



Commodore

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



H ello all.....

Well it's hard to believe this holiday season is upon us already. It seems like we just had the holidays yesterday. As we go through this holiday season, I would like to remind everyone to slow down and enjoy the season with your relatives and our boating family here at OYC. It is a great time of year!

I am writing this prior to Thanksgiving and the Apple Cup, and I would like to remind you that we have a busy December with lots of activities.

First off, we have the Parade of Lighted Ships on December 5th, the Special People Cruise on December the 6th, the Christmas Ball December 12th and the New Year's Eve Party on December 31st. You will be receiving more information for all of these functions as the month goes on. As you can see, we have a full December, so I hope to see everyone at our December functions.

Patti and I would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday season.

For now, we will see you at the functions and on the water.

Sincerely,
Mike Phillips
Commodore
M/V Chaotic Too



Vice Commodore

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



Well, here we are again. Another year slipped by with only December remaining. While December is the last month of the year, it is also the most anticipated. It is the month of gifts and giving. It is said that it is better to give than to receive but that certainly does not mean that receiving is meaningless. There are but a few weeks remaining to give subtle suggestions to loved ones as to appropriate gifts for you.

There are two schools of thought. One, in which you suggest to your loving spouse a gift so expensive that it is just out of the question. At the same time, you also suggest a more modest alternative. An example of the first choice might be a new radar system for the old boat. The theory is that while radar will be summarily rejected it pushes the bar up so that the more modest alternative, such as a hand held VHF, will be a veritable bargain. At

the very least, it should squeeze out clothing.

The second strategy is to ask for something humble and inexpensive while making it clear that an identified alternative gift of more substance (not radar) is your true desire. You point out that your practicality and attention to your joint retired status prevailed. In this approach, you appear to have only the good of your loved one in mind and your self-sacrifice will be evident and hopefully rewarded with the alternate choice.

Obviously this latter plan has, as a risk, that your loved one will actually gift the “loss leader” item in which case you must feign appreciation and just live with a really sucky (if there is such a word) Christmas. Although the first course seems to be the most direct and appears to leave minimal risk of failure, it suffers from the assumption that your loved one is at all paying attention, which is not always, or perhaps seldom, the case.

In any event the above are only suggested strategies, and I cannot guarantee results. Good luck and let me know how it went when we next meet.

But on to the task at hand. Catherine and I would very much like to see all of you at the Club Christmas Ball on December 12 at which, if you attend, you will receive a gift. This alone will make attending worthwhile as you will at least be assured of one decent gift. The details of the Ball are on the invitation, which we sent to you. Please reserve your attendance on the reservation line (705-3767) also leaving your meal choice. If you have dietary issues, please let us know, and we will take care of it.

Remember the Lighted Ships Parade, the Special Peoples Cruise, our Toys for Tots and our Food Bank program. Finally, try to get out on the water. Winter cruising can be the most fulfilling and enjoyable.

In closing, Catherine and I wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

So long for now.....

VC Walt Schefter
First Mate Catherine
MV Rob Roy



Rear Commodore

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



I, for one, like the change of seasons. The historically normal rains of November have returned and water tables are getting recharged, lakes refilled. This rain is what makes the northwest the green and lake filled land it is. Embrace the season. Spend some quality time indoors with friends and family. The indoors can be your house or your boat. It's all inside.

There is a New Year's Eve Party at the Main Station Clubhouse on December 31, starting at 8:00 PM until the New Year. Join us if you can. If you are, or think you are a connoisseur of wine, we will be having a blind test taste contest of a couple of particular wines ranging from inexpensive to expensive wines and ones in the middle. Can you tell

the difference? Connoisseur or what ??? Everyone will have a good time. PC Myra Downing is promising to bring back the karaoke machine for singers of all abilities.

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S/V Endless Summer



Lunch Bunch

NO December Lunch

Thanks to Dale and Kate Wetsig for making the pulled pork for sandwiches and baked beans for the October Lunch Bunch. Thanks to

Dale and Kate Wetsig, Kjersti Skinner, Pat Brower, Gary and Shirley Ray, Terry VanMeter, Bob and Sandy Wolf, Lin and Maryke Hines, Pete Janni, Art Johnson and Sheryl Baker, Michael and Ling Pfeifer for being the October lunch bunch crew.

Thanks to Dale and Kate Wetsig for making corn bread and cupcakes for the November Lunch Bunch. Thanks to Dale and Kate Wetsig, Bob and Sandy Wolf, Art Johnson and Sheryl Baker, Bill and Barb Hutchinson, John Looker, and Jinny Beekmann for being the November lunch bunch crew.

After being the Lunch Bunch Committee Chairs for over three years, we end this position at the end of December. We have so much appreciation for the dedicated member volunteers and the support of all club members.

Denise and Mike Lackey

TGIF

**No TGIF in
December**

Next TGIF is Scheduled for
January 22nd, 2016 at 5:00 at the
Main Station
\$5.00/person
No reservations required

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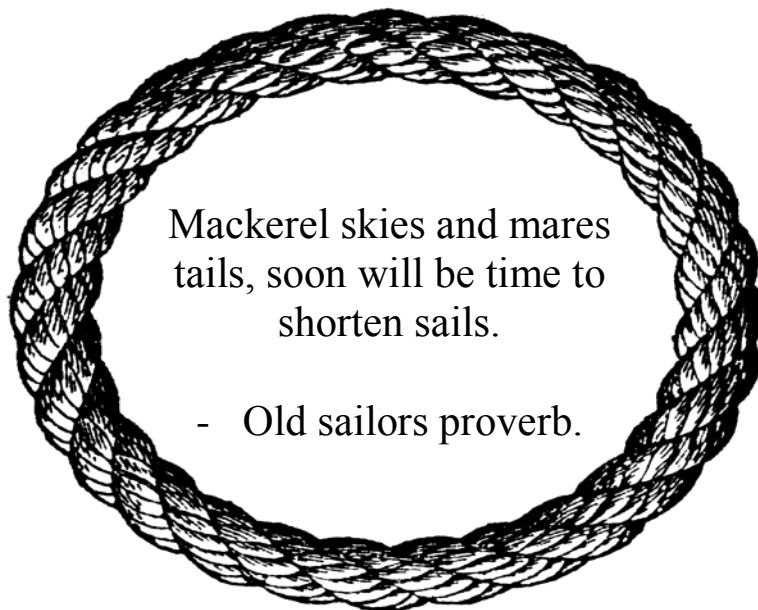
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Fleet Captain Power

Fleet Captain Marty Graf
First Mate Jen Graf
M/V *William West*



don't laugh (out loud) when you see me making multiple trips to the shop to cut flooring with an inside out umbrella.

The holidays are also approaching and it's time to be thankful, reflect and spend some money! For those of you planning on getting me a gift for the holiday season, just knowing you care is enough... Unless you were planning on giving me a bigger boat. I asked Jen for one, but she says I have 3 years to go before I'm eligible for an upgrade.

Besides the lighted ship parade, we're preparing for the joint cruise with the Shelton Yacht Club and South Sound Sailing in January. Obviously the weather is up in the air but it will most assuredly be a great time. Hope you all can attend.

Jen, the kids and I want to wish our entire OYC family a happy and healthy holiday season and prosperous new year. Take care and be safe!

Marty and Jenifer Graf
Fleet Captains Power
M/V *William West*

Scenario.....it's the day after Thanksgiving and you have a messy house, you are hungry but don't want turkey, you don't feel like shopping and you have a hankerin' for some junk food. What do you do? Come on down to the clubhouse for a nacho bar and while you're there hang out for a bit and watch the Apple Cup game. It will be a great time. Party starts at noon with nacho bar opening at half-time. Bring a salad or dessert to share for additional snacking pleasure throughout the game. A rsvp to Mgra490@yahoo.com would be greatly appreciated for our headcount. Hope to see you there!



Fleet Captain Sail

Fleet Captain Mark Welpman
First Mate Annette Welpman
S/V *CYGNET*



Ahoy OYC!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years!



Annette and I hope that you spend the holiday season with your loved ones. Please remember the ones who are not as fortunate as we are. Here are some great organizations that could use your support. All services are local organizations here in Thurston County.
SideWalk Homeless Services - (www.walkthurston.org/) Volunteer or donate. Together we will end homelessness.

Olympia Homeless Shelters & Services for The Needy – (<http://www.homelessshelterdirectory.org/cgi-bin/id/city.cgi?city=Olympia&state=WA>) Olympia Homeless Shelters & Services, Provides other homeless resources such as transitional resources for the homeless. Homeless clinic and treatment center resources are also provided

Toy for Tots – (<http://www.toysfortots.org/>) Toys For Tots is a Top-Rated Charity. Over 97% of your donations goes to our mission of providing toys, books, and other gifts to less fortunate children.

Thurston County Food Bank – Working to end hunger in our Neighborhood. (<http://thurstoncountyfoodbank.org/>) In 2012 over 7,200 community members volunteered their time at the Thurston County Food Bank. We very literally could not do the work we do without the assistance of our volunteers.

Your treasure, talents and time are some of the best gifts that you can give. We hope that you can help other during this time of year as well all year long.

We'll see you at the Christmas Ball and Deck the Hulls, lighted boat parade. Don't forget, the next TGIF is in January. Put the OYC Joint Cruise on your January Calendar.

Merry Christmas!

Mark & Annette Welpman

Your friendly Neighborhood Fleet Captain Sail.

SV *Cygnnet*

PS... Don't forget to like us on Facebook



Board of Trustees

Bob VanSchoorl, Chair



OYC BUDGET: Finance/Budget Committee Chair Joe Downing presented his proposed 2016 budget to the Board at our November meeting. We also heard the detailed proposals from the Commodore on the social events and the chairs of Mainstation, Island Home, and the Club House. The good news is that it is very workable budget maintaining all of our current activities and leaving a small surplus. The Olympia Yacht Club is on a very firm financial footing. The Board will consider, and likely adopt, the final budget at our next meeting.

CLUB HOUSE RENTAL AGREEMENT: Early this year the Board suggested that we review the Club House Rental Agreement, specifically to consider the rates that we charge for events sponsored by Club members involving their families. The Board had a vigorous discussion on a draft rewrite in October and then asked Club House Chair Michelle Aguilar-Wells to prepare a final draft for the Board's consideration in November. Michelle prepared an excellent rental agreement (thank you Michelle) which the Board adopted.

The good news is that the rental rate to members who are hosting a family event has dropped significantly. This should make the Club House much more accessible to you for your occasional wedding or birthday party involving your family. The rates for member-sponsored outside groups and other outside groups have increased to be more in-line with the rates charged by other yacht clubs and local venues. The new agreement takes effect on January 1, 2016.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS: Hope to see you all at the Christmas Ball. Don't forget the Lighted Boat Parade and Special People's Cruise. Wishing you and your family a very Happy Holiday season.

Bob Van Schoorl, Chair
M/V *Amstel*



Out Cruising.....

Bright Angel

Ahoy!



Well, it's time again to head back out onto Big Blue! Linda and I have been busy these past couple of weeks getting *Bright Angel* ready for the passage from Fiji back to New Zealand. The winter cruising season is over, and summer, with the threat of tropical depressions and cyclones (enhanced this El Niño year) is upon us - time to head south to safer waters! We are scheduled to clear Fiji customs & immigration at Vuda Marina tomorrow, Friday, 20 November. We will then depart Navula Pass, on the SW corner of Fiji's "big island" of Viti Levu early am on Saturday, 21 November. We hope to clear into New Zealand at Opuia, on the Bay of Islands, North Island, on Monday, 30 November. We look to have a fairly decent weather window and hope we will have a fairly fast and comfortable passage; we'll see!

This is just to let you know "we're going sailing" again! If you would like, you can follow our progress on the Yachts In Transit (YiT) website, www.yit.co.nz; we will be posting on YiT daily while we are underway. From the YiT Home page, simply click on Bright Angel under "Yachts A-Z" at the bottom of the page, or under "Yacht Updates" in the panel on the right of the page. There is also an e-mail subscription option available for position updates on the Home page.

This has been our third (and last) cruising season in Fiji. We got a bit of a late start this year, arriving in Fiji toward the end of June, mainly because of delays getting the work finished on our new teak decks in Gulf Harbour, NZ. But we have sure enjoyed the new decks this season! We slowed down considerably this year, and spent the entire cruising season on Fiji's west side, exploring the Mamanuca and Yasawa Island groups; very different from Fiji's east side (where we spent most of the past two seasons) - drier, not quite so lush, and certainly a lot more resorts and tourists. But we still found lots to enjoy, including some more out of the way places and villages, and some beautiful, pristine beaches and aqua-marine waters! As always, we enjoyed meeting the local Fijians - simply wonderful, friendly people - and making new cruising friends from far flung corners of the globe. A real highlight of our stay in Fiji this year was a visit from Carole, one of Linda's sisters, who spent three great weeks with us "seeing the sights" in July.

We have 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
S/V *Bright Angel*
Currently in Port Denarau, Fiji

Environmental Awareness

John Sherman, Chair



What to do with those Coleman green propane bottles that you used on your portable BBQ last summer? I end up with several each year from boating, camping and power outages. I saw some that were set outside the recycle bins and not in the garbage at OYC so I know at least two of us need to know what to do with these.

I contacted the Thurston County hazardous waste people, the same people that empty our green hazardous waste bin behind the caretaker's cabin. Their response to me was two fold.

(1) If you can **completely empty** the bottle, then you can put it in the dumpster. To completely empty a bottle, first burn off any remaining fuel in the bottle by attaching it to a barbecue or other appliance, lighting it, and letting it burn until the flame goes out.

Then, to completely evacuate the last gram or so of propane that remains in the bottle, you may use one of those little "Green Key" tools that (formerly) came in a 6 pack of Coleman propane bottles (see the on-line link at http://www.coleman.com/uploadedFiles/Content/Customer_Support/Safety/GreenKey.pdf).

A small phillips screwdriver can also work to depress the pin in the outlet valve and hold it for two minutes to fully depressurize an "empty" tank.

(2) If you cannot bleed the bottle as described above, then place discarded propane bottles in the green hazardous waste bin. Please **DO NOT** place propane bottles with fuel remaining in the dumpster.

What other interesting stuff can go in the hazardous waste bin? Do you have any burned out compact fluorescent bulbs in your boathouse? How about used antifreeze, hydraulic fluid, or strong corrosives? Unless in a labelled can, please attach a tag or label to the container briefly describing the contents--tags are available in the bin. Bottom paint is best loaned to a friend that needs just a bit. There is a separate bucket for zincs just behind the green bin -- it is Home Depot orange. Want to melt zinc down to make a zinc to dangle from your boat? Help yourself.

Richard Bergholz, Environmental Committee Member

PS: There are several websites offering instruction for refilling disposable propane bottles. This cannot be recommended, however, for both practical and legal reasons.

There are, however, at least two manufacturers of refillable 1 pound propane bottles. Benefits include reduced cost to use propane appliances and lower recycling costs. See:

<http://flameking.com/index.php/products/propane-tanks/1-lb-refillable-cylinder-refill-kit.html> and

<http://www.mantank.com/green/refillable.htm>

Fleet Surgeon

Richard Hurst, M.D ("Rich")



Chipotle

Personal Disclaimer – I have never eaten at Chipotle restaurant, but have heard they are good.

E. Coli (Escherichia Coli) are bacteria that live in all of us and are, in fact, the "good guys." They make up a large part of the stool (poop). However, like all good things, there are some "bad apples" among them. They are some sub-types that produce a Shiga toxin or sort of a poison that can cause illness. The original one, Type 0157, was found in hamburger and that disease could cause kidney failure and rarely death.

There are other types that produce toxin such as the Type 026 found at Chipotle, but that type has not been associated with the kidney failure.

The illness usually occurs 3-4 days after exposure, but that might be 1-10 days in a given case. Abdominal cramps are followed by diarrhea. The stools may become bloody and, in up to 10% of patients, hospitalization may be required for fluid support. The sickest are usually the very young or old. The disease usually runs its course in 3-5 days, but infection may be spread for several more weeks.

The bacteria has been found and doesn't cause illness in ruminants such as cattle, goats, deer and elk. It may also be present in pigs and birds, and of course, humans.

The original 0157 infections were associated with undercooked hamburger and may be avoided by cooking meat to 160 degrees.

Fresh produce such as lettuce is the more recent culprit and the most difficult to avoid. Picture a deer or wild pig wandering through a farmer's field leaving little poopies on your salad. Or in some cases, the poorly paid prep person without adequate training or access to sinks who inoculates your meal. We are not likely to heat salads to 160, so we will always be at some risk.

- So avoid raw milk and unpasteurized soft cheeses.
- Thoroughly wash fresh veggies under running water
- Cook ground meats to 160 degrees.
- Avoid cross contamination from raw meats to fresh foods. Use solution of bleach (1 tsp/gallon water) to sanitize cutting boards.

Enjoy Chipotles – they are probably the cleanest around now!

Advanced Piloting Class**Coming This Spring**

The Olympia Sail and Power Squadron will hold an Advanced Piloting (AP) class in the spring starting on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 and continue for eight weeks ending on Tuesday, May 10. Classes will run from 7pm to 9pm each evening. The class will be taught by OYC member, Gary Ball. This is the second in the sequence of USPS courses on navigation. GPS is embraced as a primary navigation tool while adding radar, chart plotters and other navigation tools. We will cover positioning and avoidance techniques and well as dealing with tides and currents, which, as you know, are prevalent in our local waters. The class will be held in the Olympia Center located at 222 Columbia St NW in downtown Olympia.

The cost of the class is \$110 and you must register by February 15 so that class materials can be ordered. If you have not taken the Piloting class recently, you will need the Weekend Navigator for an additional cost of \$20.

For more information, contact Paul Davis at (360) 432-0464 or email skookumbay@comcast.net

Send your check (payable to OSPS) to Paul at 41 SE Arkada Ct, Shelton, WA 98584

Government Affairs

Gary Ball, Chair



Club member Dick Binns, who leads the club's public relations effort, is still looking for someone within the club who is knowledgeable with Facebook and can help him post some publicity for the club. If you are interested, please contact Dick at dick.binns@gmail.com

We are still working to set the date for the annual Legislative Waterfront Reception. We expect it to be sometime in mid February. Again, this year we will share costs with Recreational Boating Association of Washington and Northwest Marine Trade Association.

Steve Finney from our committee will attend the RBAW annual meeting in early November in Seattle.

CLIPA, whom we are closely associated with, is arranging to meet with Secretary of State Kim Wyman to begin discussions on the possible formation of a sediment management district to help with the water quality of Capitol Lake.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 1st.

We are always looking for people who would be interested in joining our committee. We would especially like to add some women for better diversity. If you are interested, please feel free to contact me.

DONATIONS AND GIFTS TO OYC

Over the years members have made generous gifts and bequests to OYC. The more obvious are the fire pit and enclosure at Island Home and the log swing chair, likewise at the Island. Although the club is a nonprofit entity donations made to the club do not qualify the donor for a tax deduction. This is unlike gifts and donations made to the Olympia Yacht Club Foundation which are tax deductible.

The Olympia Yacht Club Foundation was authorized by the Board of Trustees of the Yacht club and the Foundations officers and directors are all club members. The foundation exists to channel donations to fulfill the objectives of the Olympia Yacht Club as those objectives are set forth in the Club bylaws. The Foundation is a 501(c) 3 entity and all donations to the Foundation are tax deductible. In addition to cash donations the foundation will accept seaworthy vessels which are then resold with the funds used to further Foundation goals.

In making donations, a donor can even specify the purposes for which the donation shall be used. In the past a donation was made to the Foundation specifying that the funds donated be used to further the training and expenses of a junior sailor who was working towards Olympic qualifying. This is but one example of a directed gift. Non-

directed gifts to the Foundation are used in the discretion of the Foundation Trustees and have been used to further purchases for the club through the OYC Women's Group (Anchoresses) and for educational donations that directly benefit club members.

At present the OYC Junior Sailing Program is embarking on a fund drive for the purpose of purchasing a number of training boats. This program is enjoying a substantial increase in participation and, in the case of its adult classes, has been turning applicants away due to a lack of boats. This is but one example of the needs of OYC that could be addressed through a directed gift to the Foundation. You are free, however, to specify any other end goal that interests you or just give a non-directed gift to be used for the Foundation's stated goals. In either case the gift is tax deductible.

So, at this time of year and nearing the end of the year for charitable giving, please include the OYC Foundation in your list of worthy charities. You will benefit on your tax filing and your yacht club will also benefit.

If you are at all interested please contact Bill Wilmovsky at 786-1829 or Pete Janni at 956-1992, both of whom are Foundation officers and who will be happy to answer any questions or accept donations.

VC Walt Scheffer

Clubhouse

Michelle Aguilar-Wells, Chair

The Clubhouse Committee met on November 2. Work continued on building a preliminary budget for 2016 which was presented at the Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting. A final budget request will be presented at the December meeting.

Thank you to Tami Questi for her continued work on organizing the storage building. The progress is amazing. More discussion will take place in developing a system for maintaining the organization; as many of you know, an ongoing battle.

The proposed new Club Rental agreement was reviewed and readied for presentation to the BOT per their request. After discussion and a few changes the BOT approved a new Clubhouse Rental Agreement at their November monthly meeting. Copies of the new agreement which becomes effective January 1, 2016 will be available in the clubhouse soon.

Our next meeting is Monday, December 7, at 6:00 pm. We will be firming up the committee membership, finishing the budget, and selecting sub-committee leadership.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Aguilar-Wells
SV PenOziequah

Club Service Program

PC Les Thompson, Chair



Greetings everyone. I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends and are surviving the winter rain and wind. It is now that time of the year when CSP is quickly winding down. I will post new reports at the end of each week with the latest updates from all the December activities. The final report will be posted on Jan 1st or 2nd. Jon will send out the billing the first of January for the uncompleted hours in this year 2015.

Many of you have completed your hours, congrats and great job. For the rest of you there are not to many opportunities left to get in hours for this year. I encourage all to start early next year on hours so you will not have to stress at the end of the year. All of you have a very merry Christmas and a great New Year.

I hope to see you at an event or on the docks. Thanks to all of you for the great job you do. OYC rocks because of all of you

PC Leslie Thompson
CSP guru
MV EcstaSea

Womens' Interclub Council

Kim Shann, Representative



Invitation received from Gig Harbor Yacht Club for OYC lady members attendance for lunch, and a great program, Award-winning documentary, THREADS. Screening and discussion with local filmmakers, Cathy Stevulak and Leonard Hill. (Special film event)

Social hour 11AM

Lunch 12 noon

Program 1PM

Cost is \$17.00 per person.

Please contact Kim Shann 491-3786 for your reservation and for car pooling.

Truly, Kim Shann WIC REP

Also..... No Women's group meeting at OYC in December.

Quartermaster

Phyllis DeTray, Chair



Hi All Yacht Clubbers

The quarter master store will not be open as there is no dinner meeting.

However if there is something special you were wanting for the Holidays, please give me a call and I will arrange a meeting with you.

Phyllis @ [360-491-1188](tel:360-491-1188)

Phyllis DeTray, Quartermaster
Judy Ball

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Mainstation

Rick Antles, Chair



Our November Mainstation Committee (MSC) meeting was productive, a couple of issues came up and a couple of issues are off our plate for the time being. The dinner meeting vote helped prioritize your wishes and some even wrote in comments that were further discussed. Regarding the vote: 52 members weighed in, the average on the disfavor-to-favor scale (0-10) was 6.33 for the ladders in every other open slip (after every other finger pier), 2.40 for the ice machine on the 300 dock, and 7.33 for a marina Wi-Fi upgrade.

A voter expressed strongly that if we do the ladders for OYC open slips, that we also offer the same for boathouses (BH). Another commented that ladders should be in every open slip. MSC members noted boathouses are private property and laddering every slip would be prohibitively expensive.

Regarding the ice machine question, voters marked the ballot at either end of the scale: mostly zero indicating disfavor vs a favorable 10 much less often and there were few middle of the line sentiments. The MSC is going to put this one on the back burner for now, though I think sentiments might change if a better deal came along (however, the discovered \$5000+ machine for \$1600 would be hard to beat!).

Wi-Fi elicited the strongest favorable vote and also some strong sentiments both ways. One voter felt the Wi-Fi was for OYC liveboards, but the general MSC response felt that those visiting the yacht basin want to have this capability here as well.

Should there have been other issues explored with the ballot: certainly! Commenters on the ballot wish for a dinghy storage dock and the MSC felt in agreement. The desire for a Jacuzzi got a good laugh, but you know...?

We're on track to keep fixing things that are broken and maintaining what we've got. Replacing the tripping hazard that is the central ramp grating down to the 100 dock is in the works. The falling apart flower boxes on the deck will get renewed. A leaky window in the storage shed caulked. The entry pier engineering is front and center. Restarting boathouse inspections and initiating open slip inspections are in process.

Next Main Station meeting is 6 p.m. December 3.

Thanks,
Rick Antles rantles@gmail.com
S/V *White Raven*

Island Home

Earl Hughes, Chair



Well the leaves have fallen and I'm sure they are all raked up by now and there's a chill in the air. That means it's time to give your boat a winter cruise to Island Home for the weekend. There's so much to do, read a good book, walk the trails, play horse shoes, you could even just watch TV. Maybe sit on the swing and watch the world go by.

The Island Home committee is hard at work to keep the Island safe and ready for your use. We had to take the wings off the totem pole for safety's sake. We were afraid that they would fall during a wind storm and break. There is a lot of rot at the top of the pole. We are working on a solution.

Enjoy, the welcome sign is always out at your Island Home.

Earl Hughes
Island Home Chair



Moorage Report

Bridget Shreve, Moorage Master



Fire Safety Form.....

There are still eight members who have not turned in their Fire Safety Form and are being fined.

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The History Corner

Lisa Mighetto, OYC Historian



Included in the OYC archives is a large set of bound parchment pages from 1978 called “Moorage Log,” carefully penned by Robert E. Freested, club treasurer. It is a treasure trove of information regarding the types of boats moored in the OYC basin in the mid-1970s. As with many historical documents in the club’s archives, this one is more than a list of details, as it evokes an era. Of particular interest are entries regarding Uniflite vessels, which are linked historically to technological developments during the Vietnam War.

Uniflite's founder Art Nordtvedt worked for Bellingham Shipyards before starting the company in the late 1950s, basing its operations at a former plywood plant in Fairhaven. According to *MotorBoating Magazine*, the company was quick to recognize the advantages of fiberglass construction after WWII and “they had a fund of knowledge unique in that field” (*MotorBoating*, Feb. 1969). By the 1960s, Uniflite had become distinctive among boat builders for exclusively using fire-retardant resins in the production of pleasure boats.

To become eligible for Navy contracts, Uniflite became a public company in 1962. The company then received numerous military contracts building 14' to 50' boats. These included patrol craft, landing craft, and personnel boats as well as the iconic Mark I (31') and Mark II (32') Vietnam PBR's (Patrol Boat Riverine). 750 PBRs were minted directly from Uniflite Sports Sedan molds in Bellingham. Uniflite reported its work for the Navy with pride. “When the Navy wanted 31' River Patrol Boats to do the job in Viet Nam, they called on Uniflite to perform the contract,” noted one advertisement in 1967. “No other boat company in the country could have handled it” (*MotorBoating*, Feb. 1967).

OYC members showed an early interest in Uniflite sailboats. The Valiant 40-foot sloop “Lisa-K,” owned by OYC member Dr. Kenneth Partlow, was built by Art Nordtvedt and his team at Uniflite. According to the Moorage Log, it was necessary to move “Lisa-K” to a 600 dock, perhaps owing to her offshore-purposed six foot draft. The Valiant 40s are currently recognized for their impact on the design of recreational sailing vessels, as they launched Pacific Northwest boat designer Robert Perry’s career. These boats were built under contract by Uniflite from 1973 to 1984.

Valiant Sailboats famously (or infamously) experienced a blister problem. At conclusion of the Vietnam War (1975), Dupont ceased production of the fire retardant called Hetron, which had been used by Uniflite to build its boats. The post war fire-retardant replacement product is now recognized as the cause of blistering. This issue was seen with the recent

recovery of a half dozen PBR vessels. After 40 years, the ¼ inch laminated hulls, made with Hetron, show no signs of blisters, deterioration, or warping.

Three 36-foot Uniflite Cruisers, Arnold Farrell's “A'Cheteu,” John Bixler's “Shurl-Girl,” and Richard Frailey's “Aries IV” appear in the Moorage Log. Also listed is Anton R. Panowicz's 32-foot Uniflite “Mona Lisa,” which featured the same hull as a Mark II PBR.

Today, OYC members remain devoted to Uniflites. Bridget and Steve Shreve, for example, purchased their 1973 34' Uniflite “Varnishphree” in June of 2011 after researching the advantages. John Looker owns a 1960 22' Uniflite called “Freebe.” He recently purchased a second Uniflite “LookSea,” which is moored in the basin. He had the boat trucked from Pleasant Harbor, Hood Canal, in December of 2014. John reports that “Unlike the [Mark I] diesel powered jet drive boats for the shallow rivers in Vietnam, ‘LookSea’ has Chrysler 318s, with V-drives. The boat is awesome and I am proud to be its caretaker.” Also showcased at OYC is Ron and Jane Vukonich's 42-footer named “Take Flite.”

According to the Bellingham Maritime Museum, Uniflite became one of the largest and most respected makers of fiberglass boats in the country. The company was later acquired in 1984 by Chris-Craft, continuing to build the boats under their brand until they ceased production in 1989.

Below: Steve and Bridget Shreve and John Looker enjoy their Uniflites.





Junior Sailing Program

Mary Fitzgerald, Chair



Hello everyone. The juniors committee has been busy this fall putting together a budget report and proposals for boat purchases and fundraising for this coming year. We have been approved to purchase a J24 sailboat to be used

both by the Adult Learn to Sail Program, as well as for training for our advanced high school sailors. We are planning our class schedule now for spring, starting our classes as early as March and April. Please note we will be raising funds for the purchase of some new boats for our High School team. Our Christmas wreath sales were successful and we thank everyone for your generous support.

Bill Brosius from SSSS has volunteered his boat shop for boat repairs to be done during the winter months in a HEATED SHOP for fiberglass repairs. If any of our members need CSP hours for this year or next please let us know....we will be able to put you to work.

OYC High School Sailors have had a busy, successful, and most of all fun fall 2015 season. With 20 high school sailors regularly attending Mon, Wed, and Fri practices, all of our boats were full, and then some. Sailors are from multiple high schools across Thurston County: Olympia HS, Capital HS, Black Hills HS and North Thurston HS. This made for dynamic practices where the sailors worked hard and developed basic boat handling and advanced racing skills.

OYC High School Sailing attended 4 regattas this fall, and our last two were our best showing – demonstrating the team is learning and improving their skills with every practice and event they attend.

At our second to last regatta, the **Orcas Island Trick or Treat Team Race**, we team raced in a 3 vs. 3 format. This is the Olympia team's favorite style of racing because they get to work together using strategy and executing "plays" to beat their opponents – much like a chess match or football! Olympia tied for 5th in an intense finale where the top 5 teams had close finishes, and big gains and losses were made by all. We also had the pleasure of being hosted by an Orcas family Saturday night, and it was a wonderful experience for the Olympia sailors to meet other youth sailors. Waking up at 3 am to leave Olympia by 4 am Saturday night? Not as wonderful, but we persevered!

At the final regatta, **"R.I.G" Regatta in Gig Harbor**, the format was traditional fleet racing. Olympia started out strong with one of our three boats getting 1st place in the first race..... skipper: Max Miller and, crew: Ben Hildreth. Overall we ended in 5th, slipping some points when a sailor had to leave early, but our A Fleet finished like we started – strong! Ending in 3rd place – a "podium finish" to close the season!

The OYC High School Sailing Team has experienced significant growth adding over 14+ new sailors to our midst. These new sailors and their parents are bringing great energy and bodies to a team that has been on the cusp of taking off to the next level. Now that we're on our way, we're going to need new boats and equipment. We've started fundraising for three new boats called Fly Juniors or "FJs" for short – these are what our competitors sail, and what we have to charter *every* regatta. Limited charters sometimes means not all the Olympia sailors who'd like to go will get to – and that's unfortunate. New boats will help us overcome this challenge and help our team compete consistently at the level of which we are already capable.

Sarah Hanavan
Coach



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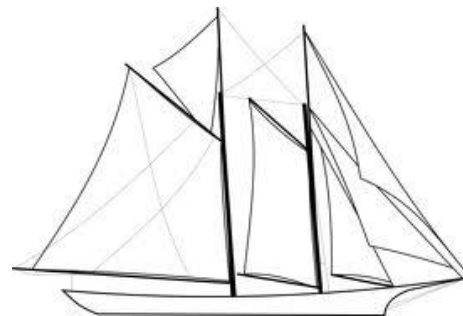
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Date	Event	Time	Place	Organizer
1	Clubhouse Meeting	6PM	Mainstation	Wells
2	Government Affairs	5:30PM	Mainstation	Ball
2	Bridge Meeting	6PM	Mainstation	Phillips
	No Dinner Meeting this month			
3	Mainstation	6PM	Mainstation	Antles
5	Lighted boat Parade		Mainstation	Zuelke
5	Seattle Commodores Ball		SYC	Phillips
6	Special Peoples Cruise		Mainstation	Dahlgren
7	Junior Sailing	6:30PM	Mainstation	Fitzgerald
8	South Sound Sailing Society	6:00PM	Mainstation	Welpman
9	Board Meeting	6PM	Mainstation	VanSchoorl
12	OYC Christmas Ball	6PM	Mainstation	Shefter
17	Long Range Planning	5:30PM	Mainstation	Crawford
17	Anchoresses Auxiliary	6PM	Mainstation	Zelis
25	Christmas			
31	New years Eve Party		Mainstation	Sloane

January 2016

Date	Event	Time	Place	Organizer
1	New Years Day			
4	Clubhouse Meeting	6PM	Mainstation	Wells
4	Junior Sailing	6:30PM	Mainstation	Fitzgerald
5	Bridge Meeting	6PM	Mainstation	Phillips
5	Governments Affairs	6PM	Mainstation	Ball
6	Dinner Meeting	6PM	Mainstation	Phillips
7	Mainstation	6PM	Mainstation	Antles
8 to 10	QCYC Officers Cruise in		QCYC out Station	Phillips/Schefter/Sloane
12	South Sound Sailing Society	6:30PM	Mainstation	Welpman
13	Lunch Bunch	11:30AM	Mainstation	Thompson
13	Board Meeting	6PM	Mainstation	VanSchoorl
14	Long Range Planning	5:30PM	Mainstation	Crawford
14	Anchoresses Auxiliary	6PM	Mainstation	Zelis
15 to 16	Edmonds JO Ball		Edmonds YC	Shefter/Sloane
18	Power Squadron	6:30PM	Mainstation	Brower
22	TGIF Dinner	5PM	Mainstation	Welpman
22 to 24	Maydenbauers JO Ball	5:30	MYC	Schefter/Sloane
29 to 31	Joint Cruise to IH with SSSS & SYC		Island Home	Phillips/Shefter/Sloane

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