

An Update For Members of Norwegian Commercial Club

# Norwegian Commercial Club of Seattle

From our meeting on April 13th, 2017



And, for the record, we talked about you



Author Jordan Hanssen with  
VP Monica Langfeldt

## What You Missed At Our Last Meeting

Vice President Monica Langfeldt introduced our speaker Jordan Hanssen, author of **“Rowing into the Son”** who talked about his epic adventure crossing the North Atlantic in a rowboat with 3 friends. Jordan wanted to come to the Northwest so he attend University of Puget Sound and graduated in 2004 and has been here ever since. Jordan is the President of a non-profit organization called Ocean Adventure Rowing & Education or O.A.R. Northwest. It’s run mostly by volunteers who provide adventures for scientific exploration and free STEM-focused education.

Jordan and his friends were in rowing club in college and wanted to continue rowing, so they decided to be in the race across the ocean. They pooled their resources and bought a boat from England, but it had no equipment on it. Having just graduated from school, they were good at convincing businesses to help them get the boat ready. The businesses knew that if they didn’t help them they would die, so they helped get the boat ready. They partnered with the American Lung Association since Jordan’s father Jim Hanssen had passed away from asthma when Jordan was 3, so the boat was named the James Robert Hanssen at the insistence of Jordan’s friends. They prepared for the trip for 18 months, but the 72 day trip had a lot of challenges, including nearly running out of food. Check out his book to see how he and his teammates cope within their small space on the water.

Minutes were accepted (Minutes submitted by Debbi Larson of Skagit Bank)

### Announcements -

Sons of Norway Border Festival at the Peace Arch Grounds on July 9, 2017

### Membership Initiation -

Jess Webster was initiated by Dan Nye. Jess is a Lawyer who has represented many Marine businesses.

He is married to Carol and has 3 kids. He has come to Fishermen’s Night many times and wants to be involved in Norwegian Commercial Club.

No Old or New Business

Dinner Winner – Howie Slauson

Membership Cash Drawing \$50-no winner so \$60 next time

Raffle winner – Ron Simonsen

OUR NEXT MEETING IS [THURSDAY, APRIL 27th](#)

It's VP & SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT

SPEAKER: Bonney Melton--**former scholarship recipient and now sales associate with Hurtigruten**

[Dinner: Soup, Crab or Shrimp Louis Salad, Dessert!](#)

- **Members \$25 (if you pre-register)**
- **\$30 for drop in members**
- **\$30 for guests or non-paid members**
- **\$10 for students (with valid ID)**

**Please call the office by the Wednesday before the meeting and leave a message to guarantee your spot: (206) 783-1274.**

**See you then!**

**Monica Langfeldt**

**Vice-President**

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