



Every entrée will be offered as a Prix Fixe selection, or it can be ordered individually. The Prix Fixe option will be offered beginning September 7th in conjunction with the new Ward Room fall menu. The Prix Fixe option will run through November 23rd.

Coming Events

SYC Birthday	Sept. 1
Lobster Mania	Sept. 15 & 16
AI Casino Night	Sept. 23
Elliott Bay Grand Re-Opening	Sept. 25
Meet the Candidates Ropeyarn	Oct. 6
Annual Meeting	Oct. 7
Launching Party	Oct. 14
Oktoberfest	Oct. 21

Club/Ward Room/Marine Room Closures

Labor Day	Club Closed	Sept. 5
Annual Meeting	Club Closed at 3pm	Oct. 7

Marine Communications *by Daniel Schwartz*



The United States Coast Guard's area of responsibility covers just less than 100,000 miles of coastline – including the continental states, Guam, Hawaii, Alaska and Puerto Rico. While our primary concern as recreational boaters is safety and search-and-rescue, we are also aware of the USCG's other missions including Homeland Defense, protection of the environment, law enforcement, interdiction of illegal drugs and immigrants, and aids to navigation.

Early last century, with the invention of wireless telegraphy, coastal radio communications stations were set up to listen for distress calls and to stay in contact with Coast Guard patrol and rescue vessels. By the time World War Two ended, these capabilities included low frequency and short wave voice radiotelephony equipment, along with some direction-finding capability.

When modern, inexpensive solid-state marine VHF radios became available, there was a huge increase in the number of vessels talking and listening on a finite number of discreet radio frequencies. While there were numerous advantages to the adaptation of VHF communications for small craft, the relatively limited range of the sets (roughly 15% greater than line-of-sight) and the difficulty of localizing a fragmentary or broken signal from on shore, often challenged rescuers attempting to respond to distress calls.

Recently, the U.S. Coast Guard has begun implementing a new, Congressionally authorized



Tuesday Buffet for September 2005



- 6 Sautéed Pork Chops
with Wild Mushrooms and Port Reduction
- 13 Pepper Seared Ahi Tuna
with Braised Bok Choy and Ponzu
- 20 Poached Fillet of Salmon
with Lemon-Thyme Vinaigrette
- 27 Cilantro Crusted Ling Cod
with Key Lime Beurre Blanc



program to bring ship-to-shore radio communications into the Twenty-first Century. The advent of several new digital technologies, along with the capabilities for localization offered by the Global Positioning System (GPS) are being combined into a modern Coast Guard's communications system, promising to take the "Search" out of "Search and Rescue."

In future columns, the Amateur Radio Committee will review these revolutionary developments and explain how they can enhance your safety and security out on the water. Additionally, we will continue to provide more information for those Seattle Yacht Club members who seek to complement their boating activities with the enjoyment of Amateur (or "Ham") Radio.

Meanwhile, good yachting and good communicating to all of you...

Day Chapin, Chairman of the SYC Amateur Radio Committee, is presently out cruising. He will return to this column with the next issue.

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The next meeting is scheduled for
September 29th, Thursday, at
Portage Bay Mainstation.

