



December 21, 2009

Port Ludlow Yacht Club,  
PO Box 65338  
Port Ludlow, Washington

Re: La Conner meeting on September 9, 2009

We are writing to your club to say thank you after an incident at the La Conner dock last fall.

We had traveled from Port Orchard that day, the beginning of a ten day cruise to Canada. This is a trip we take every year at this time. When we came down the slough we could see the marina dock looked full. We turned in behind the float and found an open spot, even though most of the pier was reserved for the Port Ludlow Yacht club. The current was running pretty fast, and several of your club members ran over and grabbed our lines, helping us to dock successfully. Everyone was helpful and friendly which isn't always the case when you want to land in the middle of someone else's rendezvous

When the boat was secure I went below and people went back to their boats. My husband was tying a spring line when I heard something. I came back out, and he had fallen in the water, and was trying to climb out on the swim platform. Before I could say anything, your club members had taken over, and two men pulled him out. I don't know their names, but I am very grateful they acted so quickly and saved a bad situation from becoming worse.

My husband was not injured, just wet and cold. He is a very careful seaman and has never had an accident. Usually he rescues other people in trouble on the water. So we just want to say thank you again to those people from your club. They probably know who they are, and we want to wish them a wonderful new year and many days of happy boating.

Mary and Jim VanValkenburg  
Motor vessel, Tealwood



*Season's  
Greetings*

*Love, Mary & Jim*