



OLYMPIA YACHT CLUB

December 2016



Commodore

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



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

This year will end with a great list of successful OYC events. Those events continue, and hopefully you will attend the Christmas Ball on December 10. Our hosts are VC Bill Sloane and Lorie and it will be a great time. We will also hold our Parade

of Lighted Ships, which thanks to chair Tammy Questi and her team, will be the best ever. The next day, Curt Dahlgren has organized the Special Peoples Cruise, which promises to bring great cheer. Flyers for all of these events are in this Beachcomber.

[Editor: The timing of the printed/postal version is awkward this month and the early December events may be history by the time it gets to your mailbox]

Our Junior Sailing program closed 2016 with a top-notch banquet and auction in mid-November, which resulted in their meeting all of their fund-raising goals and the purchase of our new racing boats for our OYC high school racing program. The 2017 season will be just as successful and congratulations to OYC Junior Sailing, Mary Fitzgerald, the chair of our program, and all of the staff.

I hope all of you have great promise and expectations for Christmas gifts and giving. Please remember our Toys for Tots program and bring unwrapped toys to the Clubhouse. Think as well of those children in their teens for gifts. The Marines tell me those children are often forgotten. All gifts are delivered to the U.S. Marine's Toys for Tots program in the name of OYC. Please deliver your toys before December 5, so we can deliver them in

time. It's one great way to give. While you are doing this, please remember our Food Bank program and bring food donations.

To end the year, close it out with our New Year's Eve party at the clubhouse. It's a great opportunity to finish 2016 with your friends, a big bang and remembrance of all of the grand times of the past. Once in the clubhouse for the event, the doors are locked, so staying until midnight is surprisingly easy. You can always sleep on your boat.

I hope this Christmas and New Year will be as rewarding and fulfilling as 2016. I look forward to 2017. Speaking of which, I hope you remember my last year's Christmas advice for the perfect gift. I must admit I received no feedback from members regarding the success or failure of my suggestions. I can only assume you all had a very Merry Christmas. Once again, remember to suggest the most expensive gift you can imagine and also a lesser valued gift (that you really want) as an alternative. The disparity in value alone will guarantee you're getting the second choice. Once again, if your spouse is actually listening, which is not always the case, you can expect a rewarding day.

On a totally unrelated subject and only for those few OYC gearheads, I remind those who have yet to grow up and purchase real cars that the world goes on. I read in an auto magazine that the 2017 Camaro ZL1 will, as in other makes, have a transmission feature called "Line Lock" that clamps the front brakes but leaves the rear free for epic burnouts. The activation switch is buried so deep in the instrument cluster that even Captain Liability himself couldn't accidentally activate it. This is the feature of the century, and I am looking into it as a possible retro fit on the big white van. For those who understand and appreciate this we could buy a few of these and light up

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Vice Commodore

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



The Planning of this year's 2016 Christmas Ball is well advanced. Deb Waldherr has stepped up and has a vision for the Clubhouse that will be spectacular. This is an event you do not want to miss.

For dinner we are serving Caesar Salad, Beef Brisket with Peach BBQ sauce, Roasted Winter Vegetables with Roasted Baby Potatoes and Pecan Pie for dessert. If you have not already done so, please call the Reservation Line before Monday December 5 at Noon to let Rear Commodore Marty Graf know you are planning to attend. Live musical entertainment is by a local band, the Jukehouse Hounds. I am meeting with their leader to make sure all the favorite songs for dancing the Swing, the Waltz, the Cha-Cha and the Electric Slide, are included.

In October, the head of Long Range Planning for OYC, Mr. Ed Crawford, myself, Board of Trustees member Bob Beckman, and OYC member and Civil Engineer Tom Skillings, attended a meeting with the City of Olympia's Planning Director, Mr. Keith Stayley. We wanted to find out if any additions could be made to our beautiful Main Station Clubhouse. I have talked in the past about our clubhouse being such an excellent example of Mid-Century Modern design, designed as it was by Stacey Bennett in 1962. Keith Stayley told us that we can maintain and repair our clubhouse in perpetuity but that since the structure is built over water, salt water of the Puget Sound, no, absolutely no additions or expansions can be made to the building. That is no longer permitted.

So, we have a gem on our hands that can never be created again in the location it sits. We need to love it, appreciate it and keep it in fine running order for another 112 years.

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Rear Commodore

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First Mate Jen Graf
M/V *William West*



Greetings and Salutations!

I hope all who attended the November dinner meeting enjoyed the turkey dinner. **BEST TURKEY EVER!!!** And while I'm a Stove Top Stuffing guy, Bayview's stuffing was better! All in my opinion, of course, but if you disagree, you may want to take a seat and think through things a bit.

Can you believe it's already December? I'm looking forward to the holidays. I love seeing all the lights and listening to Christmas music. I even enjoy tagging along to the Jo Ann fabric store. I know fellas, what on the Lord's green earth am I thinking? Well, let me tell you. Two words will clarify everything and restore any lost respect (if there was any in the first place) — cinnamon pinecones. Yup, I can feel the respect coming back now. Those things are the greatest thing since boats, and they get me in the holiday spirit. I'm especially looking forward to the lighted ship parade and seeing what others come up with. Since there is no December dinner meeting, I hope we get to see you at the Christmas Ball!

Last on the docket, the New Year's Party. As of the time I am writing this, we are leaning toward a comedy night. Maybe a professional funny person to follow an open mic hour for those of us who think they are funny but probably really aren't (like me). To make things even better, maybe some karaoke? I know PC Downing would love to hear another song from Rear Commodore Britney Spears. Not sure about that one but it's open for discussion. We'd love to hear what you guys want to do while we count down to 2017. Feel free to call me with ideas or suggestions and look for a flyer with specifics soon. Obviously the **New Years Party will take place December 31.**

Jen and I are really enjoying being your Rear Commodore (remember what I confirmed at the dinner meeting, Jen does all the work, I am just the eye candy) and meeting everyone has been a great experience and exercise in memory retention. Regardless of what holiday or season you may or may not be celebrating over the coming weeks, please know that the Graf family wishes you the very best and an amazing 2017! Take care and keep that boat warm!

Marty and Jen Graf
Rear Commodore
M/V *William West*



Fleet Captain Power

Captain Jesse Mitchell "Mitch"
First Mate AnneMarie Murdock
M/V Release



Ahoy OYC !

Well the Associated Press just released their Week 12 Rankings and of course the great state of Washington was robbed. At 9-1, our Huskies are placed at number 7, but we all know that they are a worst case mid 9-1 team, which puts them at number 4 right ahead of Michigan. Not to be out-

robbed we have our 8-2 Cougars landed at number 20, behind three 7-3 teams and one 6-3 team...again, in a fair world, I say the Cougars are no less than number 15 at this point. There's only one way to settle this, yes you guessed it, the Apple Cup! There's even a shot the Huskies and Cougs could trade spots on the poll or not. Yes, I do realize I am taking the risk this gets published post-game, if so, I'm sure the best team won.

We have many more things happening in December and thank goodness I'm not the listed committee chairperson on any of them....am I Walt? Here's the list I've extracted from memory: Lighted Ships Parade, Special People's Cruise, Christmas Ball and New Year's Eve (is this technically a December or January event?). January is no less active and again from memory, there's the first dinner meeting of the year and the Joint Cruise — just to name a few.

Please keep an eye on the calendar ,and we hope to see you at some or all of these events.

AnneMarie and I wish you and all of yours a joyous holiday season!

Fleet Captain Jesse Mitchell "Mitch"
First Mate AnneMarie Murdock
M/V Release

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the parking lot. But I digress.

As a final thought, if you are disposed to make a charitable donation this year please consider the Olympia Yacht Club Foundation. Due, in part, to the generosity of our member George Baker, the Foundation was able to make sizeable gifts to our Junior Sailing program and our Women's Group. Thanks to Foundation members Bill Wilmovsky, Pete Janni and PC Jim Lengenfelder for their work for the Foundation. So, with that, I'll see you about, and please have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Commodore Walt Schefter and First Lady Catherine
M/V Rob Roy



Fleet Captain Sail

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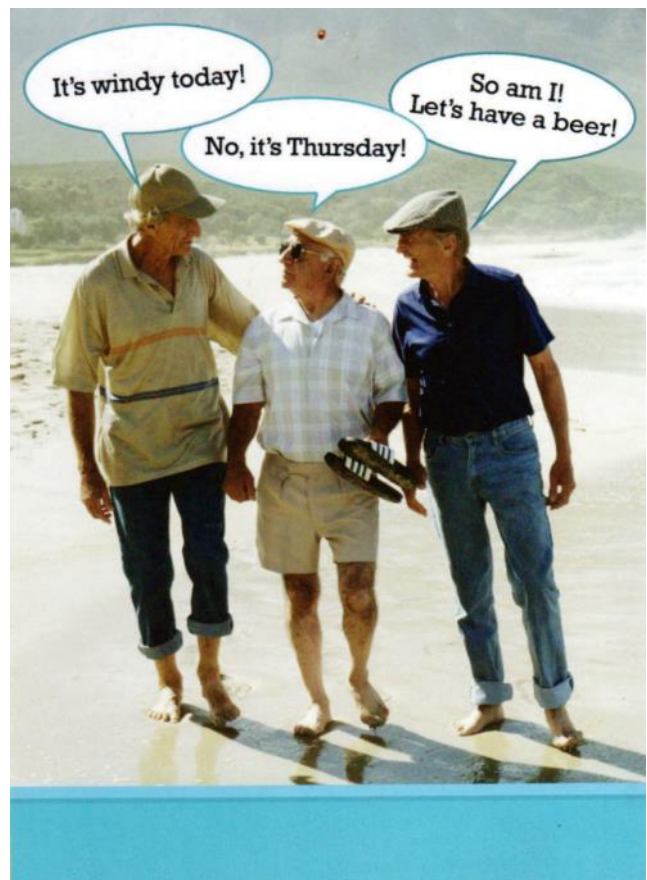
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Annette and I would like to extend Holiday Blessings and Cheer, from us to you, our OYC family. It's this time of year that we reflect upon the past year and are thankful for our many blessings. It's also a time to get excited about the prospects and hopes for the

year to come. We look forward to serving OYC in 2017. Thank you all for all the help with TGIF and the other great OYC Events. We hope that you all have a very Merry Christmas and a truly Happy New Year!

Remember, **No TGIF in December.** See you all at the Christmas Ball and New Year Eve Party!

Mark & Annette Welpman
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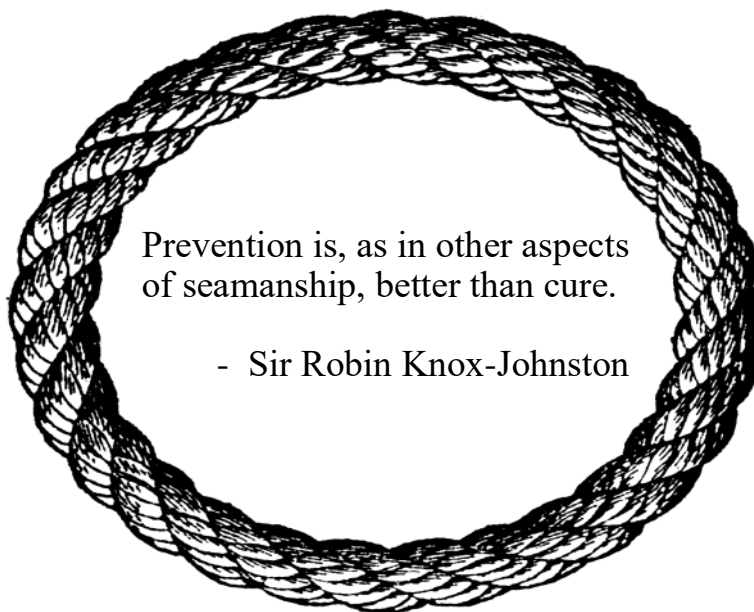
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Check out the OYC Website

- Photos of recent events
- Current Puget Sound fuel prices
- Club documents for download
- Past Beachcombers
- Classified ads
- History Corner

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Board of Trustees

Bob Van Schoorl, Chair

M/V Amstel



The Finance and Budget Committee Chair, Joe Downing, presented a proposed 2017 budget to the Board of Trustees at the November meeting. The budget includes a 1% increase in the amount we contribute each month to our capital reserve but no increase in either moorage or dues. The expenditure side of the proposed budget is up about 2% but still remains well within our expected revenue. The Board intends to adopt the budget at the December meeting.

Over the years OYC has discussed the electrical system in the marina. Our system is quite old and during the winter months, we are operating at levels above the rated capacity of the system. We have begun discussions of our next steps to insure the capacity and safety of the electrical system and to accommodate newer boats that require more power. In the meantime, the Board is considering a proposal to limit the number of 50-amp and dual-30 amp electrical connections in the marina. Current members with these connections will be able to maintain their connections for the time-being.

The OYC High School Sailing Team had a very successful dinner and auction event on Saturday, November 12. More than 150 people attended. Supporters included OYC, SSSS members, parents, friends, family, adult sailing students and Rotary members. The goal of the dinner/auction was to raise funds to purchase SJ sailboats for the racing team. The team currently has to borrow boats to race in regattas. They raised nearly \$50,000 on Saturday and along with their other fund raising efforts are well positioned to acquire the boats. Our Sailing Team has become a serious competitor on the regatta circuit and has had a number of big wins.

I also want to mention that the EPA is considering establishing an NDZ, No Discharge Zone, for all of Puget Sound. The NDZ will prohibit all discharges of sewage from vessels within the Sound including from on-board treatment systems. If you want to comment, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 (EPA) is accepting comments on its preliminary affirmative determination regarding the availability of adequate pump-out facilities for vessel sewage in Puget Sound. Information on where to submit comments is included in the attached media advisory from EPA and at the Federal Register at

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/11/07/2016-26877/washington-state-department-of-ecology-prohibition-of-discharges-of-vessel-sewage-receipt-of>.

The due date listed on the Federal Register is "Comments regarding this tentative determination must be received on or before December 7, 2016." You can get more information at the Department of Ecology website,

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/nonpoint/CleanBoating/ndzstatus.html>,

or just Google "Puget Sound No Discharge Zone."

Hope you are signed up for the Christmas Ball. Best wishes to you and your family during the Holiday season and the New Year from your Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Club House. Minutes of the meetings are posted on the bulletin board.

The next scheduled BOT meeting is on December 14.



Secretary

Maryann Gamache
S/V Penny Lover



We have a new member application:

They will not be sworn in until March, 2017.

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40' LOA, 13' Beam

December Dinner Meeting

**No Membership Dinner
Meeting for December.**

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



Womens' Interclub Council
Kim Shann, Representative



Flu Shots !

Ten Great reasons *Not* to get your Flu shot

1. Chances are you won't die from the flu. You'll have a fever, feel like crap, and might even make it into the hospital, but usually only the really infirm die.
2. Last year was a light season, and you don't believe in every other season being worse.
3. The shots are free for most with insurance or maybe \$15 for the rest. Anything cheap or free can't be of any value.
4. Can't get in to see your doctor and besides, their office may be full of patients with the flu. Seems that every pharmacy now gives the immunizations. Providence even gave them drive-through – just roll down your window and roll up your sleeve!
5. The shots are not 100% successful, and you may still get the flu. You got me there. True – however even partial immunity may mean a lesser case.
6. You got one last year, and you didn't even get the flu. Duh!!
7. It takes about 2 weeks to build the immunity, and it only lasts 6 months. Yeah, get it early.
8. Hate needles. Get over it. See number 1 above. Nose spray immunizations didn't work and are not available this year.
9. Allergic to eggs? Unless you have a truly life threatening reaction, you are eligible to take the present vaccine.
10. I have someone at home with severely compromised immune system. This is not a live vaccine and will be no threat to them – not like the flu itself.

How about a pneumonia shot while you're at it?!

CPR in February TBA

The ladies of TYEE YACHT CLUB cordially invites all ladies to their "SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS PARTY" **Thursday, December 8, 2016**. This is last minute notice, but there have been phone calls made also.

SCOTTISH MUSIC WILL BE PROVIDED BY LORD ANDREW TAYLOR.

COST \$15.00

SCOTTISH ATTIRE OR CHRISTMAS ATTIRE IS RECOMMENDED.

CALL KATHY BECKMAN (206) 459-9669 FOR RESERVATIONS.

TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED.

Kim Shann WIC REP for OYC



Anchorettes
Aileen Zelis, Secretary



The **November Anchorette** meeting has been changed due to the holiday. It is rescheduled for **November 30, 2016 6 pm Main Station**. I would like to thank everyone for participating in the baked goods sale. It was a success!

A very special Thank You to the OYC Foundation for the wonderful and generous contribution to the Anchorettes.

Have a wonderful holiday.

Aileen Zelis
Anchorette Secretary

Quartermaster

Margaret Snyder, Chair



We have done a roaring business this fall with the last dinner meeting of the year behind us. We will reopen at the January 4th dinner meeting. We still have lots of cold weather gear on hand, including hooded vests, hoodies of differing weights, and sweatshirts.



In addition, for the men, we have long- and short-sleeved shirts and a good selection of caps if yours needs replacing!

Ladies, you'll be excited to see our new line of ladies boating wear! This is a new line of high-end clothing at bargain prices. If you liked the Ralph Lauren shirts, you will LOVE this line of clothing! Come see! We also still have a few of the #12 green and blue sweatshirts, long sleeved tees and short sleeved tees! As well as the warm weather gear mentioned above, we have plenty of various long- and short-sleeved shirts. Our most popular shirts have been those wonderful heavier weight Eddie Bauer long sleeved tee shirts, and you will see those available at the January dinner meeting. Look for the sale shelf where prices have been slashed!

If you are looking for some classy beach towels for your boat, we have four available with Olympia Yacht Club embroidered on them.

Remember, we can usually order items for you in a different size if necessary.

Happy Holidays, everyone! See you at the Quartermaster Store in the New Year!

Island Home

Earl Hughes, Chair



There is a lot happening at OYC, so I expect few visitors to the Island this month. Remember it's a great place to decompress from all the holiday hustle and bustle. Also we don't want George to feel forgotten. LOL. I'm sure some of you will be out for New Years.

George has the Island in winter mode now, you'll find him in the shop maintaining the equipment, so it's ready for next Spring. Or you might even see him clawing out from under the Club House. He'll have been replacing the insulation that some critters found a way to play with this past Summer.

Enjoy the holidays, see you on the docks.

Earl Hughes
Island Home Chair
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Clubhouse

Michelle Aguilar-Wells, Chair

Season's Greetings

It is coming upon that busy time of year, and I look forward to it. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season with your families.

The Committee met on November 7 and readjusted our priority list for clubhouse projects for next year, talked about our plan to move forward and what we were looking at for the budget. We hope you like the changes that we have made so far.

We welcome people who have an interest in the Clubhouse and would like to earn CSP hours. For those that called with a list of skills and interest, thank you. I will be in touch in the new year. For those that might want to be called on occasionally to help with projects, please contact me, email or text is fine. I know we will need someone with finish carpentry or furniture making skill for two small projects; probably close to what someone would need to fill CSP requirements.

I've been in touch with Joe Downing, the Finance Committee Chair, and went over our plans with him. We presented a budget request and the rest is up to the BOT. When we have a budget, we will communicate our next year's projects.

I am looking forward to the Christmas Ball and whatever fanciful and beautiful decorating Deb Waldherr and her crew will create. The Clubhouse committee will be attending to the outside just after Thanksgiving. Beth and Bob Connolly have offered fir and some holly from their place, thank you.

Finally, **there will not be a December clubhouse meeting.** We will meet again the first Monday of the month, January 6, 2017.

Best Regards,
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Dedicated boaters

Main Station

Rick Antles, Chair



Winter is on the way, and the OYC Main Station Committee (MSC) recommends members please check or have someone check your moorage often. Place extra tie-up lines or chains if you need to. Check your hatches, bilges and bilge pumps. Make certain dock and deck gear, tarps and curtains are well secured. Deck drains should be open and clear of debris. Let Greg Whittaker (360) 280-5757 know if you have loose dock cleats or similar concerns. Keep your eyes out for other boats or boat houses that may be at risk and let the Moorage Master or MSC know.

Make sure your email and phone/contact information is up-to-date in the OYC manual and with the OYC website. Let the OYC website manager, Ron Morsette, know if you'd like to correct or add to this critical information.

If there is a weather related or other OYC emergency and you arrive to help; please wear your lifejacket, dress appropriately, and carry a waterproof flashlight. If possible, carry a waterproof, handheld VHF and monitor channel 68. In an emergency, the OYC Jr Program Boston Whaler is prepared and available, ready to start via access to a dash mounted key lock box (the key box code is the same we use to get into the gate or the trash enclosure).



The MSC reached a critical point in the OYC Moorage Inspections Process: incomplete inspections generated a \$50 fine on November 1. These fines increase to \$100 on December 1, then \$200 on January 1. Many members still have not been signed off on their moorage inspection for 2016 and need to schedule an inspection or re-inspection or contact Jerry Budelman (jblkb@comcast.net) to complete the process. **If** moorage deficiencies are already scheduled for correction by December 31, and the member can show evidence of this scheduled work (to the MSC or Moorage Master [MM]), such as a contract/or other written agreement with a contractor, the fine will be held back so long as the work is done and inspected and signed off by December 31, 2016.

The MSC next meets on December 8 at 6 p.m. in the OYC Clubhouse. Please come and contribute; also come and meet the new MSC Chair, Tim Ridley. The new MM, Mark Fleischer, may be at the meeting as well. CSP hours are available for attending the MSC monthly meeting and for projects such as marina maintenance, repair and upgrades, and planning for next year's budget. All OYC members are welcome.

Rick Antles

MSC Chair, Lame Duck

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S/V *White Raven*

Main Station Committee Chair through Dec. 31, 2016

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A Canary in the Coal Mine

On December 18, two intrepid OYC skippers will host teams of local citizen scientists conducting the Southern portion of the 2016 Puget Sound Seabird Survey (PSSS). The *Kluh Maru*, skippered by Greg Kluh, and *Patina*, skippered by Eric Hurlburt, will cruise the South Sound inlets and shoreline from Olympia to the Nisqually Delta while hardy birders brave the weather on the foredeck to spot, identify, and count the Scoters, Cormorants, Buffleheads, and Goldeneyes as well as the any other species of birds that might be observed wintering in or around Puget Sound.

The surveys, sponsored by the Audubon Society, engage volunteer birdwatchers to gather valuable data on wintering seabird populations. The data collected contributes to long-term baseline estimates of the number and species composition of seabird populations along Puget Sound shorelines. These counts, in turn, help assess the ongoing health of our marine environment — the habitat, feedstocks, and water quality upon which wildlife (and we humans) depend. The marine equivalent, in fact, of “a canary in the coal mine.”

Data also helps monitor climate change as warmer winter weather tends to keep arctic species away from Puget Sound and closer to their summer habitat, while typically southern-residents may find that our northerly latitudes are newly copacetic. (Who knew that we live in such a winter-time tropical paradise?)



Much of the count takes place from publicly-accessible shore-side observation stations, but vessel-based counts penetrate areas inaccessible to shore-based observers and are an invaluable contribution to the completeness and accuracy of the PSSS.

If you’re interested in supporting or attending the PSSS, contact either Greg or Eric.

While we wait for the results of the 2016 PSSS bird count, we can celebrate the welcome return of dolphins to Puget Sound waters. Since 2007, sightings of harbor porpoises (*Phocoena phocoena*) have become increasingly common after the population virtually disappeared in the early 1970’s. Just why they have made a comeback isn’t known, but the decline of the gillnet fishery and ongoing cleanup



efforts to reduce pollution have most certainly helped.

These creatures are endlessly entertaining as I can attest having spotted dolphins virtually every day during *Grendel’s* summer cruise. Harbor Porpoises are about the size of a lithe adult woman, at 5 feet and 120 pounds and live for 15 to 20 years. They are the only Northwest cetacean — dolphin or whale — entirely resident and unique to Puget Sound inside waters.

Pay close attention though — Harbor Porpoises may be easily confused with other periodic Puget Sound visitors such as the Dall’s porpoise (*Phocoenoides dalli*), which looks like a midget Orca — black on top, with white flanks and belly, and white-tipped dorsal fins and flukes. Or the Pacific white-sided dolphin (*Lagenorhynchus obliquidens*), which has a gray back similar to the harbor porpoise but also white stripes on their sides and a bi-colored (black/white) and more curved dorsal fin.

But the big cetacean news in 2016 is the sighting, for evidently the first time ever, of the Short-beaked “common” dolphins (*Delphinus delphis*) in Puget Sound. These critters reach about 8 feet and 450 pounds and are a warm water species rarely spotted north of California. They have a distinctive criss-cross color pattern with a dark brown-gray back and yellowish-tan on the front portion between the eye and dorsal fin. They are among the fastest marine mammals on the planet, reaching speeds of up to 40 miles per hour.

Which is probably why some marketing genius named a line of inflatable boats *Delphinus*:

Dolphins typically forage on herring, smelt and sand lance in shallow nearshore waters, usually less than 500 feet deep. Their increasing presence in Puget Sound may be evidence that our efforts to restore and maintain a healthy marine environment may be beginning to show some positive results. Abundant forage fish are critically important to restore our iconic salmon, too.

John Sherman
Environmental Awareness Committee
S/V *Grendel*



Government Affairs

Gary Ball & Myra Downing, Co-chairs



Hi, this article is the first in a series of Beachcomber articles from your Government Affairs Committee (GAC) on Capitol Lake, its importance to OYC and the many issues surrounding Capitol Lake's future. This month's article is intended to provide a general overview and future articles will dive into specific topics including the Environment, Waterfront Work & Recreation, Economic Issues and Costs of the options under consideration. Our goal in all of this is to make sure you understand the issues at hand and maybe turn you into a community advocate for Capitol Lake and Olympia's Waterfront.

The long ongoing debate within the Olympia community is whether Capitol Lake should be preserved and maintained or if it should be removed, so an estuary can form in its place. Capitol Lake is actually part of the State Capitol Campus and was created with construction of the 5th Avenue Dam in 1951. The idea of Capitol Lake was a long standing one as it was initially proposed in the 1911 Wilder & White architectural plan for the Capitol Campus

Now, your first question might be why should I as an OYC member care about the lake, since all our boating is on salt water as is the Club? Well, as goes the Lake, so goes the Club. Capitol Lake exists because of the 5th Avenue Dam, which controls the flow of the Deschutes River and holds back significant amounts of river silt from entering Budd Inlet. Without the dam in place, river silt would soon fill in much of OYC's basin as well as that of the Port and the other west side marinas; to keep the basins and Port clear, expensive dredging would be required every three to six years.

Proponents for the estuary argue that it would improve the environment for salmon and other wildlife and im-

prove water quality by removing Capitol Lake (which is inaccurately characterized as dirty), and by increasing Budd Inlet's dissolved oxygen levels. From a salmon aspect, it's not clear anything will be gained with dam removal as the Deschutes never had a significant natural salmon run due to Tumwater Falls. Studies indicate a lake like Capitol Lake would be about as good as an estuary in supporting a hatchery salmon run. While improving Budd Inlet's water quality is a goal of the pro estuary people, studies show that Capitol Lake in fact improves Budd Inlet's water quality by acting as a nitrate catchment for the nitrate rich Deschutes River.

From an economic aspect, two areas to consider are the costs to remove the dam for an estuary vs. properly maintaining the Lake, and what would happen to Olympia's economy were the dam removed. It's clear by all measures that dam removal for an estuary is a more expensive option, potentially much more. Economic downsides of dam removal include the potential loss of the Port's marine terminal business and six boat marinas as well as loss of downtown shoppers, both tourist & local, as the accumulation of unsightly mud deposits in lower Budd Inlet makes downtown Olympia less appealing to consumers & citizens.

The biggest threat dam removal poses to our community is the degradation or loss of Olympia's downtown working and recreational waterfront. Areas like Capitol Lake, Percival Landing and the Port Plaza are a major draw for tourists & locals alike and if the Lake is removed and lower Budd Inlet fills with silt, Olympia's recreational and working options become so much less than they were.

We've hit, at a high level, a couple of the key issues on Capitol Lake and the downsides of dam removal. In future *Beachcombers*, we'll do a deeper dive on a specific key issue. Meanwhile thanks for reading, and if you have questions, grab one of your friendly GAC reps.

Gary Ball & Myra Downing, co-chairs



Lunch Bunch No December Lunch Bunch



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

No Lunch Bunch in December.

In keeping with earlier years, we will not have lunch bunch in December. Enjoy your time with friends and family. Look for information on the next lunch bunch in the January *Beachcomber*.

Enjoy the Season!

Kelly Thompson
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Club Service Program

PC Les Thompson, Chair



Greetings members.

This will be the last *Beachcomber* report about CSP hours for the year. Beginning in December, I will update the CSP report in the clubhouse on a weekly basis for your convenience, as there are several events happening during the month. Jon will get the final CSP report on January 1, at which time, he will be doing billing for the 2016 year. If you have not completed your hours, the January bill will reflect money due for CSP. Please make sure your hours are turned in by December 31 to receive credit. With things winding down, please don't wait until the last minute to try to get everything done.

I would like to extend to all of you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. I hope you enjoy time with friends and family as well as our OYC family. Thanks for all of your efforts at the club with CSP work on committees, social events and general work around our facilities. OYC rocks. You all make this the best club ever. See you at an event or on the dock.

PC Les Thompson
CSP guru
M/V *EcstaSea*



Junior Sailing Program

Mary Fitzgerald, Chair



Juniors Fundraiser a HUGE Success !!!! Over \$40K raised !!!

The first Juniors Sailing Regatta was a resounding success, with all the tables filled with supporters of the program, spending their hard-earned dollars to support buying a fleet of six used Flying Junior (FJ) boats for the High School and Middle School teams

Our sailors helped with set up and serving our 150+ guests for the evening's fun. Myra and Jo Downing were our glorious MC's and introduced our speaker Jim Lynch who regaled us with excerpts from his latest book "Before the Wind." We also heard from our Coach Sarah Hanavan, and several of our sailors told us why they thought sailing was an important endeavor for them. We had quite a lot of interest in our silent and live auction and the night culminated with a paddle auction for everyone having a chance to donate from \$5,000 to the smallest donation. And they did!

Here is a breakdown of our fundraising efforts at our event.

\$7,550 in ticket sales

\$3,716 silent auction

\$6,400 live auction

\$20,105 from raise the paddle

Total money raised was \$45,258!! Our expenses are expected to be about \$4,000. So it looks like we are about \$40,000 successful!

As the Chair of the Juniors Committee, I am humbled by ever doubting the support that this program has had. I am feeling like a teenager who has received a love note from MANY "secret admirers." We cannot thank you all enough for your support, and we hope we can count on it in the future. Please let us know any of your ideas, concerns or feedback as we go forward.

Thanks again.
Mary Fitzgerald
Junior Sailing Committee Chair

Parade of Lighted Ships

Tammy Questi, Chair



Theme: Candy Cane Currents

The 2016 Parade of Lighted Ships will be held on **Saturday, December 3 at 6 PM**. While this is an OYC sponsored event, ALL South Sound Boaters are welcome (and encouraged) to participate.

Not only is this a fun evening for parade participants it is a favorite holiday tradition for hundreds of families in our community. Many families living along the parade route host holiday parties that night while others brave the elements to line up along the waterfront to view the bright holiday lights. These folks deserve a good show! Your participation is needed to make that happen. 3 CSP hours are available for all parade participants.

Decorating your boat does not have to be expensive or time-consuming. Our own PC Jerry Budelman has graciously offered to hold a class on how to “safely” decorate your boat. You do not want to miss this incredibly informative class! Watch your emails for the date and time.

I am still in need of several OYC members to assist with the planning details. Letters and flyers must go out to local boating clubs, we need to advertise with local papers, radio stations and downtown businesses, we need to find judges, purchases prizes... And, we are hoping to have “Santa and the Missus” pay a visit to those watching from the docks. Volunteers??? Anyone??? For the past couple of years, we have held a small reception with chili or soup in the clubhouse following the parade. I am looking for volunteers to assist with this as well.

Parade registration will be held on **Friday, December 2 from 4 to 6 PM** in the clubhouse. Parade route information will be handed out at that time. We will begin gathering in the OYC basin at approximately 5:45 on the 3rd for our northward cruise past the judges boat (docked at the Port Plaza) and along the shores of Budd Inlet. The boats return about 8 PM. Prizes will be awarded during the post-party in the clubhouse. The categories this year are: Best Sailboat, Best Powerboat, Best of Theme, and Grand Illusion (Judge’s Choice).

Consider kicking off the holiday season while bringing our community together through the love of boating!

Contact Tammy Questi with your offers to help or questions. tquesti@comcast.net or 360-866-7078.

Yearbook

Jan Wilson
OYCyearbook@gmail.com



OYC Yearbook—Yearbooks are finally here!

The copies of the 2016-17 version of the Yearbook are in the Junior Sailing Office/clock room at the Yacht Club. Please help yourself and check your name off the list provided.

We can also send out copies to non-local (or members, at their request. Please e-mail OYCYearbook@gmail.com if you need this service provided. Postage charges will be added onto your regular monthly bill.

At this time, we do not have enough copies for members to have more than one. Bridge members and committee chairs may take two — since they need these for official use (as well as one for their boat). After the distribution at the January dinner meeting — those of you who would like may take a second copy.

Publication of the yearbook will be transitioning to Denise Lynch. Thank you, Denise, for taking on this role. The contact information to send pictures, updates and changes remains the same — send an e-mail to OYCyearbook@gmail.com

I have enjoyed meeting and getting to know everyone in the process of creating this yearbook—thanks everyone!

Jan Wilson





2016

Parade of Lighted Ships

Candy Cane Currents

Saturday, December 3 @ 6 PM

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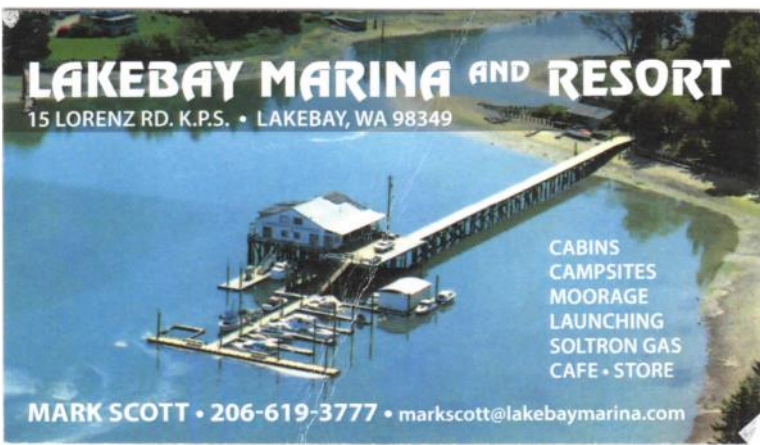


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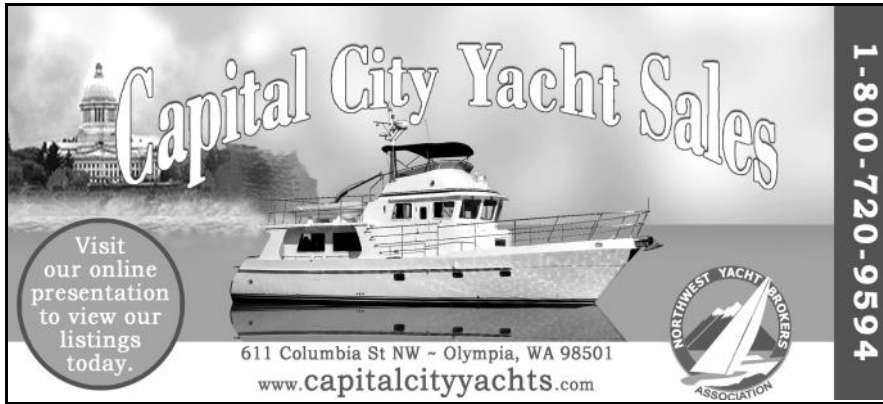
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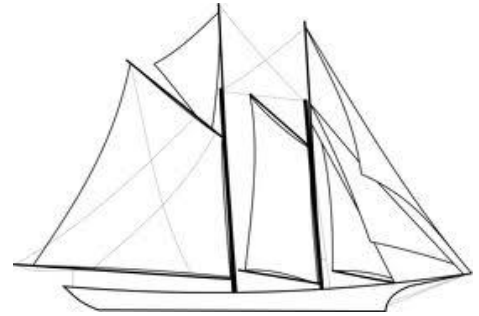
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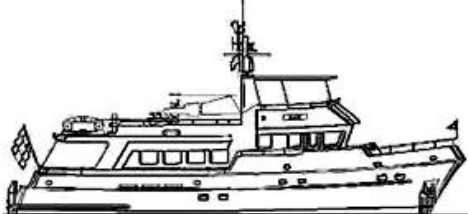
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4 Special Peoples Cruise	5 Junior Sailing Mtg.	6 Bridge Meeting Governmental Affairs Mtg.	7	8 Main Station Meeting WIC Lunch at Tyee YC	9 Christmas Ball Decorating	10 Christmas Ball
11	12	13 South Sound Sailing Mtg.	14 Board Meeting	15 Long Range Planning	16	17
18	19	20	21 Winter Solstice (Northern)	22	23	24
25 Christmas	26	27	28 Womens Auxiliary Mtg.	29	30	31 New Years Eve Party

January 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day	2 Clubhouse Meeting Junior Sailing Mtg.	3 Bridge Meeting Government Affairs Mtg.	4 Dinner Meeting	5 Main Station Meeting	6 QCYC Past Commodores Cruise In	7 Queen City YC Past Commodores Cruise In
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22	23	24	25	26	27 Joint OYC, So. Sound Sail and Shelton YC Island Home Cruise	28 Joint OYC, SSSS, Shelton YC Cruise
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