

January 2012



Commodore Commodore Leslie Thompson Captain Brian Thompson M/V EcstaSea





G reetings to all of you out there. I hope the holidays have been, and will be, fantastic for each of you. As I write this, I feel great that my shopping is finished, the gifts all wrapped, and the house and yard decorated to the nines. Of course there are still the last minute details and my big Christmas dinner, that I love to do for family and any friends that wish to come.

What a wonderful time of year. The Bridge, as usual, has been busy since we last wrote. For me, this is the fun part of being on the Bridge....participating in all our club's great social events. In October, the Bridge, under the command of FCP Rich and Dianne Hurst, held the Apple cup tailgate party. A fun time was had by everyone. There was a huge salad bar available and the members each brought a big pot of some kind of chili or chowder to share. We never starve you know. There was friendly competition for the best chili and chowder as well as team spirit and prizes were awarded to the winners. Now the best part....the Huskies won!!!!. Sorry Cougar fans, couldn't resist. Thanks to all who helped put this on.

December brought us the Special People's Cruise. A big thanks to Curtis Dahlgren for chairing the event again this year. With his new job it was a bit more of a challenge. The club hosted approximately 100 special guests and their caregivers or chaperones. This year the weather cooperated well and we had a clear, sunny, cold day. I would like to personally thank all the volunteers who helped on this event. We had skippers, deck hands, galley crew, escorts, Santa voices, helpers and, of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus. This year Captain Brian and Colleen Nelson retired from the job and turned it over to Leon and Joanie Werner. There are too many of you to name everyone in this article, but you all know who you are and I do appreciate your help. Even my daughter and grand daughter participated again this year, as the event means a lot to her.

We held the annual Parade of Lighted Ships the following week under cold, slightly foggy, but calm weather. Colleen Nelson was once again chair for this event. Thank you to our gracious hosts for Wednesday night, IPC Carol Robinson and Captain Chuck, who provided their home and refreshments for our judges. This year the judges were Olympia Police Chief Ronnie Roberts and his wife, Auditor Kim Wyman and her hus-



Naughty or Nice???

band and Port Facilities Manager Bruce Marshall. Thirteen boats participated on Wednesday and 16 on Saturday. The judges were very impressed with the decorations this year. The boats were treated to a fireworks display from a friend of mine on both nights at Boston Harbor. Thank you Dave Kettel for once again leading the fleet out and back safely. Gary Johnston was Santa for us on Saturday night with the help of elf, Colleen Nelson. Thank you both for entertaining the younger crowd. Anthony's donated the candy canes again this year. The awards will be handed out at the January dinner meeting. Congratulations to all the winners. You all did a tremendous job.

Last evening we held the annual Christmas party. I was pleased with the turnout of membership for this great event. We had about 110 members present for an evening of food, friendship and dancing. Thank you to VC Mike Contris for heading this event. As part of the Bridge, it is the Vice's responsibility for the Christmas party. Good Job Mike and Vonnie. A special thank you to IPC Carol and her crew for getting the club deco-



# Vice Commodore Captain Mike Contris First Mate Yvonne Contris M/V Maya





nice fellow boaters.

As I write this missive, Vonnie and I are preparing to help out with the Special People's Cruise, an event unique in our area to the Olympia Yacht Club. The occasion is done in concert with many other yacht clubs in Puget Sound and has been celebrated for many years; another OYC activity that we can all take pride in providing to the local community.

After that Vonnie and I will be enjoying the Lighted Ships parade from the Port Plaza dock this year. I was looking back at my log books and realized we'd been participating in the parades for the last 20 years. 20 years of great folks traveling with us, lots of lights and, unfortunately, occasionally some really unpleasant weather. So it seemed a good time to come in from the cold and watch the parade go by from the comfort of our boat. Maybe back to the parade next year.

We'll next be attending the Christmas Party for our class of Grand 14 officers, the Porpoise Pod. We'll be meeting at the Poulsbo VC's home near the Hood Canal Bridge. This is part of what makes going thru the bridge so enjoyable to us: we meet folks at other clubs, get their perspectives on various issues and have an opportunity to meet and work with really

After that we have the Christmas Ball to enjoy and then on to the New Year's Eve party. Which brings up an activity that the bridge works on fairly diligently this time of year: constructing the social calendar for the upcoming year, in conjunction with our friends in the Grand 14. Counting our dinner meetings, TGIFs, cruises, parties and public events such as Foofaraw, not to mention the occasional ad hoc dock party, there are an average of 5 social activities every month! Surely there's something to interest every one in the club (yes, but don't call me Shirley...)! So many possibilities to build friendships with fellow boaters that can last a lifetime; where else can one find this sort of opportunity?

And please remember, you get out of our club what you put into it.

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

VC Mike Contris 352-2414 mikenvonnie@comcast.net

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rated so beautifully while I was gone at a Commodore Ball, and for personally making and displaying all of the hor'doerves for the evening's event. I, along with my granddaughter Ashleigh and Brian and Bob and Maureen Carter, did all the setup with Mike. This will explain why we had the Ashleigh table for the Commodore. I was privileged to have 6 candles instead of 3 like the other tables (we had 3 left over). Thank Dianne Hurst for the beautiful centerpieces and thanks to our bartenders and clean up crew who VC Mike will address. Lee Davis and Soulstice entertained us with some great music all evening. We did have a small special event during the social hour. I assisted PC Jerry Budelman in surprising his daughter with her husband's arrival from deployment in Alaska for the holiday. Very touching. All of our volunteers deserve a big hand for their help at these events!!!! Without you they would not happen. You make the Bridge's job easy and fun. I thank all of you many times over.

I have attended two Commodore's Balls, one at Tyee YC and the other at Seattle YC. One of the best parts of being Commodore is attending the Grand 14 events and socializing with your counterparts. I encourage each of you to think seriously about going through the chairs. You will have fun. IPC Carol will shortly be looking for recruits. Please contact her if you want more information or are interested. You may talk to any Bridge officer as well.

January will bring us New Years Eve, and I hope to see you there. RC Jeff and Debra Pape are planning a very funny evening. We also will be having a joint cruise with SSSS at the end of January. This is a fun event to hang out with fellow boaters and have a good time. Watch for flyers and information at the dinner meeting. The Bridge officers will be attending the Grand 14 Cruise-in at Winslow, at which time Mike and Jeff will present a very interesting roast of myself. I can't wait to see what they have come up with. I can only imagine. Should be fun.

Stay warm and safe on the docks and with your boats. I look forward to seeing you soon. Think Spring and sunny warm weather!! Commodore Les Thompson M/V *EcstaSea* 

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#### Rear Commodore Captain Jeff Pape First Mate Debra Pape M/V Papa's Dream



January....cold and gray and only five

months till the canvas comes off for sum-

mer. It is also the time of year when the

nominating committee starts their work. Volunteers are the most important part of our club. If you have ever thought of volunteering, now is the time. We all have excuses...time, family, vacations, work schedules, you name it. All I can say is that it is worth it and you won't be sorry! OYC needs volunteers and you need to volunteer. Might as well make it this year.



Jeff Pape, Rear Commodore 1st Mate Debra

# **Past Commodore**

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



#### Greetings!

We have another new year around the corner. OMG time goes much more quickly as we have a tendency to slow a little. So, how does that really work?

I just want to give a huge "thank-you" to our main station caretakers George and Diane. Our yacht club is lit up! I remember the conversation with them on 'how much can we do?' Asking <u>me</u> that? My answer was 'go for it!' AWEsome job!

I would like to 'thank' Eric & Paula Hetland, FCP Rich & Dianne and my most wonderful and patient husband, Chuck, for help on decorating the clubhouse. All the interior trees and decorations, for last few years (with exceptions) are owned by Chuck & me and stored in our heated shop.

I am still looking for members that are interested in becoming Board members including the Secretary position. Bridge positions available are: Rear Commodore, Fleet Captains power & sail.

Job descriptions are in your OYC book or just ask a Bridge officer. If you are interested, please contact me. I will be happy to answer any questions you might have. It's a wonderful and fulfilling opportunity to serve in any of these open positions.

IPC Carol Romancing the C's

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#### The Beachcomber January 2012

Olympia Yacht Club



Fleet Captain Sail Captain Rick Bergholz First Mate Barb Bergholz S/V Inati





When you read this article Christmas will be over and a new year will have begun. January 27-29 brings, for us, the beginning of the 2012 cruising season. We will start with a cruise I have been really looking forward to. The Olympia Yacht Club/South Sound Sailing Society combined cruise. We have plans for potluck appetizers Friday night. There will be welcoming activities and general camaraderie during the

day Saturday with a potluck dinner that night. A potluck that involves OYC or SSSS is amazing. When you put them together, it's unbelievable. Don't miss it. After dinner we will be adver-

tising our club a bit and some additional activities are planned. Bring your singing voice. I've heard talk of some guitars coming out and maybe a sing along Mamma Mia movie. IPC Carol is doing a Carol breakfast on Sunday a.m. I'm sure we will all leave the island with full



stomachs and logbooks that read "A good time was had by all." We will be charging \$10.00 for beverages, breakfast and more, payable at the island. Please make reservations by calling Barb at 360-866-4230 or by e-mail mtnforest1@comcast.net . Please do not call the OYC reservation line. We hope to see you there.

I want to thank all the participants in the Lighted Ship Parade. Sailboats sure look pretty when they are all lit up. The power boats were gorgeous as well. Barb and I were invited to observe from Romancing the C's and the show was fantastic. I couldn't mention one boat without mentioning them all, but the efforts of the decorators were greatly appreciated.

Sailboat racing with a stationary high pressure system parked over us was not the most exciting thing to report. We should be proud of all the OYC boats that took part in this year's Winter Vashon. It was cold and slow I'm told, but Gary Pedigo's Charlemagne took a third in F class. Good job, Gary.

Barb's salad bar will be back along with the beer, wine, pizza and sundaes on Jan. 20th. We are looking forward to seeing all of you there. Don't be believing no scuttlebutt now.

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

# TGIF

Thank Goodness it's Friday! Next one is January 20th 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



# **Happy Holidays**

The Apple Cup cruise was a great success (read: the Huskies won! sorry Dave) A variety of tasty chowders and chilies and beers were halftime entertainment after an array of nifty nachos bulked up the first half. The betters were bamboozled by Beth who carted away half the money with a \$1 bet. Prizes were given for team spirit and

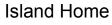
costumes, but nobody could match Barb Bergholz wearing a whole erector set spelling W on her head. Thanks again to FCS Rick and Barb for kitchen help and Matt Mason for setting up the video feed. Always, the FM Dianne's help invaluable.

#### Notice! Notice! Notice!

The Sweetheart cruise has been changed to February 17-19. This will allow the Toliva Shoal sailors and their powerboat escorts to come. This is a party for all OYC members and I expect to see some sticks on the dock that weekend! Because of the incredible meal planned by the Smiths, reservations will be mandatory and they must be made on the telephone reservation line only. Facebook does not work!

Stay tuned for details.

**Rich Hurst FCP** Dianne Hurst First Mate



George Smith, Chair

The Island Home committee is still seeking donations of gently used furniture. We are looking for sofas, loveseats; chairs, etc. if you have any of the above please send us a picture.

The Island Home outboard motor that is used on the barge, died and there is no chance of bringing it back to life... so... if you have a outboard in working order that is just taking up space in your garage or boathouse, let a committee member know. We will take it off your hands!

I wish all of you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

See you on the water or at the Island!

PC George Smith

# Board of Trustees

Walt Schefter, Chair M/V Rob Roy



The December Board meeting marks the last board meeting of the year. At this meeting the Board adopted the 2012 operating budget as recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee. For 2011 the club will come in under its operating budget and the 2012 operating budget is less than 2011.

The Audit Committee has completed its review of financial information from September 2010 through September 2011. The review confirmed the integrity of the books, financial accounts and the financial procedures of the club.

The capital projects of the club, such as the dredge, piles, shed, and docks are now having cost estimates provided and this will enable the Board, hopefully within the next four months, to schedule the projects and put all or some out for bid. Included as a project to be scheduled after our primary projects will be a repair and repaying of the parking lot. The repair of the piles under the caretaker's office and home is now progressing to the bid stage.

Some of these cost estimates reflect the times and environmental requirements. As an example the cost to commercially construct a dock is \$90.00 to \$100.00 per square foot, plus tax, not including the demolition and disposal of the existing dock. Each dock we are considering for replacement would cost well into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

It is unrealistic to assume OYC can commercially contract dock replacement at this cost. We will, as in the past, need to rely upon our own labor to do as much of these projects as possible, using commercial companies only where absolutely necessary. When the time comes to do this work please make a commitment to the club to donate some of your time, labor and expertise to these projects.

The damage to the 600 dock caused by the April boat collision is now repaired and the cost is now under an insurance claim for complete reimbursement to the club.

The club has been working with members who have inoperative boats or deficiencies in boathouses in order to bring all members into compliance with OYC rules. At this point over a dozen boats and boathouses have been either brought into compliance or are in the process of doing so. Each month additional members are notified and involved in this process. The club, working through the Moorage Master, is moving towards a goal of obtaining one hundred percent compliance by the end 2012.

The issue of an operating boat, and in many cases boathouse issues, is a safety concern for the club so please make sure your boat can operate under its own power when called upon. If for no other reason, you are protecting your investment by maintaining your boat and boathouse.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank all of the committees and committee chairs whose work and efforts brought the club in under budget and who place great effort into maintaining the club and insuring it operates for the benefit of all members.

We wish all members and their families a happy and prosperous new year.

Walt Schefter

Olympia Yacht Club

Anchorettes Catherine Schefter, President





## **Happy New Year!**

I would like to share with you three events scheduled for 2012.

First, at the March 7<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting we will host a silent auction. If you have items you would like to donate please contact Julie

Gronley at 866-3974. We will pick up your items if delivering is an inconvenience. Items do not have to be marine related

Second, the annual WIC luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Clubhouse. We will be hosting seven clubs from the Grand 14 that we did not exchange luncheons with last year. You do not have to be a member of the Anchorettes to attend. The lunch is open to all OYC ladies. Feel free to bring a nonmember friend or relative. The Luncheon is \$14.00 per person and raffle tickets for gift baskets will sell for \$1.00 each. Watch the Beachcomber for times.

This year's theme will be the Mad Hatter's Tea Party from Alice in Wonderland. Sorry ladies, Johnny Depp will not attend.

The Everett WIC luncheon in November was a special treat as all who attended came home with a prize. Raffle baskets filled with Xmas decorations, wine, hors d' devours, place mats, napkins and napkin rings. One had a beautiful piece of art glass made by an Everett YC member. A lovely turkey dinner was followed by a safety and security address by the Everett Police Department and their harbor patrol.

Again, if you have never attended a WIC luncheon or one of our teas we will make sure you have a "mentor" or partner to attend with. Please contact one of our WIC representatives, Kim Shann 491-3786 or Phyllis DeTray at 491-1188.

Third, our annual "First Mates Tea" is scheduled for Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. All OYC ladies are invited and there is no charge. Again, bring a friend or relative. Watch for time and details!

The donations to the Thurston County Food Bank as of December 15<sup>th</sup> weighed 168 pounds. The Anchorette's have matched this with a donation of a dollar per pound and have donated \$168.00 plus an individual \$20.00 donation from an OYC member.

Finally, the Anchorettes have always donated items of need to OYC 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 our club, please place your written suggestion, addressed to the Anchorettes, in the club mail box in the clubhouse.

Catherine Schefter, President

Womens' Interclub Council



Kim Shann, Representative

THERE WILL NOT BE ANY WIC LUNCHES IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY

OUR NEXT LUNCHEON FOR OUR OYC LADIES WILL BE MARCH 15TH, 2012 AT MEYDENBAUER BAY YACHT CLUB. MORE INFO IN THE NEXT BEACHCOMBER.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE! KIM SHANN



A Message from Your Yearbook Chairs:

We will be at the January dinner meeting with yearbooks! Please make sure you get yours!

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 would also like pictures of club activities sent in! Our mailing address is 15 South Bank Road Elma, WA 98541. Thanks! Steve and Beth





Cindy Smith— Hospitalized, donation sent to Alzheimer's Research.

> Quartermaster Linda Bryant, Chair



Linda Bryant 360 866-7446 Patti Phillips 360 786-8399

Lunch Bunch



# Parade of Lighted Ships



Colleen Nelson, Chair

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

Grand Illusion Award	PC Jerry & Kris Budelman, KissIntel
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	PC Georgia Rae & Dan Martin, Rae Hunter
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Don & Valerie Cotey, Pearl
<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</u>	Dave & Cynthia Kettel, Bella Lighthouse
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	PC J & Peg Grady, Ceilidh

- We extend special thanks to the judges for the 2011 Lighted Ships Parade
  - · Doug Mah (Olympia Mayor)
  - Kim Wyman (Thurston County Auditor)
  - Bruce Marshall (Port of Olympia Harbor Director)
  - Ronnie Roberts (Olympia Police Chief)
- Special thanks for Dave & Cynthia Kettel for volunteering to be our lead boat again this year. This is an extremely important job for the parade and we thank you for your service, attention to the details and being ever so mindful of safety during this night-time event.
- Thanks to the Olympia Harbor Patrol for running the route before each night's cruise and also being out there for us during the parade itself.
- Thanks to the US Coast Guard for granting the parade permit and advising other marine traffic of our presence on the water in Budd Inlet. In addition, the US Coast Guard sent an auxiliary boat from Tacoma to help with our parade safety on both evenings.
- We thank Anthony's Homeport Restaurant for donating the 2000+ candy canes which Santa and his elf gave to children of all ages on Saturday evening.
- Gary Johnston was the perfect Santa Claus and we are so grateful for his patience, kindness, and likeness to the real Santa. We hope you are available again next year!
- Port of Olympia is thanked for reserving the dock space at the Port Plaza Dock for our Judge Boat.
- Warm thanks to Immediate Past Commodore Carol Robinson and her captain Chuck for providing the Judge Boat, hosting our slate of judges and providing fabulous refreshments for our honored judges.
- We thank Commodore Leslie Thompson and Captain Brian for assisting with the event.
- To the committee who helped with every detail and aspect of this event. Special thanks to PC Jerry Budelman who handled all the media contacts.
- Loving thanks to my patient and supportive husband, Past Commodore Gary Nelson.
- To all of you for graciously participating in the parade and sharing your beautifully decorated vessels with the community –we thank you!

Warm regards,

Colleen Nelson, Chair, 2011 Lighted Ships Parade

Special People's Cruise

Curtis Dahlgren



The joy of Christmas filled the air at the OYC clubhouse during the annual Special People's cruise on Sunday, December 4, 2011. Thanks to the hard work and generosity of OYC members and Thurston County Recreation Services staff, 100 guests enjoyed the opportunity to go on a cruise in Budd Inlet, eat some homemade cookies, talk to Santa Claus on the VHF radio and have their picture taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

The skippers and crews of the following OYC boats volunteered to help make this community service event a success: Patina, Hart to Hart, Royal Dekk III, Grand Finale, Nimbus, Wandrian, Overtime, Fleetwood, Quiet Time, Great Escape, Ceilidh, Impulsive, Fancy Free, Ste-Lin Time, Kinship, Chasing Time, Feisty II, The First Lady, and Wolf Gang II. The 38 skippers and first mates on these boats gave our guests an experience that will undoubtedly be a highlight of their Christmas holiday. This included a boat ride out to the "Santa boat" in Budd Inlet to wave to Santa and Mrs. Claus, and an opportunity to talk to Santa on the radio. Our guests expressed their appreciation to their skippers and crew by giving them Thank You cards that they eagerly signed before being escorted down to the boats. (A few of these cards were inadvertently left behind at the clubhouse, so if you are a skipper who didn't receive one, it doesn't mean your guests were not appreciative!)

Upon returning to the OYC clubhouse, guests were served hot chocolate and homemade cookies while waiting for Santa and Mrs. Claus to arrive. They entertained themselves by singing Christmas carols. Pandemonium took over when Santa and Mrs. Claus entered the clubhouse and our guests quickly lined up for pictures. Before leaving, every guest was given a gift bag with an assortment of Christmas goodies, many donated by OYC members.

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), Ron Wertz (Santa voices) and Bill Wilmovsky & Eric Hurlburt (boat assignments). It was a pleasure working with all of you on another successful Special People's Cruise.

Thank you as well to Santa and Mrs. Claus (Leon and Joanie Werner), who were smiling, waving, and ho ho ho-ing all day long. They were definitely the center of attention on the water aboard the M/V *Chrysalis* and off the water in the OYC clubhouse.

I would also like to thank the many other OYC members and their children who helped make Christmas 2011 a very special

Christmas for some of our most special neighbors and frients. It took another 40 members to bake cookies, escort guests, talk to guests on the VHF radio, serve Christmas cookies at the clubhouse, and help with the Santa pictures. Thank you all!

As a token of their support for the OYC Special People's Cruise, Acme Fuel Company graciously donated 4 - \$25 gift cards for use at their Fast Fuel facility. A drawing was held during the skipper's meeting and three lucky members each received a card and PIN. One lucky member received their card, however, they still need a PIN. If you are the person who needs your PIN, please give me a call and I will give you the number. When doing business with Acme Fuel, please let them know that their support was appreciated



Jr. Program News

Our initial meeting will be on the third Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> as planned. The location may change due to a conflicting event at OYC. I'll keep committee members posted with an email before the date.

We plan to discuss our participation in Toliva Shoals race and this year's projects. All members are invited.

Call me or email me with any questions.

Rick Antles JR Program Chair 360-701-8800 rantles@comcast.net



# 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. South Sound Women's Sailing Group Mary Fitzgerald, OYC Representative



The Women's sailing group is meeting the 3rd Tuesday of the month. These meetings are usually a potluck so bring something to share and your appetite. We share sailing stories or have someone teach something such as knots, chart plotting, and trip planning. We try to get out on the water on the 2nd Sunday of the month, rain or shine. Any woman boater is welcome, sail or power, any age. If you need a ride or more information please contact Mary Fitzgerald @ olyfitz@msn.com or 360-754-1516(hm) 360-250-1230

Planning for the next South Sound Women's Boating Seminar is underway. The seminar is planned for May 19th, 2012. Our theme this year is "Cruising". We are contacting speakers and anticipate workshops in the following categories:

- Cruising in Canada Crossing the border and getting Back
- Tool kit and Spare Parts for Cruising
- Pre Cruise Haul-out
- Charts and Navigation
- Pre-Cruise Engine Maintenance
- Cooking and Provisioning
- Anchoring
- First Aid on Board

If you have any suggestion for topics or speakers please contact Mary Fitzgerald at the email address or phone number listed above.

Happy holidays! Mary



# Main Station Caretaker



George Whittaker

Another year has passed by....I hope everyone spent it wisely. If not, another year is under way, another chance has arrived. Personally, I live a day and season at a time.

I hope everyone had safe and fulfilling Holidays over the last couple months. The outside decorations are a result of My wife, Diane's' creativity. I was the worker, she was the inspiration and foreman. There have been many compliments and much thanks goes out to all those that appreciate it. I wanted OYC to be a benefit to the Xmas spirit in downtown Olympia. It seems that the holiday spirit has waned in our community. Possibly, due to the economy and fear of spending for unnecessary "non politically correct" holidays, like Christmas. I have some very strong opinions about that, which I will keep to myself.

I would like to thank all the members that assisted with jobs around the club, these workers are a great benefit to OYC and myself. I can get overwhelmed with all the needs of OYC. CSP helpers are a great relief to me.

Thank you to: Gary Nelson, Tom and Gretchen Robinson, Gerry Hillyard, Greg Kluh, Tom Mark, Jay Dayton, John Arnold, Ron Morsette, George Kirchoff, Gary Ingram, Jim and Chyma Smith, Jeff Carpenter, Gary Ray, Curtis Edwards, Steve Treece, Maureen Carter, Eng and Dixie Ellis, Eric and Paula Hetland, Rick Shattuck, Michael Johnson, Dave Grundl, Rick Taylor, Mike Willie, Randall Greggs, Pete Redburn, Bron Lindgren, Mark Matlock, Ernie Shaughnessey, Bill McClure, Jim Sheerer, Andy Paris, Skip Sloan, Jerry Anderson, Brian Hoonan, Jack Behrend, Tony Cairone, Craig and Carla Hanson, Katherine Bander, Matt and Suzanne Kluh, Ed and Dorlene Crawford, Rick and Pam Panowicz, Guy Winkelman, Gary Gronley, Art and Jack Johnson, Sheryl Baker, Gwen Sowray and John Charles, Paul Deranleau, Pat Brower and Michael Bigelow.

I also would like to thank all those that served on the Mainstation Committee: Paul Deranleau, Pat Brower, Randall Greggs, Bridget Shreve, Mark Leingang, Guy Winkelman, Bron Lindgren, Bruce Snyder and our two MS Chairmen: Bruce Thompson and his successor Mike Auderer.

I hope the efforts of these members are noticed and appreciated by all. More CSP hours will be coming soon, with "possible" snow and getting ready for spring flowers.

I could go on and on, listing the members in service; The Bridge, The Board, Office personal and many other members in service. I am sure these people have better things to do, but they choose to invest their time, money and effort in OYC. That deserves recognition and thanks from all. Thank You!

George Whittaker OYC Caretaker oyccaretaker@gmail.com 360 280-5757

# Safety Committee

Richard Erwin, Chair

The safety committee would like to "Thank" everyone for all the efforts in having another safe Special Peoples Cruise and Parade of Lighted Ships. It continues to demonstrate our cruise committees' and members safety efforts. "Good Job" everyone.

Thanks to everyone who has completed their 2011 Fire Prevention Checklist. A few members have still not completed and turned in the 2011 Fire Prevention Checklist, which was due the end of this past September. "Please" get them completed and turn them into the Moorage Master before it becomes a BOD issue. The Fire Prevention Checklist is an entire vessel & moorage A/C & D/C & systems checklist. Use it throughout the year to help prevent a fire.

#### Orion issues recall notice for hand-launched aerial signals

Orion Safety Products has issued a recall for two models of its hand -launched aerial signals, citing problems with the devices failing to launch and/or ignite.

The recall applies to older Orion XLT and 12-gauge signals made with orange ABS plastic. XLTs are self-contained, hand-launched signals, while 12-gauge signals have a pistol-style launch and a plastic shell.

In 2008, Orion switched from orange ABS to red-colored, glassfilled polyethylene for its better strength, durability and resistance to moisture. The last XLTs that used orange ABS in

the launch tube body expire this month, while the last 12-inch gauge shells using the orange ABS plastic expire in March 2012.

If you have an XLT signal with an orange launch tube that has an expiration date between November 2011 and December 2011, or an orange 12-gauge shell that has an expiration date between November 2011 and March 2012, you are eligible to receive a free, four-pack replacement at no cost.

To obtain a replacement pack, contact Orion by email at:

customerservice@orionsignals.com Subject "SIGNAL REPLACEMENT"

or by mail to:

Orion Safety Products Attn. Signal Replacement Program P.O. Box 1047, Easton, MD, 21601

with the following information:

- Name
- Address
- Daytime phone number
- Signal quantity
- Lot number
- Expiration date

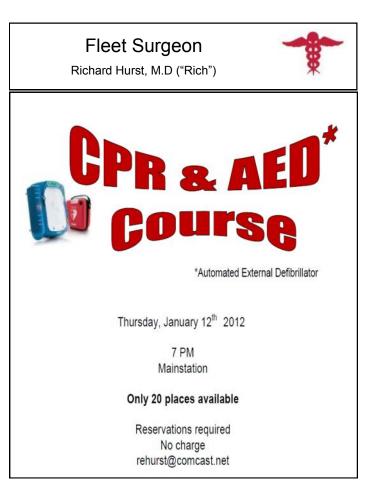
Customers are also asked to submit a photo of their signals, clearly showing the expiration date and lot number. Do not ship any signals back to Orion.

Replacement packs cannot be shipped to a P.O. Box.

## HOW TO HELP PREVENT A/C ELECTRICAL PLUG FAILURE.

When you are going to connect or disconnect your shore power, turn off your pedestal breaker first. It will prevent a sparking (arcing) of the contact points of both the plug and receptacle. Continuous arcing of the plug contacts builds metal high points that allow corrosion to develop sooner and prevents a solid contact of the connection points of both the plug and receptacle. Add corrosion and poor contact, then heat builds up, which causes more corrosion and compounds the failing connection, adding to more heat build up and finally MELT DOWN & A HIGH RISK OF FIRE. Yes it may be a little more inconvenient to go out and disconnect the A/C power at the pedestal before disconnecting or reconnecting your shore power however it will save you money in the long run, with longer lasting plugs. Adding electrical OX-Guard contact grease will also help prevent corrosion when added to the male plugs.

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





This issue of the Beachcomber begins our new delivery process, so here's a quick review of where we are:

The Beachcomber will be emailed to all members with current email addresses in our data base and if, in addition, you want to continue getting a paper copy, there will be a small fee.

Initially, the fee is set at \$2.00 per monthly copy, which is our conservative guess at a middle-of-the-road cost. Because printing and bulk mailing costs are based on the number of copies that are produced (and then mailed), the actual costs vary greatly. Advertising income offsets the costs to a greater or lesser degree, depending upon how many copies are printed and how many ads are included. Calculated costs, including postage for the different quantities are:

	No ads	10 ads	23 ads
50 copies	\$3.80/ea	\$1.99	-\$0.38
100 copies	2.61/ea	1.70	0.51
150 copies	2.30/ea	1.69	0.91
200 copies	2.01/ea	1.55	0.96
250 copies	1.89/ea	1.53	1.06

At this time, we have 24 members who have elected to receive and be billed for paper copies of the Beachcomber each month.

We will have a few extra copies of the Beachcomber printed for a couple of months, for members who still may not be aware of the change and who elect to receive a hard copy.

We'll keep you posted as we analyze our costs and the impact of this change.

If I, or your Beachcomber Editor, Gary Wilson, can answer any questions or be of assistance, please feel free to contact either one.

# Government Affairs



Jim Lengenfelder, Chair

The Olympia Yacht Club will again, this year, sponsor a waterfront reception for all legislators and their staff. This is an important effort to show our support for all the hard work it takes to run our state government and helps us keep their doors open. The date for this event is pending scheduling.

Thanks for all you support!

# Canoe Journey 2012

Squaxin Island Tribe is proud to be the host of Canoe Journey 2012.



"Cedar canoes are the traditional mode of transportation for coastal people of the Pacific Northwest. resurgence of canoe journeys began in 1989 during the Suquamish Tribe's "Paddle to Seattle." Then, in 1993, the Heiltsuk Nation in Bella Bella, BC challenged all canoe nations to travel by canoe to their village participate in the Qutawas Festival. 28 canoes answered that challenge. Today more than a 100 canoes from as many as 90 US Tribes, Canadian First Nations and New Zealand and an estimated 12,000 people participate in the annual Tribal Canoe Journeys. We pull together; we sing and dance; and we share our culture - everything in honor of our past, present and future generations." from the Squaxin Island Canoe Journey web site

www.SquaxinIslandCanoeJourney

A Journey representative will make a brief presentation to OYC at our January 2012 Dinner meeting. OYC is looking forward to being a proud sponor of this event.

Penny Cory



# The History Corner

Lisa Mighetto, OYC Historian

Reading is one of my favorite pastimes, especially when on a boat at a secluded anchorage. Recent conversations with several OYC members revealed that they, too, relish the opportunity to read while on board. Winter seems a particularly good time to delve into a good book, and with the encouragement of other OYC members I offer the following suggestions for nautical literature this season: The Curve of Time by M. Wylie Blanchet; Passage to Juneau: A Sea and Its Meanings by Jonathan Raban; and The Motion of the Ocean by Janna Cawrse Esarey.

All three of these non-fiction books are set at least in part in Pacific Northwest waters and all explore the heritage of this region, connecting current boaters with traditions and stories of the past. The Curve of Time is the oldest of these books and has become a classic. It recounts the adventures of a widow with five children who devoted their summers to cruising a 25-foot power boat "Caprice" through British Columbia. It is great fun to read this book while cruising north by boat, comparing modern views of Desolation Sound and Jervis Inlet with Blanchet's early 20<sup>th</sup>-century descriptions of these sites.

Blanchet and her children encounter all manner of adventures, including rough weather, treacherous rapids,

and potentially dangerous animals – and her bravery is remarkable. While her stories are vivid and lively, her portrayal of the challenges is often understated. "Johnstone Straits were running white," one brief passage reads, "and it wasn't any fun." It is Blanchet's account of the people they meet that truly sets her book apart - and her early 20th-century descriptions of the culture of First Nations peoples are particularly noteworthy.

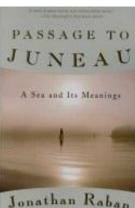
> Similarly, Jonathan Raban's book is fun to have on board when cruising north from Seattle. His account, published in 1999, chronicles his voyage up the Inside Passage on a 35-foot sailboat. Raban is an exceptionally good writer – one that seems more at home in a library than on a sailboat. Accordingly, his narrative offers more philosophy and history than seamanship and action. "I am afraid of the sea," he explained at one point. Yet his fear did not prevent him from steering his boat - alone - through challenging seas. "The wind stung," he wrote at one point." I was soaked through with spray. The boat was beginning to crash into the troughs, going too fast for its own good." We've all been there - and for all Raban's sophisticated prose, it is easy to relate to his stories.

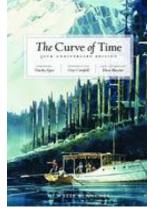
> Raban's recounting of George Vancouver's 18<sup>th</sup>-century voyage through Pacific Northwest waters is enjoyable and informative. Vancouver's stilted prose is difficult to read, even for many historians (Raban refers to Vancouver as an old "fogey" at one point). Yet Raban's description of Vancouver's observations of local sites and his relations with his crew - including the differences in their personalities - make for fascinating reading.

The Motion of the Ocean, the third of my recommendations, does not include much history, but like Raban's book it begins in Seattle and is exceptionally well written. In my view, the best books about cruising are reflective in nature, using the scenery and sites as a springboard for broader topics. Janna Cawrse Esarey's true-life account of sailing across the ocean with her new husband includes plenty of adventure, but it's her analysis of couple dynamics and couple cruising that makes this book worthwhile. Accordingly, this book is subtitled "1 Small Boat, 2 Average Lovers, and a Woman's Search for the Meaning of Wife."

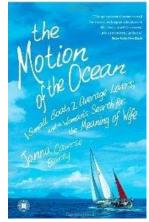
"I [fell] in love with the sea," she explained. "Not the literal, wet, let's-go-surfing sea. Nor the Cousteauian get-a-degree-in-marine-biology sea. But the lyrical sea. The transformative sea. The sea that inspires me..." This book likens sailing to a couple's relationship – and the description of "Turning the Corner," or sailing south after exiting the Strait of Juan de Fuca, is interesting: "Turning the Corner in sailing is ... like marriage...Whatever the weather gods bring, whatever tricks Neptune plays, whatever equipment troubles you have, you just have to ride it out...you have to choose your moment wisely. And have an oceanful of good luck."

I would be glad to lend any of these books to interested OYC members; just let me know. And happy reading - here's wishing you all "an oceanful of good luck" in 2012!











The 2012 Vic-Maui Race Committee welcomes you to participate in the following upcoming events being held at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, Jericho clubhouse, in January:

# 2012 Vic-Maui Race Preparation Seminar

# Sunday, January 15th, 2012 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

For individuals and teams who would like some insight and practical information into what it takes to prepare for the Vic-Maui ocean race.

Topics include: rigging for ocean conditions, safety compliance, emergency steering, weather, navigation and tactics, crew training and experience, sails and sail maintenance, provisioning, wireless communications, and supporting logistics. Advance registration is \$55; or \$65 at the door. Space is limited, so be sure to register yourself and your crew early! Email registration to <u>gsutcliffe@kineticsailing.com</u>.

# 2012 Vic-Maui Social and Dinner

# Sunday, January 15th, 2012 to follow the Seminar at 5:00 pm Dinner starts at 6:00 pm

in the Front Dining Room, Main Floor

For anyone attending the preparation seminar or the first aid course, as well as family, friends, past or present race participants, shore/support crew, race volunteers, etc.. Everyone is welcome to join us for a fun evening of socializing and dinner. The cost is \$40/person. To register, send an email to <u>gsutcliffe@kineticsailing.com</u>.

# Marine Offshore First Aid with CPR

# Friday, Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 9:00 pm, and Saturday, Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

The 2012 Vic-Maui Race has partnered once again with the Academy of Emergency Training, and Dr. Cheryl Holmes, Critical Care Physician and medical advisor to the Vic-Maui Race, to offer a Marine Offshore First Aid course that will provide the certification needed to meet the First Aid requirements of the 2012 Vic-Maui Race. The cost is \$185+HST

Advance registration is required to allow time to complete an ONLINE study component prior to class time. To register, phone: +1-604-922-2249 or download the [online registration form].

Topics include:

Anatomy and physiology, Preventing disease transmission, Primary survey, Patient positioning, Choking management, CPR, Use of Automated External Defibrillators, Controlling deadly bleeding, Shock management, Head & spinal injuries, Burns, Medical emergencies, Radio Medical Advice, Pharmacology, Wound suturing techniques, Advanced medical rescue and interventions, Hypothermia

Upon completion of this course you will receive: CPR certification, AND Marine Offshore First Aid Certificate of Completion



How do you want to start the New Year? A commitment to exercise, weight loss, being a better person? **OR**, how about spending time with your friends and people that love boating?

# You are cordially invited to A Winter Open House Friday, January 27 - 29, 2011 OYC Island Home

For \$10 per person (children under 12 are free), join us for:

- Potluck Appetizers on <u>Friday evening at 6pm</u>.
- 'Getting-to-know-each-other activities': walks, movies and music throughout the weekend.
- <u>Happy hour at 5ish</u> and a <u>potluck at 6:00pm on Saturday</u> evening
- <u>Eye openers at 9ish</u> and a <u>special breakfast at 9:30ish</u> prepared for you on Sunday.

We have two people to assist you:

- 1. If you have questions about the event, please contact Myra Downing at 584-6886 or MyraWDowning@aol.com.
- 2. To assist us in our planning, please RSVP Barb Bergholz at 360- 866-4230 or mtnforest1@comcast.net.











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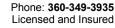
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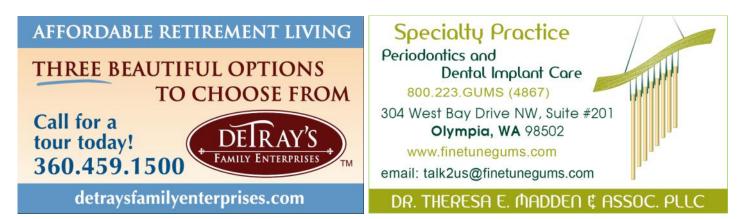
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# Calendar of Activities

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 9	Mainstation Committee meeting, 6:00 pm
January 10	South Sound Sailing Society, 6:30 pm
January 11	Board of Trustees meeting, 6:00 pm
January 16	Power Squadron, 6:30 pm
January 18	Junior Sailing Program Meeting, 6:30 pm
January 19	Anchorettes meeting, 6:00 pm
January 20	TGIF, 5:00 pm
January 25	Membership Committee meeting, 5:30 pm
January 25	Clubhouse Committee meeting, 6:30 pm
January 27-29	OYC/SSSS Joint Cruise, 6:00 pm
February 1	Membership P/C dinner meeting, 6:00 pm
February 6	Bridge meeting, 6:00pm
February 6	Mainstation Committee meeting, 6:00 pm
February 6	Island Home Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
February 8	Board of Trustees meeting, 6:00 pm
February 10-12	Toliva Shoals race
February 14	SSSS meeting, 6:30
February 17-19	Sweetheart Cruise

# January Membership Meeting January 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.

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