



OLYMPIA YACHT CLUB

December 2014



Commodore

Commodore Myra Downing
Captain Joe Downing
S/V Balder II



Hello my OYC Family and Friends



Welcome to the “Happy” holiday season. By the time you read this we will have had our **first** Happy Lights Hour – a combination of Happy Hour with a class presented by PC Jerry Budelman on how to decorate your boat for our annual Lighted Boat Parade scheduled for Saturday, December 6th. 30 of you joined us for this event. Special thanks to Jerry for donating his time and talents and to J Grady, who shared the idea of a happy hour with me when I was Rear Commodore. Took a while but we got there. PS – I have an idea for the next one too. We will have had our Apple Cup party put on by Fleet Captain Dean and Tammy Questi. I know this is going to be (or was) a great success too with the Questis at the helm and our members on board to cheer one of our State teams to victory. We will also have had another successful TGIF with Fleet Captain Sail Bill and Lorrie Sloane and their team providing us with good food, good cheer, and good company.

Many of us find this is the time we want to reach out to let others know we are thinking about them and sending them good cheer and special wishes for the coming year. With this in mind, a group of us have joined together to ensure we have the best and most reliable way to stay in touch with you. Ron Morsette, our website manager, Gary Wilson and Mike Lackey, Beachcomber managers, Jon Bryan, OYC Treasurer, PC Mike Contris, Jan Wilson, Yearbook Chair, RC Walt Schefter and I met to begin discussions on how to enhance our current processes. One of our first changes is to create a way for our spouses and partners to receive the emails we send out so you can work together in planning ways to get and stay involved with our club.

You will be receiving a letter from me in the near future that will explain a little more. If you want to get ahead of the game, please review the information we have in the 2014 – 2015 OYC yearbook for accuracy and send changes to Ron Morsette at rmorsette@gmail.com. We will have a form with the letter that we will be asking you to return to us noting needed changes or additions. Thanks for working with us on this and thanks to our committee.

We are also saying *Hello* to our community. OYC will be joining other businesses and organizations on Thurstontalk.com. It is a way for us to reach out and let others know about OYC, our activities and knowledge, and how we connect with them. Our activities will be on the community calendar and we will use our articles to talk about our events or topics of interest revolving around water and boating. Look us up.

In closing, Joe and I wish you and your family the very best over this holiday season .

Commodore Myra Downing
Captain Joe Downing
S/V Balder II



Vice Commodore

Captain Mike Phillips
First Mate Patti Phillips
M/V Chaotic Too



Hello all. I hope everyone is making it through the first of the cold weather all right. And I hope everyone has checked all the safety gear and heat on your boats. I would like to remind you all that December is going to be a very busy month and great fun. We have the Parade of Lighted Ships, the Special Peoples Cruise, and the Christmas Party and then last but not least the New Year's Eve Party. As you can see we are going to have a great month so I hope you can attend all of our activities. It will be great fun.

Christmas Party:

We still have decorations to make and then we will do the decorating for the party. So we can still use the help if you're interested. I will be sending out emails to let all of you know when we will be having our work parties, so come down and join us.

The Summer Cruise to the Islands:

We will be having more meetings to talk about the cruise, but in the meantime I need the boat length of all the people who think they are going at this point. I will be sending an email on when we will be having our next meeting. I don't want to have it until January some time. There will be more info to come. So please send me your boat length to mphillips@hamil.com or call my cell phone 541 912-8221.

So see you at the functions and on the docks.

Vice Commodore Mike Phillips
First Mate Patti Phillips
M/V Chaotic Too



Rear Commodore

Captain Walter Scheffer
First Mate Catherine Scheffer
M/V Rob Roy



A month has now passed since my clever ploy to root out those of you who actually read these mis-sives. As planned, I was indeed confronted by skippers who claimed great insult and thus I established the depth of my readership. I happily bought both of them a drink at the dinner meeting.

I must also report my experiment has resulted in renewed interest in the governance of our club, it being reported that PC Ted Shann has been asked for a bylaws interpretation regarding summary methods of impeaching irreverent Rear Commodores.

To make up for this and avoid such an ignominious end, I now pledge to mend fences by hosting a New Year's Eve party in your honor at our clubhouse. You are, of course, all invited but with a heartfelt invitation to those members skippering Bayliners. Once again, to salve hurt feelings and spread good cheer I will buy each of you a drink and toast your worthy vessels.

We will have a Casino Night at the clubhouse. Blackjack tables, dice, cards and other games of chance. Music, food, beer and wine as well. I am told, however, that the budget requires you to BYOB hard stuff but we will have the mixes, so be forewarned. The Club has, however, set aside funds for a Champagne toast at the appointed hour.

At the end of the evening there will be prizes, perhaps boats or cars and the like, to be auctioned using your winnings that you will have accumulated during the evening.

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Rear Commodore (Continued from page 2)

In my negotiations for automobiles, boats and the other prizes I am finding our budget is rather strained. Accordingly, we are asking for pot luck hors d'oeuvres. Please bring what you can. We will provide sandwiches, coffee if needed, desserts, and I will be out gathering oysters for an oyster bar. No one will suffer for want of food.

Finally, by popular demand we will reenact the now famous VC Mike's cascading balloons at the exact moment of the New Year. I also will have a massive television monitor installed just to watch the event throughout the world.

I do need volunteers to act as gaming captains at the tables so please call 491-2313 or email at wschefter@comcast.net. More details are on a flyer in this Beachcomber but also please reserve a spot on the reservation line. (705-3767)

Finally, and in all seriousness, we are soon to end this year which has seen our club prosper and our family of membership grow. This will be the last chance for Catherine and me to correspond with you this year. With that in mind Catherine and I wish each and every one of you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Rear Commodore Walt Schefter
First Mate Catherine Schefter
M/V *Rob Roy*

Being on a boat that's moving through the water, it's so clear. Everything falls into place in terms of what's important and what's not.

..... James Taylor

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Fleet Captain Sail

Fleet Captain Bill Sloane
First Mate Lorie Sloane
S/V *Endless Summer*



I've read a number of books about boats and boating. Serious ones like **'Survive the Savage Sea'** by Dougal Roberson to hilarious ones like **'The Boat Who Wouldn't Float'** by Farley Mowat. I recently finished reading **'The Boys in the Boat'** by Daniel James Brown, a book about a very narrow boat and the nine

men who rowed it to a Gold medal victory at the Berlin 1936 Olympics.

The book takes you on a journey of towns and culture in the northwest in the 1920's and 30's, Olympia, Sequim, Seattle. Life is brutally hard for many of the rowers. The boys row for the University of Washington and become the toast of Seattle as they piled up boat race victories prior to the Olympics. Seattle is a rough and tumble town in those days and the citizens, politicians and UW rowing coaches collectively feel inferior to other rowing colleges, especially the Ivy League colleges of the east coast. The Ivy League colleges are considered the powerhouses in rowing.

The Seattle citizenry especially liked beating these east coast schools. Rowing was so popular in the '30's that live action play-by-play was broadcast on the radio stations of the time during the races. The broadcaster in many cases was aboard a train car on a railroad track that paralleled the race course. The book is riveting and emotional and provides with crystal clarity the hardy nature of people who lived in these parts eighty years ago. Anyone who lives in the northwest would truly enjoy reading it, especially boaters.

There is no TGIF in December, but lots of other activities to keep us busy. At the end of January 2015, January 30 through February 1, we are leading our joint cruise with South Sound Sailing Society to Island Home for the weekend, which promises to be a great event.

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S/V *Endless Summer*



Fleet Captain Power

Fleet Captain Dean Questi
First Mate Tammy Questi
M/V *Enterprise*



The Halloween cruise was a huge success despite the terrible weather. A huge "THANKS" to all the volunteers & those who joined in the fun. Our next event is Apple Cup on Thanksgiving weekend at the main station (see the flyer on the website and in this issue of the Beachcomber). Come support your

favorite team while enjoying the company of fellow OYC members.

Mark your calendars now for the Valentines Cruise February 13th - 15th at Island Home. More details will be announced in the January Beachcomber. If you are interested in joining our committee please contact Dean. [360-888-7773](tel:360-888-7773) .

FCP Dean Questi – dquesti@comcast.net
1st Mate Tammy Questi – tquesti@comcast.net
M/V *Enterprise*



Lunch Bunch

NO December Lunch

This is a great time to enjoy lunch and conversation with fellow club members.

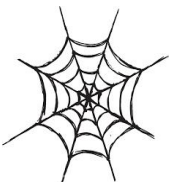
Chefs and helpers are always needed and earn CSP hours. Contact Denise Lackey at (360)280-2739, or at mlackey@q.com or sign up at the Main Station.

TGIF

Thank Goodness it's **Friday!**
Next TGIF is Scheduled for
January 23rd, 2015 at 5:00 at the Main Station
\$5.00/person
No reservations required



Halloween 2014



Photos by Mike Contris



Board of Trustees

George Smith, Chair

M/V Aventura



The BOT was presented with the 2015 budget by Joe Downing at the November BOT meeting. I want to thank all the committee chairs that cooperated with the Budget Committee and turned in their budgets in a timely fashion. We have since had an executive session to go over what the Budget Committee worked so hard to compile. The BOT has some difficult decisions to make on certain items, one being the need for new docks. The Main Station chair is in the process of getting bids and the BOT will have to decide which way to proceed. Do we contract the docks out, do we build ourselves, and do we use composite, aluminum or wood? All these questions are, and will be, discussed at great length before the BOT makes any decision. It appears that whatever the decision is, we will be able to fund the project with funds from the reserve fund.

Just a reminder that there is no dinner meeting in December but the BOT will be meeting on December 10th at 6pm. Members are encouraged to attend and get to know how your club is managed.

I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

PC George Smith
 Chairman of the Board
M/V Aventura
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Government Affairs

Gary Ball, Chair



Womens' Interclub Council

Kim Shann, Representative



There has been no new information on Olympia's Shoreline Master Plan (SMP) or Olympia's Comprehensive Plan. Our committee continues to follow these plans. The SMP is still being reviewed by the Department of Ecology and that review should be complete by before the end of the year.

Dick Binns has developed a draft PR plan for the club and will present it to the board and bridge later this year. We have already seen positive results of having someone focused on PR for the club.

Our annual waterfront reception for legislators and other local elected officials is scheduled for March 2. Like last year, we will team up with Northwest Marine Trade Association and Recreational Boating Association of Washington again to improve attendance and share costs. One of OYC's main focal points this year is the importance of maintenance dredging of Capitol Lake. This is needed to minimize the sediment being deposited in our basin and should extend the time to our next dredge.

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

HO-HO-HO-HO LADIES OF OYC

Lets get together and car pool to the TYEE YACHT CLUB "Celebration of Christmas Traditions".

Wear you holiday attire if you wish.

Tyee Women's group have invited us to participate in their luncheon on Thursday, December 11, 2014.

Social hour, 11AM

Luncheon, 12PM

Cost is \$14.00

Please contact Kim Shann 491-3786 by November 28th. Car pooling provided.



Past Commodore

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



It's not too early to think about it!!!

At the risk of sounding a little corny, serving on the Bridge is a wonderful chapter to add to your "book of life".

Debra and I had so much fun and met many wonderful new friends.

Yes you will be busy for a couple of years. Yes you will find your calendar is very full. And yes, you will have to go to a bunch of events and parties.

Aside from the OYC involvement there is the interaction with your "Class". Ours class is the *Tridents* and our relationships continue on as PCs.

You have likely heard other PCs say you can't imagine the camaraderie, the close friendships and the incredible support of each other from your class and the Grand 14. In our case, Debra and I have our "best friends" at both OYC and in our class. These are people that will be there when you need them, no questions asked.

Your cruising life will never be the same. We have 13 ports of call in the sound where we have friends who will always welcome us and be glad to see us.

Lastly, when you serve on the Bridge you have a great opportunity. When we began we had one goal.....to make our club a fun, positive place, get people involved, and to hopefully leave it a little better than when we began.

Every Bridge member is unique and every Bridge member will do things a little different from the one before them. This is a great thing and keeps us all from becoming bored.

98% of members will appreciate your service and will encourage and thank you. The other 2%.....who cares!!!!

If it has even entered your mind that.... maybe we should????? , call me. I promise to not pressure you and just answer questions.

One lucky couple will become our next Rear Commodore next June and begin the journey of a lifetime. Is it your time???

Your club needs you!!!

PC Jeff Pape

Cell 253-882-5950

Main Station

Ron Vukonich, Chair



Hi everyone! Welcome to the holiday season at OYC.

The front porch and bistro area of the caretaker cottage is on schedule to be repaired.

Bids are coming in on the "shed" area finger piers. The Main Station Committee and the BOT are moving forward with estimates and time frame to the replace the 100, 200, and guest docks.

An engineering study has been approved by the BOT to repair or replace the trestle from the city boardwalk to the OYC entrance gate.

Cascade Networks (a wireless company) is assisting OYC to improve our Wi-Fi system. The MS committee is working to provide a fast and reliable system for OYC members.

The dumpster location is being revised to include better access for garbage disposal and recycle.

The new security camera system is up and running. Even with the cameras - please be vigilant and do not leave valuables in your vehicles and - please lock your vehicle.

Icy docks are with us. Salt is available, located in the storage boxes on the docks for your safety. If boxes are empty of salt, please contact the caretaker Greg.

Have a great holiday season .
See you on the docks.

Ron Vukonich
Main Station Chair

Clubhouse

PC Carol Robinson, Chair

Seasons Greetings!

By the time you read this article, the new 70" TV will have been installed in the Clubhouse. The committee is looking forward to our new budget (if BOT approves it) and exciting new happenings in 2015.

Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

PC Carol Robinson
m/v Romancing the C's

Club Service Program

PC Les Thompson, Chair



Greetings everyone and happy winter!

I hope all of you had a very wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and celebrated and appreciated all that you are thankful for. I for one am thankful to be part of this great club with such great people. I am thankful to have made so many new friends at the club over the years as well. Brian and I will be celebrating the holiday early with our family due to the fact that our son, daughter in-law and new "8 month old grandson" were able to get leave to come home from Virginia and that our daughter and family could be here from Oregon with their kids. Grandkids are truly a wonderful thing to be thankful for. We now have 4.

Well, we are in the last month for CSP hours for the year. In compiling hours this year, I see you members have completed an incredible amount of work and social participation. I applaud you all for your efforts. There are still many projects at the clubhouse, main station and social functions to be able to get in hours to complete your requirements for the year. Contact the committee chairs for direction or the caretaker Greg. Greg has several ideas to help you out.

If you participate with your boat for Special Peoples or Lighted Ship events, remember you only receive 3 CSP hours no matter how long it takes you to decorate or participate as per the Board. I will post the CSP hours immediately after the Special Peoples event to update for you as soon as I receive the CSP reports from the committee chairs. Watch the bulletin board for it.

If you obtain hours for New Years just a reminder that if you use that event to complete hours it may not reflect on your Jan bill since Jon may send the bill out before I can record and get those hours to him on Jan 1. He and I will correct any billing discrepancies at that point after I get the hours from the Rear Commodore.

Please do not hesitate to call me with questions on hours or for help finding something to do. I wish each and every one of you members a fabulous and wonderful Christmas and New Year. I hope to see you during the holidays at one of the many events at the club. As always, PC Leslie.

PC Leslie Thompson
CSP guru
M/V EcstaSea

Parade of Lighted Ships

Susie Zuelke



The 2014 Lighted Ship Parade is just around the corner! Throw some lights on that boat of yours and join us in the parade.

The date is **December 6th at 6 pm**. The parade goes out in front of Anthony's where the judge boat will be set to judge the best and the brightest! The parade then proceeds out along the east side of Budd Bay to Boston Harbor and returns along the west shore of Budd Bay back to the yacht Club. After the parade we will have some hot food and drinks in the clubhouse.

The theme is "Nautical Noel" so get those creative juices flowing! 3 CSP hours for being in the parade.

We would love to have a great turnout for the parade. Many people plan parties around this event as well as all the people that line up to watch at the port plaza...we don't want to let them down!

Please call me with any questions or to help!

Susie Zuelke 360 878-2340 susiezuelke@gmail.com

Quartermaster

Phyllis DeTray, Chair



There will be no monthly meeting in December. Please contact Phyllis DeTray or Judy Ball if you need anything from the Quartermaster Store.

- Men's casual long-sleeve shirts
- Women's and Men's tee shirts
- Hats in different colors
- Totes in different colors
- Burgees in all sizes
- 9oz. OYC Wine Glasses
- Men's & Women's medium weight jackets
- Men's flannel sleep pants

If you would like a special item with the OYC embroidered logo on it, bring it in and we will take it in for you. The cost is \$10 per item. Check with us for more information.

Happy Holidays!

Phyllis and Judy

Island Home

Gary Gronley, Chair



As we near the end of the 2014 year the Island home committee wants to wish all of you, a very merry Holiday Season, and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Be safe, See you all on the island next year!

See you on the Island.
47° 14.084 N
122° 56.128 W

Gary Gronley
M/V *Our Adventure*



Island Home Committee Members

Photos by
Richard Taylor



Sunshine Committee

Barbara Narozonek-Neuhauser, Chair



- A donation was made to the OYC Foundation in memory of Bob Utter.
- A get well card was sent to Paul Deranleau.
- Post-op flowers were sent to Terry Anderson.
- A donation to the Napavine High School Scholarship Foundation was made in memory of Doug Skinner.

Fleet Surgeon

Richard Hurst, M.D. ("Rich")



E-Cigarettes

E-cigarettes are battery powered instruments designed to turn Nicotine, Propylene Glycol, and Glycerin into "vapor." Added to this is an assortment of flavorings. These e-cigarettes are unregulated at this time as to how much of the ingredients are present in a given brand. The "vapor" is similar to "theater smoke." These cigarettes take a page out of the sales manual from 40 years ago portraying e-smoking as sexy, glamorous, and even healthy.

Facts:

Nicotine is a drug that causes an increase in blood pressure, an increase in heart rate and can cause nausea, sweating and diarrhea. Nicotine's effects last for hours. If you already have or want to get vascular (blood vessel) disease, heart disease, a stroke, or elevated blood pressure, nicotine can do that for you.

The vapor contains nicotine and can affect those around you, similar to second hand smoke.

The vapor does not contain the carcinogenic (cancer causing) tars and other harmful tobacco-related burn products. The vapor does contain some silver and nickel elements that are not in cigarette smoke. The toxins are less than 10% of regular cigarettes.

The CDC has found a significant increase in poisonings from nicotine. Many (42%) are from children under 5 lured by the candy flavoring, but half of those affected were over 20 years of age. If you use this product, store the cartridges as you should your medicines.

Although it is hinted that these products can be used to stop smoking, none have been studied such that they are approved by the FDA for that indication. These products are unregulated at this time.

Conjecture:

Smoking these will help to stop smoking regular cigarettes. See above. There are already approved products (patches and gum) for this.

Falsehoods:

These are OK to smoke inside in public places. The laws really have not caught up with the problem. There may be less of a side effect from second hand inhalation of nicotine and theater smoke, but clean air is still better. Rather than foregoing smoking because of the requirement of going outside, E-cigarettes may be used inside and so promote more smoking. Light cigarettes in the past have resulted in smokers using more to get the same dose of nicotine their habit requires.

Question: How can you tell if tobacco manufacturers are lying?

Answer: Their lips are moving.

If I see you smoking, I will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action.

Please don't smoke, but do get your Flu Shots!

Yearbook Committee

Jan Wilson, Chair



Webmaster

Ron Morsette, Chair



The copies of the 2014/2015 version of the Yearbook are at the OYC clubhouse. We handed out copies to members at the November TGIF and the November meeting. It looks like almost half of you have picked up your directories. I will continue to leave one box in the cloakroom. A sign-out sheet is provided. Please make sure to check your name off if picking up the book in this manner.

At this time, we do not have enough copies for members to have more than one. After the initial distribution it is likely that we may have extra copies, but we want to make sure any interested member has one available on the first go round.

I have sent out a few copies to non local members, at their request. Please email me if you need this service provided. Postage charges will be added on to your regular monthly bill.

During this year, we will continue to work on the process of integrating the existing club data with the Yearbook process, so that the end product provides an accurate member list. In the meantime, if you have updates or changes to report you can either update them directly on the OYC website or send me an email at OYCyearbook@gmail.com, chat with me at an event or meeting, or call Jan Wilson at 360-556-6190.

Hope to see you around at club events—please introduce yourself to me. I am looking forward to getting to know you all better in person (and on paper). Thanks.

The OYC Website has recently been updated and is available to all members at <http://www.olympiayachtclub.org/>

Our website is managed through the Clubrunner program which is also used for many communications to members. Logging into Clubrunner from the website provides two important features for all members:

- (1) additional OYC information including club documents becomes available on the website
- (2) access to your Clubrunner profile where you can confirm or update your address, phone number, email address, boat name, etc.

To login: Click "Member Login" in the upper right corner. If you need a login and/or password, or just some general help contact Ron Morsette (rmorsette@gmail.com).

As the site continues to evolve, your suggestions and content will be welcomed.

Thanks!

South Sound Sailing Society and Olympia Yacht Club



Joint Cruise to Island Home



January 30th-February 1st

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

Contact
Bill 280-3276 or
Myra 584-6886
with questions

Save The Date



*VALENTINES CRUISE
to
Island Home*

February 13th - 15th

*Watch for details on the website
& in the January Beachcomber*



The History Corner

Lisa Mighetto, OYC Historian

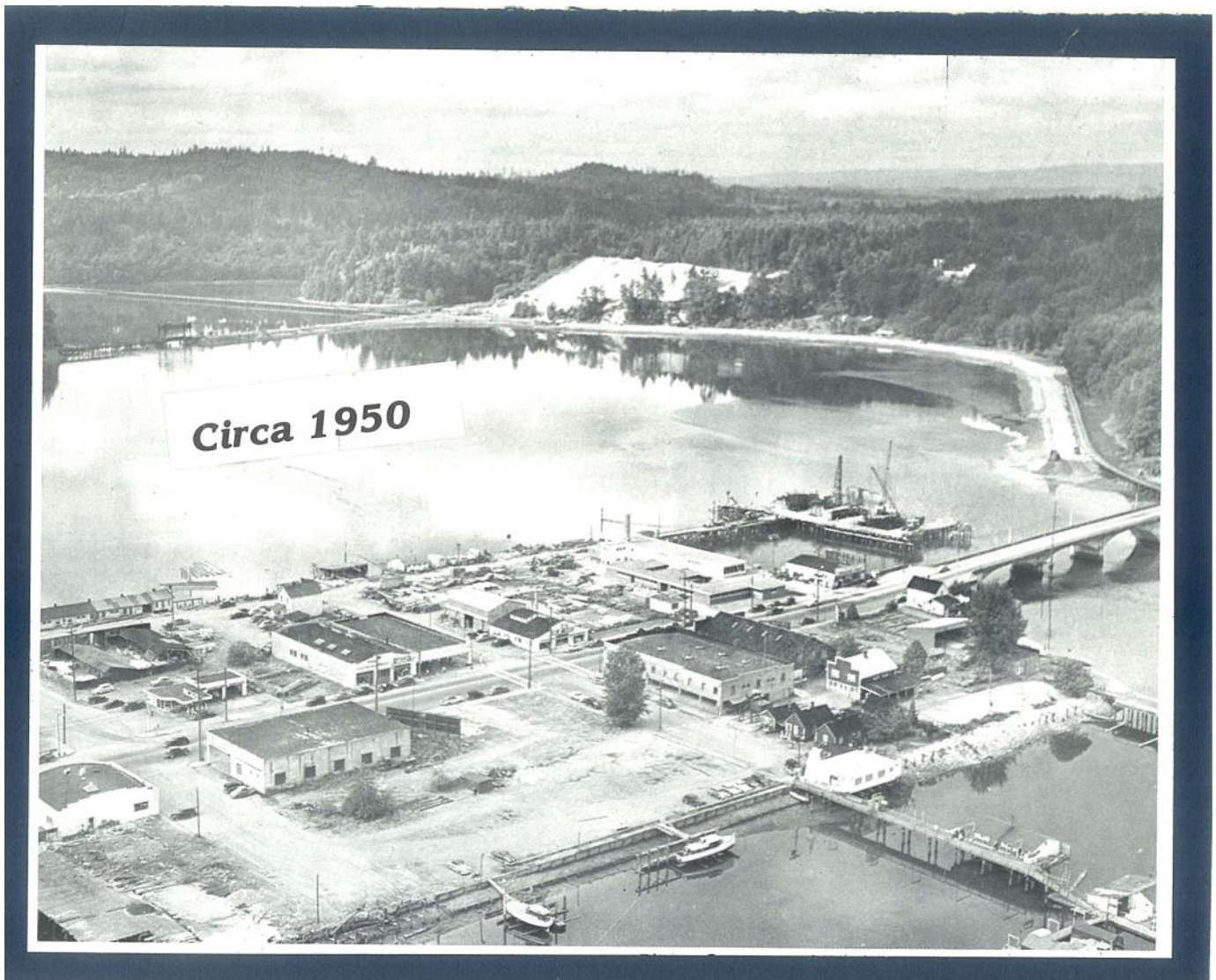


The latest addition to the OYC archives is a photograph from the 1950s (courtesy Jon Bryant). The OYC's facilities, including the grids, are visible in the lower middle section of the image.

The grids were an important addition to the OYC a half a century ago. In 1954 OYC member and historian Stanley H. Lilian announced that "the Club now has gridiron facilities for three boats at the same time, so their owners may utilize the low tides to clean and paint and make minor repairs to the underwater portions of their craft." Tidal grids were a time-honored method of boat maintenance fairly common in Olympia in the mid-20th century.

The 1955 annual mentions use of the grids in Rule 24 ("Any member wishing to use grid shall ask Caretaker for assignment date. If for any reason member is unable to use date given he shall cancel same with Caretaker so that date may be given to some other member"). The 1959 annual reported that the OYC continued to maintain "three grids, a paint float, and power bilge pumps which are available for our use through arrangements with the caretaker." In addition, the OYC offered a floating workshop called the "Snoose [tobacco] Club," visible in the lower right section of the photo.

The knowledge of how to use the grids was passed on from member to member for several generations, explained OYC member Matt Herinckx recently. The tidal grid was rebuilt and located farther west when the current boardwalk was constructed along the waterfront.



Environmental Awareness

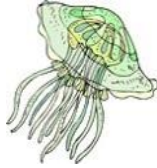
Rick Bergholz, Chair



The Invasion of the Jellyfish

Fall Environmental Conditions on Puget Sound
Red-brown scum and numerous Jellyfish

You're going along in your boat moving through Budd Inlet and all of a sudden it looks like you're seeing bottom. You panic and get off the throttle. You look over the side and it's a massive amount of jellyfish. What the heck is that all about? Sometimes in the late summer and fall you have massive amounts of red-brown water. What is that all about? You and the Department of Ecology would like to know. Maybe you have seen the Dehavalin Beaver coming into and out of Swantown marina. Often the Beaver is taking Department of Ecology researchers out to take pictures of the surface of Puget Sound. They are testing the hypothesis that red-brown blooms of the phytoplankton dinoflagellates, *Noctiluca*, and the jellyfish blooms can indicate locations in Puget Sound where greater than normal amounts of nitrogen are getting into and affecting the marine food web.



Food webs tell the story. When nitrogen from whatever source enter Puget Sound it stimulates growth of plant plankton (phytoplankton). About 10% of that plankton gets consumed by a dinoflagellate *Noctiluca*. You know *Noctiluca*, it is the stuff in the water that makes it sparkle in the dark. Ever row your dingy on a late summer evening? The water sparkles every time you dip your oar. That's *Noctiluca*. Under normal conditions the *Noctiluca* is consumed by zooplankton (microscopic floating animals) which are consumed by larger stuff and in the end fish. All those anchovies that come into Budd Inlet. Jellyfish also feed on the plankton in Puget Sound. Not much feeds on the jellyfish. Jellyfish are a food web dead end. Bacteria feed on them when they die and someone told me they make jellyfish salad in Hawaii. Count me out on that one thank you.

If you up the nitrogen level in the water, what effects would be expected? You should see an increase in the phytoplankton load and thus an increase in the dinoflagellate population. *Noctiluca* blooms show as red-brown patches in the surface waters. Because of the low oxygen levels in the shallow inlets of South Puget Sound, organisms that require high levels of oxygen are not able to take advantage of the increase in plankton and the excess plankton is available for jellyfish. When you're a blob of jelly and barely move you don't need much oxygen. You expect to see an increase in the jellyfish population and expect to see them in bunches in the inlet and all around your boat in OYC's marina.

Want to look into this yourself? Check out Department of Ecology publication 14-03-077 on their website. Caution, it's 44 pages but very interesting.

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/eap/mar_wat/surface.html

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From Bob and Linda Nov 11th:

Ahoy!

Well, it's just about time to head out onto the open ocean again! Linda and I have been busy this past week getting Bright Angel into "ship shape" for the 1200 nm passage from Fiji back to New Zealand. The cruising season (winter - the dry season) is

over here and summer (the wet season) with its threat of tropical depressions and cyclones is on the way - time to head south to safer waters! We are scheduled to clear Fiji customs & immigration at Vuda Marina tomorrow, Thursday, 13 November (remember, we are on the other side of the International Dateline in "tomorrow land"). We will then depart Navula Pass, on the SW corner of Fiji's "big island" of Viti Levu early am on Friday, 14 November. We won't see land again until we close on the coastline of North Island, New Zealand, in 9 to 10 days time - depending on our progress, which all depends on the weather! We have said this before only to have been proven wrong, but from the weather forecasts it looks like this could be a fairly fast and comfortable passage; we'll see!

Attached is a float plan for this passage, our third from the islands to NZ. For those of you listed as our EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon) contacts (Carole, Andrew and Matt) please keep this information handy until we "close" the float plan at the end of the voyage. In the unlikely event we should experience a life-threatening emergency at sea and find it necessary to activate our EPIRB, you would likely be contacted by the US Coast Guard or a Rescue Coordination Center (RCC) to confirm that we are really out there (and that it is not just a false alarm), as well as to verify other vessel information, before they launch a rescue mission. You should also know that we will be in contact by high frequency SSB (single side band) radio with Maritime New Zealand authorities and will report our position and conditions to them daily; we can also contact RRC New Zealand (who is responsible for the SW Pacific) at any time by radio or satellite phone to summon assistance if needed. In short, we should be covered in the event something drastic happens - but you are a part of that coverage, and we thank you "for being there!"

For the rest of you, this all just to let you know "we're going sailing" again! If you would like, try following our progress on the Yachts In Transit website, www.yit.co.nz. We will be checking in with Gulf Harbor Radio while we are underway; they provide very good weather info and analysis for boats on passage, and post our progress reports on their site. Simply

click on Bright Angel under "Yachts A-Z" at the bottom of the Home page, or under "Yacht Updates" in the panel on the right of any page on the site. There is also an e-mail subscription option available for position updates on the Home page. This cruising season in Fiji this year has been a mix of the good, the bad, and the ugly. The ugly was when the cutlass bearings and the generator burned up on the passage from NZ last May. That cost us almost two months at Vuda Marina getting everything sorted out and repaired before we could get back underway. During part of that time, Linda went home for a granddaughter's high school graduation, while our friend Steve McQuire flew to Fiji to go sailing with me; poor guy got less than 10 days on the water, but got very familiar with the boat yard and the menu at Vuda Marina! The bad, in a word, was weather - who's counting, but it seemed like we spent about half our time AV ("after Vuda") holed up somewhere waiting out high winds or squally, rainy conditions; and the water was actually quite cold this year, not very inviting for swimming or snorkeling! But everything else was good; even the bad and the ugly had their share of silver linings! We visited many new places, as well as some old favorites; had some really great sailing between the islands; found many wonderful new beaches to comb (and some great shells!); and we made many new friends and acquaintances, both among the unfailing friendly native Fijians, as well as among other "yachties." In the final analysis, we have nothing to complain about!

We have one last provisioning run to make into Nadi for stuff we cannot get here in Port Denarau, and there are a few small projects left to do on the boat, so we had better wrap this up and get back to work! We'll let you know when we have made it to New Zealand (or if there is any delay in departure). Take care!

Bob & Linda

SV *Bright Angel*

Currently in Port Denarau, Fiji

Read about their journey at <http://www.sailblogs.com/member/saibrighangel/>

Then on November 23rd.....

Bright Angel and her (not quite so weary) crew are back in New Zealand! We were tied up at the Q (quarantine) Dock in Opuia at 0930 hrs local time on Sunday, 23 Nov - 8 days, 22.5 hrs after departing Port Denarau, Fiji! This was a record time on this passage for us; usual is 10-11 days, and it has been as long as 13. We had some very windy and rough weather that lasted about a day and a half upon leaving Fiji, but then we had several days of great sailing As we entered the Bay of Islands on Sunday morning at 0700, the winds died out to 8-10 knots, so we furled the sails, gave thanks to Neptune for a great, storm free passage, and motored on into Opuia.

Linda napped a bit Sunday afternoon, while I checked in with the local chandlery to see about getting a replacement for our radar that gave up the ghost a couple of days back. It would work intermittently, if I climbed up on the arch and gave the radome a couple of good thumps, but it would soon stick again; I guess it has just come to the end of it's useful life! Last night we had drinks and dinner with several friends, old and new, at the Opuia Cruising Club, then fell into our bunk for a deliciously long night's sleep on a stable platform! Life is good!

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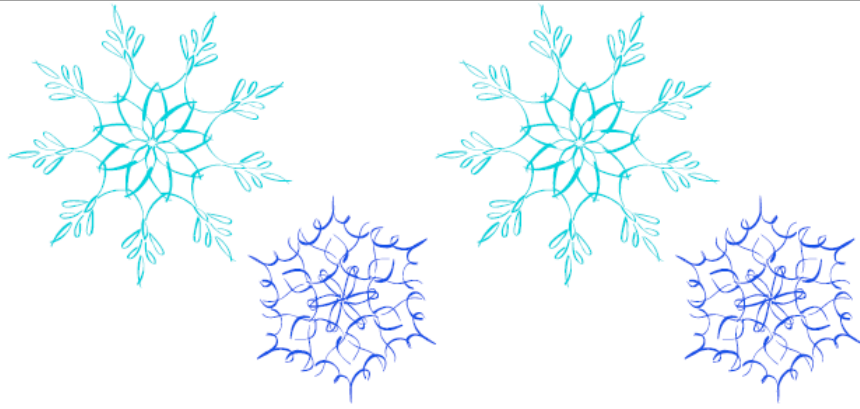
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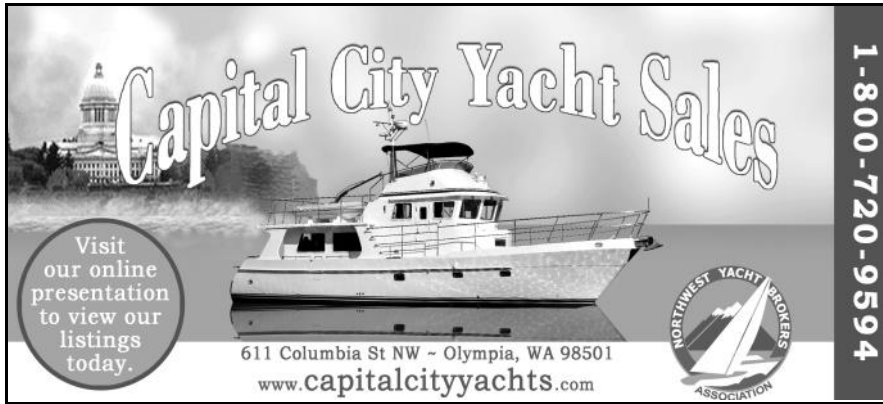
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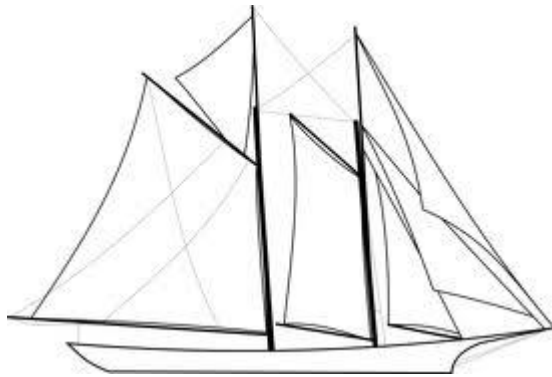
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3988-Bayliner Motor Yacht 1998

Priced to sell \$137,000

- Hydronic diesel heat
- Gen Set
- 2 Electric fresh water heads
- 10'6"AB w/25hp Yamaha on davits
- Inverter
- Propane stove
- New batteries, dripless shafts
- New bottom paint
- Windless/300ft chain
- Extended hardtop, canvases
- Complete electronics & auto pilot both stations
- 2br both ensuite
- Well maintained & ready to cruise



Call Gary at 360-481-1708

Dec-2014

Date	Event	Time	Place	Organizer
1-Dec	Clubhouse Meeting	6PM	Mainstation	Robinson
2-Dec	Government Affairs	5:30PM	Mainstation	Ball
6-Dec	Lighted boat Parade		Mainstation	Zuelke
7-Dec	Special Peoples Cruise		Mainstation	Dahlgren
8-Dec	Main Station	6PM	Mainstation	Vukonich
9-Dec	South Sound Sailing Society	6:00PM	Mainstation	Sloane
10-Dec	Board Meeting	6PM	Mainstation	Smith
13-Dec	OYC Christmas Ball	6PM	Mainstation	Phillips
18-Dec	Junior Sailing	5:30PM	Mainstation	Connelly
18-Dec	Anchoresses Auxiliary	6PM	Mainstation	Carr
18-Dec	Long Range Planning	5:30PM	Mainstation	Crawford
25-Dec	Christmas			
31-Dec	New years Eve Party		Mainstation	Schefter



Jan-2015

Date	Event	Time	Place	Organizer
1-Jan	New Years Day			
5-Jan	Clubhouse Meeting	6PM	Mainstation	Robinson
6-Jan	Bridge Meeting	6PM	Mainstation	Downing
6-Jan	Governments Affairs	6PM	Mainstation	Ball
7-Jan	Dinner Meeting	6PM	Mainstation	Downing
1/9 to 11	QCYC Officers Cruise in		QCYC	Downing/Phillips/Schefter
12-Jan	Main Station	6PM	Mainstation	Vukonich
13-Jan	South Sound Sailing Society	6:30PM	Mainstation	Sloane
14-Jan	Lunch Bunch	11:30AM	Mainstation	Lackey
14-Jan	Board Meeting	6PM	Mainstation	Smith
15-Jan	Anchoresses Auxiliary	6PM	Mainstation	Carr
15-Jan	Long Range Planning	5:30PM	Mainstation	Crawford
15-Jan	Junior Sailing	5:30PM	Mainstation	Connelly
19-Jan	Power Squadron	6:30PM	Mainstation	Brower
23-Jan	TGIF Dinner	5PM	Mainstation	Sloane
27-Jan	Bridge Meeting	6pm	Mainstation	Downing
1/30 to 2/1	Joint Cruise to IH with SSSS		Island Home	Sloane



December

Membership Dinner Meeting

No Meeting for December

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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