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Seafair Weekend Successful

Seattle, WA — The Commodores' Seafair Weekend began on Friday afternoon with Commodore Andor leading his team to organize the hospitality room at the Quality Inn & Suites near the start of the Torchlight Parade route in Seattle.



Friday evening was spent hosting out of town festival representatives on Argosy Cruise Line's Champagne Lady leaving the AGC Dock from South Lake Union. As the scenery of Mt. Rainier, Bellevue's skyline and Seattle's skyline passed by, the group enjoyed a buffet dinner and no-host bar. As



the sun set, the ship returned from a cruise around Lake Washington back through the Ship Canal into Lake Union toward the lights of downtown Seattle.

Saturday afternoon was spent hosting again in the Olympic Room at the hotel with an open bar and Shrimp Boat Party that led to the start of the Torchlight Parade.

Commandant Martin and Vice Commandant North were treated to premium seats at the crowning of Miss Seafair just prior to the parade.

The Commodores then joined the Scholarship Program in the

shadow of the Space Needle for the start of the parade. With thousands of families with kids waiting anxiously for the festivities along the route, the parade began. Buttons for the kids in hand, the Commodores walked the route and escorted Miss Seafair and her court.



The evening was capped off with more festivities in the Olympic Room to keep the out-of-town visitors entertained into the night.

The weekend was another example of the great hosts the Commodores have been for 53 years.



Commodores Join Magnolia Kids and Summerfest Parade For First Time

Seattle, WA — The kids were everywhere! The households in the Magnolia community were emptied of nearly every child and the streets were teaming with them as the Commodores joined the festivities at the Kids and Summerfest Parade the first weekend of August.

The children began the procession, followed by the Summerfest Parade. While there were no representatives of the scholarship program, the Commodores were represented by members who looked to shore up their

march toward their Winged Foot



Award for the year. Commandant

Martin announced that participation in this parade would offset either a missed in-town parade or a missed out-of-town parade for the year.

Magnolia residents proved to be a warm and hospitable community, kindly welcoming the Commodores group as they made their way down the short parade route through town.

This event was a great start to a Saturday that was capped with the Lake City Summer Festival Parade.





Commodores Look Forward to the Dessert Following the Pool Party and Blues BBQ

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Emily Suen Crowns Miss Seafair 2008 Kristen Tateishi

Commodores Social Includes Bluez Dawgz Band and BBQ

Everett, WA – The summer sunshine was high in the sky early in the week. Temperatures hovered around 80 for several days prior to the scheduled event. Unfortunately, the forecast did not bode well for the Saturday selected for the Blues Pool Party and BBQ hosted by Commodores Ken & Sadhia North.

More than ninety people registered for the event. However, with clouds looming overhead and rain coming down in most of the region, only 40



brave souls made their way past an overturned semi on northbound I-5 that blocked three lanes about an hour before the party started.

The event highlights included a back-



yard concert by blues band Bluez Dawgz, along with a silent auction and a raffle – all for the purpose of supporting the Seafair Scholarship Program for Women.

Despite the cool weather and the



periodic sprinkling from the skies, (which were much kinder than in some neighborhoods in the area) the kids swam in the pool and the band played on. The bar proceeds, auction and raffle raised more than \$600 for the scholarship program. The guests enjoyed great music and terrific food.

Many thanks to Commodore Gong for being the chef and recruiting the Jaycees who operated the cash bar.



Lake City Summer Festival Parade

Lake City, WA— It was a beautiful summer evening in Lake City when



the Commodores lined up with the

2008 scholarship court to make their way through the throngs of Lake City residents and visitors who came to see the parade.

Many of the Commodores had spent the morning hours in Magnolia at the Kids and Summerfest Parades; for these, it was a long day of parading.

The evening festivities began at the Lake City Elks Club, where the Elks hosted Commodores with a warm-up.

Following the parade, most of the Commodores took the time for a night

cap with many of the Seafair Pirates in a local pub at the end of the parade route.



Scholarship Program Selects New Miss Seafair and Court

Seattle, WA – Commandant Martin and Vice Commandant North represented the Commodores at the coronation of 2008 Miss Seafair Kristen Tateishi, which took place on Fourth Avenue moments before the start of the Torchlight Parade.

Miss Tateishi represents the City of Bellevue. She graduated Chapman University in three years and is currently attending Gonzaga Law School. Her current interests include child advocacy and representing children’s rights. Kristen received the Commodores Creative Expression Third Place Scholarship.

Joining Miss Tateishi in her 2008 Court is Jenny He, Seafair First Princess.



Jenny is a Sophomore and First Year Graduate Student in the School of Phar-

macy at the University of Washington. She was awarded the Commodores First Princess Scholarship and the Commodores Interview Scholarship. Seafair Second Princess Erina Aoyama is a Senior in International Studies with a minor in Japanese at the University of Washington. Erina was awarded the Commodores Second Princess Scholarship and the Commodores Creative Expression First Place Scholarship. Samantha Chin is a Freshman at Bowdoin College pursuing a major in history and a minor in foreign languages and culture. Jenny was awarded the Commodores Third Princess Scholarship.



Commandant's Corner—Year in Review



Commandant Laurent Martin and First Lady Candy enjoy the 2008 Seafair Weekend Boat Cruise



**Laurent Martin
Commandant
2007-08**

General Meeting Hosted By Commodores Andor & Lee

Edmonds, WA — Commodores Dee Lee and John Andor hosted the September Social and General Meeting at their home at Maplewood Manor Condominiums in Edmonds. The afternoon meeting featured hot dogs and brats cooked on the BBQ along with side dishes brought by visiting Commodores and their guests.

A raffle of fine wines and several other items raised more than \$150 for the Seafair Scholarship

Program for Women.

The Commodores also did some business required in the bylaws of the organization as the members voted on the 2009 Commodores Slate of Officers.

While the rains came down from the skies outside, the Commodores enjoyed the Commodores Bar and great food in a warm and dry environment provided by their hosts.



Emily Suen in Korea

Seoul, South Korea — 2007 Miss Seafair Emily Suen passes along her greetings from Yonsie University in Seoul, South Korea. She also sent a link to her blog to keep you apprised of her visit there. Visit her blog for the latest on her trip at:



<http://omileesuen.blogspot.com/>



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2009 Commodore Slate Approved Commodores Represent Seafair at Leavenworth

Seattle, WA— The officers for the 2009 Commodore year have been selected and unanimously approved.

After review by the Commodores Board and the election by the members attending the September General Membership Meeting the following slate was approved:

- Commandant: Ken North
- Vice Commandant: John Andor
- Chief of Staff: Chris Hooper
- Deputy Chief of Staff: Dee Lee
- Deputy Chief of Staff: James Tisdal
- Warrant Officer: Sadhia North
- Operations Officer: Joe Gong
- Special Services Officer: Bruce Bentley
- Personnel Officer: JB Webster
- Public Information Officer: Dan Shames
- Past Commandant: Laurent Martin

Leavenworth, WA — The sun was shining again on the Autumn Leaf



Festival in Leavenworth and the crowds were plentiful on Front Street as the parade passed with high school

bands and floats. Alpine horns heralded the start of the parade.

The Commodores represented Seattle and Seafair with a solid showing of support by members who travelled across the pass. Some stayed in town overnight to join in the festivities; others participated in the parade and spent the afternoon shopping the Bavarian theme town of the Pacific Northwest. The townspeople were very hospitable to their visitors.



**2008 Miss Seafair
Kristen Tateishi and her
Court**

Seattle Seafair Commodores

Officers

Laurent Martin, Commandant
Ken North, Vice-Commandant
John Andor, Operations Officer
Ray Brand, Warrant Officer
JB Webster, Personnel Officer
Chris Hooper, Special Services Officer
Joe Gong, Chief of Staff
Dee Lee, Deputy Chief of Staff
Kim Pierce, Deputy Chief of Staff
James Tisdell, Public Information Officer
Tom Warnke, Past Commandant

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Ken North, Vice Commandant



Upcoming Events from Seattle Seafair Commodores

Issaquah Salmon Days

Fri, Oct 3, 2008
Issaquah, WA

Issaquah Salmon Days Parade

Sat, Oct 4, 2008, 8am
Meet at:

2009 Installation & Awards Banquet

Wed, Oct 15, 2008, 6:30pm
Ivar's Salmon House

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Upcoming Events Include Installation Banquet

Seattle, WA— The end of the 2008 parade season is upon us. The final event on the Commodores' schedule is the Issaquah Salmon Days Pa-



rade on Saturday, October 4. The parade is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. The Commodores will meet in the parking lot at Sam Malone's on Gilman Boulevard at 8:00 a.m.

The final scheduled activity of the year is the Installation &



Awards Banquet, scheduled for Wednesday, October 15 at Ivar's Salmon House on Northlake Way in Seattle. The function begins at 6:30

p.m. and will feature the installation of Ken North as Commandant and his slate of officers. In addition, Commandant Martin will recognize 2008 Commodores for their accomplishments and achievements, including Winged Foot Awards and Diamond Wheels.

Harpist Sara Reyna, who entertained at last year's banquet will perform at this year's dinner.

The 2009 officers will meet for the first time in November for this year's officer retreat.

Commandant's Corner



Commandant Laurent Martin is the Master of Ceremonies at the 2008 Commodore



Bluez BBQ

