

# The Bridge



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## Seafair Pirates Featured in 2008 Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition

The Seattle Seafair Pirates were featured in the photo shoot of Sports Illustrated swimsuit model Melissa Haro. The Pirates appear in a photo in the 2008 swimsuit edition and on the web pages of the Sports Illustrated site. I recently had the pleasure of interviewing Mark "Keelhaul" Jensen, Seattle Seafair Pirates, Public Relations Director:

Since the days of Joseph Bradley in the 1670's or The Grand Pirate, Nicholas Brown in the early 1700's, the western Caribbean has been home to many pirates. Are the Cayman Islands a regular trip for the Seafair Pirates?

We have been the official Pirates for the Pirate's Week Festival for 28 of the last 30 Years. We go each year.

Did you participate in District Heritage Days in George Town? If so, what does that entail?

We participate in all of the heritage festivals across the island. Each district has a heritage festival, such as East Bay, West Bay, South Sound, and George Town, etc. which highlights the unique part of their culture, community and history.

How did the Seafair Pirates come to be involved in the 2008 Sports Illustrated Swimsuit photo shoot?

I was in contact with someone regarding a shoot for something different when we found out that SI was in Cayman shooting the SI Swimsuit Edition. It was not hard to convince them that a photo shoot in the Caymans would not be proper without a pirate ship. Then, of course, you have to have Pirates to go with it. Well the Pirate in me took over and the rest is history.

Tell us about the lot of you that took part in the shoot.

The entire crew that went to Cayman was involved in the photo shoot; which was 10 Pirates in all. We don't see "Bad Brew" or "Laffite" in the picture that was printed in the magazine however. Rumor has it that there was a fair maiden on the other end of the ship.

Who do you think got the most out of this trip?

Pirates get the most out of our time on the islands. I believe the most rewarding part of this trip is visiting old friends and rekindling relationships that we have developed

over the years. At the top of that list are our special friends at Sunrise Training Center and the Lighthouse School. These are schools for people with special needs and they are almost as glad to see us each year as we are them.

Tell us what Seven Mile Beach was like for you.

Our hotel is right across the street; however we actually don't get to see much of Seven Mile Beach except at night. I suppose a more accurate statement would be that we don't spend much time on it. We have great friends at Calico Jacks which is a little beach bar across from our hotel on Seven Mile Beach, where we hang out at night to relax.

Tell us what you know of the Sloop-of-War on which you had your shoot and the other in the background.

The ship that we shot on is the Valhalla which is the larger of the two Pirate Ships in Georgetown Harbor. The Valhalla is used as a tourist boat and carries the



second group of participants for the Landing of the Pirates during Pirates Week. The other is the Jolly Roger which is a little more colorful and the ship that we use when we land.

The SI crew characterized you as "It's Pirates, it's got to be a little bit dangerous." Were you dangerous?

If the model was your daughter would you consider us dangerous?

It appears SI model Melissa Haro enjoyed her time on the ship with the Seafair Pirates. Between the SI shoot, the SI video camera and Melissa's own diary video cam, did you find yourselves constantly smiling for the lenses?

Of course! Melissa tickled our fancy!

The scene was complete with a lot of skulls and crossbones, even on some of

Melissa's suits. Did the pirates feel right at home?

It is the Cayman Islands, on a pirate ship, in the middle of Pirates Week. It is home!

For Seattleites you're the consummate pirate lot. Did makeup artist Pia have to work you over, or was your look just right?

She was the fair maiden I mentioned earlier.

The photographer, Mr. looss looks like he's got a little Pirate blood, with the goatee and the backward baseball cap. How did he interact with the real thing?

Cayman has really good rum.

Melissa says the sexiest thing a man has ever done for her is cook. Did you bring dinner?

Melissa had no previous encounter with a Seafair Pirate before she was asked that question. Perhaps her answer would be different now.

Did Melissa share her rose tattoo?

By the way, it is skull and crossbones with a rose in his jaw. Did I mention we have our own Tattoo artist?

Was ye "perfect Pirates" or was ye scallywags?

Perfect Pirates are Scallywags!

What will you keep in the Seafair Pirates' Treasure Chest as a result of this experience?

What happens in Cayman stays in Cayman!

Have you already collected a stack of this year's SI Swimsuit Edition for your own treasure chest?

No we are waiting for Melissa to sign some at our Landing in Seattle on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your time. The Seafair Commodores appreciate working together with you!

For more information about the Seafair Pirates, please visit their website at [www.seafairpirates.com](http://www.seafairpirates.com). To see Melissa Haro's entire photo shoot in this year's Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Online Edition go to: [http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/features/2008\\_swimsuit/models/melissa-haro/](http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/features/2008_swimsuit/models/melissa-haro/)





**Special Thanks to the Staff at West Seattle Bowl for Being Great Hosts for the Bowlathon!**

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**Coming Soon on the Commodore Calendar — Daffodil Festival**

### **Bowl-a-Thon a Striking Success**

Seattle, WA - The 2008 Commodores Fundraiser Bowlathon was a great success. With maximum capacity for the lanes we occupy at West Seattle Bowl,



the event raised more than \$4,200 for the Seafair Scholarship Program for Women. Your Chief of Staff, Joe Gong did a remarkable job coordinating this effort which culminated in a fun-filled event that included a

two game bowling tournament along with a raffle for a wide variety of items including Girl Scout Cookies, wine, music, software and a crab cracker!

As has become a tradition the Brands once again hosted a pre-function at their stately motor home in the alley's parking lot along with a post tournament function replete with hot dogs and polish sausage, chips cookies and refreshing beverages. The weather was perfect for late winter, giving those who stayed to socialize a taste of spring. Many thanks to Ray and Joy for all of the extra work they do hosting a great after party —

this is no small task! Also, special thanks to West Seattle Bowl, our gracious and generous hosts for this event.



Congratulations to the tournament winners! (We wont mention Dick Gilbert's score, but he did win the lowest score trophy! Hey Dick — try the golf tournament?)



### **Hyack Festival Family Mourns the Passing of David Kozak**

A long time family friend of the Festival circuit suffered a terrible loss this past week. Len and Iris Kozak of the New Westminister Hyack Festival lost their son in a tragic accident. Son David died Saturday, February 22, 2008 in a snowmobile incident.

David was 40 years old with a wife and family of three

small children. He was only recently made a partner in a Canadian law firm. Our thoughts and prayers go out



to the Kozak family.

Len Kozak with First Lady Iris was president of the Hyack Festival in 1996. They have traveled to Seafair and other festivals for many years and still do.

— article contributed by Dick Gilbert



### **Commodores Attract New Members**

The Commodores would like to welcome three new members into the fold. Since the last Bridge was published Sadhia North, Jen Gonyer-Donohue and Judy Dybwad have all joined as new Commodores. Sadhia is an Assistant Vice President and Assistant Manager for Washington Federal Savings Bank in Lynnwood and was sponsored by her husband, Vice Commandant Ken North who also sponsored

Jenny Lee (Jen) Gonyer-Donohue who is Special Projects Coordinator in English Undergraduate Education at the University of Washington. In addition, Deputy Chief of Staff Dee Lee sponsored Judy Dybwad who is the Office Manager at Cottle & Swanson, CPAs, PLLC in Bellevue.

At last count, it appears the women are coming on strong with a total of nine female members.

This is a great development in the membership of the organization. We look forward to the participation of our new members in festivals, parades and other Commodore events, along with your future leadership.

Please take the time to welcome our new members when you come across these fine folks at an event in the near future.



**Commandant's Corner**

The parade season is just around the corner and now is a good time to make sure that you are all set to go, your uniform is clean, your medals and insignias perfectly aligned on your jacket and your marching shoes are shining. As usual, the season will start with the Daffodil festival and we will march the Tacoma and Puyallup parades on April 12<sup>th</sup>. All the details will be announced in the next few weeks. Earlier this month, I had the pleasure to meet one-on-one with Beth Knox, President & CEO of Seafair and we were joined by Eric Corning, Festival Events Director for Seafair. This yearly meeting went well and was a good opportunity to strengthen the link between the Commodores and Seafair. We talked

about our mutual goals and plans for this year. We also agreed on the fact that while this yearly meeting is a great opportunity to share and exchange ideas, we should try to increase the communication between us throughout the year. One topic we covered was how Seafair can help us and how we can help Seafair. As a non-profit organization, Seafair's financial contribution is pretty much limited. However, we should definitely leverage the Seafair logistics for our needs. For instance, we talked about how Seafair and the Commodores could work together on planning and organizing a shuttle to bring back our marchers and guests back to our hospitality room after Torchlight, or how Seafair could help us securing a

dedicated area for the Commodores and their guests in the bleachers. Overall, Beth Knox made it extremely clear that she is opened to any suggestions we might have on how we would like to contribute. Beth Knox asked me to start a brainstorming within the Commodores to identify what is really important to us as a group. One item I mentioned was the Miss Seafair Coronation time and location which does not work for us anymore and does not allow us to host that event any longer. Unfortunately, it is unlikely that Seafair will switch back to the old way of organizing the Coronation, but Beth asked me to let her know how we would like to be included to the current program. She is  
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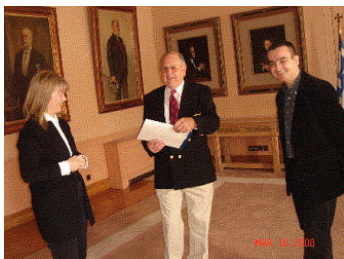


**Laurent Martin  
Commandant  
2007-08**

**Commodore Andor Visits Greece**

On March 11<sup>th</sup> 2008, in conjunction with the March 10<sup>th</sup> Carnival Celebration in Athens Greece, John Andor made a Goodwill

Ambassadorial visit with Mayor Nikitas Kaklamanis of Athens bringing greetings from the people of Seattle and The Seattle Seafair Commodores. He was warmly received and the Mayor was impressed at being cited with our Queens Medal for his devotion and services to the people of Athens and awarded the title of Honorary Seattle Seafair Commodore. The Mayor extends his heart-filled appreciation and thanks to the Commodores.



The Mayor's Director of International Relations and Chief of Protocol gave John a guided tour of the "Old City Hall", a most historic building in the city.

**"The officers ask the members to review this proposed statement and submit comments, suggestions, recommendations and your own ideas for defining our mission by April 30, 2008..."**

**What are Your Mission Statement Ideas?**

The Commodores Officers have been working on the Mission Statement for the purpose of clarifying our role in the community and as a Seafair Family. Deputy Chief of Staff Dee Lee proposed the following as a potential statement for the Commodores: *The mission of the Seattle Seafair Commodores is to bring together local professional business men and women to develop and foster good will ambassadors within*

*the local and world wide communities. To that end Commodores are dedicated to raising funds to support the Seattle SeaFair Princess Scholarship for Women program; building strong minds and a sense of community, while continuing the role of escorts and hosts in parades and social events throughout the region.* The officers ask the members to review this proposed state-

ment and submit comments, suggestions, recommendations and your own ideas for defining our mission by April 30, 2008 in order to complete a draft that will be presented to the Board (Past Commandants) at their next meeting for approval. Please take some time and review Commodore Lee's recommendation and submit your ideas before the end of April. Thank you!



**Coming in Next Month's Bridge:  
History of the Commodores**



## 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  
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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

#### Commodores Officer Meeting

Wed, Apr 9 6:30pm  
Uptown China Restaurant

#### Daffodil Festival

Thu, Apr 10  
Tacoma, WA

#### Tacoma Daffodil Parade

Sat, Apr 12 8:30am  
Meeting Place:

[See all »](#)

We're on the web!

[www.seafaircommodores.com](http://www.seafaircommodores.com)

### Mini Golf! Next Fundraiser Set for April 26, 2008

Seattle, WA — Get ready for an afternoon of golfing fun with your fellow Commodores and guests! The first Commodore Mini-Golf Fundraiser is set for Saturday, April 26, 2008 at Interbay Golf Center in Seattle. The golf course is prepared to host a fun-filled mini golf tournament that promises to be a great family experience. So, gather your friends and family members and RSVP for this event.

Prizes will be awarded for the lowest adult score and the lowest youth score. In order to help you compete, you may purchase a hand mashie, (this is where you get to roll the ball instead of hitting it with the putter to improve the stroke) or you may buy a muligan, which allows you to

redo a stroke with the putter. Buy as many as you like! All proceeds go to the Seafair Scholarship Program for Women including the greens fees for entering the tournament, less the fee to Interbay.

Greens Fees include lunch and a soft drink along with your golf and are \$25.00 for those 13 and over or \$12.00 for participants 12 and under.

Get your RSVP in and mark your calendar for a day of Commodore fun! For more information contact Chief of Staff Joe Gong at [chiefofstaff@seattlecommodores.com](mailto:chiefofstaff@seattlecommodores.com) or (206) 215-9742.

This is a great event for introducing prospective Commodores to the group. Invite your friends!



### Commandant's Corner

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committed into making it happen and help us. Additionally, if there are any existing events we would like to be associated to, we need to let the Seafair office know. Seafair is also looking for suggestions for new events. The officers and I have started that brainstorming work but we would like to hear from you.

I personally think that there is a great opportunity to make our voice heard at the Seafair office and we should take advantage of it. Be sure to talk to any officer the feedback, ideas and suggestions can be centralized and sent to Seafair. They are listening to us – let's make sure we are talking to them!

Laurent Martin,  
Commandant 2008

