



January 2009

### **Klamath Yacht Club**

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### **Treasurer**

Bob Dortch

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## **FROM THE HELM – COMMODORE’S REPORT**

This is my last Scuttlebutt article, and I'm undecided about what all I should say. Should I get all teary-eyed about how much I enjoyed being your commodore? Nah. How about what a wonderful bunch of people the members are and how much I have appreciated all the efforts you have donated to the welfare of the club? Nah. I think this last year speaks for itself and I'm not going to go to great lengths about all its great achievements. Maybe I'll save that for the Installation Dinner. I'll just get to the news and past and future events.

First of all, and let's get this out of the way right off, the results of the election for the Board of Directors is still up in the air. Some procedures according to the bylaws were not followed correctly (probably my fault). I took a telephone poll of most of the board members, and got such mixed results that it's obvious to me that we need to talk this over in person at the next board meeting, so that issue is still awaiting results.

Past events: Karl and Brenda Scronce did a great job as usual hosting the Tom & Jerry Party, and I'd also like to thank Scott and Terry Watters for helping us with the food for the affair. It was good to see so many past commodores there. Just remember, those of you who aren't past commodores are likely to be future commodores, so prepare!

I hear that the Christmas Co-op thing was also a good success, thanks to Jim and Stephanie Carpenter. A crowd of 30+ enjoyed a variety of scrumptious (organic) stuff, and a good time was had by all.

Upcoming events: THE PLANNING MEETING is 6 Jan at 7 PM. This is not just for board members – if you have hosted a club dinner or event, and you need to change dates or plans, you need to get that info to the right people, which means you probably ought to be there. Otherwise, your name will probably be penciled in, which might have to be changed later, which is a pain the neck. Get your inputs registered!

Potato Bar is scheduled for the 9th of Jan. hosted by the Smith's, last I knew. Hey, my Dad was a spud farmer, and I appreciate a good spud. Be there!

Last, but certainly not least, is the Installation Dinner Jan 24th, where we all get to (have to?) get all gussied up and listen to speachifying and stuff, and where we welcome all the incoming officers, and get pitchurs taken and all like that. I wish our new officers the very best, and I'm sure they will carry on to all our benefits – best of luck! Normally at this club, which is definitely not snooty, “formal” means a clean T-shirt, but this event is our only really black-tie affair. (I've always wanted one those hats that says “I'm retired, this is as dressed up as I get” but that's not gonna happen at this occasion.) Do it to the 9's, folks and enjoy!

Remember: When life sucks, make lemonade. (Somehow, that doesn't sound quite right.) And ALWAYS TIP YOUR BARTENDER!

Dick and Sally

## Vice Commodore's Report

Happy New Year to All

It's been an amazing year and along about July 10th we didn't know if we were going to survive or not. But here it is January 2009 and all good things must come to an end.

There are a few people we would like to thank at this time. First and foremost is Suzy Scott. Without Suzy I know that things would not have run as smoothly as they have this past year. Suzy you're the best..... A special thank you to Janet Moyette for all the help in learning Quick Books the right way. Without Janet the bar tabs could have been a lot more intimidating than they seemed to be. A special thanks to Bob Dortch for keeping us on our toes, always giving us a different perspective on life at the Club and answering all my questions, dumb or otherwise.

Being Vice Commodores is not necessarily a hard job but it can be very time consuming. My hats off to anyone that is willing to take on this responsibility. Best of luck to the 2009 Vice Commodores, Rich and Gayle Palmer. Someone said that 2009 is the year Craig and I can sit back and relax. I'm not sure how well I sit back and relax but for Craig I know he will really enjoy the new job of Commodore.

The calling committee and Vince will be contacting everyone for reservations for the Installation dinner on the 24th of January. And we look forward to seeing everyone there.

Once again thanks to everyone this year for your support.

From you Vice Commodores  
Craig and Peggy Ricards

### **Did you attend the Tom & Jerry Party?? Are you missing your jacket??**

**Richard Cohen reports that he inadvertently picked up the wrong jacket - it has been returned to the KYC. If you ended up with his jacket please give him a call at 884-4564.**

## Rear Commodore Report

As the year closes and the yacht club grounds become a winter wonderland, we'd again like to thank all who made our job easier this year. It turned out to be more difficult than we expected, with Justin having to have surgeries on his ankle. If we were a surfing club, Vince Wachter would be named the "Big Kahuna," for all his knowledge and help with -- everything! Bob Dortch was lots of help getting the docks in order. While the Connors were camped on the grounds, it was almost like having a live-in gardener - Wayne and Pam did so much work. When they left, Gerald Pollack showed up to take over lots of mowing and raking. Larry Snyder is the angel who snowplows the lots in the winter. Give him an "attaboy," when you see him! Thanks to all the ladies who helped keep the flower beds beautiful, all the guys who helped with the grounds, and all the regulars who help take care of the docks. Thanks to the many who showed up at work parties and did whatever was needed. You all know who you are, and you help make the club a beautiful place. On a personal note, bless you Dick Ford for snowplowing our homefront while Justin is recuperating. You have been our personal Santa Claus this year!

Larry and Judy Arthur will be taking over this position. They have some great plans, including major improvements to the "cat docks." Please give them lots of support.

It has been an honor to have served as your officers.

Sincerely,

Justin and Carol

## Treasurer's Report

Happy New Year to all and with the end of 2008 comes the end of my three terms as Treasurer. Marian and I will be loading up the motorhome and departing in mid-January along with Kay and Spiros Karidas for southern climes for an extended vacation to Mexico and all the states along the way. Your new Treasurer, Janet Moyette, will be taking over the books and all the functions that go with the job. Janet is a C.P.A. and has been the treasurer in the past so is familiar with the job.

Thank you all for the support you have afforded me over these past several years, I have initiated several changes to the way billing and collections were handled and the result has been a smoother and more complete way in which the Club's resources are managed. Once in a while the computer (or its operator) makes inexplicable errors that still remain a mystery to me but overall, the billing and collection cycle runs pretty smoothly.

Based on comments that even seasoned members have related to me, this might be a good opportunity to review how the basic financial workings of the Club function. The Treasurer handles billing, collections and banking of the Club's general accounts including dues, moorage, work assessment and race fees. The Vice Commodore handles the billing, collection and banking of the bar, dinners, rentals and special events. These two functions are kept totally separate although the two often exchange funds when, as an example, a member pays his dues and bar bill with a single check (which is perfectly acceptable). The Treasurer has no knowledge of Bar charges and payments and the Vice Commodore has no knowledge of dues and general charges and payments. They are even separate bank accounts.

Concerning work assessment, I have started a list of members who have already notified me of their required work hours and I will pass that list on to Janet. In the future, please report your work hours to her. Remember, you must report a summary of your work hours in writing as per club policy. I have, in the past, considered e-mail as "in writing" and I'm sure Janet will continue that practice. Beginning Jan. 1st, please report your work hours to her before March 1st, 2009.

Another reminder is to pay your moorage before April 15th in order to insure that you retain your slip from the previous year. After that date, your slip might be re-assigned by the Rear Commodore. Do not wait to be billed, you should pay your moorage as soon after Feb. 1st when you bring your boat onto the Club premises. If you left your boat in the Club yard over the winter, just pay your moorage after Feb. 1st.

Hopefully, my sometimes verbose articles have been helpful to not only new members but as a reminder for seasoned members regarding rules and policies of the Club that would otherwise go unknown unless a member happened to attend the Board meetings. I realize that I repeat often and that isn't just old age creeping up on me but instead, is a way that the word gets out concerning the workings of the Club.

My special thanks go out to Denise Strong, Scuttlebutt Editor. Denise has produced the Scuttlebutt almost flawlessly for the past three years (with a little help from Mark) never complaining, and exercising utmost patience with those of us who sometimes wait until the last minute to get our articles to her. With her wine shop, Napa North, duties (by the way, they sell great wine), she always finds time to get out the Scuttlebutt. Thanks again, Denise and Mark.

Congratulations and thank you to the new Club Officers taking office Feb. 1st: Commodores Peggy and Craig Ricards; Vice Commodores Rich and Gail Palmer; Rear Commodore Larry Arthur; Treasurer Janet Moyette; Secretary, Mary Sutherland and new Board Director, Bill Wright. Because of an irregularity in the balloting, the second Board Director has yet to be determined. Again, thank you one and all.

Finally, as a last parting comment, another long time member and I were discussing yesterday the need for "fresh ideas" needed for the Club. If you haven't already, please consider getting more involved in the operations of KYC. Step up and lend your expertise, talent and time by running for office. And with that, I'll "Lighten Up!!"

Hasta Luego, Bob Dortch



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*Installation Dinner*  
*Saturday, January 24th*  
*7pm*



## Report from the Policies Review Committee

We have been asked to call to your attention that at the December board meeting, the following policy was approved by the Board:

### Political Petitions

It is the policy of KYC that political petitions will not be circulated nor signatures solicited on club grounds without prior approval by the Board.

*(Adopted Dec. 2003; amended Dec. 2008)*

Your Policies Review Committee:

Gail Corey

Dale Mueller

Vince Wachter

### PLANNING MEETING

Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

7pm



### POTATO BAR FRIDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>



7PM



*KYC Christmas Co-Op*

*Photos courtesy of Gerald Pollack and Stephanie Carpenter*

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