



OLYMPIA YACHT CLUB

December 2011



Commodore

Commodore Leslie Thompson
Captain Brian Thompson
M/V EcstaSea



Hello to all my fellow OYC members. I hope all of you are getting yourselves and your boats ready for the long winter. As I write this there is snow on the ground and we have the fire going. I guess we are officially in the winter mode, even though the fall colors are still upon us. This month your Bridge has been very busy as usual in club activities.

Fleet Captain Rich and Dianne, along with some of the Bridge and their committee of volunteers, put on a fun Halloween cruise to Island Home. The trip out Friday was a bit dicey with the wind and I thank all who helped Brian and me get tied up. We had fantastic weather on Saturday, warm and sunny, which made it perfect for the pumpkin carving and trick or treating in the evening. We had a great lasagna dinner with all the fixin's with the lasagna being prepared by IPC Carol with my help. Thanks Carol, again, for the great food. I know the members look forward to it as you always do an awesome job. It is becoming a tradition of sorts. Those who prepared desserts for judging were a big hit after dinner. Sunday brought us a wonderful breakfast and some nice rain and wind for the trip home. Oh joy!! Wind again. Gotta love it!!

Early in November Brian and I attended our third Commodore Ball at Meydenbaur YC. Their theme was Black and White, so of course all the ladies formals were either black or white. I managed to wear my dressy black sandals!! We had a great time hanging out with our fellow Sharks. We both really look forward to these G-14 events. The friends we have made are priceless, and for a lifetime. It is so much fun.

Our next Commodore event was the Tyee Yacht Club Commodore Ball. We were privileged to have two of our PC's attend with us. IPC Carol Robinson and Chuck Eich, as well as PC Gary and Colleen Nelson. The Nelson's were in the same class of Daring Dungeness as PC Irma, the wife of my Tyee Commodore counterpart Greg. It made it extra special to have my fellow OYC friends there with us. They have a tradition at Tyee where the Commodores serve several courses of different wines throughout the dinner portion from champagne for the toast to white for dinner to sangria during dinner to port for dessert. You have an assistant to help you during this and it was a lot of fun. VC Mike and Vonnice will really love this part.

Fleet Captain Sail Rick and Barb did another fantastic TGIF. The best part is we are seeing more and more of you turn out for these events. This time we had about 75 people. I love it.

Where else can you go for 5 bucks and have a great meal and camaraderie with your friends?? Nowhere of course!!

By now you have received your invitations to the Christmas party. Please call the reservation line and attend. Since there is a choice for meals, we need to have an accurate count for the caterer so don't forget to leave that information with your reservation. This is a really fun party and a great chance to get dressed up for the holidays. I promise to wear my dress sandals!! I can do this. IPC Carol and I will be decorating after the Apple Cup, so if you would like to help you can contact either her or myself, and as VC Mike will tell you, he will need help with various duties. Great way to get last minute CSP hours.

We also have Special Peoples Cruise coming up with more volunteers needed, as well as Lighted Ship Parade after that. Decorate your boats and get out there. The theme is an easy one to decorate to. See more information on later pages of the

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Vice Commodore

Captain Mike Contris
First Mate Yvonne Contris
M/V Maya



Much thanks and congrats to FCP Rich and Dianne Hurst for an excellent Halloween Cruise! Vonnice and I had a wonderful weekend and enjoyed all the Trick-R-Treaters coming to our boat for candy, the lasagna from IPC Carol and the very changeable and extremely northwest weather! And thanks to the FCP as well for the Oktoberfest cruise. While we weren't able to take our boat, we enjoyed the beer tasting and seeing so many members enjoying themselves. Well done!

RC Jeff and I are preparing for the winter Grand 14 cruise-in at Queen City's outstation on Bainbridge Island. Besides getting together with members of the other G14 bridges, this is our opportunity to roast Commodore Leslie! Jeff and I are preparing a PowerPoint slide show, featuring a wiiiiiiiide range of photos of the Commodore, with the addition of a musical theme soooo appropriate to her! We, along with the other G14 junior officers, present our roasts while the Commodores 'enjoy' the event. There are dinners and one of our usual breakfast business meetings before we breakup and head for home. We had great fun last year roasting IPC Carol and look forward to providing the same fun for Commodore Leslie this year!

I hope you're planning to come to the Christmas Ball this year. We'll be having incredible hor'doerves from IPC Carol, a wonderful dinner from Pellegrino's, beautiful decorations, commemorative photos, and a very fine band. I'm sure you'll have an excellent time!

Vonnice and I were honored to represent our club at Bill Zelis' funeral and life celebration. This is the saddest but one of the most significant duties for a bridge member: we represent the club in saying goodbye to a member and friend and try to provide as much support as we're able. I know that when my mom passed last May it meant a great deal to Vonnice and me that IPC Carol and Commodore Leslie attended her service. Just another reason why this club means so much to us.

And that brings me to my last thought for this time: What would you say if someone asked you why you belong to OYC? I'll have to admit that when we joined it was for the convenience and the cheaper moorage, but we soon found that we were developing friendships and relationships that we'd never done at the other marinas we'd used. And that is what we'd tell someone who asked us the question: We belong to OYC because it provides us a sense of community that makes our boating experience so much more fun!

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

VC Mike Contris

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Beachcomber. Get involved. This is your club and these events are very important to the community and they are counting on us. You will have a blast. I guarantee it. It is not difficult at night with our lead boat setting an excellent course and all boats following in a line behind him. You can do it, trust me. I want to see lots of you out there. I, as Commodore, have to be with the judge boat and welcome our distinguished guest judges.

By the time you receive this, Thanksgiving will have come and gone. Brian and I truly hope you all had a wonderful holiday and took the time to give thanks to the many friends, family and positive things we all have in our lives and to take a moment to think about all of the less fortunate souls out there who may have not had such a great holiday and may not have as many reasons to give thanks. They need our thoughts and prayers as well.

December will be crazy busy for all of us on the Bridge and you members, and I have to say that I am excited about all of our OYC events as well as the holidays. Brian and I send all of you our best thoughts and wishes for a wonderful season filled with much joy and love. I hope to see all of you at one of the events or on the docks. OYC rocks, you are the best. Keep up the good work. Being Commodore is a piece of cake thanks to all of you. I do appreciate all that you members do for our club. You all make us what we are!!

Happy December!!!

Commodore Les Thompson
M/V EcstaSea

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Rear Commodore

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



It is cold outside and we are almost halfway through winter, (at least that is what I keep telling myself). Lots of OYC fun and entertainment ahead through the Holidays. If you are bored you have no excuse.

- Apple Cup on Nov 26th
- Special Peoples Cruise on Dec 4th
- Lighted Ship Parades on Dec 7th and 10th
- Christmas Ball on Dec 17th
- New Years Eve at the Main Station on Dec 31st

Something happening every weekend till next year!

Speaking of New Years, tonight we just booked comedian Mike Wally Walter for our party!

Mike Wally Walter is a stand-up comedian who's been working the comedy highways since 1982. He's brought his high energy, politically incorrect humor to all over America and Canada. Fans have described him as a cross between Don Rickles and Jonathan Winters... a fact Mike cherishes as he is a big fan of both! He may not be famous yet... but he is definitely one of the most consistently funny comedians to come out of the Pacific Northwest in the last 20 years. His act is guaranteed FUN! More New Years Eve details to come! Watch for the flyer and emails soon!

Enjoy the Holidays
Jeff Pape
Rear Commodore

Electronic Distribution

In an effort to reduce costs, the Board of Trustees has asked that the Beachcomber be delivered primarily electronically effective with the January 2012 issue. Notices (the Blue Thing) went out with a previous dues invoice.

We would like to continue to provide you with all the latest at OYC, and in order to do that we will need to have a correct email address for delivery.

The simplest method for including you in our electronic delivery system will be for you to notify our Website Administrator at: machnbird@q.com that you wish to receive the Beachcomber electronically.

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Fleet Captain Sail

Captain Rick Bergholz
First Mate Barb Bergholz
S/V *Inati*



Barb, Annie and I are here in the house watching the leaves fly by and the rain come down. Must be late fall. The good news is TGIF is a great break from the house. The pizza is good, the salad bar is fresh, the beer and the sundaes are cold. The camaraderie is always there as well. There is no TGIF in December, but we hope to see you at next one on Jan. 20th. There is plenty going on at

the club. The Special Peoples' Cruise, Parade of Lights and Jerry's "Dancing Lights" show, and the Christmas Ball should keep you all occupied.

Inati has presented herself at the starting line of the SSSS racing fleet. Don't ask how we did. I did notice that John and Joanne DeMeyer's *Balder* was out, so was Bob and Beth Connolly's *Pandora* and Terry and Debe Anderson's *D'Lavicea*. In the Herron Island race, it was a challenge to finish. We did not make it, but the crew all enjoyed the day. Let me know if you would like to find out what racing a sailboat is all about.

Plan on attending the OYC/SSSS cruise the last week of January. Please help us spread the word about how you enjoy our club. There will be a lot of activities planned as well as a chance to get to know some friendly sailboaters. We're looking for new members, so come show everyone what a great club we have. Watch for the flier for more details. OYC/SSSS cruise Jan. 27th to 29th at Island Home.

Pull with a will, Laddie!

Rick, Barb and Annie Bergholz, FCS
S/V *Inati*



photo by Barb Bergholz

Boats rafted at last year's OYC/SSSS cruise.
The weather can be nice in January!

TGIF

Thank Goodness it's **Friday!**
Next one is January 20th (none in Dec.)
5-7 pm at the Main Station
\$5 per person
Pizza, Salad Bar, Iced Cream Sundaes
Beer, Wine, Sodas
Unlimited Camaraderie
No Reservations Required



Fleet Captain Power

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



The successful Halloween cruise is now in the history book. Friday featured soaking downpours, ghoulish decorations, and a great potluck dinner. We had sunny weather for Saturday's pumpkin carving and dessert contest. The dinner featured IPC Carol Robinson's wonderful lasagna. There were weird and scary creatures wandering around drinking slime punch, bloody Caesar cocktails, and dirty water drinks. Matt Mason provided eerie sounds and the Ghostbusters movie. Breakfast featured pancakes and bacon. Prizes were given for best decorated boat (Brian/Commodore Leslie Thompson), best costume (Ladies-Barb Bergholz and male-Bobby Brown, kids-Liv Heistand), pumpkin carving (Liv Heistand-1st, Aidan 2nd in under 10 age, Kai 1st, Claire and Keegan tied for 2nd in 10-15 age, and Harriet Melhaff 1st and Frank Mighetto 2nd in adult), and best pumpkin dessert (Michelle Heistad) and runner up (Maryke Hines). Thanks also to the



Photo by Lin Hines



Photo by Lin Hines

Enjoy the Holidays!
Rich Hurst FCP
Dianne Hurst First Mate

hardworking decorators, cooks, and cleaners Commodore Leslie Thompson, Rick and Barb Bergholz, Michelle Heistand, Lin and Maryke Hines, Deb Waldherr, Bill Melhaff, Gary and Judy Ball, J and Peg Grady, and, of course, First Mate Dianne.

Apple Cup will be done by the time you read this. Valentines in the planning stage for next year.

More photos on
the [OYC website](http://www.olympiayachtclub.org).

Quartermaster

Linda Bryant, Chair



Always open before monthly dinner meetings
We wish everyone Happy Holidays.
Come see us in January.

Linda Bryant 360 866-7446
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Board of Trustees

Walt Scheffter, Chair
M/V Rob Roy



December will be marked by the adoption of the 2012 budget by the Board of Trustees. The 2012 operating budget will be discussed and considered at the December 14 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

For 2011, through November 9, with all operating and social functions considered, the club was 13% under budget. If one excludes the considerable expenditure to repair the pile and dock on the 600 yard float damaged by a boat collision the percentage under budget would increase. This expenditure will be repaid to the club from the insurer but not until we are into the 2012 budget year. I anticipate the club will remain under budget when the books are closed at year's end.

Not included as a budget factor is the income to the club primarily earned by the social programs conducted by the Bridge. For 2011 and through November 9 the total income from those events was approximately \$35,000. These funds are deposited by the club in its operating budget for emergency expenditures through the budget year and then swept into our reserve funds at the end of that budget cycle. This income takes some of the pressure off of the reserve assessment paid by all members and decreases the cost of the social programs as a budget item.

Some of our major committees charged with the operation of the club are projecting less expense for 2012 and a corresponding decrease in their budget requests for this coming year. The remaining committees making up the operating budget are holding the line on expenditures or recommending increases in expenditures only where absolutely necessary. The total operating budget for 2012 will be less than the 2011 budget.

We are moving towards electronic publication of the Beachcomber as one such example of saving hard publication and distribution costs for the members. While electronic receipt of the Beachcomber may not be accepted by all members, we are optimistic that enough members will opt into this program so printing and mailing savings can be realized. If successful, this program could save the club thousands of dollars each year.

The major capital projects of the club such as the dredge, piles, or shed are funded by the Reserve Funds, so those expenses are not within the operating budget. As you know, many of these major projects are moving through permitting. Within the next budget year I expect a number of these major capital projects to be scheduled for commencement and, as it stands at present, the reserve funds, both on hand and projected, are sufficient to pay for the priority projects, only the timing being an issue.

Once adopted by the Board, the actual operating budget will be available for review by any member. There are issues regarding the budget that will come before the Board on December 14 and I encourage any interested member to attend that or any other Board meeting.

Anchoresses

Catherine Schefter, President



Congratulations to Sue Wise, our 2011 Anchoresses Quilt winner!!

The raffle was a success. Ticket sales ranged from \$5.00 for single tickets to \$300.00 paid for a block of tickets, all totaling \$1230.00. Half

of these proceeds will be donated to the American Hero Quilts Charity plus an extra \$50.00 donated to the charity by one member after the raffle had closed.

Thank you all again for your warm comments, response and generosity. It has made all of the work and effort so very worthwhile and commends the Olympia Yacht Club and the Anchoresses.

Special thanks to member Walt Coram who donated from his home in Texas and to PC Richard Erwin, each for their generosity. I would also mention that since the October meeting Phyllis DeTray and Donna Gibler have completed more quilts for Madigan Army Medical Center and the charity.

Sue Nebeker, the founder of American Hero Quilts, will be our special guest at the January 4 dinner meeting to accept the donation. If you would like to donate directly to this charity please contact Phyllis Detray at 360-491-1188.

Please remember the OYC Thurston County Food Bank drive, especially in this holiday season. Although there is no membership dinner meeting in December, we do have the food bank drop-off barrel located in the Clubhouse, where you can leave your donated food items. The Anchoresses, in the name of OYC, will match, one dollar per pound, all food donated in our food drive October through December 15th. So far we have 68 pounds. You can also make a cash donation to this program and in that regard, thank you PC George and Cindy Smith.

The Anchoresses do not meet in December. The next Anchoresses meeting will be January 19th at 6:00 PM at the Main station. One of our topics of discussion will be ideas for an Anchoress donation to OYC. The Anchoresses have always donated items of need to the club such as the defibrillators, Island Home television and our commercial refrigerators. If any OYC member or committee chair has a suggestion of a want or need for the club, please place your written suggestion, addressed to the Anchoresses, in the club mail box in the clubhouse.

I wish you and your families Happy Holidays and a Merry Christmas.

Catherine Schefter, *President*

Womens' Interclub Council

Kim Shann, Representative

LADIES OF OYC

Our next wonderful WIC LUNCHEON is a Christmas One. You can wear any "Christmasy" attire, and it will be held at the Port Orchard Yacht Club, on December 15th, 2011.

11AM Social hour

12PM lunch will be served

Please join Kim Shann and Phyllis DeTray by calling either of us. We car pool to save costs, and the lunch is only \$14.00 per person.

**Junior Sailing Program**

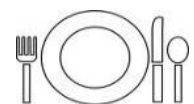
Rick Antles, Chair



2011 saw Olympia High School sailors at multiple regattas throughout the NW. Olympia sailors raced in Portland at the Willamette Sailing Club, at Sail Sand Point in Seattle, Central Kitsap in Silverdale, and Double Handed Districts at Orcas Island, and others. Though these regattas are under the wing of the NW Interscholastic High School Sailing Association, our local team is sponsored by the Olympia Yacht Club. OYC sponsorship provides South Sound students a venue to learn how to sail, mix with like-minded peers, practice and demonstrate their skills, and to just have fun. This last autumn season, about 20 young sailors participated. The spring sailing season kicks off in a couple of months and we hope their interest continues to grow.

The Jr. Program Committee meeting will skip December and is next scheduled for January 18th at 6:30 p.m. and will continue each 3rd Wednesday. All OYC members are invited. Questions, comments, or concerns; drop me a line or come to our next meeting.

Rick Antles
JR Program Chair
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Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch is cancelled until further notice.

South Sound Women's Sailing Group



The South Sound Women's Sailing Group has been very active this past year. Since the [South Sound Women's Boating Seminar](#) last May we have been getting together regularly with weekly sails throughout the summer, and now monthly sails planned for the 2nd Sunday of each month. We had women's boaters gatherings in August and October. In August we had 4 women skippers and their crews show up for our gathering at Longbranch (13 women total and one honorary - Ken-dra). In October we had 5 boats for our gathering at Jarrell Cove State Park, plus 4 or 5 women who drove up to join us for the Saturday evening potluck. Last count for potluck attendees at Jarrell Cove was nineteen!



Photo by Mary Fitzgerald

Notice we said BOATERS. In our ongoing effort to be supportive of all women boaters, we are including women skippers and crew of powerboats as well as sailboats. We want to provide women with a supportive atmosphere to learn and practice skills so they can take the helm. The next South Sound Women's Boating Seminar is scheduled for May 19th. Please check our chat site for [South Sound Women's Sailing Group](#) on Yahoo. There is a calendar there for members that will be updated on a regular basis. You are also welcome to contact the group by calling Capt. Mary Fitzgerald, S/V *Clara McDougal* at 360-754-1516. We will be providing regular updates in the Beachcomber. Hope to see you on the water! Fair Winds.



Cruise News

from Members.....



Ramp for Barney.....



Barney, our 80 pound German Shepherd, wanted to join us in the cabin of *Nightwatch*. He was nervous about the 5 foot drop to the cabin sole, so we built a ramp that folds up and stores behind a door. Now he can come and go on his ownhe's a happy camper.

.....Jack Behrend & Joyce Murphy



The Saga of Bright Angel.....



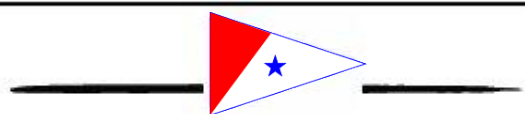
Bob and Linda Hargreaves

www.saibrightangel.com

Many of us had the opportunity to visit with Bob and Linda during their visit back to the Northwest. They are now on their way back to *Bright Angel*, in La Paz, Mexico, to continue their cruise into the Sea of Cortez and then south. Great website, very informative, stunning pictures.

the end of Nor'westing.....

Sadly, *Nor'westing Magazine* will no longer be published. The last issue was November 2nd. More info at <http://threesheetsnw.com/blog/2011/11/norwesting-magazine-publishes-its-last-issue/>



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Island Home

George Smith, Chair



I want to thank the following members who came out to finish the ditch on the driveway in not the nicest of weather, Gary Gronley, Tom & Laura Skillings and Bill Thomas. I also want to thank PC Matt Mills for the use of "old Betty" (his pickup!).

The Island Home committee has more projects to come in the near future. There are trees to cut down, a fence to build, and oysters to cultivate. These are just a few for the spring so please feel free to contact me to volunteer.

It has come to the Island Home committee's attention that there has been chasing of the deer on the Island. The deer are wild animals and chasing them by adults or children could be very dangerous. A spooked or defensive deer may charge or run into a child or an adult causing severe injury. Please DO NOT chase the deer. This is a safety issue as well as not very nice for our resident deer.

Please do not
chase the deer

The committee is looking for "gently" used furniture for the clubhouse. If you have something you would like to donate please send a picture of what you have to my email or bring it to any dinner meeting.

I want to wish all of you the Merriest of Holidays and a Happy New Year!

PC George Smith

Sunshine Committee

Barbara Narozonick-Neuhauser, Chair



Barbara Hughes— Card sent to feel better.

Matt Mills— Hospitalized, Donation sent to Providence St. Peter Foundation - Cardiac Rehabilitation

George Carle— Hospitalized, Donation sent to American Cancer Society.

Zellis Family— Passing of Bill, Donation sent to Ronald McDonald House.

Club Service Program

Marilyn O'Connell, Chair



As we reach the last few months of the year it is important that all of the outstanding CSP hours are recorded. If you chaired a social function, party, cruise, or other event and did not get your 24 hours, please email me and let me know.

I would also like to remind members that joined in 2011 that they need to complete 2 CSP hours for each month that they were a member. For example, if you joined in June, 2011 you would need to complete 12 CSP hours by the end of the year. Please call me if you have questions on ways you can serve our club.

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The Blue Thing

OYC members received a blue slip of paper in their dues invoice with blanks to indicate a choice for receiving the Beachcomber by email or regular mail in the future. So far there have been **146** returned with **127** asking for email and **19** asking for regular mail (in exchange for a fee to offset the printing and mailing costs). Some members have provided well consid-

ered thoughts and opinions and reasons for their choice. If you have not already responded, please "vote" your choice by returning the **Blue Thing** with your next dues payment, or by emailing your choice to machnbird@q.com. The *Beachcomber* is continuing a transition to email distribution and needs to know if you would prefer to continue to receive it by regular mail and pay a fee.

Safety Committee

Richard Erwin, Chair



SAFETY IS A CRITICAL ELEMENT OF YOUR CRUISE PLANNING

the “Parade of Lighted Ships” & “Special People” Cruises are just a few days away ...

For new and old hands at these cruises, here are some SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

COMPLACENCY: It's easy to just assume our trip on the water will be uneventful, party atmosphere with guests on board - - - like you have done before. A little Bravado, overconfidence can be hazardous to you, guests, vessel and others on the water.

FATIGUE: The Special Peoples Cruise is a daytime event taking about 1 to 2 hours. The Parade of lights is a night time cruise of about 4 hours. All really great and rewarding, fun for everyone - - - and 4 hours at night for a skipper is a long time at night in the parade - - - at the helm. Be sure anyone who provides relief at the helm is qualified to operate the vessel and night operations.

SAFETY REMINDERS

- Create and use a safety briefing outline for your guests before you depart, include location of PFD's, including departure and docking procedures and other expectations of the cruise.
- On the Special People Cruise give chaperones a briefing of their duties and your expectations. Include the chaperone in moving special people to and from along the dock, boarding your vessel and care of the special guests throughout the cruise, including the use of the head.
- Insure you have one serviceable PFD per person on board, correct size - no matter of age, and it must be proper size for guest and readily available. (Not in a plastic bag stored in an obscure place.)
- Having a second person on board capable of safely operating your vessel day or night is a good safety precaution.
- Use all of your navigation tools, Radar, (low power), GPS, Depth sounder for the lighted ships parade. If you have the equipment you should be able to use it with reasonable confidence.
Fog can develop and having all your navigation aids ON, OPERATING and TUNED is safety insurance.
- Make sure your USCG Regulation NAVIGATION LIGHTS WORK. Turn them on during the lighted ships, they are the only way to show your position if you lose AC power (decoration lights failure)
- Attend the skipper briefing prior to the events. You will receive a hand-out regarding radio channels, event procedures, parade route, emergency procedures, etc.
- Monitor the parade VHF radio frequencies, refrain from non essential VHF chit-chat. The VHF is for parade information, control and safety. Use your cell phone for chit-chat

PLACING DECORATION LIGHTS

- Decorations should not impair doorways and getting on or off the vessel or deck movement.
- Night operations are not difficult if you make sure:
 - a. You **do not** place white or bright (decorating) lights in your field of vision - it makes it next to impossible to see and navigate with bright flashing lights in you line of sight.
 - b. Avoid flashing or sequential moving lights decorations in your field of vision, it is very distracting and harder to navigate.
- Do not assume your location and just follow the vessel in front of you. Monitor your actual location to the intended parade route. Vessels often turn early when following the vessel ahead. By the 4th or 5th vessel in line you are off course and the end parade vessels are way off course from the intended parade route and safe navigation.

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Fleet Surgeon

Richard Hurst, M.D ("Rich")

**Government Affairs**

Jim Lengenfelder, Chair



Some interesting facts about Capitol Lake and the effort to preserve it.....

What are the environmental considerations? Does the lake offer benefits?

Capitol Lake has created a unique transition zone between the Deschutes River and Puget Sound. It supports a wide variety of aquatic life. Its high productivity supports birds and the local bat population. There was no significant native salmon run prior to the lake, and the lake supports the hatchery-created salmon run. Returning to tidal mud flats would greatly diminish if not eradicate most of these benefits. The lake also greatly enhances our urban environment, providing a beautiful setting for social gatherings, recreation, business, and tourism.

What about the snails?

The mud snails are a growing problem along the West Coast and are not unique to Capitol Lake. They enjoy a brackish environment so the tide flat alternative will not fix the problem. Experts are working hard to address the issue. Saving the lake would not make the problem worse.

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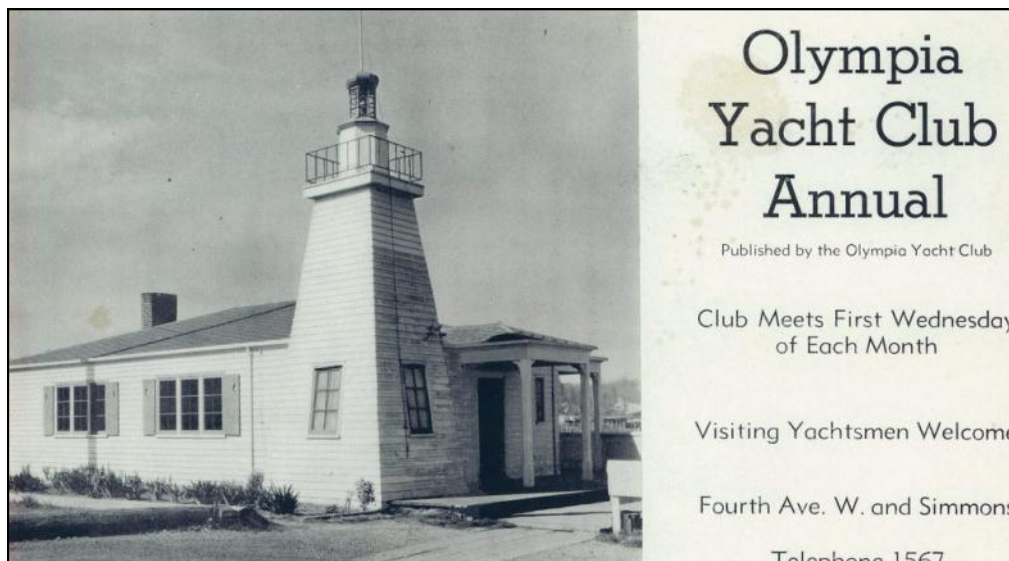
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Your OYC Safety Committee wishes you all a *GREAT & SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON* and Cruising

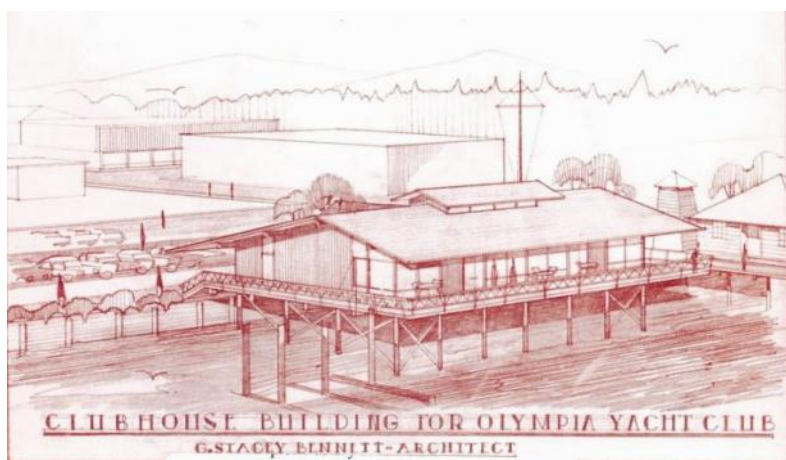
The History Corner

Lisa Mighetto, OYC Historian



The OYC's clubhouse is one of our most important assets - and it has come a long way during the last century. The OYC began as a rowing club. Did you know that the first clubhouse was a two-story houseboat with rowboat storage on the first level? Imagine holding a Christmas ball or holiday party in that facility! The second clubhouse was built on pilings midway down the main entrance ramp - an area now used for cart storage. The third clubhouse, built in 1938, eventually became the caretaker's house.

Our current clubhouse, constructed in 1962, demonstrated that the OYC had come of age. These photos and drawings reveal more than structures; they tell the story of the development of the OYC over time.



Photos courtesy of Mike Contris

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What's the economic impact of returning to tidal mud flats?

There are no economic benefits of turning the lake into tidal mud flats. In fact, it would negatively affect the over \$80 million in investments already made by the State and the community in Heritage Park, Marathon Park, Percival Landing, West Bay Park and Rotary Point, as well as future plans. Water dependent activities would also be adversely affected. Olympia's downtown will be significantly impacted due to loss of waterfront businesses and degraded aesthetics.

How does the community feel about the lake?

Local candidates who have door belled in the community reported that an estimated 80% of residents favored retaining Capitol Lake, 15% didn't understand the issue but did not like the lake's current condition and wanted it improved, and about 5% supported the tide flat conversion.

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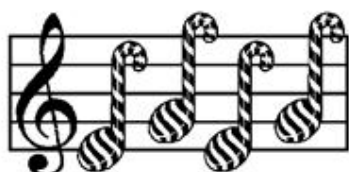
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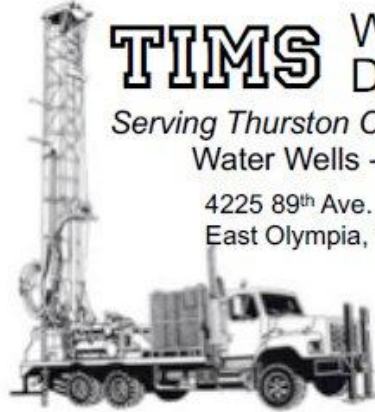
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November 28 Christmas decorating this week
 November 30 Membership Committee meeting, 5:30 pm
 November 30 Clubhouse Committee meeting, 6:30 pm
 December 4 Special Peoples Cruise, 12:30 pm
 December 5 Island Home Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
 December 7 ***No dinner meeting this month***
 December 7 Lighted Ships Parade, 6:00 pm
 December 10 Lighted Ships Parade, 6:00 pm
 December 12 Bridge Meeting, 6:00 pm
 December 12 Mainstation Committee meeting, 6:00 pm
 December 13 South Sound Sailing Society, 6:30 pm
 December 14 Board of Trustees meeting, 6:00 pm
 December 15 WIC Luncheon, Port Orchard YC, 11:00 am
 December 15 ***No Anchorettes meeting this month***
 December 17 OYC Christmas Ball, 6:00 pm
 December 19 ***No Power Squadron meeting this month***
 December 21 ***No Junior Sailing meeting this month***
 December 23 ***No TGIF his month***
 December 28 Membership Committee meeting, 5:30
 December 31 New Years Eve Party
 January 2 Island Home Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
 January 4 Membership dinner meeting, 6:00 PM
 January 7 PC Cruise-in at QCYC outstation
 January 9 Bridge meeting, 6:00 pm

January 10 South Sound Sailing Society, 6:30 pm
 January 11 Board of Trustees meeting, 6:00 pm

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