



OLYMPIA YACHT CLUB

April 2012



Commodore

Commodore Leslie Thompson
Captain Brian Thompson
M/V EcstaSea



Happy Spring OYC!!!
or is it??? I am beginning to wonder if Winter will ever end. Here it is March and we are still getting snow. Go figure!! I need some shorts and flip flops weather.

Ya think!!

The Commodore and Brian have been very busy since I last reported. Now is the time of year that the Com-

modore really gets slammed with events. The Bridge hosted the annual Naval luncheon at the Mainstation on Feb 22 for approximately 40 Navy members of the band, who had an event at the Capitol to play for the Governor and Legislature. The big brass was unable to make the lunch due to a meeting with the Governor, but we did have several ranking officers in attendance. Thanks to IPC Carol and the rest of the Bridge, and her crew, for providing a very nice lunch that was very much appreciated by the Navy members. This is always a nice event for the military to relax and enjoy while here in the capitol city.

March is keeping us busy on the weekends with four Commodore balls to attend this month alone. Of course this doesn't leave much time for yard work and storm cleanup (still), which doesn't make Brian very pleased. He does enjoy the balls and the fun we have, just not so many in a row. The first ball of the month that we attended was Rainier Yacht Club. They had a western theme, food and band. We all met at a real dive bar/tavern in Renton for our pre-function in our formal wear. What a laugh riot we all were!! You should have seen the patrons when we all came in. The next Commodore ball was at Edmonds Yacht Club. Another great fun event with a Mexican fiesta theme

in their brand new club. All was very beautiful and a lot of fun. This next weekend we will be attending the Everett Commodore Ball, hopefully with IPC Carol and Chuck along to keep me out of trouble. You know how I am. The last one of the month will be held at Day Island with a sail into the sunset theme.

I have some great news for all of you. Lunch Bunch is back!! We held our first one last week with PC George Smith providing guest chef duties and serving French dip sandwiches, sides and dessert. Approximately 40 members attended. Way to go guys. We have new Chairs for this event. Mike and Denise Lackey and John Looker will be co-chairing the event on the second Wednesday of the month, the same day as the Board meeting at 11:30. The cost is still \$5 for the lunch. Where else can you go and get such a good lunch for such a low price? Please plan on attending. They are also in need of guest chefs as the year progresses. I encourage you to do it, contact them if you can help.

The PC Cruise-in will be held at Island Home the end of March. This event is a cruise-in for all PC's of the Grand 14 who wish to attend, not just OYC PC's. The event is being coordinated by IPC Carol Robinson and PC first mate Colleen Nelson. The event includes a dinner and breakfast for the guests and is self supporting for the event. The Island will still remain open to OYC members who wish to go boating there for the weekend. The PC's very much enjoy these cruise-in's as a chance to reconnect with their class mates. There are two others during the year, one at Queen City YC in January and one at Bremerton in the summer.

April will bring us many events and meetings....dinner, bridge, board etc. At the April dinner meeting we will be nominating the next slate of Bridge officers and Board members to replace the outgoing members.

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Vice Commodore

Captain Mike Contris
First Mate Yvonne Contris
M/V Maya



The Junior Officer's ball this month was at Tyee Yacht Club, in Seattle, with a theme of 'It Isn't Easy Being Green'. Vonnie and I went as a pair of Peter Pans, complete with feathers in our caps (and tights, boy do I appreciate more what women go thru with panty hose after that experience!). Our next (and last) JO ball will be at Queen City, in June. Vonnie and I have had a wonderful time meeting our counterparts in the other Grand 14 clubs and hope to continue to aid OYC based on those friendships and interactions.

On a much lighter note, I'd like to encourage you to attend the Daffodil Parade at Tacoma Yacht Club. Vonnie and I have only attended for the last few years (while Bill and Harriet Melhaff have been attending for at least the last 20 years), but we've had an incredible time. TYC and its members put on a wonderful affair and provide a very welcoming atmosphere as hundreds of other club members descend upon them for several days every year. They provide moorage for all who bring their boats, make their restaurant available for excellent meals at a very reasonable price and do their best to

provide a very entertaining experience for all. The events include the Saturday night Nautical Trivia contest, where our Commodore, dressed to meet the parade theme, answers questions to win first place for OYC. During this contest, the clubs are encouraged to bribe the judges with drinks and toys. All of this is followed on Sunday by the grand Daffodil Boat Parade, where flagships and decorated boats journey down the west side of Commencement Bay into the Foss Waterway and back. Olympia will have both for this parade.

And don't forget our own opening day, coming up in May. We'll have the usual breakfast, opening ceremony with music, blessing of the fleet and boat parade. Details will be coming out soon.

And, as always, I'm here to help.

VC Mike Contris

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Past Commodore

IPC Carol Robinson
Captain Chuck Eich
M/V Romancing the C's



Spring Greetings!

I just want to "thank" the members that have stepped up to fill all the open positions. This is what makes OYC work. We do have and will have a great Bridge and Board to keep this club rolling right along. Wow, with that being said, I'm really feeling left out, now that I will be an official PC with nuttin to do, I'll work more...whew!

Big thank u to the nominating committee for their help, Skip Frailey, Dan Neuhauser, Deb Waldherr, Bridget Shreve and PC Ted (board liaison), for his By-law guidance (keeping us politically correct...so I don't get yelled at).

My hubby is still mending, but still looking like surgery (not sure on timing yet, so I'm learning my 'manly' chores). No problem, just another day in paradise...keeps me busy and out

of mischief. We have figured out a very important factor...we are buying an electric hoist for Macy. Thanks Gary Waldherr and Christopher Heistand for their help in getting Macy on/off our flybridge at the poker weekend. The manual one I can't operate and bring her down at the same time. Electric one, Chuck can operate from flybridge while I guide her up/down the steps. The 'Princess' has to be at the helm with her Daddy...that's it!

Another weird habit she has is walking slowly down that last stretch of dock and looking back to the incident scene two to three times. I'm thinkin' he better not be there!

On a fun note, I'm actually looking forward to my first official PC cruise in at Island Home as a co-chair with PC Gary and Colleen Nelson at end of March.

Hope to see you at OYC events and on the docks.

IPC Carol Robinson
m/v Romancing the C's

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Rear Commodore



Captain Jeff Pape
First Mate Debra Pape
M/V *Papa's Dream*



Spring! That time of year when we all start to think about getting out on the water. Personally I start to think about taking the canvas off and enjoying my favorite pastime, sitting on the back of the boat and watching the people walk along the boardwalk after a hard day's work. Leaving the dock more is an added bonus.

Coming up is the Daffodil event at Tacoma Yacht Club. If you have not participated in

the past, you are missing out. A great time, and we need all the help we can get showing off our club spirit.

Just around the corner comes Opening Day and then Memorial Day weekend at the Island. I think I mentioned this last month....if you are bored, it is no one's fault but your own.

Have fun out there.

Jeff Pape, Rear Commodore
1st Mate Debra



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Fleet Captain Sail

Captain Rick Bergholz
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S/V *Inati*



Onboard the *Inati*, things have slowed down. I've been down to remove the racing sails and replace some of the cruising gear. The fantastic Thursday, a few weeks ago when the temperature hit 60 degrees, tempted Annie and me. We grabbed a book and headed for Island Home. We had the island to ourselves for three days and two nights. Barb was on a Caribbean Cruise, not my thing,

and we weren't jealous on that beautiful Thursday. Friday and Saturday, we might have been a little jealous. Anyway, by the time you read this it will officially be cruising season.

I emailed Jeff Renner from King 5 News with a question about wind gusts. He is the author of a great book on northwest marine weather. My question was about the strength of wind gusts. His comments back were that, in general, the gusts run about 1/2 the general wind strength more, but even greater if the clouds are lower. Therefore, the lower the cloud cover the greater the gusts. So if you look up an inlet and the clouds are down to the deck. Take that extra reef, bat-ten the hatches and stow that loose gear.

Planning for May 12th Opening Day is going on with the Hursts. As I write this, nothing is completely decided yet. There will be a TGIF, pizza, salad bar, ice cream sundaes, beer and wine Friday evening. We are hoping to have a swing



dance lesson and a swing dance after TGIF. Sign-ups for the parade will happen during TGIF and during the breakfast Saturday morning. Everyone is invited to the TGIF. As I like to



put it, if it floats on Budd Inlet, it's invited. If it takes part in the parade, it's invited to the Saturday morning breakfast, blessing of the fleet ceremony and the post parade BBQ. Hamburger, hotdogs, salads, beer and wine will be featured. Decorate your boats to the

theme of "Swing into Spring Boating" and join in the parade. You may just win an award.

Just got in the door from the West Marine/SSSS cruising seminar. Wow, did Jack DeMeyer do a great job of showing us the way around Vancouver Island. There were 40 or so people in attendance, and Jack covered charts, weather, timing, anchoring, safe anchorages and the beautiful and interesting spots to not miss on such a trip.



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Fleet Captain Power

Captain Richard Hurst
First Mate Dianne Hurst
M/V *Feisty II*



Snowing yesterday and pouring today, that brings to mind Opening Day. It promises sunny skies and the crowding around of boating brethren as we "Swing into Spring" - this year's theme.

We begin with TGIF and the ever wonderful pizza party with fixin's brought to you by the FC Sail followed, tentatively, with swing dance lessons and dancing.

Saturday starts early with breakfast, the American Legion band, and the Opening Day ceremonies. There will be a mad dash to the boats for the parade with ample awards to the usual and some unusual entrants. Follow this with a BBQ - once again under sunny skies - and you have the formula for a fun weekend.

Invite boating friends to participate and join us.

See the flyer in this issue of the Beachcomber.

May 11-12 Save the date.

Rich Hurst FC Power
Dianne Hurst First Mate
M/V *Feisty II*

TGIF

Thank Goodness it's **Friday!**

Next one is April 27th

5-7 pm at the Main Station

\$5 per person

Pizza, Salad Bar, Iced Cream Sundaes

Beer, Wine, Sodas

Unlimited Camaraderie

No Reservations Required

Lunch Bunch

Mike and Denise Lackey



Wednesday, April 11th, 11:30-12:30

"Taco Truck" style carne asada tacos
prepared by Lin and Maryke Hines

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These cruising seminars are great and the next one is Thursday, March 29th at 6:00 pm at West Marine.....cruising to the Queen Charlottes and Alaska. We are welcome to attend.

Also at the SSSS meeting Carol Hasse gave a great presentation on sails and sail trim. Again, you do not have to be a member of SSSS to attend the presentations. The program happens after the meeting, and beer is served. If I forget to tell you what's on the program; check the SSSS website <http://www.ssssclub.com/>.

Rollin' down to old Maui!

Rick, Barb and Annie Bergholz, Fleet Captain Sail
S/V *Inati*



Island Home

George Smith, Chair



The Island Home committee will be having a work party on April 14 & 15th. Work will commence at 9:30 am with lunch served at 12:30pm. There are many projects that need to be completed including digging a drainage ditch, cutting some trees, splitting firewood and stacking it, fence building and tighten cable connections are just a few. If you need CSP hours now is your chance to earn some so grab your gloves and boots and come on out either by boat or car. This will also give you a chance to meet the hard working members of the Island Home committee that keep this Island in excellent order for your enjoyment. In the event we don't finish on Saturday we will work again on Sunday. Hope to see you there!

The April Island Home meeting will be held on April 9th at 7pm in the clubhouse.

See you on the water or at the Island!

PC George Smith

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April will also bring the annual Daffodil Regatta in Tacoma. Debe Andersen is chairing up the event this year. I encourage you to attend, if even by car, for all or part. On Saturday there is a Trivia contest among all the yacht clubs, where your Commodore will be dressed up in an outrageously funny costume, to be the token offering and answer the trivia questions correctly, to bring home a trophy for our club. We need members there to cheer me on and impress the easily bribed judges. The parade is on Sunday with OYC providing two boats this year. One will be Bill Caughlin and Suzanne as our decorated-to-theme boat, "Don't Stop Believing". Should be fantastic, and the second is IPC Carol and Chuck's boat as the flag officers' boat. We will see if we can get the salute right this year. Look for the flyers around the club. Please try to attend.

Now I know I am not a PC yet, but as PC I will be responsible for putting on the Commodore Ball for Mike and Vonnice in October. This event does take some planning and much work, so in keeping with that, I am planning on having the first meeting to begin the process on April 9th, immediately following the Bridge meeting at 6:45 or 7-ish. For those of you willing or wanting to help, please plan on attending. This will be planning for the theme, colors, decorations, invitations and the like. Since we usually do not meet in the summer for this due to all of our vacation schedules, I will need to have the majority of the planning done by early June and then we will have September to wrap up loose details for the Ball in October. I look forward to seeing many of you who have helped in the past there, as well as new faces. I count on your expertise and guidance.

This year is winding down, regrettably, faster that I like to think. I am truly enjoying being Commodore and representing OYC, even through all the craziness of the schedule. I appreciate all of you and your support, as always, and helping to make my job that much easier and enjoyable. We are the best club on the Sound because of you. OYC rocks!! Think 75 degrees!!!! See you on the docks, at an event or on the water.

Commodore Les Thompson
M/V *EcstaSea*



Board of Trustees

Walt Schefter, Chair
M/V Rob Roy



The City of Olympia is in the process of updating the local Shoreline Master Plan as is required by state law. Currently the City of Olympia Long Range Planning Commission is developing Shoreline Master Plan recommendations to present to the Olympia City Council. Meetings of the Planning Commission are ongoing and open to the public. These meetings often afford opportunities for the public and interested parties, such as OYC, to give testimony.

The end result of this planning process will mean more restrictions on what OYC can do, how it can expand and in fact, in what form it will maintain its presence at the tip of Budd Inlet. The stakeholders include not only OYC and all other businesses located on the city's portion of Budd Inlet and who will be directly affected, but also organized groups of interested citizens. Some of these stakeholders and some commissioners have a vision of a future Olympia waterfront that does not include OYC as it presently exists. There is no doubt that the proposed Master Plan, once adopted, will significantly impact our plans to expand or maintain our facilities.

Does this mean OYC will not be at our present location years from now? Absolutely not! We are presently designated as a Conditional Use and that designation will continue. We will be able to maintain our facility in its present configuration but any attempt to expand or upgrade, as opposed to ordinary maintenance and upkeep, may be difficult. As is the case now, major rebuilding of our facilities, as opposed to ordinary maintenance and repair, will require adherence to new standards and codes but that is no different from the situation we or many businesses and homeowners face at present. Those new standards and codes, as proposed in the new Shoreline Master Plan, will, however, be much more restrictive.

OYC, through our Governmental Affairs Committee, has been monitoring the planning commissions work for the past two years. We have had committee members in attendance at almost every planning commission meeting. Through our committee we have provided testimony to the commission and the Board has provided written testimony and suggested amendments. We have, to the extent possible, coordinated with other stakeholders, such as the commercial marinas. We have met with stakeholders whose interests are not supportive of OYC in the hopes of gaining understanding and perhaps some concessions. We have also retained outside legal counsel to advise and represent us in this process. PC Jim Lengenfelder as the previous Chair and now Chairman Gary Ball need to be commended along with all other members of the Governmental Affairs Committee.

This process is important to OYC and I would urge you to consider joining the Governmental Affairs Committee as help and assistance is always needed. Please call Chair Gary Ball if you have an interest.

On an unrelated matter the OYC Audit Committee has recommended OYC clarify the method of calculation of moorage fees and establish a uniform method of calculation. The Board agreed and authorized the committee to study the matter and make a recommendation to the Board. The Board directed the committee's recommendation be as revenue neutral as possible. In so doing the committee discovered that very few slips and boathouses were uniform in size and, using a square foot calculation method for each slip and boathouse, few would have similar monthly moorage fees.

The result of their measurements and calculations results in slight increases in moorage fees for 123 slips and boathouses, mainly in the \$1.00 to \$20.00 per month range, and slight decreases in moorage fees for 93 slips and boathouses, again, mostly in the \$1.00 to \$20.00 per month range.

The Board has taken no action on the recommendation of the Audit Committee and will take no action until the committee's recommendation and reports are made available to the membership and the membership has an opportunity to comment on the issue. Any action on this issue by the Board will be announced prior to such action.

I wish to thank the Audit Committee for their work on this project.

Walt Schefter
Board Chair

Covered Moorage Survey

To all members of OYC

As part of our ongoing project to rebuild our covered moorage, the shed, we are now at a stage where we need commitments from members who wish to be assigned a slip under the proposed shed. There will be fourteen slips available, some of which are already committed to those on the covered moorage waiting list. If we have more commitments than slips the excess commitments will form the waiting list.

The Board has increased the moorage rates for the shed slips by \$150.00 per month. This amount, which is in addition to the standard moorage fee for each shed slip will be treated as all other OYC moorage fees and may be subject to increases or decreases as future Boards may deem necessary. OYC will be responsible for the maintenance of the new shed.

The rules governing the shed will, however, be modified so that a shed slip may no longer be transferred by the holder of that shed slip upon sale or transfer of his or her boat. While the holder of the shed slip may retain that slip if he or she sells and replaces the boat per club rules, the slip will go the next person on the covered moorage waiting list if the vessel is not replaced.

This solicitation of interest is designed simply to judge the interest of OYC members in obtaining moorage under the shed. By signing and returning this survey you will not lose your present slip in the event the shed is not built. If you are interested in being assigned moorage under the shed, please sign and return this form to the OYC Moorage Master, Bridget Shreve. Under your signature please print your name. You can place the signed form in the club mailbox immediately inside of the side door to the clubhouse or mail it to the club at 201 Simmons St. NW, Olympia, WA 98501.

I wish to be assigned a covered moorage slip in the event the shed is constructed.

Signed: _____ Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Anchorettes

Catherine Schefter, President



A big thank you again to everyone who donated so generously and participated in the silent auction and live auction. It was a complete success and very much enjoyed. Special thanks to Julie and Gary Gronley for all their hard work and generosity and a special thanks to our wonderful auctioneer, PC Tim Ridley. It's always amazing,

the talent we have in our club.

That talent also covers those involved in the May 16th WIC luncheon including Gary Gronley and PC George Smith who will be our chefs. The luncheon is open to all OYC ladies. The theme is the Mad Hatter's Tea Party. It is an excellent opportunity to meet both OYC members and members of other clubs. Please RSVP by May 7. The luncheon is \$14.00 per person and we will have several generous gift baskets to raffle. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 for 6 tickets. There will be prizes for party game winners and lots of fun. The Mad Hatter will see to that.

Please also note the RSVP date for the First Mate's Tea, also open to all OYC ladies, is May 24th. This Tea will be held May 31st and is free of charge. Each guest will receive a red long stemmed rose and a chance to win a free gift basket. As with our WIC luncheon we have our "Buddy" system, so if you are attending either event for the first time, we will have someone to greet you and make you feel at home. Just call Kim Shann, 491-3786 or Phyllis DeTray 491-1188 or myself at 491-2313.

The Mad Hatter will host the WIC luncheon, so we've reserved the First Mates Tea for the Red Queen. Hold on to your head!!

Since September, OYC members have donated 263 pounds of food to the Thurston County Food Bank. Thank You! OYC members have also donated 90 books to the Island Home library for all to enjoy. Again, thank you!

For our Anchorette members, we have two bylaw changes to vote on at the April 19th Anchorettes meeting. The changes are as follows:

Article III, Section 1, Eligibility presently reads as follows:

B. Once an Anchorette member and keeping dues paid and are active, event though not being an OYC member any longer, can still continue to be an Anchorette member.

This bylaw, if approved will read as follows:

Once a person is an Anchorette member, that person may remain an Anchorette member even if they are no longer an OYC member, provided they are in good standing with the Anchorettes.

Article IV, Government, A. Meetings presently reads:

Regular meetings shall be at the OYC Main Station on the second Wednesday at 5 PM to 7PM each month unless otherwise designated by the Board.

This bylaw, if approved will read as follows:

Regular meetings shall be at the OYC Main Station each month unless otherwise designated by the Board.

Catherine Schefter, President

Womens' Interclub Council

Kim Shann, Representative



OYC ladies are cordially invited to attend
EDMONDS YACHT CLUB for their

"APRIL IN PARIS"

Luncheon April 12, 2012. Make your reservation by April 4, 2012 by calling Kim Shann 491-3786. Only \$14.00 per person. CAR POOLING AVAILABLE.
Call Kim Shann 491-3786

Sunshine Committee

Barbara Narozonek-Neuhauser, Chair



A card was sent to Harvey Childs and a donation in memory of the passing of Stick Wilder was sent to the OYC Foundation.

I appreciate members' calls when these events happen.

Always feel free to leave a message. 943-5708

Thank you. Barbara.

Moorage Report

Bridget Shreve, Moorage Master



We still have a few slips open in the marina. Most of them require narrow beamed boats. The list is on the board inside the clubhouse with the requests for moorage.

We have sent out letters to a number of members regarding the rule for boats to move every six months. Most have responded in a positive manner or have taken steps to be in compliance. I thank them for their understanding.

Reminder....check your burgee to see if it is need of replacement! There are several flying that are in tatters!!

There is also the matter of some boathouses that are desperately in need of repair. I will be sending out letters to members that have serious boathouse issues. Some may have received one already, and I will be following up as per the OYC Board request. We are all trying to have our marina be in compliance, so member cooperation is really appreciated.

Thank you

Bridget Shreve, Moorage Master
(360) 561-3289

Quartermaster

Linda Bryant, Chair



APRIL SPECIAL—ALL HATS \$10

Linda Bryant 360 866-7446

Patti Phillips 360 786-8399



Nautical Notes

from out there.....



Out Cruising.....

Since arriving in La Cruz we have very busy with boat projects (including installing an arch for solar panels), attending



Bob and Linda Hargreaves
www.saibrightangel.com

seminars, and myriad other tasks involved in getting ready for the "Pacific Puddle Jump" in April. After a quick trip home in late March for a family wedding, our plan is leave Banderas Bay on or about April 1, 2012 (weather permitting) for the 2,800 nm crossing to the Marquesas in French Polynesia.

Third Annual South Sound Women's Boating Seminar



We welcome women boaters of both power and sail persuasions! Cost for the full day of learning and camaraderie is \$35; lunch is included. The seminar will be held at the Olympia Yacht Club clubhouse from 8:00am to 5:00pm, on **Saturday, May 19**. Educational exhibitors include the Olympia US Power Squadron, the Olympia Harbor Patrol and the US Coast Guard Auxiliary – Olympia Flotilla 38.

This year's theme is cruising, both preparing for a cruise and skills to enhance your safety and enjoyment while on the water. Speakers and topics for this year's seminar include:

- **Ace Spragg** – Anchoring Techniques
- **Suzie Shaffer** – Provisioning for a Hungry Crew
- **Pat Brower and Jo Sohneronne** – Charts and Basic Piloting Skills
- **Chris Doyle** – First Aid Onboard
- **Jessica Doyle** – The Pre-Cruise Haulout: What Happens in the Boatyard and Why It's Important
- **Alison Mazon** – Toolkit and Spare Parts
- **Lynne Reister, Pam LaNua, Pat Brower, Jo Sohneronne and Capt. Mary Fitzgerald** – Hands-on Charting Practice

The speakers will convene in the afternoon with seminar participants for open discussion about cruising skills and techniques.

To learn the latest seminar news or to register, please visit www.sssclub.com/wbs.htm.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information, email wbs@sssclub.com.

Daffodil.....

Make sure to put April 20th to 22nd on your calendars and join us at the Tacoma Yacht Club for Daffodil. Come by boat, RV or even drive up for the day. However you come, you will have a great time. The theme this year is Don't Stop Believing....and OYC is going to not stop believing in Aliens...the trivia contest on Saturday afternoon will feature our Commodore dressed as the one eyed, one horned, flying purple people eater. The rest of us will be dressed in white suits with black glasses...think Area 51. On Sunday morning we will feature both a decorated boat and a flagship in the parade. Our immediate past commodore's boat, *Romancing the C's*, will be the flagship boat. Bill Caughlin has graciously offered *Aqua Bella* for the decorated boat. Friday and Saturday night there will be entertainment at the Tacoma Yacht Club. Meals can be purchased as a meal packet or individual meals for the weekend. Contact Debe Andersen at debdatchr@aol.com if you are interested in helping out on the committee or if you just want to come up for the weekend.



Reciprocal Moorage

Eric Hurlburt, Chair



There is a new tool for planning your summer cruise. Bob and Barb Brunius of the Orcas Island Yacht Club have developed a website, www.YachtDestinations.org, for all yacht club members to use. This covers all the clubs on the Salish Sea, from Olympia to north of Nanaimo, and more distant clubs that have reciprocal relations with these.

To use Yacht Destinations, go to the webpage and create a free account. This will allow you to see all the clubs that have reciprocal agreements with OYC on a Google map, let you sort these by region and give you details on the club and their reciprocal rules and availability. The data is current and kept up to date by the clubs (no more typos by your reciprocal manager). This is a great tool for planning a cruise north or when you are visiting out of town and wondering if there are clubs you can visit.



Main Station Caretaker

George Whittaker



It's pouring rain, this morning it was snowing, yesterday there was snow on the ground and next Wednesday is the First Day of Spring!!! GO FIGURE!!!

Regardless of the weather, we have work that needs done. These are jobs worthy of CSP hours. All decking needs pressure washed, starting with 500 and 600. The toe rail project is going slow and I have received very little help. So far only a few people have assisted for part of a day each. The spring cleanup day is coming up, April 28th, for the OYC grounds and landscaping. Flower planting is scheduled for May 5 and opening day is May 12th this year per the OYC calendar. There are also pilings that need scraped at the lowest tide available, we won't have minus tides until April 7th. The tides are low enough that some of the higher mussels are reachable now.

Well, I think that is it for me for now.

George Whittaker
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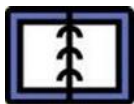
Gary Ball, Chair



In early March, I made a brief presentation at the Squaxin Tribal council meeting and made a \$500 donation on behalf of OYC to be a sponsor for the 2012 Tribal Canoe Journey. This canoe journey is hosted by the Squaxin Tribe. Bob Utter and Jim Lengenfelder have been working closely with the tribe to support their efforts in making this a very successful event this summer. This, along with allowing use of our dock at Island Home to transfer salmon fingerlings from hatcheries on shore to the Squaxin fish pens off Squaxin Island is building a stronger relationship with our neighbors, the Squaxin Tribe.

Yearbook

Steve Clark and Beth Branshaw

harmonysbest10@gmail.com

A Message from Your Yearbook Chairs:

The yearbooks are here. If you have not received yours yet, you will find it at Main Station. Look for the boxes by the fireplace. They are in alphabetical order. Please make sure you get yours!

**Junior Sailing Program**

Rick Antles, Chair



Jr. Program News March 21, 2012

Welcome to Spring! The high school sailing program is off to a great start. Our sailors took high honors in the Silver Fleet at the Seattle Yacht Club Kick Off regatta March 3rd. Their schedule is quite busy the next few weeks with NWISA (the Northwest District of the Interscholastic Sailing Association [ISSA]) regattas going on nearly every weekend through May. We have about 20 kids participating. These kids are emissaries from the OYC and represent south Puget Sound boaters in lots of venues. Please show your encouragement when you see them on the docks.

This summer, we have some of our key instructors coming back for this summer – we're looking for a great program this summer. We are also looking to OYC members to help out. Come attend our meeting, get involved, and give us your input (oh, and earn CSP hours.) The Jr. Program next meets April 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the OYC main-station.

Here's a shot of kid's competing in this year's SYC kick-off:



Rick Antles
Jr. Program Chair
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If you do not have a picture in the Member Directory or would like to change your picture: We have set up an email address specifically to collect yearbook information at harmonysbest10@gmail.com so send any change of address/e-mail, pictures, or phone numbers to this address.

We also need pictures of club activities sent in!

Thanks! Steve and Beth

Safety Committee

Richard Erwin, Chair



ANNUAL COURTESY VESSEL SAFETY INSPECTIONS AND SAFETY DEMONSTRATIONS MARK YOUR CALANDER for **MAY 5th**. The U S Power Squadron is again leading our efforts by conducting this year's courtesy vessel safety inspections.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

1. 9:00 AM Start of Courtesy Vessel Safety Inspections
2. AmeriSafe will be on site to service vessel and home fire extinguishers.
3. 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM Live on-site use of a fire extinguisher to put out an actual fire
4. 11:30 AM & 1:30 PM Experience firing a 12 ga. flare gun and lighting a hand flare.

Our own Pat Brower and members of the U.S. Power Squadron will start at 9:00 AM through the early afternoon. AmeriSafe will be on hand to service both your home and vessel fire extinguishers. We will also have four on site demonstrations using a fire extinguisher to put out a real fire. In addition you can have the opportunity to fire a 12 flare gun and the lighting of hand held flares and what drips from the flare.

Just think, you can complete your 2012 Courtesy Vessel Safety Inspection and get hands on experience in using distress flares and hand held flares, all in one day. For early vessel courtesy inspection call Pat Brower at 943-1678.

ADDED FEATURE 2012 VESSEL PRE SEASON preventive maintenance guide. Make it a full day and complete all your safety items and pre-season maintenance. It's a great way to start out your 2012 boating season

VESSEL PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE GUIDE

ENGINE ROOM: Check, clean, service, repair or replace:

1. Shaft and rudder logs. Both propeller and rudder logs clean, adjust as necessary.
2. Engine lube oil, fresh and raw cooling water pumps for signs of leaking or corrosion. Include fuel tanks, lines, fittings the fuel system water separators. Include the generator.
3. All equipment v-belts and spares.
4. Through hull (sea valves) hoses and connections, especially below the water line. Two (2) clamps are recommended on all below water line hose connections. Replace any rusty hose clamps (screws)
5. Both main engine(s) and generator sea water strainers, remove the basket, clean & check for leaks after reassembly.
6. Bilge & sumps. Make sure any floating debris is removed, check all pump(s) & sump pump(s) & strainer (s)
7. CHECK bilge pumps & float switches – make sure they work correctly – **ADDING** a high water alarm is cheap insurance.
8. All engine & transmission fluid levels, fuel and cooling pumps for leaks. Adjust v-belts. as needed. Having spare v-belts is additional get home insurance, if the need arises. Replace pencil zincs.
9. Batteries, battery cable connections should be clean and tight. Check for cable chafing (A shorted battery cable is a certain

fire). Include checking your battery charger and inverter.
10. Check your hydraulic steering (pump oil level at helm wheel and hydraulic cylinder at the rudder.

COMMUNICATION AND NAVIGATION:

1. Radios & navigation equipment for proper operation. Clean any corroded antenna connectors. Have spare fuses for all communication and navigation equipment. Radar and GPS units often take a small mini fuse.
2. Navigation equipment for proper operation.
3. Navigation lights. Have the spare bulbs on hand

PLUMBING:

1. Test your potable water, flush tanks and treat if needed, change any fresh water filterS.
2. Potable water lines, fixtures (under the sink) for leaks.
3. Fresh water pump and pressure shut off switch
4. Head /gray water lines and holding tank & valves.
5. Head for proper operation and leaks.
6. Holding tank macerator and valves for proper operation.

FUEL TANKS:

1. Check fuel lines, filler hoses and hose clamps.
2. Check fuel filters and water separators.
3. Keep a spare set of engine & generator filters on hand

CRUISE REPAIR KIT: Having a box of spare common use parts on board all the time is not only an item of safety but can save you lots of money or even the cost of a tow. It can keep your 1st Mate much happier. Some items to include:

1. Shaft log packing (New Teflon fabric & filler works a lot better)
2. Extra engine & transmission and hydraulic steering oil
3. Engine and generator fuel filters
4. Have the spare navigation, interior and interments light bulbs
5. Spare main & generator raw water impellers.
6. Main engine & generator v-belts
7. Variety of hose clamps and black electrical tape
9. Navigation, instrument and communication fuses for all equipment.
10. Specialty small fuses that fit your communication and navigation equipment.
11. Potable water filters
12. Common caulk & gasket sealers
13. A roll of duct tape and black electrical tape
14. Engine thermostat & pencil zincs

PFD's

You are required to have one serviceable PFD of proper size, ready and available for every person on your vessel, regardless of age. (includes a baby being carried).



Adult PFD

Child PFD

Inflatable PFD

The History Corner

Lisa Mighetto, OYC Historian



Pacific salmon have long been an important symbol in Puget Sound. For centuries native people revered these fish, drawing cultural as well as physical sustenance. During the 19th century commercial salmon fishing and processing became essential to the region's economy and by the 20th century a significant sport fishery had emerged. These fish (which include chinook, sockeye, coho, chum, humpbacks, and steelhead) came to represent the abundance of nature in our area as well as the perils of over-use and destruction of habitat. They also became the focus of conservation and fisheries management efforts and tension among various user groups. For more than a century, Pacific salmon have formed a center of political, economic, and cultural debates in Puget Sound. With their mysterious biology, amazing migrations, and tasty pink flesh, salmon have captured our imaginations as well as our commercial and recreational interest. It is difficult to picture our region without them.



The OYC has been involved in this story. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife,



in conjunction with the Squaxin Island Tribe, have used Island Home as a launching spot for coho, also known as silver salmon, for approximately four years. Each winter a state truck delivers the juvenile coho from the Skookumchuck Hatchery, south of Olympia, to Island Home. A temporary pipe running along the OYC bridge transports the salmon to a tribal barge, which uses the OYC's dock. These salmon, one year old and measuring three inches, are destined for tribal net pens in Peale Passage, where the tribe maintains them for several months before release.

Once released the salmon migrate through Puget Sound to the ocean, returning to the Peale Passage area during the fall of the next year, when they can be caught by sport and tribal fishers. This program, responsible for releasing approximately 1.8 million coho, has been operating for around 30 years. Initially the transfer of juvenile coho took place at another landing north of Island Home, but after that facility was damaged during a storm the OYC outstation became the preferred transfer point.



Hatchery specialist Lee Pilon explained how he discovered Island Home. "We just drove down the road looking for sites," he recalled, "and noticed the OYC's [perfect] location." He expressed deep appreciation for the OYC's permission to use Island Home as the coho transfer site, noting "the tribe feels the same way." While the state operates an extensive hatchery system, there are few programs like this one in Puget Sound that include a transfer of juvenile salmon to net pens. "The club has been very good about working with us," Lee concluded. This arrangement has been "user-friendly for us and for the fish." This is an example of how the OYC provides a public service and contributes to the community, while playing a part in the continuation of salmon runs.



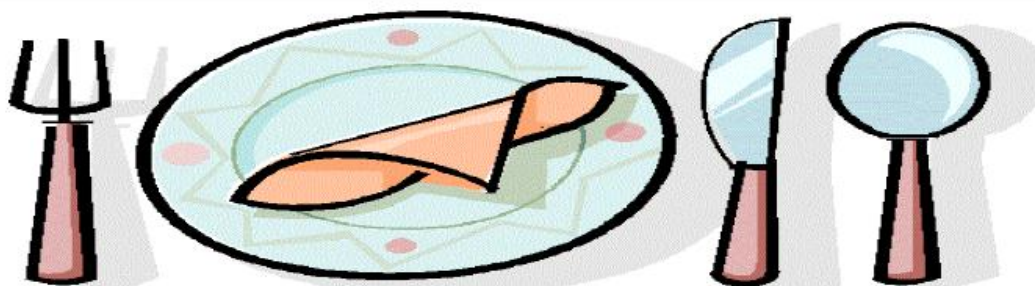
Photos courtesy of the author, who is writing a book on the cultural history of salmon.



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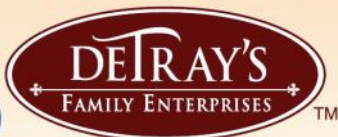
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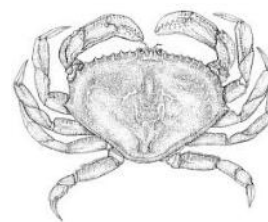
Master Flush Toilets, diesel heat & much more. 2 owner boat kept in boathouse since new. If you are looking for a 45, you need to see this one before you buy.

Also available 20' x 55' boat house in Breakwater in Tacoma.

Package **\$270,000** for boat & house, or **\$215,000-** boat & **\$65,000-**boathouse.

Call Doug at **253-677-8302** for more info.

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Calendar of Activities

March 28	Membership Committee meeting, 5:30 pm
March 28	Clubhouse Committee meeting, 6:30 pm
March 30-Apr 1	Grand 14 PC Cruise-in to OYC, Island Home
April 3	Government Affairs Committee, 5:30 pm
April 4	Membership Dinner Meeting, 6:00 pm
April 9	Bridge meeting, 6:00 pm
April 9	Mainstation Committee meeting, 6:00 pm
April 9	Island Home Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
April 10	SSSS meeting at OYC Clubhouse, 6:30
April 11	Lunch Bunch, 11:30
April 11	Board of Trustees meeting, 6:00 pm
April 12	WIC Luncheon, Edmonds YC, 11:00 am
April 14-15	Island Home work party, 9:30
April 17	Junior Sailing Program Meeting, 6:30 pm
April 19	Anchoresses meeting, 6:00 pm
April 20-22	Daffodil Regatta
April 25	Membership Committee meeting, 5:30 pm
April 25	Clubhouse Committee meeting, 6:30 pm
April 27	TGIF
April 28	Spring cleanup day
May 1	Government Affairs Committee, 5:30 pm
May 2	Membership Dinner Meeting, 6:00 pm
May 4-5	Seattle Opening Day
May 5	Flower planting day
May 5	Power Squadron safety inspections, 9:00
May 7	Bridge meeting, 6:00pm

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April

Membership Dinner Meeting

April 4, 2012

Membership Meeting dinners are **\$22.00** per person with reservations. If not on the reservation list, dinner is **\$27.00**.

Reservations are required if you are not on the permanent list.

CALL 360 705-3767

Social Hour: 6:00 P.M.

Dinner: 7:00 P.M.

Meeting: 8:00 P.M.

Inflatable PFD Clinic.....

South Sound Sailing Society has invited OYC members to participate in a PFD testing event they put together with West Marine. In order to be sure they have re-arming kits available for your particular PFD, West Marine wants to inspect yours at one of the upcoming SSSS general meetings at the OYC clubhouse. Alternatively, OYC members can have Beth Mason inspect PFD's at the West Marine Store 360-352-1244.....just let her know you are planning to attend the event at Discover Aquatics.

Here's the notice ↪

PFD SPLASH!

When was the last time you tested your inflatable Personal Flotation Device? Have you *ever* done so? Do you know how to re-arm it after it inflates?

SSSS is partnering with West Marine Olympia to provide a chance for you to not only *test* your PFD, but test it by jumping into a salt-water environment! Discover Aquatics will host the in-the-water **PFD SPLASH!** on Sunday, April 22, from 2:30pm to 4:30pm at their warm salt-water pool at 110 Delphi Road in West Olympia. This event provides an unprecedented opportunity to learn how your PFD works with you in it, how well it supports you when inflated, how to repack the bladder after you've been 'saved' and how to re-arm the inflation mechanism; and all in a safe, warm environment. More information about Discover Aquatics and their warm salt-water pool at www.discoveraquatics.com.

West Marine will have re-arming kits available at a reduced price for participants, and will conduct clinics throughout the event to teach you how to re-pack and re-charge your inflatable PFD. To make sure that they have all the right kits, however, we must ask for your assistance: if you intend to participate in this event, please bring your PFD to the March or April SSSS General Meeting. West Marine Olympia staff will be present to inspect PFDs and record the proper kit information. This is important, as nearly every PFD has a different re-arming kit; in fact, re-arming kits are no longer even available for some early models—also a good thing to know!

A \$10 fee will be charged for each participant to offset the rental of the pool. Cheap insurance!

Micki McNaughton
S/V *The Stargazer*

