



OLYMPIA YACHT CLUB
Olympia, Washington
January 2011



Commodore's Report



Commodore Carol Robinson
Capt. Chuck Eich
M/V *Romancing The C's*

Happy New Year!

Oh my goodness, 2011 is here. Again, as we gracefully mature, I still wondering 'where did last year go'?

December was a busy month and all went well. Thank-you to Colleen Nelson for her 'fab' job with the Lighted Ship parade. *Romancing the C's* was judge boat for another year. I truly enjoy visiting with the dignitaries and hosting people on our boat each year, so thank-you Colleen. Curtis Dahlgren and his

committee handled the Special People cruise...Great Job! We had a few extra boats due to 'no shows' through the Parks & Is program. We appreciate all skippers and volunteers that made this a very special day. Santa and Mrs. Claus, you are always loved and appreciated by all. You two were awesome at this event and at Lighted Ship on Saturday night.

VC Leslie and her committee (and her great husband Brian) put on a wonderful Christmas Ball that was enjoyed by all.

RC Mike, Vonnice and his committee will have a outstanding New Year's Eve casino night. (I'm writing this before hand).

I hope Christmas brought you the important things in life, for they are always the most memorable.

Chuck and I will have spent Christmas in Suncadia again this year with some family to then return and spend time with the rest.

January brings new adventures, we have a Grand 14 Officers Cruise-in (my turn to get roasted) at QCYC outstation

on Bainbridge January 14-16th. Then we have joint cruise with South Sound Sailing at Island Home on January 22nd.

At the January dinner meeting I will be swearing in seven new members and you will be voting on new ones. That is a great start for 2011.

I am excited to announce that the 'Bridge' paid for the **"Affiliate Social Membership" to the Olympia Golf & Country Club** for the entire OYC membership.

Here are the basics:

1. Must show your OYC membership card for identification.
 2. Restaurant is open to all members, breakfast, lunch and dinner. You must pay with cash or check and soon by credit card. We pay a 10% surcharge and an automatic 15% gratuity on your bill as part of the affiliation rules. When you call for reservations@866-7121, you will need to identify yourself as an OYC member.
 3. We have use of their dock. We also have permission to put in a couple of mooring buoys for the larger boats with prior approval and permitting.
 4. Communications will by e-mail, they will receive a list of OYC members. Their monthly newsletter is entitled "Tee-Shots". Any snail mail requests has to be paid by OYC.
- This is a very simple program. Chuck and I had dinner with President Charlie Frank, his wife Susan and other guests recently. Our meal was excellent! We will continue to give updates on the golfing side as we progress with our new affiliation. For hours of operation, their website is:

www.olygolfclub.com

Chuck & I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and hope to see you all soon.

Carol Robinson
Commodore
Romancing the C's



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Rear Commodore Leslie Thompson
Captain Brian Thompson
M/V EcstaSea



Greetings everyone and happy Holidays to all! Brian and I hope Santa was very good to all of you and left you the best toys ever.

Wow! I can't believe 2010 is almost finished! Can you believe it? The bridge has been busy since our last report with OYC social events and community events. First I had the pleasure of being on the judge boat again, *Ro-mancing the C's*, for the Parade of Lighted Ships. It is great to socialize with some of the community leaders while putting on a great event for the public. We learn and see what a good part we play and stand for in our town. The

parade was beautiful as ever and Boss Colleen Nelson did her usual fantastic job of organizing. She and Brian once again played Santa and Mrs Clause up on the dock and then went into Anthony's restaurant for the patrons there. The restaurant donated the candy canes for Santa to pass out on Saturday night. There was a large group again this year to view the boats. On a bit of a sad note though, Brian and Colleen are going to retiring to the North Pole and not be Santa and Mrs. next year. After over 10 years for Brian and several for Colleen they just want to take a break, so we will be recruiting volunteers to take over this event and for the Special Peoples Cruise. Thank you both for the many years and such a great job. I know many kids will personally miss them both.

The Special Peoples Cruise was a huge success as usual and Curtis Dahlgren was a fantastic chair person. Brian and Colleen were exhausted out after many pictures with the kids but the weather gods blessed us with a great day. It was unfortunate that we had a very large number of no show kids and 4 boats that signed up were not used. I am sorry, but it is out of our control and we had to load the boats with the number requested as the kids came in. We

did not know that they were not coming. We apologize. I did however get to be the "Special People" on the *Rae Hunter*, so thanks to Dan and Georgia Rae Martin for taking me out and giving me special hot chocolate!! Brian really enjoyed Bill and Sandy Zellis being the Santa boat so thanks guys for taking him and Mrs Claus out at the last minute since the Harbor 1 boat was out of commission the night before. My daughter Erin and Ashleigh were elves on the Hartmans boat. Thank you for taking them. Curtis received a call from one of the special people Matt Annul to see if Santa might be available to come to his church Special Peoples group Christmas party. He couldn't say no so he did one last gig as Santa the Friday before the Christmas party. It was very moving with the kids and he felt honored to do it.

As Vice Commodore, the Christmas party was for me to organize and put on. We had a great crowd with 127 for dinner. I hope nobody starved and your meal was OK. Soulstice did a great job with the music. PC Bob Connolly and his committee decorated the club along with the WIC Victorian theme. Walt and Catherine Scheffter, John Looker, Catherine Bander and Brian did the setup of tables etc. for dinner, Dorrie Carr did the centerpieces, Joe & Myra Downing, Leo and Bonnie Rancour set up and tended bar, Eng & Dixie Ellis and Barbara Day tended bar, Carol and Chuck, Brian and I, Mike and Patti Collins and Hans and Amanda Seager helped clean up. I want to thank you all very very much for without you I couldn't have done it. I attended my first WIC luncheon this month as well and thought it was a wonderful event for the Grand 14. The volunteers were many, the meal was great and the entertainment of the Victorian Christmas carols was wonderful. Thank you Kim Shann for the invite and for your efforts.

As we go into 2011, the Bridge will be very busy. OYC has several cruises and social events planned. Watch the calendar. The more you get involved and have fun with fellow members the more you will see what a great club we have. And we do have the best club on the Sound. OYC is like a large family to us and are always there for you when you need. Please join in and get involved. You will not be sorry. Happy New Year.

See you on the docks or on the water.

VC Leslie Thompson

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If your personal information in the directory is not correct, email corrections to

olympiayachtclub@comcast.net

Olympia Yacht Club Directory

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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Captain Mike Contris
 First Mate Yvonne Contris
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The January dinner entrée will be meat lasagna. Please let me know if you'd like to be placed on the permanent dinner list. And if you're on the permanent list, please don't forget to let me know if you can't make it to a dinner, since we'll have to charge you for the dinner if you don't attend.

By the time you read this the holidays will have passed; Vonnice and I hope that you all had wonderful times and made many fine memories with your families.

Our next Grand 14 event will be the January Cruise-In at Queen City's out-station in Eagle Harbor. This is the winter version of the annual summer cruise-in to Bremerton. All of the member clubs get together for three days of celebration and business meetings, including a 'roast' of each com-

modore. This typically consists of a slide show, with music and commentary. VC Leslie and I have been working on ours for a few weeks now, we just have a bit more to finish up. We'd like to take our boat, but we'd need several days off on both sides for the trip; ah, to be retired!

We'll then have two JO balls in February, one at Poulsbo with the theme of 'Around the World in 80 Days' and the other a formal do at the Seattle Yacht Club. And that one means I'm going to be buying a tux!

An unfortunate situation is developing with one of the founding members of the G14: the Rainer Yacht Club is having a great deal of trouble finding someone to take their Rear Commodore position (they only have about two dozen members). It turns out that there aren't any G14 bylaws to help us work this out, we've always piggy-backed on the WIC rules, but it turns out that those don't actually say anything about the G14 or this specific problem. We'll be entering new waters with this situation since we've not had a club leave or join the G14 in probably 20 years. So this will be a topic of discussion at the January Cruise-in business meetings; hopefully RYC will find someone in time for them to enjoy the rest of the bridge year.

And an update on what we're thinking about going thru the chairs: I'm really enjoying serving all of you at the various events and Vonnice is overjoyed that she's getting me out on the dance floor several times at each event. Ah, the power of a sufficient amount of wine!!

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

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by [Linda Ann Nickerson](#)

JIBE HO!

He holds the jib, and I the main,
One gunshot, and we zip.
Look, here we come about again
To heel, careen, and tip.

We clear the marker, turning round;
We take the lead and fly
To skim the surf without a sound
Beneath the wispy sky.

My spinnaker, she proudly furls
In yellow, red and blue,
Like many fair beribboned girls
Adorned in every hue.

Again we jibe, to catch the wind
O'er shadows in the deep,
What lurks beneath the surface, friend,
Had better be asleep!

Along the homestretch, catch the gust,
And watch the sheets respond;
To reach the final flag, we push
The fleet astern becalmed.

And so the victor's flag we wave,
It flies atop the mast.
And though the others rant and rave,
Tis they who came in last.

For, lo, the ocean is my love.
The winds have caught my soul.
Neath cloudy canopies above,
My ship will rock and roll.



Fleet Captain Power

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Sweetheart Cruise
February 12 - 13

Details in next Beachcomber

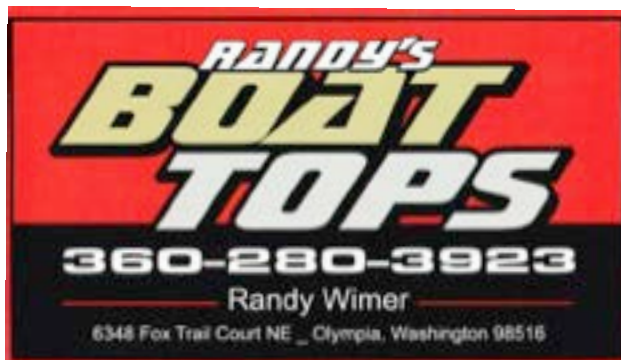
Mark your calendars!



Honey, I Took The Fishing Boat

I took the boat out fishing,
and didn't tell you that I went
Then before I knew it
all my fishing time was spent
Some angels pulled me over
and said that I must dock
I wasn't even startled
so I must have been in shock
They wouldn't let me make a phone call
just said they'd let you know
Then they said, "Lay down the fishing poles"
and to heaven we did go
They dressed me in a flowing robe
I guess I'm in the choir
I sing a decent alto
but I can't go much higher
Well, looks like I'm here to stay,
so you must follow aft
Don't worry that I took the boat
I did leave you the raft

Rosie McFadden



Main Station Report

Bruce Thompson, Chair
 oycmainstationchair@gmail.com

It is hoped that you have polished off the LAST BOTTLE of BUBBLY!!!

Last month the club had quite a variety of issues. We had a FIRE, BOATS TAKING ON WATER, FREEZING PROBLEMS, VERY HIGH WIND DAMAGE and a few others!! Please remember to make sure during the WINTER months to check your BOATS and BOATHOUSES on a REGULAR BASIS! Please make sure that if you do have extra HEATERS on that they aren't close to anything that could catch FIRE!! WE have a lot of boats and boathouses that need to be both chained and tied better as well as boathouses needing NEW EYEBOLTS to secure them to the docks. Please remember to check your night lights to make sure they work. We had about 20 boathouses with no lights on at night. A great idea is to put new light bulbs in as well! This next spring we will be installing new eyebolts to the club's docks and working with the members to also install new eyebolts to boathouses as well as replacing rotten wood where eyebolts are located.

Again this year I'm looking for members to serve on the Main Station Committee for 2011!! The BIGGEST REASON that I do this to get more members involved with our great club and to give NEW MEMBERS a Great way to not only get involved but also UNDERSTAND what is going on and why we need to FIX or REPLACE certain items. 2011 will be a very difficult year for a lot of projects. Our club faces projects such as DOCK REPLACEMENT, PILING REPLACEMENT, DREDGING and GENERAL MAINTENANCE that will COST LARGE AMOUNTS OF MEMBERS DOLLARS!! I ask that ALL MEMBERS PLEASE ATTEND FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS, FIND OUT WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND PLEASE GET INVOLVED!

Again Thanks for letting me serve as Main Station Chairman It is an HONOR!!

Bruce Thompson
 M/V INDEPENDENCE

Island Home Report

P/C George Smith, Chair
 943-9549

Just a few items this month to update everyone on. The buoys that were painted red and green will be returned to white.

During freezing weather the waterlines on the docks will be left to drip so please do not turn off.

Beginning January 10th the Department of Wildlife and the Squaxin Tribe will once again use our docks to transfer and transport fingerling salmon to the pens near Squaxin Island.

We will have a work party on February 19th and 20th to work on the Oyster beds. Anyone interested is welcome to join in.

There were several members who thought that one of the rules I listed in the last Beachcomber was obsolete so the IH Committee has voted to change it. It will take effect 14 days after the reading at the next dinner meeting. See the proposed change below.

Current Rule #6:

Electrical service will be limited to one connection per boat.

Proposed Rule #6:

Two electrical connections per boat will be allowed ONLY if available. During club functions or other such times that the docks are full, please limit your connection to one per boat.

PC George Smith, Chair



Happy Holidays



Quartermaster

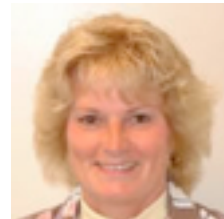
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Proposed Bylaw Changes

The following is a proposed amendment to the bylaws of OYC replacing Article 4, Section 4. The proposed amendment replaces the present requirement for majority vote for each candidate with a new plurality system electing the candidates with the most votes to the position(s). This will avoid the lengthy election process experienced this past election for trustees. In addition, the amendment recreates the nominating committee as a standing committee with its members selected on a rotating basis by the chair of the committee, the PC, rather than by the Board of Trustees. This is a change from the present bylaw which vests this authority in the Board. This is a summary of the two major changes to the bylaw amendment which is printed, in full, below. Other changes of a minor nature appear but are not noted in this explanation.

The Board of Trustees has approved the amendment for submission to the membership.

Article 4

Section 4

- A. Nominations: The Nominating Committee shall be a committee consisting of a chair and six active members in good standing. The Immediate Past Commodore shall serve as the Chair of the Nominating Committee and shall appoint two new committee members for three year terms. Each Committee shall present a slate of candidates, in writing, to the Secretary at the April regular meeting. The list shall consist of at least one Nominee for each position. The Secretary shall then read the list to members present. The initial slate of candidates shall be the responsibility of the Nominating Committee.

Nominations may then be made from the floor and the names of the nominees accepted by the Secretary, subject to the nominee's consent. All nominees must, at the time of their nomination, be qualified for the office for which they are nominated and be in good standing. Marital partners or two unmarried persons who constitute an Active or Life Membership may not hold office jointly nor serve on the same Board of Trustees. Formal closing of the nominations shall be the last order of business prior to the distribution of ballots.

- B. Elections: Elections shall take place during the regular meeting of the Club in May of each year. The Secretary shall furnish each member in good standing present at the Club, a printed ballot containing the names of all nominees for each position. The election shall be by a secret ballot. This printed ballot shall also contain a provision for write-in candidates. Members may vote for any eligible candidate for each open position. Ballots are to be collected and counted by Trustees who are not running for office. The candidates with the most votes shall be elected to the open positions. If there are two open positions, such as with the Board of Trustees, and the two top candidates are in a tie, then they will both be elected. In the event of a tie in any position, a runoff vote on such position shall be held immediately by secret ballot with only the tied nominees on the ballot.



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ARTICLE 4. GOVERNMENT

Section 1. Government

Except as provided by these bylaws, the Government of this Club shall reflect a separation of the Club's Governmental duties. The Flag Officers group shall plan, manage, and attend to the social functions and obligations of Olympia Yacht Club. The Board of Trustees shall be responsible for conducting the business and operations of the Club.

(A) **BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** The Board of Trustees shall consist of the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Immediate Past Commodore, Secretary and six Trustees, elected from among active members who have been members of Olympia Yacht Club not less than two full years. The Trustees shall be elected for three-year terms, staggered so that there will be two new Trustees elected each year. The Treasurer shall serve as an advisor to the Board of Trustees and shall attend all Board meetings. No member of the Club shall hold two elected offices at the same time. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct at all meetings when not in conflict with these Bylaws.

(B) **BOARD MEETINGS:** *The Board of Trustees shall meet once a month and at such other times as required to conduct Club business. The Board will annually elect a presiding, nonvoting Chairman, (except to break tie votes), from among the Trustees. The Secretary shall attend all Board meetings and shall keep minutes. These minutes shall be posted and reported to the membership at the next general membership meeting following approval.*

Section 2. Officers

(B) **VICE COMMODORE:** The Vice Commodore shall be elected from among the active members of the Club who have served at least one term in an elective Flag Office previous to his nomination for Vice Commodore. He shall assist the Commodore in the discharge of his duties, and in the event of the Commodore's absence or disability, shall officiate in his stead. He shall report to and be a voting member of the Board of Trustees.

(F) **PAST COMMODORE:** The immediate Past Commodore shall serve as an advisor to, and member of the Flag Officers Group. He shall hold office for a period of one year until a new Commodore shall be inducted. In the event the immediate Past Commodore is unable to serve in office, the Board of Trustees shall elect any Past Commodore to this office. He shall report to and be a voting member of the Board of Trustees.



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Mainstation





Sunshine Committee



A donation was sent in memory of Dorothy Medgard.

A sympathy card was sent to the Sheerer Family.

Thank you for your heads-up calls (no emails, please).
Barbara Narozonick-Neuhauser, Sunshine Chair
943-5708 (feel free to leave a message)



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The History Corner

By Lisa Mighetto



If our local weather has seemed apocalyptic lately, perhaps there is some comfort in realizing that OYC members have successfully tackled heavy snow, ice, wind, rain, and floods in the past. Studying history shows us that there is rarely anything new under the sun (so to speak). As the photo of the OYC's mainstation on New Year's Day in 1969 demonstrates, past members had to do their share of shoveling snow off the docks (quite a bit of snow from the looks of this photo). And the facilities at our first outstation on Flamingo Cove were routinely battered by winds, as shown in the 1965 photo of the cleanup crew removing debris. "Storms of the past winter have turned the matter of maintaining moorage at Flamingo Cove into a problem," the OYC's 1965 Annual reported. Strong winds carried the floats away, and OYC members had to reopen the path to the picnic site while clearing "a goodly share of the ground around the concrete slab." Heavy weather and fierce currents in fact prompted our predecessors to seek a new location for our outstation in the early 1970s, eventually resulting in the move to Island Home.

During the last half century, our yacht club has endured several significant weather events, including the mother of all wind storms, which occurred on October 12, 1962. The National Weather service rates this event as Washington's worst weather disaster of the 20th century. Known as the "Big Blow," the Columbus Day storm killed 47 people between Vancouver B.C. and San Francisco, including 9 in Washington. Gusts of 150 miles per hour were recorded early in the storm before power outages disabled the instruments. The winter of 1949-1950 was similarly noteworthy for being the coldest on record in Puget Sound, with an average temperature of 34 degrees over a several-month period. One storm in 1950 dumped two feet of snow on the region – and 13 people died in Washington that year of weather-related causes. The floods of November 1990 and the Inaugural Day windstorm of January 20, 1993 also deserve (dis)honorable mentions for extensive damage and widespread power outages.

The National Weather Service has predicted a strong La Nina pattern for 2010-2011, which means a colder, wetter winter for our region. So, batten down the hatches and keep safe as we look forward to warmer, drier weather next summer. Happy New Year!

Mother Nature battered the OYC with snow and wind in the 1960s, as these photos of our docks and cleanup crews at Flamingo Cove show.



Flamingo Cove (The former outstation across from Island Homer).

History Committee
Chair Lisa Mighetto is
always looking for his-
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photos, etc. of the
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Lisa Mighetto can be
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Club Service Program News

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It is very important that all members submit any 2010 CSP hours as early as possible in January so that they can be credited to your 2010 account before billings are sent out. This will ensure that everyone is billed correctly and will prevent much confusion over what members owe for last year. Your cooperation will be appreciated. Happy New Year and have a great 2011.

Marilyn O'Connell
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Club House News

Dennis and Karen Gray are the Club House Hosts. When you want information about renting the Club House or using the Club House, please call 360 956-0725 or 360 956-9574.

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Thank Goodness It's Friday!

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Lunch Bunch

January 12TH
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LUNCH BUNCH CALENDAR

JANUARY 12, 2011
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FEBRUARY 9, 2011
Kate and Dale Wetsig

MARCH 9, 2011

APRIL 13, 2011

MAY 11, 2011
Linnea Bremner and Kathy Klu



Colleen Kemp, Lunch Bunch Chair, is signing up volunteer chefs for the dates for March and April. Grab your friends, chef's do need helpers, and let Colleen know when you will be "Chef of the Month".

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Special Cruise with South Sound Sailing Society

In October, the OYC Board of Directors approved a joint cruise between OYC and South Sound Sailing Society (SSSS). The purpose of this cruise is provide an opportunity for members from both clubs to get to know each other better in a fun and relaxed way. With that in mind.....

You are cordially invited to
A winter warming event on Friday, January 22 - 24, 2011
at our own Island Home

This invitation includes:

- Sharing an appetizer with OYC family on Friday evening at 6pm and allowing them to share one with you.
- A potluck at 6:00pm on Saturday evening with our guests from the South Sound Sailing Society.
- Music and entertainment on Saturday evening.
- A pancake breakfast on Sunday being prepared by a team from OYC and SSSS so we can all travel back home full of one of our favorite comfort foods. Be sure to bring tasty toppings or something else to share at breakfast.

Thank you to the OYC Board of Directors for supporting this event. For further information, please contact Myra Downing at 584-6886 or MyraWDowning@aol.com.

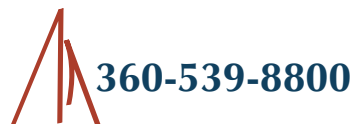


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OYC members Bob and Linda Hargreaves left Olympia August 21. Bob and Linda have an excellent web site www.sailbrightangel.com to allow others to share their 'trip of a life time'

"We arrived in Marina Mazatlan on December 12, 2010, after a pleasant five day, 240 mile trip from La Paz, that included a 190 mile overnight passage across the Sea of Cortez from Ensenada de los Muertos. We plan to stay here in Mazatlan through the Christmas Holidays, then head south to Banderas Bay (La Cruz, Puerto Vallarta) via Isla Isabela, the "Galapagos of Mexico." We have just begun to get our bearings in the city, and from what we can tell so far, there will be a great deal to see and do in the short time we are here! We also hope to make a trip or two inland before we head out.

We wish everyone the very best this Holiday Season, and a wonderful New Year!"

Bob and Linda Hargreaves



Junior Program News

We had a good number of kids in the 2010 Fall High School sailing program and it looks as though the numbers are already recruited for the Winter/Spring program. Even so, if you know of a youngster interested in pursuing High School sailing, encourage them to sign up. Have them call or email either Jan Visser or me.

For you adult OYC members, keep me posted if you are interested in learning to sail and/or get checked out to sail one of the dingys in our small boat fleet. The plan is to put together a class of folks as the weather warms. I've been out in the 420s and they are a lot of fun in a variety of breezes. Compared to bigger boats, the 420s certainly sail quite happily in the lightest of air; and when the wind kicks up, you will find them comfortable to handle. These are tolerant and forgiving craft.

The Jr Program meeting is usually the 3rd Tuesday monthly at 5:30 p.m. and coming up in January on the 18th. Hope you can make it.

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Shoreline Master Program

The City of Olympia Planning Commission has issued draft regulations which have the potential of having significant impact on our club if finalized. The effect will be on: dredging, coverage moorage, piling repair, and live aboards as well as ability to expand our club house. The draft creates set backs and height limitations. The BOT has submitted comments to the Planning Commission. It is expected that the Planning Commission will spend several months reviewing comments before forwarding it to the City of Olympia's Council.

Because of the public interest, an additional public hearing is planned for January 10 at 6:30 pm at the City's Council Chambers. The draft Shoreline Program is available at: <http://www.olympiawa.gov/en/imagine-olympia/io-elements/shoreline-planning.aspx> Electronic copy of the BOT's 8 page response is available by contacting one of our Board of Trustees on the club's web site www.Olympiayachtclub.org

Capitol Lake Happenings

Newspaper The Olympia Yacht Club in conjunction with the Capitol Lake Improvement and Protection Assoc. (CLIPA) has published the first issue of the *Capitol Lake Clipper*. Its targeted audience is the state legislature. The four-page newspaper covers the history of the Lake ("*The Heart and Soul of our Community*"), its problems and the solutions. It details the CLIPA Plan to clean up the Deschutes Watershed.

The newspaper is being distributed through a number of local sources. If you haven't seen it in your favorite coffee shop or own a business and would like to make copies available to the public please contact OYC member Curtis Dahlgren at GullHarbor@earthlink.net. It has been so popular a reprint has already been ordered. Brenda Hood and Rick Taylor put many hours into the creation of the newspaper. Many other club members wrote articles and helped edit the paper. Copies will be available at OYC's dinner meeting in January.

Budget The Dept. of General Administrations' had a line item for pre-dredging planning, for the Lake. This item did not make the Governor's' budget cut off. All local legislators support a managed Lake approach. We will be working very hard to bring this essential need before the Capitol Budget Committee and believe we are well positioned to keep their attention.

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Anchoresses News

The WIC Luncheon was a great success. The food was wonderful and the entertainment most delightful. The Anchoresses will be hosting another WIC Luncheon in May.

We are having a **Silent Auction at the January Meeting.**

Please remember to bring nonperishable food (or checks)! Anchoresses will collect at each dinner meeting to benefit the Thurston County Food Bank

Next Meeting January 19, 2011...see you there!

Aileen Zelis

Secretary, Anchoresses

Members In The News



Dr. James and Linnea Bremner received the Philanthropy Award for 2010 from the South Sound Partners for Philanthropy at the November 9th awards luncheon at Worthington Center, St. Martin's University.



LACEY - Executives at O Bee Credit Union, Lucky Eagle Casino and the LOTT Clean Water Alliance won boss of the year awards as part of a first-time event spearheaded by Express Employment Professionals, a South Sound staffing agency, and the Thurston County Chamber of Commerce.

Member John Setterstrom is the General Manager of the Lucy Eagle Casino. His comment upon hearing he had been nominated was "After 33 years in the business, the greatest honor that's ever happened to me is when I was nominated just recently by my employees,"



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Main Station Caretaker Report

George Whittaker
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

We had some excitement in November and again the strength of OYC Members rose to the occasion. We had some wind early on in the month. Thanks to the keen eyes of some members, problems were avoided on dock. As I continue to say, thank you for all the input. If you see something that needs attention please let me know.

We also had an electrical fire at the corner of the lighthouse in the main power feed to the caretakers' house, 100 dock, 200 dock and Guest dock. This came along with snow, ice and freezing temperatures. Thanks to the assistance of Chuck Eich, Carol Robinson, Brian and Leslie Thompson, Andy Paris, Steve and Bridget Shreve, Jeff Pape, Diane (my wife), Jerry Budelman and Chuck Papiez and his crew from Capital Electric the situation was handled much faster than anticipated. We lost power Nov 22 at around 8:00pm and power was back on at 6:30am on Thanksgiving Day.

The main docks were cleared of snow by Chuck, Andy, Steve and Bridget. Salt was continually spread. We purchased and moved nearly 1400lbs of salt from the parking lot onto the docks, over half done by my wife. Chuck Eich, Chuck Papiez and Brian Thompson were paramount in getting the power back on. Jerry got the gates and alarm system up and running to help insure the security of the facility while power was out. Please give these folks a big THANK YOU!!

It is colder and many boat and boathouse heaters are coming on. Please, check where your heater exhaust and other heaters are pointing. We found a couple that are potential fire hazards pointing at flammable materials and dock structure.

We had another fuel issue on dock. An ounce of prevention could eliminate future occurrences. Check your bilges and help keep contamination from being pumped into the sound. It is much easier cleaning the bilge, rather than having to try to contain contamination in the sound. Plus we don't need any extra attention from the authorities. All spills will be reported to the proper agencies as required. So, please check your boats and help keep our facility safe and clean.

Please check your chains and tie down eye bolts. Old chains and hoses should not be hanging in the water and will need to be cutoff. Due to the extent of mussel growth these are issues that have been overlooked for a long time.

Again, boathouse and boat lights, if you have a light on easily visible from the dock on your boat, I can tell if your power is on or not. Also, boathouses are supposed to have a light on making boat visible from the dock. Thank you.

CSP hours are winding down. We will have more work after the start of the New Year. Docks are being pressure washed. All cleats are being checked and repaired. Dock maintenance is an ongoing process as is piling cleaning, deck cleaning and tightening. We will be making new flower boxes for the clubhouse deck and installing over 100 new eye bolts on dock. If you need to put in any hours, please contact me. There is a Caretaker Note board at my office door and you have my phone number and email address. 360 280-5757 or oyccaretaker@gmail.com.

A final note, please check your wallet for expired gate cards, they will set off the alarm in my office and can cause problems opening the main gate.

Hoping 2011 will be a good year for boating!



It was a cold miserable day at the Olympia Yacht Club. Then there was the smell of smoke. Then. no power. Absolute darkness. What could the matter be? Oh No! The power cable is burning. It is Christmas time and we can't be without lights. Yeh!

We thank some members who took up the shovel in the cold and started digging. They struck gold!

Photo by Rick Taylor

A fire in the cable box next to the Main Station caretaker's home knocked out power on the 100-200 docks for a couple days. The cold snap apparently triggered an overload. Here's the mess.

Photo by Rick Taylor



Lighted Ship Parade Winners Looking for New Co-Chair and Santa

In true Olympia fashion, the ships who joined in the Lighted Ships Parade were beautifully decorated and enjoyed by all. Congratulations to the following winners:

GRAND ILLUSION

Chrysalis- Dennis & Karen Gray

1st PLACE

Saluda III - Steve Parrott & Lisa Cosmillo, Claire, Robin & Kevin

2nd PLACE

Grand Finale - John & Valerie Teters and family

3rd PLACE (2-way tie)

Getaway - Dave Moorehead, Mickie Hale and Family

Papa's Dream - Jeff & Debra Pape

4th PLACE

Wake Up - Dr. Gary Scholes & Pamela Skene

We thank the judges for the 2010 Lighted Ships Parade

Doug Mah (Olympia Mayor)
Tom Nelson (Lacey Mayor)
Sam Bovard (Thurston County Chamber of Commerce & Key Bank)
Bruce Marshall (Port of Olympia)
John Dodge (The Olympian)
Patty Belmonte (Executive Director, Hands on Children's Museum)
Smilin' Jay (KGY – Olympia)

I am seeking a co-chair for the 2011 Lighted Ships Parade. Next year will be my 3rd and final year of chairing this event. I do have this down to a "science" and have developed a timeline that is easy to follow. The added bonus is the 24 hours of CSP you'll earn by chairing this event in the future (we'll split the hours in 2011 while you learn this gig). If you are interested in becoming the chairperson for this event, please contact me.

Also, I have received a letter of "retirement" from Santa. If you would like to earn some additional hours of CSP next year, please let me know as I will need a "new hire Santa" for the Lighted Ships Parade in 2011.

Colleen Nelson
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E-mail Re: Lighted Ships

Colleen,

I'm just getting back and catching up on my correspondence.

Thanks for inviting us to participate in this fun event! Linda and I had a tremendous time getting to know everyone and witnessing the great show!

Thanks to the Olympia Yacht Club for all they do for our great community!

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Photo by Rick Taylor



Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus greeting guests from
2010 Special Peoples Cruise.

"Thank you. Thank you. Thank you." That is what was being said during the OYC Special People's Cruise event held on Sunday, December 5, 2010. Our special guests thanked us for opening our clubhouse, our boats and our hearts to them.

More than 100 special people participated in this very popular community service event, which required the support of more than 80 OYC members and 9 volunteers from Thurston County Parks and Recreation. Special thanks go to the skippers and crews of the following boats: *Adventurer*, *Ceilidh*, *Christopheles*, *Chrysalis*, *Golden Bough*, *Grand Finale*, *Hart to Hart*, *Kinship*, *Kiss Intel II*, *Nimbus*, *Overtime*, *Patina*, *Patricia Ann*, *Rae Hunter*, *Rapture*, *Royal Dekk*, *So Long*, *Star Shine*, *Voyageur*, *Wandrian* and *Wolf Gang II*.

Our guests were treated to an exciting ride on a boat during which they talked to Santa on the VHF radio, and happily waved at seeing Santa and Mrs. Claus on the MV *So Long*. Upon returning to the OYC clubhouse, guests were served hot chocolate and cookies while they anxiously waited for Santa and Mrs. Claus. Pandemonium took over when Santa and Mrs. Claus entered the clubhouse. Because the weather was so nice, guests had their pictures taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus outside on the deck. Before leaving, every guest was given a gift bag with fruit, cookies, toiletry items, a coloring book and some Christmas items.

There were lots of smiles and laughter throughout the day from guests and volunteer helpers alike. For some guests, it was their first time on a boat. At least one guest, thanks to a volunteer escort, saw a jellyfish for the first time. The sound of Santa's voice on the VHF radio resonated throughout every boat bringing the spirit of Christmas to some very special people in a very special way. And the smell of fresh cookies and hot chocolate brought a special warmth to the clubhouse.

As Chairperson of the OYC Special People's Cruise committee, I would like to thank the committee members for their hard work and enthusiasm. The committee consisted of Eileen Leingang (gift bags), Gail Thomas (galley), and Bill Wilmovsky (boat assignments). Their help and the help of the many others who baked cookies, escorted guests, donated items for the gift bags, talked to guests on the VHF radio, hosted guests on their boats, served Christmas cookies at the clubhouse, and helped with the Santa pictures made Christmas 2010 a very special Christmas for some of our most special neighbors and friends.

P.S. I would very much like to continue as the Chairperson of the committee. Although I thought I had everything in order, there were some glitches that I am committed to not repeating next year. I would look forward to helping make this an even bigger and better event next year. To do this I will need the continued support of volunteers like we had this year.

Curtis Dahlgren
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Special People's Cruise



Photos by Rick Taylor



Mark & Eileen Leingang worked far into the night getting gifts ready for the Special People's Cruise.

Having a fun time at the Special Peoples Cruise in the club house.

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Calendar of Activities

December 31 - New Year's Eve Party See flyer in this issue

JANUARY 1 - 2011. HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 3 - Island Home Committee Meeting

January 5 - Dinner Meeting

January 10 - Bridge Meeting

January 10 - Main Station Committee Meeting

January 11 - Membership Committee Meeting

January 11 - South Sound Sailing Club Meeting

January 12 - Lunch Bunch

January 12 - Board of Trustees Meeting

January 17 - Power Squadron Meeting

January 18 - Junior's Meeting

January 19 - Anchorettes Meeting

January 22 - 24, SSSS and OYC Cruise at Island Home

January 28 - TGIF

February 2 - Membership Dinner Meeting

February 6 - Super Bowl Party, Main Station

February 7 - Island Home Committee Meeting

February 8 - Membership Committee Meeting

February 8 - South Sound Sailing Society

February 9 - Lunch Bunch

February 9 - Board of Trustees Meeting

February 10 - WIC Luncheon

February 12-13 Sweetheart Cruise, Island Home

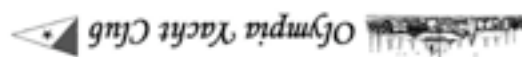
February 16 - Anchorettes Meeting

February 18 - 19 - Toliva Shoals Race Weekend

February 25-TGIF 5:00 p.m. Main Station

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