



Commodore's Corner - March, 2026

Ahoy mateys ! Springtime is just around the corner, say goodbye to the chilly, rainy and cloudy days. Time to swab the decks, warm up the engine, check your maintenance list for spring boat projects. Get an early start for this years' boating season.

Some fun news!! We now have Lopez Island Yacht Club Hats available!

The baseball style caps come in two colors, navy and white. You may purchase the hats on our website, pick up and/or purchase at our monthly member meetings and during Opening Day weekend.

Take notes on your calendars for upcoming club events:

March 19 and April 16: Monthly member meetings at the Islander

May 1-3: Opening Day at the Islander

June 6: Clam Bake at the Flatpoint Clubhouse and beach

June 26-28: Commodores Cruise to LaConner

July 10 - mid August: Summer Cruises in 3 parts:

Standard route: Gulf Islands to Desolation Sound

Extended route: Desolation Sound and Octopus Islands

North Adventure route: The Broughtons

More details on the Summer Cruise coming soon.

Many of you have asked what happens at our monthly Bridge (Board of Officers) meetings? First, here's a quick summary of officer responsibilities:

- Commodore (Suzi J, organizes and oversees monthly bridge meetings, Commodores cruise, July 4th Float, Holiday party)
 - Vice-Commodore (Mo Crist, organizes our monthly Meetings and Opening Day)
 - Rear Commodore (Renee Hanks, Organizes the Clam Bake and Summer Cruise)
 - Treasurer (Lane Langford, handles our finances and budget),
 - Secretary (Arlene Sund, records our bridge meeting minutes)
 - Membership (Michelle Forster, in charge of prospective, new and retiring members)
 - Committee chairs: Webmaster and Reciprocals (Dusty Forster), Sailing Chair (Barry Crist, Opening Day sail race and Lopez Cup), Fishing Chair (John Zaborsky, Lingcod Derby)
 - Trustee (BJ Christenson, board advisor)

We are going to start posting summaries of our bridge minutes on the website so all members can stay informed of club decisions and what we vote on. The Bridge ensures our club runs smoothly while keeping with our mission: To promote family boating, boat safety and education, and club socializing.

And keeping on top of boat education, if you were born after 1955 you should have a Washington State Boater Education Card while operating a power boat. Classes and course offerings are held online with the WA State Parks Boating Program. For more Information visit the website: www.BLlaux.com

Now for my “Message in a Bottle”:

“May your joys be as deep as the ocean,
Your troubles light as its foam, and
May you find peace of mind, wherever you may roam.”

**Signing off: from your Commodore who runs
“A Tight Shipwreck” Suzi Jennings**

