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THE HOLIDAY SEASON

DATES OF INTEREST

November

3th Club Meeting

6th Float scheduled at Lake Union

7th Skagit Meeting

11th Veteran's Day

17th-19th Pacific Marine Expo

December

1st Club Meeting - Dinner

4th Float scheduled at Lake Union

7th Skagit Meeting - Pig Out

We have just entered into a two month period in which we celebrate several holidays. Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Three very different reasons for a day of celebration but each a day of thankfulness and remembrance. The first of these special days is November 11th, Veteran's Day. Unfortunately this day has lost a great deal of the strong feeling which went into creating it in 1938. It was originally known as Armistice Day, in remembrance of the end of World War I. The date of November 11th was chosen to remember the time of the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918, the official end of World War I. In 1954, at the urging of veteran organizations, the name was change to Veteran's Day, to include the remembrance of the military personnel of the Second World War and Korea.

Today, there are even more wars and conflicts to be remembered. By nature most of us wish to forget the bad memories and heart aches, but let us not forget those who have served in the military. There are many of them right here among us, in our communities, our homes, and our club. Take a moment to reflect and, if you can, thank them for what they have done!

But, most of all remember!



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FROM THE QUARTER DECK

Well, Summer is really over. We have two more events this year. The First is the Pacific Marine Expo and the second is our annual December Dinner meeting. I hope we get a good turnout for both.

The Pacific Marine Expo is November 17th –19th, at the CenturyLink Field Event Center. For further details see the Pacific Marine Expo Web site at <http://www.pacificmarineexpo.com/11/public/enter.aspx> . I turned in the names of those who requested passes to Kevin Klocke. All of who requested should have gotten an email from event coordinators with a bar code and badge number. I have never been to the Marine Expo and I am looking forward to attending. For those who want to bring a boat or two Kevin will have the pond set up. This event provides a way to see what is going on in the real world of big boats.

Our December Dinner will be December 1st at 7 PM, at the Lucky Buffet at 630 SE Everret Mall Way. This is a new venue for us and somewhat of an experiment. The cost will be substantially less than the last few years. The cost per person will be \$11.99 plus 10% gratuity and tax. There is a wide variety of both Asian and Western foods. We will have the center section of the banquet are, with a stage and a large screen. It can hold up to 80 people so come one, come all. We will have a show of the past year events, best new build award and the Cliff Shaw award. We will also introduce officers for next year. This is a good meeting to bring family and friends. I will be sending out several reminders this next month with maps.

We have had great turnouts for our events this past year and even got to be part of the Seattle Yacht Club's opening week events.

Our November fun float will move from the friendly, if somewhat opaque, Bellevue pond to the pond at the south end of Lake Union. We will see how well we do sharing the pond with other possible events. The Center for Wooden Boats has pond sailing every Sunday. Since this an every week event and it is now winter I don't expect too big of a conflict.

I hope to see you all at the fun floats, Marine Expo and the December Dinner.



November Meeting Minutes by Dr. Ron

Allan started the meeting promptly at 1900 hours, with 21 members in attendance. There were no new members or guests, but it was great to see Ed Maurer back in the fold after recent, extensive orthopedic surgery. Since there was no old business to discuss new business was entertained.

The Pacific Marine Expo was discussed by **Kevin Klocke**, who will be bringing his pond. It will be located in the south west corner of the convention floor, by truck gate 3. Kevin stated that the space we are occupying costs the Show sponsor \$4,000 and since there is a \$20 rental fee for each chair, we are encouraged to bring our own chairs, if we want a place to sit. **Tom Stevens** introduced Kevin to the principles at Western Towboat, who will supply the liner for the pond again. Any one not receiving a pass should contact Kevin. He brought several free tickets to distribute for those wishing to get a friend or relative in the doors. Kevin's business handle is **Fat Cat RC Marine** so if you have trouble with a pass you can mention his business at the registration desk.

Next, it was time for nominations for officers for the coming year. **Lee Stewart** was nominated and elected President. **Bob Wickham** was nominated and elected Vice President. Lee graciously agreed to continue as the newsletter editor.

As noted previously, the December meeting will be at the Lucky Buffet in south Everett, starting at 7 PM. We have a private room, PA, projector and screen at our disposal. The cost, including gratuity and taxes, is around \$13-14 per person for an immense number of food choices. Discount coupons can be obtained online or from the newspaper. In addition to a great meal and camaraderie, the gavel will be passed to the new president and awards given for the **Cliff Shaw** award and "**Best Build**" boat for 2010. A slide show will undoubtedly be presented outlining the past year's events.

Lee modeled his new jacket, with logo and name stitched on it, which he purchased from the vendor noted on our website. The one he chose was around \$60, plus the logo stitching fee.

Allan Kinsman suggested we do a study of our rules of competition at events, so that the same boat cannot be allowed to win year after year. The new administration will put this on the agenda and the results will be presented at the soon.

Allan Wing announced that the fun float this Sunday will be at the pond located at the south end of Lake Union at noon. After a break, it was show and tell time. Tom Stevens discussed problems he was having with the bell control panel on his elevator. **Sam Stout** suggested he use an interval on relay. Tom also showed his new 20 volt **DeWalt** tools. **Dave White** wants to sell his **Caldercraft**, 43inch, **Imura** kit, so interested parties should contact him. **Mel Suelzle** showed progression on his NY fireboat build, which is coming along nicely. He also mentioned that he had talked with **Earl Anderson**. Earl will be moving soon and is going to donate some of his boats so they can be sold to raise money for the club. However, he will not be getting rid of his polo boats for a while, as he enjoys the polo events. Mel also announced that he has procured parts to convert **DX6s** to twin stick modules, but will only be converting 12 for \$75 each. There are only 3-4 conversions unspoken for. Kevin Klocke brought in several books on tugs that he had purchased, for the group to view. He brought his **Sea Imp**, which he bought from Ron Burchett's friend, Elf. The hull was crafted by Gary King and when Kevin bought it there were power deficiencies which Kevin remedied. In addition he added more electronic goodies as well as an operating winch.

Next in the program was the presentation of models to be judged by **Mike Shaw** for the “**Best Build**” award for 2010. Dr. **Ron Bray** presented his **Lindsey Foss** with all the bells and whistles (I heard no bells). **Phil Northrup** showed his Army **Sea Mule**. **Dave Feray** showed his Royal class fleet tender that he finished, after his move from Houston. This is a **Model Shipways** kit. The real boat carried cargo from shore to anchored ships and also served as a training vessel. **Dave Green** brought his scratch built Coast Guard buoy tender, which he started building some 50 year ago. He demonstrated the crane operation and discussed its construction. Allan Wing showed his new twin, modified, box boat with **Kort** nozzles and a re-engineered bow. He claims it still nosedives.

Mike Shaw announced **Galaxy Hobby's** Secret Santa sale at 7 PM on the 19th of November. Since the Expo closes at 3 PM, everyone should be able to make it. Chairs were stacked at 2050 and we all departed for our home docks.





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