUSTEES, and COMMITTEES

<b>Commodore</b>	<b>Tap Ames</b>
<b>Vice Commodore</b>	<b>Terri-Ann Betancourt</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Karen Forbes</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Steve Mackin</b>
<b>Fleet Captain</b>	<b>Patrick Forbes</b>
<b>Trustees</b>	<b>George Wilson, Bill Balyeat, Hiram Betancourt,</b>
<b>Reciprocal Chair</b>	<b>George Wilson</b>
<b>Sunshine</b>	<b>Jan Wilson</b>



<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Rhonda Stroud</b>
<b>Website Manager</b>	<b>To be added later</b>

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