



## A Message from your Commodore — Cara Clark



I just spent the day cruising the Boat Show, looking at all the new electronics, gear, and boat toys. As usual, there were lots of Tollyclub members at the show and it is always fun visiting with Tolly friends. I can feel the excitement building for yet another wonderful season of boating.

I hope you are making plans to attend our Tollycraft Boating Club events. We have three upcoming cruises that are guaranteed to provide a lot of fun and good times. See the details in this newsletter. These events are a great opportunity to make some new friends, find answers to boat questions, and share your own experiences. Tollycraft owners love to talk about and show off their boats...just ask them!

When I joined the Bridge in 2006, one of my goals was to encourage more members to take an active role in making this the best boating club in the Northwest. We need your ideas, feedback, and energy as we plan the upcoming events. Members of your Bridge are already hard at work talking with the advertisers and vendors from last year plus contacting some prospective ones. These advertisers are a huge support for our club and allow us to produce a great rendezvous at Roche Harbor. If you know of someone that you think would like to support our club, let us know by email or a phone call and we will follow up with them. Additionally, we would love to have lots of nice raffle items for this year's rendezvous and you can help us out by acquiring these gifts. So talk to the folks you do business with and see if you can secure some cool raffle items. Of course, the donor of the raffle item will be clearly identified on the gift. This helps raise money for our club. We will need lots of volunteers at the Rendezvous and we will be soliciting your help—so let us know if you are interested. **Tolly Fiesta is less than 5 months away! Arriba! Ole!**

There will be more details in the May newsletter.

Get those boating projects finished and start thinking about all the marvelous cruising destinations that make up our fabulous Pacific Northwest. I picked up the 2010 edition of Bob Hale's *Waggoner Cruising Guide* at the Boat Show last night and started reading and dreaming about so many new places to visit this summer. I plan to spend as much time as possible on "Enough Time" this spring and summer and hope to see you on the water and at our club events. Thank you for making the Tollycraft Boating Club the premier boating club in the Northwest!

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## A Message from your Vice Commodore — Brett Peck



Tolly Teal Eggs and Ham

("Do you like Tolly teal eggs and ham? I do not like them, Brett-I-am. I do not like Tolly teal eggs and ham")

Inspiration is found in many different places. Let's all think about why we enjoy being part of the Tollycraft Boating club from the perspective of Dr. Seuss.

I did a Bing search and here are the Top 10 Dr. Seuss quotes and my personal thoughts on each:

### **Favorite Dr. Seuss Quote #1**

*"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself, any direction you choose." Dr. Seuss*

My thoughts: Your options are only limited by the limitations you set yourself. Boat often and have fun!

### **Favorite Dr. Seuss Quote #2**

*"Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is youer than you." Dr. Seuss*

My thoughts: The great thing for me about being a member of the Tollycraft Boating Club is everyone accepts you as you are. Even when you go out of your way to do something really stupid (like end up on signs created by Mary wearing a parrot tattoo on your belly) you are not judged badly. What a great group of friends.

### **Favorite Dr. Seuss Quote #3**

*"From there to here, and here to there, funny things are everywhere." Dr. Seuss*

My thoughts: In a word ... "Karaoke"

### **Favorite Dr. Seuss Quote #4**

*"Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened." Dr. Seuss*

My thoughts: What fun we had at "Tollywood" last year; there are pictures of the event available on our website. I can't wait for the "Tolly Fiesta" in June.

### **Favorite Dr. Seuss Quote #5**

*"Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So... get on your way." Dr. Seuss*

My thoughts: The first mini starts March 5<sup>th</sup> .... Is your boat ready? Attending the mini cruises whether by car or by boat is always a great time. You never know how the adventure will turn out.

### **Favorite Dr. Seuss Quote #6**

*"If you never did, you should. These things are fun, and fun is good." Dr. Seuss*

My thoughts: 10 years back, I would have never seen myself being a member in a boating club; white jackets and fancy hats were never my thing. If you've ever wondered about joining the bridge or being involved in planning events, send me an email. It's great fun!

### **Favorite Dr. Seuss Quote #7**

*"I meant what I said, and I said what I meant. An elephant's faithful, one hundred percent." Dr. Seuss*

My thoughts: I consider the friends I've made since joining the club some of my closest. What a great group of folks. It's all the members that keep the club going. Thanks for the support!

### **Favorite Dr. Seuss Quote #8**

*"So the writer who breeds more words than he needs, is making a chore for the reader who reads." Dr. Seuss*

My thoughts: Are you enjoying my article?

### **Favorite Dr. Seuss Quote #9**

*"And will you succeed? Yes indeed, yes indeed! Ninety-eight and three-quarters percent guaranteed." Dr. Seuss*

My thoughts: 98 ¾% ..... I'd say we're there!

### **Favorite Dr. Seuss Quote #10**

*"Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple." Dr. Seuss*

My thoughts: Q: Do you like boating a wee bit or immensely? A: I like boating a lot!

### *A Message from your Rear Commodore — Bob Erwin*



Ah, yes...dead of Winter and Spring on the horizon; what more could say boating in the Northwest!! As an avid boater (as most Tolly folks are) I absolutely love this time of year on the water. The quiet and secluded anchorages, the availability at marinas, and the solemn feeling of being one of the very few out on the waters: does it get any better? Not really.

Some of the calmest water one can boat on and the fabulously sunny days that sneak in for a couple days between the rains are but a few of the wonderful gems we have here in Washington. It also gives us a chance to truly enjoy the vessels we have. Too often during the "boating season" we are too "on the go" and "too busy" to get a chance to slow down and just enjoy the styling and craftsmanship that went into making a Tolly. Call me different (and, yes, I have heard your comments on the dock when I walk by), but to pull into a nice gunkhole, drop the hook and feel absolutely content while you sit back in the salon and look out at some of the most beautiful scenery in the World, feeling the assurance that your boat can, and will, get you out and back while others sit in dry storage or "winterized" until May.

Going to Tolly's birthday party a couple weeks ago, it further reminded me of what wonderful vessel's we have. These craft were built by Northwest natives for Northwest boating. Seeing great old pictures of Tolly and Ed Monk, pioneers in their days of stout, yet, accessible boats, makes you really appreciate the craftsmanship and passion they had. It strikes the same chord when I see many of our club members, and hear their tales of adventure, as well as their stories of quiet evenings in calm coves. I think to myself, these are the faces of people who share that same passion and spirit that Tolly and Monk had when they designed and built these grand boats. What I love most is, whether you own a 24 foot Vacationer or a 61 foot Pilothouse, the obsession and zeal that Tolly owners have comes through in all seasons, but is shared by few other brand owners during these fine Winter months.

That being said, how can you not come to the first Mini of the year near the tail end of the Winter in Gig Harbor on March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> (a little more about that later in the newsletter)?

### *A Message from your Immediate Past Commodore—Steve Monrad*



I've never really been one for "New Years Resolutions". I've made them in the past, some broken mere hours into the new year... This year, I'm looking at it as more of a personal "mission statement", where I examine what I want my life to look like on a broader scale, rather than micromanaging myself resolving to do things like stop chewing my fingernails or better keep after the laundry pile. I've yet to put it on paper, but the aim of this "mission statement" is to help guide me through the navigational beacons of life with the goal of living life to the fullest.

2009 saw some good times for me. I feel very fortunate to have a good, secure job that gives me plenty of time off to do the things I like to do. Altogether last year, I spent about six weeks on my boat on some fantastic trips. I had a great year as Commodore of the club, where I had the opportunity to work with and spend time with some great people.

In 2010, I plan to once again spend as much time as I can enjoying my boat and boating friends. Some of the highlights will surely be the good times at club events, especially this June's "Tolly Fiesta"! My term on the bridge will be drawing to a close and I will have the opportunity to step back and enjoy the club as a member, while helping out wherever I can. Although I will miss being

in the middle of the action, I am looking forward to seeing where the up and coming bridge takes the club. We are in good hands and great things are ahead!

So, back to the mission statement. Throughout the year, I experienced new places and visited some favorites. I made new friends, while enjoying old friendships. I shared joy with those close to me as they welcomed new family members and sorrow with some as they said goodbye. The latter is what really got me thinking about a mission statement- the realization that life is short, and often doesn't go according to plan. My family grieved the loss of a member to cancer. My hometown mourned losing one of my old classmates fighting in the Middle East. As a region, we became all too familiar with the sight of processions of emergency vehicles as we honored seven fallen law enforcement officers within a few short months. The world witnessed the devastation of a major earthquake in Haiti, with staggering destruction and loss of life. It's been an eye-opening few months, which have reinforced to me to enjoy the time we have, because it's all we have. Life is short- but it's as wide as you want it to be.

I hope you have the chance to spend time on the water, supporting *your* "mission statement", I know I'll be working on mine!

### *A Message from your Secretary—Larry Coffey*



This time last year I was referring to the “start of the boating season” and how this varies from boater to boater. For me, the start remains always the same – when the weather warms and the winter projects are complete. Thankfully, this year we had a much milder winter and I was able to get to my projects earlier than the year before. A couple more deliveries from UPS, mixed with a few more weeks of this mild weather, and I’m ready for the boating season to begin.

Traditionally, this is a very busy time of year for the bridge. We go about the business aspects of the club as well as event review and planning. Obtaining sponsors, vendors and supporters is of paramount importance to the success of our club and its activities. If any of our club members have ideas or can assist in this effort, please let us know.



Tollycraft Club members are fortunate to have organized events throughout the year and many that can be enjoyed regardless of the weather. Participation in the minis seems to increase each year and your Bridge is always looking to make them ever more fun and enjoyable. We welcome any ideas you may have toward this effort. Be sure to visit our Tollycraft website to keep abreast of upcoming minis, as well as other events and activities coming your way.

You have probably noticed the format change in the club’s website. We hope you find it interesting and more user friendly. Steve Monrad describes the new format as a “blog format” and it is much more flexible than our previous setup. The website remains a work in progress as Steve continues to fine tune, adjust and continually improve the end product. We are fortunate to have someone with Steve’s ability to maintain and steer the website on behalf of the club. Thanks, Steve, for a job “well done”.

As always, if any member has questions, comments, ideas or input about any aspect of the Tollycraft Club, please contact a member of the Bridge. Thank you to all the members who have given so generously of their time, assistance and effort to help keep this the best boating club possible.

### *A Message from your First Trustee — Mike McCormick*

#### New Years Resolution

Use the boat more often and spend more time with friends and family.



At the time of writing this letter, we are already into the New Year by one month. After experiencing bitter cold weather in mid-December and then unusual warm weather in January it makes me wonder how warm or nice the weather will be this summer.

Myself, I desire warmer spring time temperatures since I have been postponing the needed work on our boat to replace the cable type steering to hydraulic and to prepare it for the spring and summer time. I consider working on the boat and using the boat both equally enjoying and it relaxes me. Others I have spoken to in the Tolly club have voiced the same opinion, that just to be down at the marina on the boat hanging out or working is time spent and is considered “precious time”.

Precious time is in short supply sometimes with daily work, running a business and life. Recently, I learned that a cousin my age had a daughter in Haiti who was volunteering in a hospital and survived the collapse of the building she was in. I only learned of the news because I was watching a television news program where he was being interviewed and the broadcaster stated his name and area of Arlington

Washington. He was seen on several of the local channels talking about how precious life is and that family is so important and that he was fortunate to not have lost his daughter.

For my family we look forward to spending time on the water and just enjoying life. Finding time to just relax always seems to be in short supply. The Tolly club surely promotes the usage of our boats and spending time with our extended “Tolly family” is something we look forward to and it gives back to us in many ways.

Currently the bridge members are planning out the events of the year and focusing on the mini cruises along with the larger Roche Harbor event. In the past two years I have brought up the PA system/listening music and the karaoke music for the club to Roche Harbor. I am thinking about this year with the karaoke and how to implement it this year. Perhaps a dunk tank for bad karaoke singers? Gong show? How many songs good or bad should we endure before the gong is hit or before someone is dunked in the water? I am certainly open for ideas and options. Feel free to send me an email with your ideas.

So..... New years resolutions, lose weight.....drink less or more.....spend more time on the boat ..... and enjoy the “precious times”

Cheers

Mike McCormick

## *A Message from your Treasurer — Bruce Wittmann*



### **To “Mini” ...or Not to “Mini”**

That is the question that our family wrestled with...specifically, do we use scarce vacation time to attend the Tollycraft Boating Club’s “mini” cruises or do we save the vacation time to attend the annual rendezvous and...uh...er...well...clean out our garage? Well, last year we took the “mini” plunge and wow, are we glad we did! In 2009 we attended all the “minis” and they were truly memorable. In fact, we still talk about the arts and crafts and the authentic Mexican food (Gig Harbor), the warm sunny weather & the best of downtown Seattle (Bell Harbor), the farmers market and the breathtaking vista at the end of our hike up to a scenic lookout (Anacortes), and laughing uncontrollably until we couldn’t breathe during the Christmas gift exchange (Poulsbo). All that, and we still managed to attend the annual rendezvous! Oh, about that garage, well, we can always clean it out next year.



### **Whatever You Do, Don’t Ride the L. C. Log Flume!**

There are many good reasons to renew your membership in the Tollycraft Boating Club, and while I’m not prepared to claim that renewing your membership could save your life...the advice I have received from our more experienced TBC members has been invaluable! I have received expert advice on boat handling, safety, navigation, maintenance, cruising destinations, resources for Tolly-specific parts & service, and more. I am very impressed with the depth and breadth of knowledge housed in this club and equally impressed at how eager the Club’s gurus are to share their knowledge with other members. I just wish I had joined the Club sooner...maybe then I would have known better than to spend hours fighting my way up Lake Chelan at night against a howling wind and relentless walls of water and logs that I now think of as the Lake Chelan log flume...then again, I was reminded (by my wife) that a good grasp of the obvious would have cut that ride short. By the way, I renewed my TBC membership early...smart move!

## *On Line Membership Renewal*

### **Renew now for the 2010 boating year**

Go to our web site [www.tollyclub.com](http://www.tollyclub.com) and click on “Membership”

#### Other items available to order online:

-  new magnetic nametags
-  club burgees

**Call for Raffle Prize Donations!!**



*We are looking for club members to help bring in raffle items for the upcoming Tolly Fiesta rendezvous in June. If you frequent a particular place of business for your boating needs, please inquire if they would be willing to donate. All raffle items will be clearly marked reflecting who it was donated by. We also welcome personal donations as well.*

*We look forward to your support!!*

*Tolly's 99th Birthday Celebration*



# Tolly's 99th BIRTHDAY!

Nearly 100 friends and members of the Tollycraft Boating Club gathered at the Harbormaster Restaurant in Port Ludlow to celebrate R.M. "Tolly" Tollefson's 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Club members from as far away as San Francisco and 12 Canadian Tollycruisers made the journey to wish Tolly well and gather for a good time.

We had lunch and birthday cake with Tolly. His birthday cake was decorated with "Tolly teal and blue" balloons along with several photos of classic Tollycrafts and pics of Tolly himself. We sang a roaring rendition of "Happy Birthday" to Tolly. The Tollycraft Boating Club gave Tolly a navy fleece pullover embroidered with Tollycraft Yachts plus a bottle of his favorite scotch, Cutty Sark. Tolly announced that these items would keep him warm this winter! Tolly was all smiles as we shared numerous cards and gifts with him.

The Tollycraft Boating Club would like to extend sincere thanks of appreciation to Scott and Bob for taking such good care of Tolly. We are already planning a big Century Birthday Party next year as Tolly turns 100!

Thank you, Tolly, for allowing us to share this special time. We love you!



*Local News Articles - Tolly's 99th Birthday!!*

The Port Townsend Leader and the Peninsula Daily News both published great articles about Mr. Tolly in celebration of his 99th birthday.

Links to the online publications can be found below:

<http://www.ptleader.com/main.asp?Search=1&ArticleID=26161&SectionID=36&SubSectionID=55&S=1>

<http://www.peninsuladailynews.com/article/20100124/news/301249987/0/NEWS>

Special thanks to Larry and Donna Coffey for coordinating with both local publications.



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**Robert "Tolly" Tollefson turns 99**  
*Tollycraft founder reflects on a life well-lived*  
 By Melanie Lockhart of the Leader

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**Tollefson, legendary boat builder, turns 99; friends, family bring him a party**

By Jeff Chew  
 Peninsula Daily News



R.M. "Tolly" Tollefson, the man behind the famed Tollycraft yacht, relaxes in his home office in Port Ludlow, where the walls are covered with his original designs and historic photos of the boat-building company's popular yacht. -- Photo by Jeff Chew/Peninsula Daily News

Questions or Comments on the Newsletter can be emailed to; [newsletter@tollyclub.com](mailto:newsletter@tollyclub.com)

*Event Schedule* 2010

**South Sound Cruise (Gig Harbor)**

**March 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Mid Sound Cruise (Port Ludlow)**

**April 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Bell Harbor Cruise**

**May 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tolly Rendezvous**

**June 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>**

*"Tolly Fiesta"*

**North Sound Cruise**

**September 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**



*Gig Harbor**March 5th—7th*

Can it be that time already? You bet it is!! Fuel up the boat; toss some daffodils in the vase and come on down to Gig Harbor for the first Tolly Mini of the year. Once again, we will be hosting this event at Arabella's Landing Marina. This is always a fun event to kick off the year, a chance to see your Tolly friends and get first crack at the new Tolly wear. After last year's fabulous clothing designs, it will be fun to see what Cara, Pat Flynn, and Kaye Bickford have put together for this year's boating season.

This year is starting off early: March 5<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup>. Friday night will start about 6-ish with an hors-d'oeuvres potluck. Saturday will give you the chance to roam the Harbor, shop, or watch the game at the Tides. And to get a head start on this year's Roche Rendezvous theme, we will be having dinner at El Pueblito Mexican restaurant at 5:30. Please try to keep us advised via email or the Tolly website if you will be attending so we can keep the restaurant posted. ([rearcommodore@tollyclub.com](mailto:rearcommodore@tollyclub.com))

We have set aside space for a number of boats, and we have the "net shed" at the top of the pier for our weekend gatherings.

If you are coming by boat, be sure to call Bobbi at the marina and reserve your moorage: (253) 851-1793.

As usual, we welcome land yachts, but love seeing the Tolly's show up. Come as you can, but try to make it to the first get together of The Biggest and Best Boating Club in the Northwest.

*"Get Your New Tolly Clothing"*

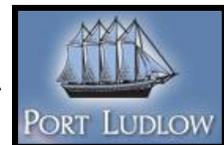
We'll have new 2010 Tolly clothing available at Gig Harbor and Port Ludlow. Your purchases are a great contribution to supporting the club. Be the first to wear the newest Tolly clothing!

*Port Ludlow**April 16th—18th*

Please join us for our annual trip to the Port Ludlow Marina; April 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

Schedule of Events:

- ⇒ Friday Night Potluck – Join us in the picnic area to kick off this event with a potluck. Bring your favorite dish and enjoy an evening of good food and great people.
- ⇒ Saturday - clothing sales at the Harbormaster starting at 11:00
- ⇒ Saturday Lunch – We'll be enjoying lunch at "The Harbormaster" starting at 11:30. If you will be joining us for lunch YOU MUST email [vicecommodore@tollyclub.com](mailto:vicecommodore@tollyclub.com). It is important that we provide the restaurant with an accurate count. This is a pay as you go lunch.
- ⇒ Saturday Night Potluck - Join us in the picnic area at 6pm for "Breakfast for Dinner". Bring your favorite breakfast or brunch dish and we'll have Bloody Mary's, Mimosa's, and OJ to go along.
- ⇒ Sunday Morning - Coffee, fruit, and muffins on the dock.

Marina Reservations:

- ⇒ Please call the marina at 877-344-6725 or email them at [marina@portludlowresort.com](mailto:marina@portludlowresort.com) to make reservations. Be sure to mention you are with the Tollycraft Boating Club.

*Bell Harbor**May 14th-16th*

The Bell Harbor Cruise will be May 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> and the planning for this event is underway. I am researching activities that will be available for those who join us and welcome any ideas or suggestions. We do know that the Pike Market Cheese and Wine Festival will once again be taking place on that weekend. As soon as all the details are worked out, there will be a posting under “Events” and “Cruise Destinations” on the website with information about this and other available activities.

We have the entire “C” dock reserved. This will accommodate 15-17 Tollys, depending on length. As was the case last year, each boat will need to make their own reservations with the Bell Harbor Marina, (206) 615 3952, **AND** notify me that you will attend. There is a possibility that more space can be secured if I know sufficiently in advance, so I am dependent upon your notification. I will post a list of participants as they sign up and slip assignments will be finalized based on the number and size of the boats. Everything seemed to work out well last year and, as always, we want to accommodate as many Tollys as want to attend.

Be sure to go to the website to obtain information and details about this event as well as all the club's events for the year.

If you have ideas or comments, please contact me - Larry Coffey –

[secretary@tollyclub.com](mailto:secretary@tollyclub.com)



**Welcome Aboard!**  
**Newest Members**



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

| <u>Boat Name</u> | <u>Member Name</u>           | <u>Located</u>  | <u>Length</u> | <u>Year</u> |
|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| STEAL AWAY       | Michael and Roberta White    | Sitka, AK       | 34            | 1977        |
| SPYHOP           | Russ and Jan Beltz           | Woodinville, WA | 48            | 1978        |
| AQUILA           | Stephen and Barbara Schwartz | Seattle, WA     | 34            | 1981        |
| FANCY FREE       | John Charles and Gwen Sowray | Olympia, WA     | 44            | 1988        |
| SEA YA MUNDY     | Dan and Betsy Mundy          | Seal Beach, CA  | 40            | 1989        |
| SALT SHAKER      | Jim and Carolyn Hathaway     | Seattle, WA     | 34            | 1978        |
| DOLPHIN SONG     | Stan and Judy Gregg          | Kirkland, WA    | 32            | 1993        |

*Tollycruisers*

**OCTOLLYFEST**



The 2010 Canadian Tollycruisers Rendezvous - **OCTOLLYFEST** - will be held **September 16-19** at Telegraph Harbour Marina. We are planning an Oktoberfest Bavarian theme, so break out the lederhosen and get ready to slurp some good beer. A beer garden is in the works along with a traditional **OOM PAPA Band**.



Registration notices will be sent out in early May.

We encourage all our Tollycraft Boating Club members to consider the fall trip to Telegraph Harbour. The weather is always good, fog is rare in the gulf Islands in September. Make your plans now to join us for some bratwurst, beer and boats.



COMING IN JUNE ....  
"TOLLY FIESTA"



## Webmaster Update

If you've visited the club's website, [www.tollyclub.com](http://www.tollyclub.com) lately, you've probably noticed some changes in the format. To make the website management more efficient, the site has undergone a "refit"! The new format makes editing the content a breeze, allowing more timely updates on upcoming events and club news.

The website's most utilized area is the forum, where users can exchange information on an array of topics related to Tollycraft Yachts and boating in general. The knowledge base of the users of this online community is impressive, and rarely does a question go unanswered. I know personally I have saved myself considerable grief by checking in with the forum for help troubleshooting a problem or embarking on a project. If you haven't signed up for the forum, it's free and easy to do.

The website also has an extensive photo gallery, with photos from events going back as far as 2003! You can even find a gallery of web cameras, so you can check out what's happening at Roche Harbor, among other spots throughout the sound. There is a "Member Photo Album" section, where you can create your own album to share photos of your boat and boating adventures. To create an album of your own, select "Register" in the upper right corner of the photo gallery page.

Enjoy the website! Visit often for updates and enhancements, as we are constantly looking for ways to make it even better!

Monday, 1 of February of 2010

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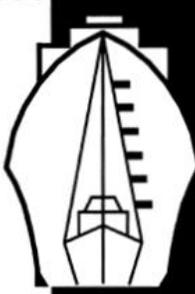
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