



A Message from your 2013 Commodore - Mike McCormick



In February, I took the opportunity to take in the Seattle boat show to look at new items that I would like to purchase as to add to the enjoyment of the boat. My wish list was long and the cash in my wallet was a tad bit short for many of the larger purchases that my heart desired yet I walked away with a wealth of knowledge after visiting the many vendors at the show and spending time with the vendors that support our Tollycraft club by advertising with us. In time, I will complete my wish list on our boat and then probably start over at some time with another boat if I ever hit the big fortune cookie.

We have the great fortune to live in an area where we can almost boat year round as long as we have heat onboard. My wish list this year is a nice diesel furnace system. A nice hydronic or forced air system probably will have to wait as it looks like I will be spending any surplus on fuel this year.

The last weekend of the boat show we traveled down to Bell harbor marina and enjoyed a wonderful three-day cruise basking in beautiful sunshine and a mix of overcast skies. Joined by friends and family to celebrate my wife Sue's birthday, we had a relaxing time by calling the restaurant at the head of the dock and ordering up a delightful dinner consuming the food on the boat. The next night we cooked up an assortment of goodies and enjoyed them with a nice selection of wine purchased up at the Pike street market. What a fantastic way to spend time with friends and family.

Already this year we are in the planning stage of our large event up at Roche Harbor for our annual Tollycraft rendezvous. **Just a reminder that this year we have the dates of June 27th-30th.** If you have not heard, **this year's theme is "Tropical cruise ship"** so plan to decorate your ship with plenty of lights and festive decorations. Friday night will be Hawaiian casual event and Saturdays evening will be a "formal dine with your captain" of your cruise ship.

Last September I spent time at the Canadian rendezvous and personally invited all of the Canadian Tollycruisers down to Roche Harbor so we can anticipate a good turnout for this event. This year will be another International event with our Canadian friends attending. Terry Murphy and his crew promised to whip up the famous Canadian hotcakes too! Those fortunate enough to stay out longer can enjoy the following week and celebrate July 4th holiday on the water. Roche Harbor puts on a fantastic show on the fourth so if you can, make your reservations early.

If you noticed, my reference of "fortune" a bit in this letter there is a reason. No, I did not win the Washington state lottery. If I did, a nice 61' Tolly would look nice in my boating portfolio yet still out of my reach at this time. Opening up a fortune cookie brings back a silly memory of when I was a child. Every time I eat one, I reminisce about the time when my folks took our family including his parents to a Chinese restaurant and in typical fashion at the end of the dinner, we all received fortune cookies. Our family enjoyed each taking turns reading aloud our fortunes. When it came time for my elderly grandfather to read his, he said he did not have any. We knew this could not be possible because he had grabbed two or three cookies and quickly gobbled them up. We all laughed because he had not noticed that the contents inside were a bit chewy in texture. Recently I had the opportunity to save these without eating them first! I hope that family genetics will be nice to me!

Warm waters in the Puget Sound.....hmmm.....Not sure of that, Fun vacation..... Oh, Yes!



I took the liberty of editing the second fortune. Many of our short boat trips consist of attending the club cruises that the bridge members plan throughout the year. Check the dates out on the Tollyclub website and try to attend. Your always welcome even if this your very first one. They are always fun!

This year I am excited about our current

bridge members and look forward to working with them to plan and assist in the events. A great group of people and being part of this club helps motivate us all to hit the water!

See you on the water!

Mike McCormick



A Message from your 2013 Vice Commodore - Lori Potts



Greetings!

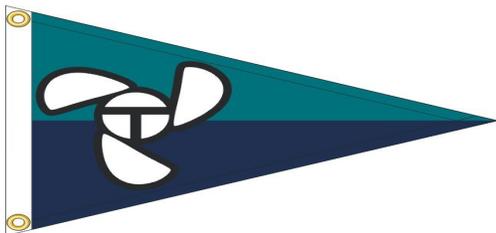
It looks like the furry rodent, Phil, did not see his shadow so we can all look forward to an early spring! Although I don't think his track record is all that great, I for one will side with him. Bring on spring! The days are already getting longer and I see warmth and sunshine in the near future!

The boat show was exciting this year with the new "Splash" acrobatics show. It was a nice upbeat show. I hope everyone got to mosey around and get reacquainted with our vendors. Our vendors are vital to our boating club. They help make it possible to have the rendezvous be as successful as it is at a price that can't be beat. Anytime you can use or recommend our vendors, you are supporting your boating club!

It's hard for me to imagine that I would be a member of the bridge when we first joined the Tolly Craft Boating Club. And now, not only am I running the chairs but I was also the Treasurer several years ago. I guess that is just one of the many changes that happen to us in our lifetime. I am very excited about this year's events. We have decided to forgo our south spring mini and reschedule it until after Roche Harbor. We hope the weather will be more favorable thus making the event more enjoyable. We will be posting events as they are scheduled on the web site so stay tuned!

At this point I'd like to add that if any member has an idea for a mini cruise or get together, please let one of the bridge members know. We are always looking for new ideas and ways to invigorate our club!

Hope to see you all very soon!



A Message from your 2013 Rear Commodore - Mark Wilson



Happy winter everyone. Although my boat is on the hard, I believe I may be actually spending more time on boat related activities now than last summer. After attending another great annual gathering at Poulsbo, I took a 2 hour trip up to Everett to double down again on my boating commitment. I'd use the word investment, but often that word is associated with an expectation of financial gain. I have no such expectation. But I'm still very excited about the changes. I'm having a new engine installed.

Linda and I struck a bargain: If I would postpone my boat porn induced delusions of something newer or bigger or, better yet, newer and bigger, she would agree to see her way past the hopelessness of seeing this money ever again.

A new engine installation seems to be a lot like a home remodeling project. You go into it thinking you understand the cost and extent, but once you start to peel back the old, there are new discoveries that demand your attention "As long as we're in there, we should take care of that too". One discovery was a need for a new fuel tank. And because, I'm told, you usually want to replace them in pairs, that's 2 fuel tanks. I did get an opportunity to give the bilge and thorough cleaning followed by paint, something I've wanted to do for a long time. The new engine is coming this week.

I'm looking forward to making to all the mini-cruises and the Rendezvous this year. In my boat.

Mark



A Message from your 2013 Trustee - Jim Maddox



Greetings from your 1st Trustee! Like many of you, Marilyn and I are looking forward to the upcoming boating season with great anticipation. After a long dark winter it will be great to see the sun once again and get the boat out on the water where it belongs. Although we do try to sneak out every once in a while when we can find a day without heavy wind or rain, it seems like the dreariness of winter is hard to escape. This time of year does give us the chance to catch up on various projects and upgrades, at least until the money ran out!

Marilyn and I did manage to drive the boat down to Bell Harbor in Seattle on New Year's Day and stayed the night in what is one of our favorite marinas. Even the daytime temperature barely got above freezing, so it was definitely a chance to put the boat heater and our heated mattress pad to the test. Both days were clear, sunny and almost windless. The view of the Seattle skyline at night and an almost perfectly flat Puget Sound were definite highlights. The low point came about 3 am when the boat heater decided to take a break for a while. It is amazing how quickly a boat will cool down without a source of heat.

In my new role as Trustee, I have been given the privilege of organizing the Kingston Rendezvous which will take place on April 12-14 this year. The Port of Kingston has some new and rather unusual requirements for boating clubs that wish to reserve spaces for an event, however. Although I was allowed to preliminarily reserve eight (8) slips for our dates by making a \$5 deposit on each slip, I must provide the names and details of each boat that will be attending in advance. We can cancel any particular reservation as long as we do so at least two weeks before our event. To make this possible I will need to know as early as possible who is planning on attending this rendezvous. Please send me an e-mail note at maddogbh@msn.com or call me on my cell phone at 206-979-1919. If you miss the opportunity to sign up in advance, we can probably still find you a nearby slip at the last moment based on availability.

Happy Winter Boating.

Jim & Marilyn Maddox



A Message from your 2013 Immediate Past Commodore - Bob Erwin



End of winter is near. Hope all enjoyed their Holidays and sunny short days. After a little time on the beach for me in December, was finally able to get Teaghlach out for our annual New Year's Day Cruise. Fabulous, sunny, and yes, cold day. Went to Ollala to watch the crazies Polar Bear jump their way into the New Year off the bridge. BRRRR! Up to Blake Island for lunch on the hook for a spell. On the way back had the pleasure of hosting the Coasties for a quick boarding. The 87' US Coast Guard Cutter "Osprey", out of Port Townsend, was down in the South End doing safety inspections to ring in the New Year. Colvos Passage was a convenient choke point for them and they took good advantage. Their launch was getting plenty of "getting to know you" time with a number of vessels transiting this waterway. As we went by and watched them board several vessels, some for 30 minutes or more, we thought we were in the clear. Funny how quick a 30 knot launch can close on an 8 knot Tolly. As I backed down for them they asked permission to come aboard. Two from the six man launch boarded as we kept steerage speed south. The launch then stood off to the starboard, within "coverage" range. As one Guardsman asked for ID's and busied himself on the bridge with the crew, the other went below to verify documentation and safety equipment. Being able to provide quick access to paperwork and have all proper working safety equipment at hand was more than appreciated by the Coast Guard. They wished us an enjoyable rest of the trip and were gone. Less than ten minutes! Very professional and courteous they were. Back to Gig Harbor we went with a feeling of pride, not only for ourselves at passing a CG boarding with flying colors, but also in the knowing that a group, who's motto, "Always Ready", is just that.

This story is being retold here for one main reason: to get you thinking about your vessel and your crew's safety. Sure, the Boat Show is here and we get excited looking at new electronics, fishing gear, and what crazy new things manufacturers' are coming up with. But it is also a time to take inventory of your vessels safety systems and maybe upgrade or replace items at the Show (many retailers continue boat show pricing several weeks after the Show). Do your horns work? Do you have a handheld signaling device? Are your fire extinguishers up to date (do you have the right size and type)? What about your PFD's (right sizing and enough on board)? Do your inflatables need to be gone through and CO2 cylinders replaced? How about your flares (expired)? Bilge pumps operating properly? Are you navigation lights all in proper working order? Life rings and throwables available and not rotted or undersized?

There are a number of items that we must carry and keep in working order to be good, conscientious, and legal boaters. If you haven't, take the time to go through your vessel or, better yet, have a Coast Guard Auxiliary vessel exam. These are free and great resource. Time on your boat is enhanced when you know the safety of you and your crew is taken care of. Keep in mind the Coast Guards motto for yourself: SEMPER PARATUS!



A Message from your Secretary - Stephanie Warden



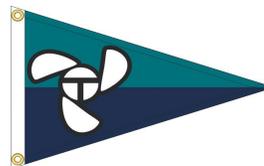
Now that the boat show is behind us and we are starting to make our lists in preparation for this year's boating season, remember to put your Tollyclub membership renewal on the top of that list. Commodore Mike and crew are planning a fun year of activities, including the annual Rendezvous to Roche Harbor the last weekend in June. Dust off your formal clothes and get ready for the cruise to the tropical islands!

This year I will be organizing the Bell Harbor Marina mini cruise the weekend of May 17-19 and hope that we get a good turn-out in downtown Seattle. This year, instead of an organized restaurant Saturday lunch, we may have a Saturday dinner instead. Please let me know what you think about this proposal. In any event, we will still have a pot luck dinner on Friday night and lots of free time to explore Pike Place Market and check-out everyone's new gadgets on their boats (for the record, we have no new gadgets on our boat!). And if it doesn't work out for you to bring your boat, feel free to drive and join us for the Friday potluck and/or Saturday restaurant meal.



2013 Membership Drive and Information Updates

As Ann mentioned on our November newsletter, we are starting a new membership drive for 2013 so if you'd like to earn your membership *free* for one year, here is all you need to do. Find **three** new members or members who have not renewed or been active in the club for three or more years, have them fill out a membership form ***including your name*** and you will receive a one year membership. Three new memberships in 2013 equal one free membership in 2014!!



A Message from your Treasurer - Ann Freiberger



I was reading what I had written to you last year at this time and realized what a change has taken place in our lives. Brian and I are still getting to know our new boat, "EXPRESSO," and finding time to go cruising is so much easier now that we are retired! The Puget Sound is a never-ending paradise of places to visit; often, we remember how lucky we are to live here and have all of these opportunities.

However, a new boat brings it challenges – there is always something that needs to be done or new things to learn. That, however, has not stopped Brian – he is into the planning stage for summer cruising which helps him get through February and the gray, rainy days. We never stick to the plan, but we have one, just in case we might run out of things to do.

It is wonderful to read my email or open the mailbox and get mail from you; there are many members renewing their memberships or joining the club, so my box is never empty. If you haven't already sent in your renewal information, I hope you will put it on the calendar to take care of that little detail this month; we don't want you to miss out on any of the fun the Tollycraft Boating Club offers!

Give us a hail if you see us out on the "EXPRESSO" – we would love to have a chance to visit.



Welcome Aboard!

Newest Members

Here is a list of NEW MEMBERS that have joined since November!

Boat Name	Member Name	Located	Length
FIRE FLY	Kelly and Marjory Earle	Seattle	26
TBA	John Watson and Charmaine Motley	Bremerton	34

Remember Memberships expired in December !
Please renew now for the 2013 calendar year

Canadian Tollycruisers

CANADIAN TOLLYCRUISERS REPORT

Well, it won't be long until we meet again at Telegraph Harbour. After a full summer of cruising what could be better than a wrap up Rendezvous. This year it is a PAJAMA PARTY, yes, sleep-wear all around. And, on Friday evening you are invited to participate in the WILD PANTS cocktail party. Can you see Norwegian Curling slacks? If you have never attended the Canadian Rendezvous, it is time you did. The weather is usually perfect with Sunny skies and NO FOG. More information will be forthcoming on the rendezvous.



We are encouraging all our Canadian Tollycraft skippers to join PAPAKEA this year at the US Rendezvous in Roche Harbour. Back on the agenda is the **GREAT CANADIAN BREAKFAST** and we need good Canuck cooks to help out.

For the more adventurous Tollycruisers, we are holding a MINI RENDEZVOUS May 10-12 In Indian Arm (North Vancouver). We expect about 25 Tollycrafts to attend. The Rendezvous is being held at the Burrard Yacht Club outstation and will be the fourth time we have done it. There are 22 Tollycrafts in BYC so many of the vessels will be BYC members. For more information, contact Terry Murphy at tmurphy3@shaw.ca.

See you in Roche Harbour.



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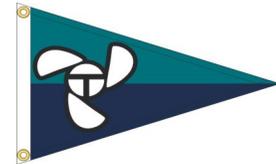
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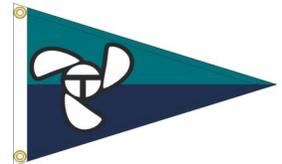
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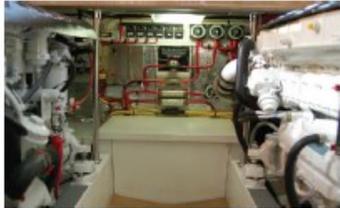


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