



## Port & Starboard Christmas Edition December 2008

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### PORT STAFF & COMMISSION HOLIDAY PARTY

December 19, 2008  
Embarcadero Fireside Room  
6:00 p.m.

'Twas late in November  
And Pete's Creek ran high  
Wind blew the rain sideways  
As it fell from the sky.

Bette ran from her car  
No umbrella to use  
And stepped in a puddle  
That washed over her shoes.

The downpour was epic  
But there was no way  
That the rainstorm would scuttle  
Our Fishermen's Day.

Don had watched boat crews  
Fill up the gear lots  
Repairing their floats  
Building towers of pots.

They were there every day  
Such a hard working bunch  
Don said, "The least we can do  
Is to serve them some lunch."

So a tradition was born  
And eight years down the line  
We appreciate our fishermen  
Every year, rain or shine.

So while Keith loaded crab pots  
Onto boats brave and true  
We got our assignments  
There was plenty to do.

Jim did the shopping  
And wished Kent lots of luck  
In stretching a tarp  
From the shop to the truck.

Kevin dug out some chocks  
And gave them to Ray  
To anchor the grill  
Before it galloped away.

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Patti found platters  
And sharpened some knives  
To slice tomatoes and onions  
With the Fishermen's Wives.

We had checked off our lists  
And were ready to go  
When Chris looked out the window  
And asked, "What's that red glow?"

Up high in the sky  
Was a tiny red light  
Growing larger and brighter  
As it flew into sight.

When it dropped through the clouds  
We heard Penny say  
"Am I seeing things  
Or is that Santa's sleigh?"

"It is Santa Claus!"  
Maureen said with a frown  
"But I don't think he knows  
There's no place to set down."

Santa flew past the office  
Rudolph's nose cut the gloom  
And his air brakes kicked in  
While he searched for some room.

But with boat crews and gear  
There were no parking spots  
And Santa slid with a crash  
Into Winter Hawk's pots.

We rushed out to help  
Santa's team was still standing  
Said the jolly old elf,  
"That was not my best landing."

"And what's up with this weather?"  
He asked, waving at Dean  
Who brought Santa some Grundens  
From Englund Marine.

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"I came for the picnic,"  
He told Terminal Ron  
And hitched up his suspenders  
When his rain gear was on.

Santa took Ginny's arm  
And as they walked to the shop  
The rain turned to drizzle  
Then came to a stop.

Newport Steak & Seafood  
Had brought biscuits and gravy  
And there were muffins and donuts  
Enough for a navy.

Rob poured Starbucks coffee  
And gave the Coast Guard a cup  
While Mark, George, and Mike  
Set the barbecue up.

Don flipped hamburgers  
And hot dogs by the mile  
Local Ocean served chowder  
It was enjoyed with a smile.

Pete said, "That's the best soup  
I have had in a year."  
And Patty fed Cheetos  
To Santa's reindeer.

Don Mathews and Santa  
Made it clear who was boss  
With their X-Treme demonstration  
Of the Monkey Fist Toss.

When the lunch line cleared out  
Mark Rahm and Fred  
Helped Loanne pick up plates  
And Santa Claus said,

"Thank you so much  
This has been a great day."  
He shook hands with JoAnn  
And MaryLou and Clay.

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The Monkey Fist Toss  
Fishermen's Appreciation Day  
November 21, 2008

"But it soon will be Christmas  
And as you know yourselves  
I can't leave all that work  
To be done by the elves."

Betty held the team's reins  
While Santa boarded his sleigh  
"But before I take off  
I would just like to say,"

"Your Fishermen's Day  
Is a day to remember.  
May I please keep these Grundens?  
See you all in December!"

**Merry Christmas!**  
**From The Port of Newport**

**Thanks to**  
**Foulweather Trawl**  
**Local Ocean Seafoods**  
**Longview Hills Fishing Club**  
**Newport Fishermen's Wives**  
**Newport Steak & Seafood**  
**Starbucks Coffee Company**  
**and USCG/Station Yaquina Bay**  
**for helping to make Fishermen's**  
**Appreciation Day-2008 such a**  
**great success!**  
**From Don Mann & the Port Crew**



**15<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**Lighted**  
**Boat**  
**Parade**

Saturday, December 6, 2008 5:00-6:30 p.m.