



OLYMPIA YACHT CLUB

January 2013



Commodore

Captain Mike Contris
First Mate Yvonne Contris
M/V Maya



Vonnie and I hope that you and yours have had a truly joyous holiday season. We've had a wonderful time attending and participating in the Special People's Cruise, the Lighted Ships Parade and the Christmas Ball. Thanks to Chet Coleman and Curtis Dahlgren for a wonderfully managed Special People's event, Colleen Nelson for the Christmas Cruise and VC Jeff and Deb Pape for the Christmas Ball. And special thanks to PC Carol and Cap'n Chuck for the use of Romancing The Cs for the parade judge boat, plus two nights of Carol's wonderful hors d'oeuvres! Our club provides so many ways for all of us to both enjoy our vessels and to meet and learn from others who share our enthusiasm for the water and boating!



I'd especially like to thank our long time friends Mike and Jean Oakland for being one of our Lighted Ships Parade judges this year. As many of you may know, Mike has been the Olympian's editorial page editor for many years, a position that my dad held for many years before Mike; additionally he was Best Man at our wedding a millennium or two ago!

Our January dinner meeting will include a presentation by Bruce Marshall, of the Port of Olympia, on the Fuel Dock plans that the port is considering. Bruce told me at the Lighted Ships parade (he was another of our judges) that the port's interest in this project is directly a result of our club's petition several years ago requesting such a facility; the petition was promoted by PCs Jim Sheerer, Jim Lengenfelder and Richard Erwin. Besides bringing us up to date, he'd like to get our support in keeping the project moving forward, by communicating our continuing interest to the port commissioners.

As I write this, Vonnie and I have just returned from the Seattle Yacht Club's Commodore's Ball, for our friends Rob and Len Rothe. It was, as one would expect from the biggest club on the sound, a spectacular affair with a large range of hors d'oeuvres, an ice sculpture of Rob and Len's boat Starlight Express, libations flowing freely, a magnificent dinner and two bands, one for the Junior Bridge who had their party upstairs from ours. But even there Vonnie and I continued to receive accolades from our G14 counterparts for the ball that IPC Les and you folks put on for us in October; just goes to show that even a relatively small club like ours can shine because of the heart and talent of its members. And another reason why I'm so proud to serve our club as Commodore this year.

Due to the Mainstation dredge that should be underway by the time you read this, we're planning to move the Sweetheart's cruise from Island Home to the Mainstation this coming year, since we'll be using IH as an emergency moorage for those displaced from our marina. Our new Fleet Captain Power, Theresa Madden, will have more info on this shortly.

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

Commodore Mike Contris



Vice Commodore

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



Happy New Year!!!

If you are finding it hard to be positive about 2013 it is understandable. The news lately has been tragic and troubling. The world seems like a very ugly place at times and it is easy to get down.

I for one am thankful for my distractions that take my mind off of these things. Not suggesting we bury our heads in the sand, but we do need positive emotions and activities to counter all the negative thoughts.

Our favorite distraction???? Taking a cruise on Papas Dream and OYC activities. Something about the water that calms the soul. Being busy also helps so why not be busy with your Yacht Club?

It is time for folks to step up and volunteer for various positions in the club. Your Bridge will add a Rear Commodore in June and whoever steps forward will have a fantastic time. If you have questions about the Bridge please ask. PC Leslie is the nominations lead and any of the current Bridge is happy to share. Since I will be the Commodore next year, I would love to talk to you about it.

Lastly, we all have choices on how we react to situations. If there is something that bothers you this year in the club, please ask the person who is in charge about it. There is almost always an explanation that is simple, but if we leave it to dock talk and rumors, it never turns out well.

Let's all do our best to make 2013 a "drama free OYC"

Cruise safely my friends,
VC Jeff and 1st Mate Debra
M/V Papa's Dream



Past Commodore

IPC Les Thompson
Captain Brian Thompson
M/V EcstaSea



Happy winter to all!! Snow, as I write this, means I am not very happy. You all know the land yacht (aka my car) is not a very good snow vehicle with its rear wheel drive so I have to depend on Taxi Captain Brian for a ride to work!! Thank heaven for the Honda!!!

I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas with your families and loved ones. We had a fantastic early family Christmas due to our son's leaving for an extended period and not being home for the holidays. Our daughter and family will be with us on Christmas eve before heading back to Oregon. Christmas will be quiet and relaxing.

Now is the time of the year after the holidays that the IPC will begin forming the committee to start recruiting members to fill the vacant position of Rear Commodore,

FCP, FCS and 2 Board positions. Please think about stepping up to one of these positions. You will not be disappointed. You have heard us all say what a great time we have on the Bridge, and that is true. I would do it again!! The Board members serve as our business representatives and make some very important decisions. We have many coming up with club projects that will entail much capital expense. We need members who are willing to help in that process. If you would like to be on the committee, you may contact me as well. Members may contact me, a Bridge officer, or a Board member if they are interested in any of these positions and we will all be glad to provide information and help to steer you in the right direction.

This is your club and it is because of you that it works. Please volunteer. We have the Best Club on the Sound. OYC Rocks!!!!

Thanks in advance and may all of you have the happiest, healthiest and prosperous of New Years!

IPC Les Thompson
M/V EcstaSea

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Rear Commodore

Rear Commodore Myra Downing
 Captain Joe Downing
 S/V *Vintage*



Happy New Year!



Welcome to 2013. When I wrote out the numbers of the new year I began to think about the power we give the number “13”. So, like any person in this decade, I went to the Internet to see what I could find. To my surprise I discovered that there actually is a medical diagnosis for those “who fear 13” – tristaidekaphobia! Some may find this hard to believe, but consider how often builders construct

buildings without a 13th floor and people change their flights or travel plans if they occur on Friday the 13th.

There are good things associated with 13 too. There were 13 original colonies. Author Suzanne Lord points out that “our flag has 13 stripes.” The Great Seal of the United States has 13 stars. The eagle in the Seal holds in one claw 13 arrows and in the other an olive branch with 13 leaves and 13 olives.” And finally, a Baker’s Dozen is really 13. Pretty cool, but I am sure some of you are probably asking, so “where is she going with this?” Here is the bridge to the message – not a strong bridge but a bridge: I asked myself “What can I bring in 2013 to our wonderful Yacht Club? Here are my New Year resolutions to you:

I resolve to reach out to as many of you as I can. I resolve to keep a sense of humor when it seems like I might want to get grumpy. I resolve to be a good ambassador for the yacht club in all my interactions with others. I resolve to work on bringing you joy and good cheer in the coming year.

You can help me with my resolutions when I see you at our January 2nd dinner meeting. Did I say hello? Did I make you smile? Did I bring you good cheer?

From our house to yours, and from our homes to our joint home down on Simmons St., Happy New Year and Welcome to our continued journey together.

Myra and Joe Downing
 Rear Commodore
 S/V *Vintage*

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Fleet Captain Sail

Fleet Captain Susie Zuelke
Captain Rick Antles
S/V *Voyager*



Happy New year to all. Hope your holidays were peaceful. December was a very busy time for us all. I earned bragging rights after a real romp, sailing the Winter Vashon race aboard The Connollys' *Pandora*. *Pandora* is a solid boat and with Captain Bob at the helm we were quite safe. We had a spectacular spinnaker run down Colvos Passage then at the top of Vashon things turned a bit more interesting

with high winds and even higher seas. It was a pretty steady pound down the east side of the island to the finish line. (Rick was grumpy that he had to work.) It was quite the ride and a good test of my stamina! And did I say it really was fun, too?!

We dressed *Voyager* up for the Lighted Ships Parade and had a great time out on the water. Hot Buttered Rums, delicious food and good company, oh, and excellent weather made for a wonderful couple of evenings. If you have never done this parade, you ought to really come out for it next year. As with any lighted ships parade, the more boats the better!

The first TGIF of the New Year is January 25th at 5 o'clock pm. The usual fare and hopefully live music again. Hope to see you there!

Susie Zuelke and Rick Antles
Fleet Captain Sail
S/V *Voyager*

TGIF

Thank Goodness it's **Friday!**

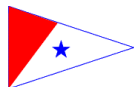
Next one is January 25th

5-7 pm at the Main Station

\$5 per person

No Reservations Required

South Sound Sailing Society and Olympia Yacht Club



Joint Cruise to Island Home



Will happen as originally planned
January 18th-20th

Due to the delay in dredging

- Friday Night Potluck Appetizers
- Saturday Night Potluck Dinner,
- Sunday am breakfast provided

Contact Susie 878-2340 or Myra 584-6886 with questions



Fleet Captain Power

Fleet Captain Theresa Madden
M/V *Doctor's Orders*



Photo by Rick Taylor

When Mike asked me to serve out the remainder of the vacant position, I couldn't say no. Next of my responsibilities is the Sweetheart Cruise on February 16 in celebration of Valentine's Day. Please note that we will not make it a cruise to Island Home this year. This is a major change but we will have no choice if the dredging project proceeds on schedule. There will be too many displaced boats on the docks at Island Home. So prepare to cruise by car to the Main Station that evening. Oh yes, I need volunteers. Cindy and George Smith have organized this event for many years in the past. Now they are turning over the baton to me and taking a well deserved rest. Many, many thanks go to the Smiths for their tremendous dedication in creating such memorable past events. Prospective volunteers may contact me at finetune-health@yahoo.com or 503-799-4743 (txt or phone calls welcome).

Club Service Program

Les Thompson, Chair



Greetings all and Happy New year!! The CSP report has been updated and is current through all of the events except the New Years celebration. Due to the fact that Jon does the billing on the 1st, anyone with CSP hours at that event, which will put you over the required amount, may not receive credit in the January statement. I will of course get the hours to him on the 1st if I have them, so please be patient on the bill as he may have to do adjustments after the final posting.

CSP has been posted and updated regularly during the month so please check your hours and make sure you have all in. Thanks to Marilyn, I do have all the years records previous and can check for you if you are not sure you turned in things. Next year will

bring plenty of opportunities to help at the club in social, Mainstation, IH or committee work as well as filling positions in June for officers and committee chairs. Please volunteer and step up to the plate and help. You will find a very rewarding experience with the club and with the members. You can contact me, any Bridge officer, any Board member and any committee chair for information. See you on the docks or on the water in the snow!!

IPC Leslie
CSP Chair



Photo by Rich Hurst



Board of Trustees

Walt Schefter, Chair
M/V Rob Roy



The New Year is upon us and on behalf of the Board of Trustees I wish all a healthy and happy new year.

Looking back over the past year, OYC can do so with pride of accomplishment. We will finish 2012 and enter 2013 with strong revenues and a balanced budget. Our Board, Bridge and committee chairs have, in the main and for the second year in a row, decreased our operating budget from the previous year. While no one can predict future events we can report our present and future finances to be sound.

All of our present and future capital projects and improvements, with exception of the shed, have sufficient funding from our reserve fund, both on hand and projected, to allow our dues, moorage fees and assessments to remain at present levels, subject only to cost of living increases. Because of time constraints on the shed permits you will be voting on a funding source for the shed which, if approved, will allow that project to proceed.

The present direction of the Olympia City Council and their recommendations for the Shoreline Master Plan and the Comprehensive Plan are increasingly pro OYC. Those recommendations recognize OYC as part of the fabric of the community and include OYC in Olympia's future waterfront on a permanent basis. OYC is one of the central and active stakeholders in this debate. Any suggestion that OYC would vacate its present location has been answered with a firm no. In short, as the cards are now on the table, OYC is here to stay.

These results are in no small part due, not only from the efforts of our Governmental Affairs committee and members of the Board, but from our continued presence through the OYC Bridge in community affairs. We play a central part in the fabric of this community whether by our presence in Lakefair, the Lighted Ships Parade, PC Budelman's Lighted ship, Foofaraw, Opening Day or any number of other contacts and events in which OYC is front and center. This central and visible presence was recognized in open comment by the Mayor of Olympia.

We are an active and identified stakeholder in the dam/mud flat estuary issue and a leading participant in that conversation. Our annual Legislative Reception which is attended by invited state representatives as well as city and port officers and elected officials puts OYC in the middle of the legislative process affecting not only OYC but all other waterfront stakeholders.

To those members who have expressed concern and perhaps skepticism regarding the continued viability of OYC please be assured we are financially sound and there is every indication we will be right where we are, in the heart of Olympia, for the next century.

I neither engage in nor particularly appreciate cheerleading nor am I one to express Pollyannaish opinions. On this occasion, however, when we are closing out a past year, I feel the foregoing "State of The Club" message needs to be given. In the face of dramatically challenging economic times and escalating costs we are welcoming new members. We remain fiscally sound without a need to increase revenues. We are a vital and visible player in the politics and environmental policies of governmental agencies that affect our club and in the policies of our city and have been successful in moving those conversations towards insuring our continued presence.

That is not to say we can rest on our laurels or that we do not have continuing challenges that need to be met. All facts and circumstances change and some of the issues we face are not yet resolved. We need to continue our ongoing efforts and continue to build a better OYC, both our physical facility and our social environment. New challenges will arise, both foreseen and unforeseen. We are, however, in a position to meet them. We are where we want to be at this point in time and we will remain so.

Walt Schefter, Board Chair

A late breaking development that affects scheduling and planning of upcoming Sweethearts and SSSS/OYC joint cruises described elsewhere in the Beachcomber (Island Home now available)

NOTICE RE POSTPONEMENT OF DREDGE

We have been working towards commencing and finishing our dredge project within the 2012-13 "fish window" or construction season, which ends in mid February of 2013. Our dredge permits had issued subject to the normal permit appeal periods applicable to each permit. We selected the contractor for the project based upon the lowest acceptable bid but have not signed any contracts pending the expiration of those appeal periods.

A protest was filed in the City of Olympia's Determination of Non Significance process which is part of that permitting process. We answered the concerns of that party and that appeal period expired without further challenge. Only the appeal period relating to the Corp of Engineers permits remained.

Within the past week the same party who filed the protest in the City of Olympia process filed once again in the Corp of Engineers permitting process. Basically the same issues are questioned and we immediately responded with the information necessary to allow the permit to issue.

Unfortunately the process necessary to resolve the issues raised by the protest will take time and by the time it is concluded there will be insufficient time remaining in the 2012-13 construction window to complete the dredge. In anticipation of this possibility, the club has not incurred any expenses or signed any commitments which will result in a loss of money or jeopardize the project.

Because of this pending protest we have no choice but to postpone the dredge project until the 2013-14 construction window, which we anticipate will commence in mid July of 2013 and should run to mid February of 2014. The project will be scheduled within that time period with advanced notice to you.

Walt Scheffer
Board President

Anchoresses

Catherine Schefter, President



Happy New Year Everyone!

We are looking forward to another busy and productive year. To recap a bit, since we began our food bank drive OYC has donated 896 pounds in addition to cash donations. Thank you everyone!

We are planning our annual WIC Luncheon which will take place in April and our annual First Mates Tea in May. Mem-

bers who would like to join us and be part of our social and charitable events can give me a call at 369-491-2313 or contact any other Anchoress.

Catherine Schefter
President

Government Affairs

Gary Ball, Chair



We have set the date for the Waterfront Reception for our state legislators, local elected officials and other key local leaders. The date is February 12, 2013. We expect a larger turnout this year because we have teamed up with RBAW (Recreational Boating Association of Washington) for a joint reception here at OYC. The major reason for these receptions is to keep issues that are important to boaters in front of our elected officials.

Recently, I was listening to the local radio station and heard one of our club members, Jerry Budelman, being interviewed. It was an excellent interview and really highlighted some of the reasons why our organization is important to the community. It is important for any of us, if we have the opportunity, to promote our club to the community and remind elected officials why our community is better off for having our club located here.

We are always looking for people who would be interested in joining our committee. If you are interested, please feel free to contact me.

Moorage Report

Bridget Shreve, Moorage Master



HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

Bridget Shreve - Moorage Master - (360) 561-3289

Womens' Interclub Council

Kim Shann, Representative



Ladies of OYC, you are invited to attend Bremerton's Skipperettes WIC luncheon, "PUTTING ON THE DOG".

This phrase dates back to the 1860's meaning "to make a display of wealth or importance, especially by dressing stylishly and flashily!"

Sounds fun, and you can "dress fitting for the occasion."

Date: February 7th, 2013

please call Kim Shann 491-3786 by February 1st, 2013.

Cost \$14.00 and we carpool.

Kim

Yearbook

Steve Clark and Beth Branshaw
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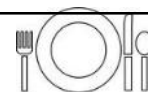
We are in need of updated information and pictures!!! We have set up an email address specifically to collect yearbook information Harmonysbest10@gmail.com so PLEASE send in edits and such!

We need the membership to document the many activities of the club so please take lots of pictures!!

Thanks – Yearbook Committee – Beth and Steve

Lunch Bunch

Mike and Denise Lackey



Next Lunch Bunch is January 9th

Sunshine Committee

Barbara Narozonick-Neuhauser, Chair



A condolence card was sent to the family of our former Island Home caretaker, Jerry Majors

Quartermaster

Linda Bryant, Chair



Linda Bryant 360 866-7446

Patti Phillips 360 786-8399

Island Home

Gary Gronley, Chair



I have been notified by the Dredge Committee, that during the duration of the dredge contract, it will be necessary to relocate some boats from the Main Station, to Island Home for temporary moorage. If your boat is going to be moored at the Island, please review the following information.

1. For the boats that are being transferred to the Island during the Dredge, Rule #7 of the Island Home Rules will be suspended. Note: Rule #7 should read " Moorage at any time will be limited to 16 days, and boats will be occupied by an OYC member overnight".
2. Any boat that is moored in the basin must display their emergency contact information. This information will be given to the caretaker as well. The information will consist of: The vessel name, owners name, and a 24/7 emergency phone number, or phone numbers.
3. In the eventuality of snow, you will be responsible for the removal of the snow from your boat.
4. The Island does not have an emergency power source if there is a loss of power. If your boat is going to be left unattended, you might want to consider; turning off your inverter, removing any perishable foods from your refrigerator or freezer.
5. If you plan on visiting the Island for New Years or the Sweethearts Cruise in February; there may not be dock space available (if dredging is in progress). You may have to raft onto another boat. As always dock space is on a first come basis.
6. At the completion of the dredge contract; all boats that were moored at the Island temporarily, will have two weeks to return to their Main Station Slip. Then rule #7 will again be in effect.

This dredge will only last for two months. I want to thank everyone for their cooperation, and their adapting during this process. Please be alert for the Dredge Committee's notifications.

Main Station

Jay Dayton, Chair



Good day to all. As I write this we still have at least three inches of snow, so with this thought please check all mooring lines and boat houses after a storm.

The main station shower room and bath floor and urinal will be repaired in January 2013. Repairs on pilings and braces under the cottage will start in January 2013 in conjunction with the tides and weather so please keep the parking lot in back of Bayview free for contractors work area.

George Smith will be filling in for me while Barb and I are gone on vacation in January.
Thank you, Jay Dayton

Special People's Cruise

Curtis Dahlgren, Chair



The joy of Christmas filled the air at the OYC clubhouse during the annual Special People's cruise on Sunday, December 2, 2012. Thanks to the hard work and generosity of OYC members and Thurston County Recreation Services staff, 120 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 Claus.

The skippers and crews of the following OYC boats volunteered to help make this community service event a success: Clarity, Trina Marie, Voyageur, Grace, Aventura, Star Shine, Patina, Hart to Hart, Royal Deck, Grand Finale, Wandrian,



Overtime, Great Escape, Impulsive, Fancy Free, Ste-Lin Time, Kinship, Feisty II, The First Lady, and Wolf Gang II. The 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 Chaotic Too, our "Santa boat", where Santa and Mrs. Claus (Leon and Joanie Werner) spent the afternoon smiling, waving, and ho ho ho-ing. During the cruise our guests had an opportunity to talk to Santa on the VHF radio. In addition to making some Christmas wishes, our guests were able to share a few laughs with the jolly old man.



Upon returning to the OYC clubhouse, guests were served hot chocolate and homemade cookies served by Gail Thomas and her crew of OYC volunteers.

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Out Cruising.....

Bright Angel



Bob and Linda Hargreaves
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Hope all is well with you guys! I'm sure winter is settling in around the Pacific Northwest, and *Sidetrack* is done cruising for a while. Here in Opuia, New Zealand, in the beautiful Bay of Islands, we are enjoying spring (warm days, cool mornings and evenings, with a mix of sun and

rain), with summer just around the corner. The idea of summer in December takes some getting used to, as does driving on the "wrong" side of the road, but we're working on it!

The passage from Tonga was one our best yet; the only tough part was the last 125 miles or so, when we had 15-20 knot winds and 1.5 meter waves on the nose, but it is hard to complain about that when we had days on end of great sailing and never saw winds over 25 knots or seas over 2 meters. We did a fair amount of motoring, too – whenever the winds eased and the boat speed dropped much below 4 knots; we were trying to get south and west as fast as we could to avoid any potential problems from a tropical depression that formed over Vanuatu after we left Tonga, that was predicted to (and did) track SE below Fiji, but it could just as easily have turned more southerly and come chasing after us!

We spent one night anchored at North Minerva Reef – a very strange experience, especially so since we were the only ones there. Minerva is just a fringing reef – no island – around a 10-30 meter deep, 1.5+ mile-wide lagoon right in the middle of the ocean! We cleared into New Zealand here in Opuia last Monday, November 26; our total time for the 1275 nm passage from Vava'u, Tonga, including the overnight stop in Minerva, was just 11 days.

We will be moving down the coast to Whangarei next week sometime; we plan to keep the boat there until it is time to head back up into the islands next fall (late April or May). Our plan at this point is to go back to Tonga for a while, then spend the rest of the cruising season in Fiji.

It will be nice to slow the pace down a bit, and not be so rushed moving from one place to the next ; we covered a lot of ground since leaving Mexico in April – almost 7,000 nm – and felt at times like we were on a whirlwind tour of some of the island groups we visited.

Here in New Zealand we plan to do mostly "land cruising" – we bought a car, and will do some traveling around the country once we get the boat "tucked in" in Whangarei . We will also fly home sometime in January or February for a while to visit family and friends.

Well, that's about it for now. Say hi to the folks at OYC for us, please. I've enclosed a photo of something you are not likely to see that often – a little bit of OYC in NZ! Take care, and have a great Holiday Season!

Bob & Linda
SV Bright Angel



PS - check our blog for a post on Tonga!
<http://www.sailblogs.com/member/sailbrightangel/>

Olympia Harbor Patrol has new phone numbers that will be posted at the clubhouse entry gate.

Primary: **360 239 3090**
Voice mail: **360-753-8142**

Please make a note of them

There is a new **automated radio check system** in **Friday Harbor**. Call on VHF channel 28 when you are nearby and you will receive an automated reply.

More information in [Three Sheets NW](#)

Beachcomber to return to postal mail delivery



Beginning with this issue, the Beachcomber will be delivered to the membership and associates by regular mail. Email delivery is still available by request to Gary Wilson gary@sailsidetrack.com

Environmental Awareness

Rick Bergholz, Chair



What is a BMP?

A BMP is a Best Management Practice. It can be low technology way of doing business. In this day and age of oversight by leasing authorities, rules and regulations, the Club's best response is a good offense. We can make a real statement to the casual citizen walking by the club on the boardwalk that we are a clean marina.

Why should we care what a BMP is?

As a business operator we are responsible not only for having our house in order but we also are responsible for any spills, discharges as well as a level of preparedness for any hazardous, toxic or oily release from our marina operations.

Implementing BMPs reduces our environmental liabilities. At the same time we send a strong message to all outside observers that the Olympia Yacht Club cares about the health of the waters that we use and want to take every preventable measure we can to keep them that way. This is why your Environmental Committee is considering applying for a Clean Marina Certification. This process certifies that the Olympia Yacht Club has its BMPs in place and is doing everything possible to ensure that our use of the Budd Inlet Boat Basin is being properly managed.

The Environmental Committee's cursory review of the club's rules and agreements about moorage, boat house, live aboard, and grid already holds the club in good stead. Add to that our use of the personal Fire Prevention check list that all of us complete each year we are ahead of the game. We will be working over the upcoming months with the Mainstation, Safety and other OYC committees to possibly update some of these OYC policies and practices to ensure compliance.

If you have any ideas that will help us with these efforts please contact the Environmental Committee Chair Rick Bergholz 360 866-4230.

Fleet Surgeon

Richard Hurst, M.D ("Rich")



The technique for CPR has been significantly changed in recent years so you need to know the improved method that promises better outcomes and may not require the loathsome mouth-to-mouth part.

AEDs (Automated Electronic Defibrillators) are widespread in civilization nowadays, but don't assume the receptionist or cashier nearby really knows how to use it. It's easy - learn how.

When you are on the water, say in the middle of The Narrows or in remote areas of Canada, how long would it take to get an AED to you-if at all? If you or your boat-mates are of an "age" or have heart issues, consider the purchase of one to have on the boat. Warning, they are expensive (\$1,100 or more), but for treatable heart conditions, nothing can save a life as these devices do.

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Safety Committee

Richard Erwin, Chair



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

With winter storms and cold weather, do not forget to check your mooring lines, boat house chains and power cords. I always twist my power cord plugs a few times to remove any corrosion build up (make sure the locking lugs secure the plug) For years I have added a anti corrosion grease to my dock power box and boat plug to prevent the corrosion that leads to plug burning and failure. I have not had a plug failure now that I use those procedures. Preventive maintenance saves a lot of time and money.

Remember the docks are slick and frost & ice is sometimes hard to see. Use extra caution and you can spread salt from the dock salt containers if you find ice on the docks.

IF YOU SEE A SAFETY ISSUE LET THE CARETAKER, MAIN STATION CHAIR OR SAFETY COMMITTEE KNOW.

Guess who fell in the water ? - - - did not follow good safety practices and has egg on his face? **ME**, your Safety Chair. I ignored all the normal safety precautions I always take when working close to the "can fall in the water" situations. In addition, my mind tells me I am 40 something but my body and strength is 73+, and I have some added physical limitations with bad shoulders, limited upper body strength and a right hip that needs rebuilt. Being men, we tend to think we can do what we used to be able to do and live in a fog of false reality.....not recognizing the real limits of declining abilities and strength. Maybe you're not that way, but I tend to be - - and I often catch myself and stop, so I do not exceeding my limitations and safety issues.

I was working in the back corner of my boathouse, on a task beyond easy reach. The contractors had left their tender tied to the back of the boat so I thought - - no problem, I'll use the tender to get to the spot I need to fix. I did not unlatch my swim step ladder as I was going to be in the tender - - no need to. I untied the tender and maneuvered to the location I wanted to be, did not tie the tender off at my work area as it was a simple fix. I completed it and then saw another spot just a little further away - - Oh, I can just adjust my position and I can fix it while I'm here.

I put my feet on a steel bracket to hold me in place, shifted my weight to get to where I needed to be, the tender went one way, my feet still on the bracket, I was holding onto the tender and now suspended over water. I had time to think about it, "don't panic, I know I am going to get real wet and cold". I could not hold on much longer. "Splash," I was under water. When I came to the surface, I tried to get in the tender but my winter clothing was real heavy and with reduced upper arm strength, I could not get into the tender or onto my swim step.

I know not to panic, that I had not unlatched my swim step ladder so I could climb out of the water. I knew Bill Garson was in his boat house next door. Rather than struggle trying to get out and get out as fast as I could (hyperthermia) I called for HELP.

Thanks to Bill Garson and his daughter Beth, they came right over, unlatched my swim step ladder and assisted me getting out of the water. Moments later new members, Dennis Backstrom and, Mike and Diana Fife (the new owners of NADIA they purchased from PC Fred DeBolt) were there to help. Dennis and Mike followed me up to the clubhouse for a hot shower while Diana retrieved some dry clothes from my boat.

Then the hardest part, going home and tell my wife I had fallen in due to being careless. We won't go into that conversation, however I did wonder how much my wet clothing weighed - - A lot of water had drained before it was put in a plastic bag, however it still weighed 26 pounds the next day. I would think it would have been 30+ pounds when I was getting out of the water. I was surprised at how heavy I felt.

I have thought about all the safety steps I did not follow, how quickly a simple project can go wrong, how hard it is to get out of the water with heavy wet clothing added to being older and not as physically capable. Perhaps knowing Bill Garson was next door, I could skip the few moments it takes to unlatch the swim step ladder or tie off the tender for safety. I was lucky. I got out safely, however my falling in the water WAS ALL AVOIDABLE and was my own failure to follow good safety procedures. I hope my sharing my experience will remind others to follow good safety procedures and not take short cuts.

I again want to say "Thank You" to Bill and Beth Garson, Dennis Backstrom, Mike and Diane Fife for coming to my rescue.

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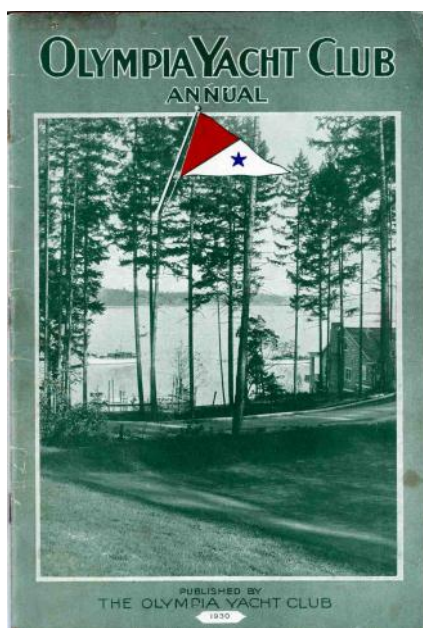
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The History Corner

Lisa Mighetto, OYC Historian



Happy New Year! We're starting 2013 with a new addition to "The History Corner" in the Mainstation: a glass display cabinet featuring artifacts from the OYC's past. When you get a chance, stop by and take a look. The current display includes annuals from the 1930s, a small hand-made booklet from the early days of the Anchoresses, a collection of Foofaraw coins, and some navigation equipment used in the Capital to Capital Race.

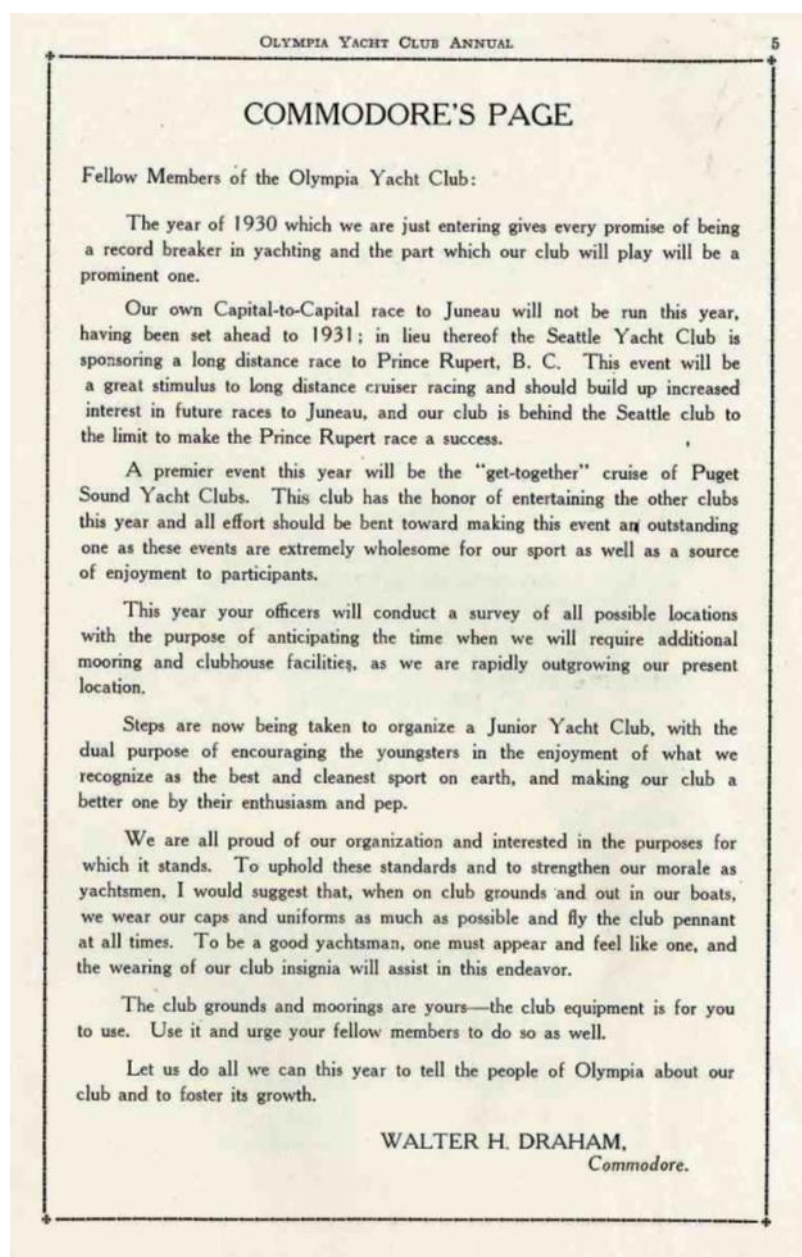


New display cabinet at Mainstation Clubhouse

The 1930 annual (cover and "Commodore's Page" depicted here) is the earliest membership directory available in our archives. Except for the phrasing and language (see paragraph five in particular), the message from the Commodore might have been written in 2013.

We plan to rotate the artifacts, perhaps highlighting upcoming events (we could arrange an entire display on Foofaraw in late summer, for instance). And we hope to add a vertical rack for the coins that will display them more effectively than the current flat position. In the future, we could display commodore coins. If any commodores have extra coins that they could donate for the display, please contact me at 206-465-0630.

The author thanks Bill Bigelow, Jerry Budelman, Bob Job, Gary Waldherr, Bob Connolly, and others who have contributed materials for the history archives. Additional artifacts are welcome!



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 Gene & Alice Coakley Great Escape OYC
1 st Place Rick Antles & Susie Zuelke Voyager OYC & SSSS
2 nd Place David & Cynthia Kettel Bella Lighthouse OYC
3 rd Place Rob Terrell, Jenny & Sissy Cara Linda SSSS
4 th Place VC Jeff & Debra Pape Papas' Dream OYC

We extend special thanks to the judges for the 2012 Lighted Ships Parade

Mike Oakland, Olympian Editor

Bob Barnes, Capitol Lakefair President

Bruce Marshall, Port of Olympia

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.

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.

Mike Gowrylow 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! Esther Baker was Santa's elf and without her support, Santa would have had a very difficult job doing his job that evening.

Port of Olympia is thanked for reserving the dock space at the Port Plaza Dock for our Review Boat. They also powered washed the Port Plaza Dock prior to each evenings' event.

Warm thanks to Past Commodore Carol Robinson and her captain Chuck for providing the Review Boat, hosting our slate of judges, and providing fabulous refreshments for our honored judges.

We thank Commodore Mike Contris and first lady, Vonnie, 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
2012 Lighted Ships Parade

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This year our guests were also greeted at the clubhouse by Santa Claus (former member Bob Simons) and he spent the afternoon entertaining our guests while they had their pictures taken with him by Clintworth Photography. Before leaving the clubhouse, every guest was given a gift bag with an assortment of Christmas goodies, many donated by OYC members, and assembled by the always dependable team of Eileen and Mark Leingang.

As a token of their support for the OYC Special People's Cruise, Shell Oil Company provided the Olympia Yacht Club with a \$50.00 gift card for every captain that donated their boats time and fuel to such a special cause.

We would also like to recognize Anthony's Hearth fire restaurant for donating the use of a private room at their restaurant for use by our Santa Voices. Although we did not take advantage of this offer, the manager has extended to OYC the invitation to use this room during next year's event.



The 2012 OYC Special People's Cruise was a huge success because of the many club members who shared some Christmas spirit and their joy of boating with some very special guests. Forty skippers and first mates took guests on a Santa Cruise and another 45 members, families and friends baked cookies, escorted guests, talked to guests on the VHF radio, served Christmas cookies at the clubhouse, and helped with the Santa pictures. All of these people deserve a big Thank You for making the 2012 OYC Special People's Cruise a very successful and memorable event for some of our most special neighbors. Thank you all!

Curtis Dahlgren and Chet Coleman

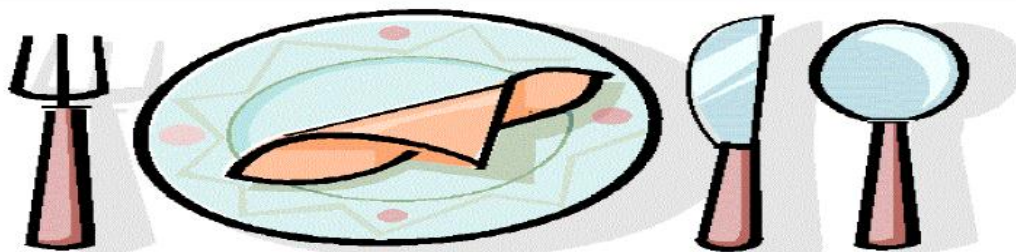
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This immaculate and fully equipped Carver 36 Motor Yacht features contemporary motor yacht styling and Carver's advanced, **raised walk-deck design** that creates the roomiest cabin in this size range. The impressive cabin is warm and inviting, created by the appeal of the **cherry wood cabinetry** with high-gloss finish, contemporary colors and plush **Ultraleather seating**. Large windows and Carver's signature two-tiered window design provides light throughout the salon. Sleeping accommodations include two **staterooms** with a private head compartment in the master stateroom (aft). Families will enjoy the space and comfort designed into the 36's **flybridge**. There's a **fully equipped control console** and ample seating. Boat comes complete with **dingy, outboard, all bedding, bar-b-q, and galley equipment**. Interior features **two TV/DVD's** Sirius radio and **AM/FM/CD stereo** for dockside entertainment. Located in OYC slip 146 for easy viewing.

Reduced for quick sale - **\$199,900.**

Contact Harvey at (360) 866-0251 or email rktec1@comcast.net



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~ January 2013 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Years Day Holiday	2 Dinner Meeting 6:00 pm	3	4	5 PC Cruise-in, QCYC Outstation, Winslow
6	7 Bridge Meeting 6:00 pm Island Home Meeting 7:00 pm Mainstation Meeting 6:00 pm	8 SSSS Meeting 6:30 pm	9 Lunch Bunch 11:30 am Board Meeting 6:00 pm	10	11 Officer's Cruise-in, QCYC Outstation, Winslow	12 Officer's Cruise-in, QCYC Outstation, Winslow
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27	28	29	30 Membership meeting 5:30 pm Clubhouse meeting 6:30 pm	31	Notes:	

~ Calendar February 2013 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Tacoma Yacht Club Commodore's Ball
3	4 Island Home Meeting 7:00 pm Mainstation Meeting 6:00 pm	5 Bridge Meeting 6:00 pm Government Affairs 5:30 pm	6 PC Dinner Meeting 6:00 pm	7 Toliva Shoals Setup WIC Luncheon Bremerton YC	8 Toliva Shoals Race Dinner Poulsbo Yacht Club Junior Officer's Ball	9 Toliva Shoals Race Poulsbo Yacht Club Junior Officer's Ball
10 Toliva Shoals Cleanup Poulsbo Yacht Club Junior Officer's Ball	11	12 SSSS Meeting 6:30 pm	13 Lunch Bunch 11:30 am Board Meeting 6:00 pm	14 Valentine's Day	15 Sweetheart's Cruise IH	16 Bremerton Yacht Club Heavy Weather Log Race Sweetheart's Cruise IH
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Join us for dinner

Wednesday, January 2nd

Dinner Menu

- Hand Tossed Caesar Salad
- Luscious Lasagna
- Italian Vegetable Medley
- Sicilian Cassata Cake

The evening begins at 6 pm by sharing the first drink of the New Year with your boating friends. Remember to call the reservation line and let us know how many will be in your party.

January

Membership Dinner Meeting January 2, 2013

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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