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Laurent Martin Installed as 52nd Commandant

Everett, WA— The pomp & circumstance may still be ringing in the halls of the Everett Golf and Country Club following the Installation of Laurent Martin as Commandant of the Seattle Seafair Commodores 2007-2008 and his company of officers. On the evening of October 11, 2007, Immediate Past Commandant Tom Warnke



installed the new dutiful commandant. Commandant Martin installed his officers, Vice Commandant Ken North, Operations Officer John Andor, War-

rant Officer Ray Brand, Personnel Officer JB Webster, Special Services Officer Chris Hooper, Chief of Staff Joe Gong, Deputy Chief of Staff Dee Lee, Deputy Chief of Staff Kim Pierce, Public Information Officer James Tisdell and Past Commandant Tom Warnke.

The evening was both enjoyable and productive. Guests were treated to a sumptuous dinner preceded by a cocktail hour lending itself to interaction with fellow Commodores and a few prospective members. Cocktail hour was garnished with a splash of entertainment by harpist Sara Reyna, who played both from her repertoire and requests. A silent auction helped to raise funds for the Commodores' treasury. The event kicked off what promises to be an exciting



new year for the Commodores. In his winsome French accent, Commandant Martin promised to continue the successful tack set by his predecessors while applying his personal stamp. The Commodores can look forward to a great year of raising funds for the scholarship program and parading. 🎆

2007-08 Commodore Officers Hold Planning Retreat

Seattle, WA — How do you kickstart a successful year as a new Commandant? You hold an officer's retreat. That's exactly what Laurent Martin did on Saturday, November 17, 2007 at the offices of the Seattle Jaycees. Officers of the club spent the majority of the day structuring this year's Commodore activities. The targets

were set for the year's goals and objectives. Fundraising,



recruiting and communication are the primary issues to be focused on by the officers and

members. Officers explored the Code of Conduct with the intention of upholding the integrity of what our members represent. In addition, the group identified the need for uniformity in our dress and improving accouterment resources for new female members. The new website was

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Chandler's Crab House played host for the Special People's Cruise Pre-function.

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Waiting in the rain for the Special People's Cruise

Commodores Volunteer at Seafair Special People's Cruise

Seattle, WA — While the South Lake Union Trolley wasn't travelling the tracks quite yet, the Seafair Commodores were making tracks along the south end of Lake Union on December 2, 2007. Trip after trip



several brave souls escorted many of Seattle's citizens from

their buses to the Christmas Boats awaiting their arrival and ready to depart across the water for this year's Seafair Special People's Cruise. It was a dark and rainy night – so to speak, but the Commodores helped make the holiday special for many senior citizens and disadvantaged children and adults. Pushing wheelchairs on the dock and up the ramp to the vessels and walking with those who might otherwise stray, the group enjoyed the event nearly as much as the participants who sailed off into the evening with Christmas lights ablaze. Happy Hour pre-

ceded the event with a gathering of the volunteers at Chan-



dler's Crab House for a refreshment and food. Overall, the event was a great way to give back to the community and gather with the Seafair families. Be sure not to miss the Special People's Cruise next year!



2008 Parade Schedule Released

Seattle, WA — The schedule for the 2008 parade season was released at the Officer's Retreat. The new schedule will begin on Saturday, April 12, 2008 with the Tacoma and Puyallup Daffodil Parades. On the docket are twenty parades in total, with eleven of these earmarked for recommended attendance, finishing with the Issaquah Salmon Days on Saturday, October 4, 2008. For

these parades, an official meeting point will be established and announced so the group can gather together prior to each event. The remaining parades are optional events, allowing Commodores the choice as to their participation. In order to obtain the Winged Foot Award for the year, a Commodore must participate in all six of the in-town parades and no less than 4 of the out-

of-town parades. A complete list of the parades on the 2008 schedule will be available at www.seafaircommodores.com and on the new Commodores web calendar beginning in January. Use the import feature of the new calendar to add the events you select into your personal electronic calendar.



Northwest Festival Hosting Conference Upcoming

Shelton, WA — The annual Northwest Festival Hosting Conference is slated for Shelton, Washington this year and will take place January 18-20, 2008. The exact location is yet to be announced. All Commodores officers are encouraged to attend as this is a great way to learn more about the sister festivals that take place around the Pacific Northwest. Reservations are required for this

event, so please contact Com-



mandant Laurent Martin at laurent.martin@gmail.com or Operations Officer John Andor

at jaandor@yahoo.com to RSVP. Cost: Breakfast priced at \$14.50 per person, Lunch at \$16.00 p/p and Dinner at \$25.00 p/p. Carpools are being arranged for those who would like to ride together to the conference for Saturday only. Commodores will be arriving for the session on Saturday in the morning and departing prior to dinner the same day.



Commandant's Corner

Dear Commodores, 2008 is going to be an exciting year carrying on our long running involvement with Seafair and supporting our community. The Board of Directors met in November and is putting together a really exciting schedule for this upcoming year. I have set three priorities for 2008:

1/ **Fundraising** - our contribution to the Seafair Scholarship Program for Women has been stable for the past few years (\$3,000) and we are going to try not only to match this effort one more time but do even better. We are going to have a number of fundraising activities and I count on everybody's support, participation and contribu-

tion. Also, any suggestion you might have for doing even better is always welcomed and appreciated. Feel free to get in touch with any of the officers to make your voice heard!
 2/ **Recruiting** - All the Seafair families (including us!) have had a successful year last year in this area and our membership base is growing at an exciting pace. There are many people out there ready to help and waiting to be recruited. Let's make sure we continue to attract "quality" people who are ready to invest their time and effort in the causes we are supporting. Recruiting a new member is a wonderful thing and is a perfect way to contribute. I also want to be sure that our top

recruiters are recognized and acknowledged through our organization.
 3/ **Communication** - In this day and age, it is critical that our communication channels, both internal and external are well defined, working properly and efficiently. We still have a bit of work to accomplish in this area to ensure that everybody is aware of what is going on. It is also important that everybody can plan in advance and our major fundraisers and events are on everybody's calendar. Also, we must know what is going on with Seafair and the other families, etc... There is an on-going initiative about the identifying the best way to lev-

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Laurent Martin
Commandant
2007-08

September Social a Success

Everett, WA — Saturday, September 22, 2007 brought a



question mark when it came to the weather in the Greater Se-

attle area, but a Commodore's breeze left no doubt that the afternoon would be perfect for a backyard social and BBQ. Many of the Seafair Commodore Family joined in for a great martini party around the pool at the North residence. Ken and Sadhia North hosted the festivities and welcomed the group into their home. The Commodores were joined by a few prospective members who came to

learn more about the group and its members. New member Dee Lee was inducted. A raffle was held to raise funds for the scholarship program. Some of the kids were brave enough to swim while the adults mingled and enjoyed the Ray Brand Martini & Cocktail Bar. The drinks must have been mixed well as the party evolved into a night of Karaoke and fun.



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Award Winners Recognized at Installation Banquet

Everett, WA — In addition to installing the slate of officers for the new year, the Installation Banquet included a number of Commodores recognized for their service to the club. Ken North was awarded the Neptune Cup in recognition of his contributions, to Commodores this year, both financial and recruiting. Ken added two new members to the Commo-

dores and has several in the works for the new year.



Laurent Martin, John Andor,

Tom Warnke and Ken North were awarded the Winged Foot award for participation in all of the required parades. Laurent, John and Ken were also recognized with the Diamond Wheel Award for each having raised at least \$1000 toward the Scholarship Program for Women. Congratulations to each of the recipients and thank you!



Ken North
Awarded 2007-08
Neptune Cup

Seattle Seafair Commodores

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Ken North, Vice Commandant



Upcoming Events from Seattle Seafair Commodores

NW Festival Hosting Conference

Fri, Jan 18
Shelton, WA

Commodores Social

Sat, Jan 26 4:00pm
Maplewood Manor Condominiums

We're on the web!

www.seafaircommodores.com

Planning Retreat Sets Stage for New Year

discussed with an objective toward improving communications within the group and with prospective members. New tools will be added to the site, including a calendar of events with email invitations and reminders. Ken North agreed to be the Webmaster.

Officers agreed to meet on a monthly basis. It was decided officers' meetings will be held at Uptown China Restaurant in Seattle's lower Queen Anne neighborhood on a regular schedule.

Arrangements were made to have several representatives of Seattle Commodores attend the Northwest Festival

Hosting Conference in Shelton in January.

An effort will be made to make Commodores Socials a quarterly, regularly-scheduled event. The first social was scheduled for January.

The annual Horseshoe Tournament was discussed and ultimately replaced with a new fundraiser event. This year, the spring fundraiser will be a Mini-Golf Tournament. Initial efforts will be made to secure Interbay Golf Course for this event.

The Commodores will entertain Miss Seafair and her court at Salty's again this year. The Princess Banquet

will take place on Tuesday, July 22, 2008.

The officers discussed Seafair Weekend in detail, reviewing first the comments received following this year's event. Agreeing that the location suited our budget and successfully accommodated our guests for the most part, the objective for this year is to return to Quality Inn in 2008. In light of this decision, the cost of the package and ala carte purchases for Seafair Weekend activities was discussed and a pricelist finalized for 2008.

Commandant's Corner

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erage our website to become a key component of this communication platform, but I also want to ensure that "offline" people are kept in the loop without distinction. I want to take this opportunity to wish you Happy Holidays and hope that this cheerful time of the year will bring peace and happiness in your homes and in your hearts. I am looking forward to being your 2008 Commandant and count on your support and contribution all year long.

-Laurent.

