

December 2017



Commodore

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



I want to applaud the work and recommendations provided by the Junior Sailing Committee Task Force, headed by Board Trustee Bill Wilmovsky and ten willing OYC members. Their committee report recommends a name change from 'Junior Sailing Program' to 'Sailing Education Program,' to more accurately describe a program that teaches adults as well as juniors on the techniques of sail-

ing and the science of seamanship. As Article 2 of our OYC Bylaws states:

"The purpose of the Olympia Yacht Club is to encourage and promote yachting, the science of seamanship and navigation, and to provide and maintain suitable facilities for the use and recreation of its members."

I encourage all members to read the Committee's report, on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse, as well as on the OYC website. Any club, yachting, social, recreational, athletic, only continues to exist if there is a continual influx of new members, enthusiastic to continue the camaraderie and traditions of a club such as ours, 113 years young. The <u>Sailing Education Program</u> (<u>SEP</u>) report encourages continuing the SEP program, because strong junior sailing programs are recognized as an important component to preserve the vitality of sponsoring yacht clubs. The SEP is one of the reasons why our yacht club is currently enjoying high member numbers and great moral.

I encourage all members to participate in the **Lighted Ship Parade** Saturday, December 2. Tammy Questi is leading the effort again this year. I, as Commodore, am the judge, or at least, one of the judges. I CANNOT be bought. Let me make that very clear. Tequila is my favorite hard liquor, in case you were wondering. The next day, Sunday, December 3, is OYC's **Special People's Cruise**, under the leadership of Curtis Dahlgren. We need many captains for this event, and cookies, homemade of course. I hope to see many of you at this fantastic event. Finally, in early December, Marty and Jen Graf are organizing a tremendous **OYC Christmas Ball**. This is where I wear my red and green bow tie, that looks like holly and ivy. Very Smart. I hope to see you there.

Commodore Bill Sloane

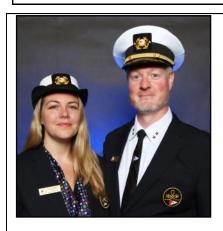


The Beachcomber December 2017 Olympia Yacht Club



M/V William West





Hello everybody, it's your friendly Vice Commodore wishing you a very merry holiday season! While Thanksgiving is great (Jen's favorite holiday), Christmas is better (my opinion-which is typically correct). For those of you who feel Thanksgiving is the better holiday, let me explain how Christmas is infinitely better. Christmas is full of lights and holiday music. I may be incorrect (I'm not), but I don't recall ever decorating a

turkey with lights and signing turkey carols... apparently Jen does, but that's beside the point.

This year I thought it would be fun to go to Disneyland for Christmas. It's one of my favorite places to celebrate the holiday season. It's the happiest place on earth, the sun is shining, there is snow (fake, but still) and parades and churros. What better place to force my family to go? Yes, that is correct. I am making them go. Westley (AKA Lu) actually said we should save the money and stay home. Who is this child? What nine-year-old would prefer to stay home? Tough luck kid, you're going to Disneyland, and you're going to like it. To make the trip more memorable, we are going to drive. If there is no article from me for January, assume Jen left me down there.

By the time you read this, there is the possibility that the lighted ships parade has already occurred. If it did, I'm sure it was amazing. If not and there is still time, you should consider throwing a string of lights around your bow and parading with us!

Hopefully you have all received your Christmas ball invitation. I know, it seems like just 2 weeks ago we were all dressed up for the commodore's ball, but don't let that be a reason not to come. We've got prime rib and salmon on the menu, Soul Siren as our band, and a photo booth to capture all the fun. I should mention there will be unlimited photos! So, you won't have to choose between taking a picture with your spouse or your B.B.F. (Best Boat Friend), take as many as you want!

The end of the year is near, if you're looking for C.S.P. hours, this event will be a good way to earn some. We will need help decorating and are still looking for a couple of bartender volunteers as well. Stay tuned for emails, but also feel free to call me or email if you are interested in helping or for additional details.

Regardless of what holiday you will or will not be celebrating this month, I wish you well. Have a good month, and if you are the lucky recipient of any cool new toys or BOATS, I want to hear about it.

Happy Holidays!

Marty and Jen Graf Vice Commodore M/V William West

Rear Commodore Captain Mark Welpman First Mate Annette Welpman

S/V Cygnet



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! In the spirit of giving. At the November Board Meeting, gifting CSP hours was brought up. We have an OYC family who has been battling leukemia this year and has had a hard time getting in CSP hours. One of our long-time members petitioned the Board to donate excess CSP hours to

cover the other family. Of course, it was approved. Happily, the leukemia is in full remission and our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

The reason we are bringing this up is to remind members that there is a proper way to donate excess CSP hours, and to remind everyone to make sure to log every CSP hour you earn.

The bylaws governing CSP hours can be found in your OYC Members Handbook on page 166. Specifically, the paragraph pertaining to donating hours is on page 169, paragraph four. In summary, you can donate your hours to another member by petitioning the BOT. After the BOT approves the request, the request will be sent to the CSP Chair and the hours will be donated to the specified party. But you must receive BOT buyoff before donating hours.

Now on the New Year's Eve Party. The New Year's Eve Party will be at the Main Station Club House and not at the Island as stated in the calendar. We are still in the planning stage, but we have a DJ. The plan is to Disco the night away. The music will be top 40, 70s, 80s 90s and yes the 2000s. We haven't figured out all the details, but the plan is to dance our way into 2018. Look for email blasts to come. We'll need some volunteers to help out. New Members... We want you!

Lastly, Giving is an important part life for Annette and me. We are not wealthy people, but we give of ourselves wherever and whenever possible. Hence my service to our wonderful club. Please take time this holiday season to help others less fortunate than yourself, in the fashion that best suits you. There are plenty of people in this world who are in need.

Again, Happy Holidays. Annette and I wish each and every one a blessed new year!

Mark & Annette Welpman OYC Rear Commodore SV Cygnet





Fleet Captain Power

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











Ahoy OYC!

Apparently winter is upon us as the clocks have rolled back and I now drive to and from work in the dark. That said, I did find a very interesting photo while trying to come up with a graphic for this month's Beachcomber submission. They are called **frost flowers** if the resolution doesn't do justice

here, I highly recommend a quick Google search.

I feel a great need to announce that the Halloween festivities were awesome. Not to my credit, as I'm pretty sure this was due to my skills of do-



ing nothing and more importantly not interfering. My First Mate, AnneMarie, showed her true talent and vision with the decorating.....hang on, I picked the First Mate, so actually that means I do get ALL the credit here.

Second, there was a great team that showed up with many complimenting talents; we had the guy that knew how to tie fishing line, the spooky cave team, the branch lighting team, the wall covering thumb tack team and many more hard-working members joined in. Third, yep I'm up to a third point, the members that decorated their boats for the trick or treating were outstanding, although I do now find myself tiptoeing past the dock boxes at night now...many thanks. Fourth, I'm on a roll, the band Outta Control rocked it. They donned their best KISS makeup, somehow managed to get us non-dancers on the floor, and three hours later we sat down.....my calves ached for three days!

In attendance was the Gilligan's Island Gang, Predator and his Witch, Batman, Elvira, Indiana Jones, a couple Minions, Catwoman, Sonny Bono, a Gypsy and his Wench just to name a few.

My Fleet Captain duties get a bit of a winter break so I get to fully enjoy the Christmas Ball and New Year's Party hosted by other Bridge members. Next up is the Valentine's Cruise to Island Home February 9th, 10th and 11th. The caterer is already committed, more details to follow.

Fleet Captain Power Jesse Mitchell "Mitch" First Mate Anne Marie Murdock M/V *Release*



Happy December everyone!

If you read my November article, I wrote about how special Island Home can be in the fall. Well, taking my own advice, First Mate Cathy and I ventured to the Island the weekend of November 3rd to the 5th.

There we met up with a few other members. The women played Mah Jongg while the guys

talked boats. It was a very nice weekend, but it was a very cold one.

We began our slog to the Island Friday morning in the snow and returned Sunday morning in the sleeting rain. For the most part, First Mate Cathy stayed in the cozy cabin while I, in my best foulies, braved the snow and rain outside. What happened to the gentile zephyr fall breeze I wrote about in last month's article? One could say that the Fleet Captain Sail hasn't got a clue about the weather. And one would be right. But wait "hasn't got a clue," could it be, is it, why yes it is, the Nautical Term of the Month.

Hasn't got a clue. Some would say that with nautical origins the clew refers to the corner of the sail where a ring is sewn into the fabric of the sail in order to properly hold the sail in place using sheets. If a clew should rip, the sail would lose shape and the vessel will not sail in a controlled manner. Until it is refastened, it "hasn't got a clew" or needs to "get clewed up" again. Today if someone "hasn't got a clue" they do not understand or are not knowledgeable. To get clued up is to learn about or to fully understand something. I can certainly stand to get clued up about weather predictions.

So, what's on the horizon for OYC social events. Friday December 1st is the next TGIF, six bucks for pizza, salad, ice cream, and beverages. Saturday December 2nd is the annual Lighted Ships Parade. Hey, if I can take the mighty Karen Ann out in the snow, I would expect to see some motor yachts out as well. Guilt can be an effective motivator you know so let's have a great turn out this year. Sunday December 3rd is the annual Special People's Cruise. Don't forget the Christmas Ball is coming up quickly on Saturday December 9. Expect to receive e-mail blasts as well as see flyers around the club.

Well that's it for this month, fair winds and following seas.

Fleet Captain Sail Bill Velez First Mate Cathy Velez S/V Karen Ann

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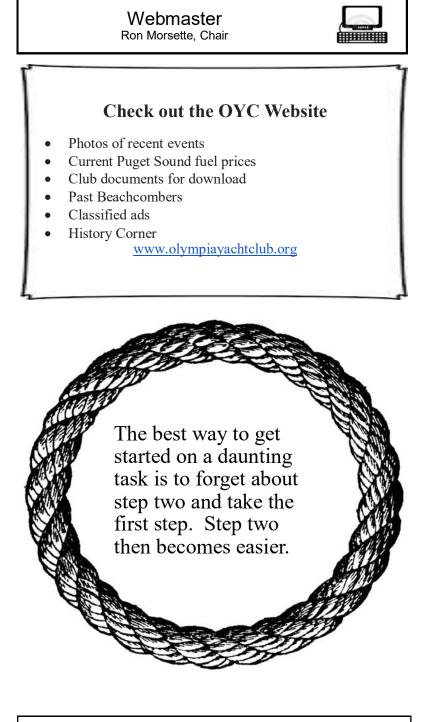
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Bob Van Schoorl, Chair

M/V Amstel



Last May the BOT created a task force to evaluate the OYC current youth and adult sailing education programs and the OYC youth racing program. The task force, chaired by BOT member Bill Wilmovsky, provided their report to the Board at our November meeting. The members of the task force did an excellent job and provided an excellent report on their findings. The <u>report on the Sailing Education Program</u> is posted on the OYC website, as well as on the Club bulletin board. Please take a look at the report. The Board will consider action on the recommendations at their December meeting and would appreciate your input. A special thank you to the members of the task force for their outstanding work.

The Board also received a report sponsored by the Long Planning Committee on the status of the OYC electrical system. The BOT asked the Committee to evaluate the system and provided the funding for a professional study. Hultz/BHU Engineers Inc. presented their report to the Board. The report provides a list of 10 recommendations for improvements. The bottom line is that the OYC electrical system meets the current electrical code requirements, but additional maintenance items should be considered. Thank you to the Long-Range Planning Committee for shepherding this study.

OYC has been experiencing some issues with unauthorized visitors of late, particularly at night, However, access during the day is also an issue. Members have reported a number of incidents where the gate to the marina has been tied open. It is unknown if members or contractors are doing this. A couple of reminders: if you have someone working on your boat or boat house, you must accompany them unless the contractor is certified by OYC; and, if you see the gate tied open, close it.

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 13, 2017.



Membership Changes



From Board of Trustees Secretary, Andrea Sehmel:

Demit:

Michael and Denise Lackey

Request for Social Membership:

• Michael and Diana Fife

From Membership Committee Chairman, Ron Wertz:

New Members:

Welcome back Former Members: Charles & Gretchen Dale

Welcome New Members: James & Holli Howatson The History Corner Your Name Here, OYC Historian



Like to write? Enjoy history? The Club is looking for a volunteer to serve as the club historian. Please contact Andrea Sehmel for details asehmel@comcast.net or 360.999.0695.

The OYC Historian writes a monthly History Corner article for the Beachcomber (please see article examples in back issues) and once a year, writes the annual history for the Member Directory. The Historian also assists other committees that needed historical information, and would also act as Club Archivist – that is, making sure the Club's records are kept safe and all together.

One of the best things about this role is the opportunity to interact with members - sometimes interview them - everyone has always been very friendly and receptive to the topic being discussed that month.

Outgoing Historian, Lisa Mighetto, is happy to discuss the position in much more detail with anyone interested in potentially taking on the role of Club Historian.

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Government Affairs Myra Downing, Chair



The Community and Government Affairs Committee has identified their agenda, and it is robust. Our overarching mission is to ensure that OYC is present, viable and relevant for the next 50 years. Joe asked me, "What does present mean?" and so I thought you might ask the same question. It means that we will still be around, our presence will be felt in the community. A step toward this is the purchase of the parking lot – ensuring our footprint. For us, it also includes ensuring moorage, a clubhouse and everything that goes with that. Viable means that our members still see a value in our club. An example of this is insuring we don't need to dredge every year – thus keeping members cost at an affordable and "viable" level. Relevant pertains to acknowledging sea level rise and how it affects our club.

To address this mission, the Community and Government Affairs has four focus areas:

 Stay connected with our governmental partners and elected officials to ensure our voices and issues of importance are known. One way we will do this is by continuing to work with the Recreational Boaters Association (lucky for us, one of our members is the Vice President – Steve Finney) and the Northwest Marine Trades Association, in sponsoring our annual Legislative Reception. Meg Van Schoorl, Jim Wilcox, and J.T. Wilcox are working with us to identify key legislators and senators to meet with and deliver a personal invitation to the reception.

- 2. Join and actively participate in the Working Waterfront Coalition. This group is comprised of private citizens and entities (no elected officials) who are invested in and committed to a thriving waterfront.
- 3. Evaluate, prioritize, and engage, as appropriate, with nonprofit environmental groups and entities that ensure a healthy environment. Using Kelly Thompson's word "intersection," we want to work with new and unusual partners for OYC in finding a way to work together on common issues. Kelly and Maryanne Thompson, Jack DeMeyer, Jim Lengenfelder, and Jinny Beekman are spearheading a group to define what this means.
- 4. Ensure proactive public relations that keep our community informed and knowledgeable of OYC activities and efforts that support our community. Lisa Cosmillo and Dick Binns are our leads for this work.

A very important and impressive initiative that is also going to occur is the development of document(s) and materials that can be used to educate and enlighten others on the economic impact and reward of a ROBUST boating community. Jack DeMeyer, Meg VanSchoorl, Jinny Beekman, Lisa Cosmillo, and Dick Binns have taken on this task.

Thanks to all our committee members. Please know that this group of folks are outstanding and also know that you can join us.

We will be meeting on the first Tuesday of every month, starting in December.



The 2017-2018 Member Directories are in. They are available in the Junior Sailing office on an honor system. Each member family is entitled to one Directory at this time. If you have not received yours, please pick it up the next time you are at the Main station. There is a checkoff list on top of the boxes. Please be sure to mark off your name when you receive your Directory. If you live out of town or for some other reason need your Directory mailed to you, please send me an email request.

The Directory Committee is expanding to 3 members.

• **Directory Editor**, responsible for compiling all the updates to the new Directory, editing and proofread-

ing, printing oversight and distributing at the November Dinner meeting.

- Event Pages Coordinator, contact each event coordinator reminding them to have a photographer assigned for their event, collect photos from each event, and create a collage page for the Directory. One CSP hour for each event page completed, wrapping up with the Memorial Day event at the end of May. Work can be conveniently completed from your home computer and can possibly earn all of your needed CSP hours.
- Calendar Master, update the Annual Calendar to include events and committee meetings. This position will be completed from your home computer using Word, Excel and email, during the months of July to mid-September. Approximately 16 CSP hours are predicted, but actual hours will be awarded.

Please let me know if you are interested in either of these positions. I'd love to work with you!

Club Service Program PC Les Thompson, Chair



Hello everyone, and happy winter to all. I hope that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving celebrating with family and friends. Here we are at the end of the year almost. There are still a few events and projects happening around OYC and its facilities for those of you who still need some hours to complete service for the year. I will post a new report shortly after Lighted Ships and Special People's Cruise weekend for you to see in the clubhouse and another after the Christmas party. The final report will be posted the first or second of January after New Year's. Please check your hours as needed, and let me know if you have discrepancies. Members with hours uncompleted this year, will be billed for those hours beginning in January 2018. The Treasurer will send out the billings.

I am truly thankful to be a PC and member of this incredible OYC family, and I would like to send all of you my sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. May you all be blessed with a joyous holiday season celebrating with your families and friends. As you all know, I always say and will continue to say "OYC rocks!" You are the best club in the Grand 14, and beyond. Get involved; you won't regret it.

I look forward to seeing you next year on the docks or at an event.

As always, PC Les Thompson, CSP guru M/V *EcstaSea*

> Island Home Earl Hughes, Chair

A couple things to remember when at the Island this winter. When it's freezing, the water is turned off on the docks to protect the pipes. The freeze covers on the dock spigots are there for a reason. If you remove one to get water, please replace it.

Our upper trail across the road needs some help. Bill Hartman developed the trail and saw to its maintenance for years. Thank you Bill. We now need someone to take on the care of the trail (CSP hrs), so it stays usable.

Remember the Island is a great quick and relaxing getaway this busy season of the year. A day or two at the Island is like a weeks vacation. Enjoy.

Earl Hughes Island Home Chair MV *Lady Bee II*



I am excited about the upcoming holidays and hope you all have happy days planned and not too much work.

It is a time of thanksgiving, and I want to extend my thanks to the Anchorettes for the new clubhouse vacuum, Jim Sheerer for his quiet attention to the maintenance and repair of our chairs, the BOT for their support of our efforts, and to those members who submitted bar ideas. It is clear that you really care about our space.

We have a winner in the bar contest who wishes to remain anonymous. The winner donated the Anthony's gift card to the Sailing Education Program for their upcoming auction. The winning design is posted in the clubhouse and plans are being drawn for implementation. The finalization of the bar is in the proposed budget and has been submitted. We will be looking for some woodworking crafts people to help us complete it in January.

The makeup bar quartz for the women's restroom will be installed by Tops in time for the Christmas Ball and the beverage carts will also be completed by that time. We are heading toward the finish line for the completion of our 3-year clubhouse update. Expected completion is June 2018.

We want to welcome Robert Ludlow, our new caretaker, and his wife Nancy. Robert has stepped right up and has responded to some delayed maintenance quickly.

Happy Holidays,

Michelle Aguilar-Wells Clubhouse Chair 360-581-3188 Notice: Members, please help us preserve and protect our new clubhouse paint. When stacking the chairs after a meeting or event make sure they do not get pushed against the wall or trim. Many thanks.

TGIF

Thank Goodness it's Friday!



Good food Good times Good music

Coming up December 1 and January 19

Drinks and Socializing 5:30 pm Pizza etc......6 pm **\$6/person** No reservations required Fleet Surgeon Richard Hurst, M.D. ("Rich")

Stayin' Alive....Stayin' Alive!

If it has been 2 years...or more....since you took a CPR course, we recommend you recertify, so if suddenly called upon to react to a person who is down, your trained reactions and muscle memory will spring into action. Maybe even save a life.

How fitting is it that the next CPR course is the day before Valentines! Yes! Tuesday February 13! Check out the flyer and e-mail me for a reservation.

Rich Hurst rehurst@comcast.net



*Automated External Defibrillator

Tuesday, February 13th, 2018

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Only 20 places available

Taught by our own Ron Wertz CPR technique has changed so if you have not taken the course in the past several years or so, you are doing it the old way.

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Still spots available as of this printing.

Sign up. Save a life!

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Sailing Education Program Mary Fitzgerald, Chair



"Everything can be found at sea according to the spirit of your quest." — Joseph Conrad, from A Personal Record, 1912

December Newsletter updates

Happy Holidays to everyone. The winter rains are upon us, and we have plans in the making for the spring and summer sailing program while doing repairs, repairs and more repairs. As always, we have partnered with Olympia Parks and Rec for the summer sailing classes. Our middle and high school programs start back up in February when there will be more light in the afternoon to sail after school.

Fund Raiser

We will be putting on a smaller version of last year's dinner auction on March 3. We are looking for someone to take the lead as head chef or fundraiser lead. We have a high school parent willing to do one or the other, but not both! So, if you are experienced at either and would like to help, we need your help. We also need auction items for our fundraiser. It will not be a live auction this year, but we will still have fun with doing a silent auction for items donated from members and local eateries and businesses. We will also be doing a paddle auction for those who don't get the highest bids on auction items. There will be plenty of ways to donate to the program!

Nationals

We have had several good wins this year in regattas with a culmination of 5 sailors going to Nationals in St. Petersburg, Florida in November. I don't have the final tally of how they did at the writing of this article, but we will inform you at the beginning of the year. Qualifying for nationals is a first for our program! Sarah's leadership, coaching and helping our sailors focus on learning and enhancing their sailing skills has paid off! Kudos to Sarah and her team for all their hard work and thanks to everyone who has made it possible.

And finally, THANKS

As we approach a new year, we want to thank everyone who has helped us realize our successes. The Committee has worked hard this year to work with a long-range planning committee and offer clear and concise info on questions everyone has regarding our programming, budget and organization under OYC bylaws. We try to take each OYC member's concerns into consideration and are trying to help our young sailors develop leadership and social skills as well as sailing skills. I have had many adult students mention that when they buy a boat, they will certainly become members of one of our clubs, both OYC and SSSS. Let us welcome any interest in enlarging our boating community here in South Sound as we approach our New Year's celebrations. Enjoy the holidays with your families and loved ones. Best wishes in the New Year!

Mary Fitzgerald Chair of the Sailing Education Program Olympia Yacht Club

Regatta Photos







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Environmental Awareness John Sherman, Chair



NEW: Capitol Lake Dam Opening E-mail Alerts

As many OYC members are aware, the periodic opening of the gates at the Capitol Lake Dam is part of our OYC "environment" and can cause a variety of problems. Vessels navigating to/from slips on the west side of our marina (e.g. the 100 dock, West 300 and 500 docks) may encounter unexpected currents and difficulty in departing or docking. Abnormal current effects may also be experienced on the center and east side slips and boathouses.

Our Sail Training Program is also affected while on the water near the turning basin where sailors practice, or when they encounter unexpectedly strong currents returning dinghies to the dock.

The Washington State Department of Enterprise Services (DES) is responsible for opening the dam gates to control the level of Capitol Lake and avoid flooding the City of Olympia. DES monitors the flows of the Deschutes River and tributaries above the dam to predict the lake level and anticipate the need to schedule a gate opening to maintain the lake at a target level. Typically (but not always), DES schedules gate openings to correspond with the local high tide to minimize the effect of the river currents as they enter Budd Inlet.

DES maintains an e-mail list of concerned/affected organizations and sends bulletins in advance of scheduled gate openings. The OYC is now on that list and will receive a message typically a day in advance of scheduled openings.

Since late October 2017, these e-mail messages have been forwarded to all OYC members via *Clubrunner*. Here is an example of a recent e-mail alert:

A few notes are needed to usefully interpret the message:

The duration of gate openings is dependent on the relative flow of the Deschutes River. Following heavy rains, for example, the river flow is greater and it will take longer to lower the lake level. As a result, the gates may be open only a few hours if the river flow is low, or may be open the entire low tide cycle if the flow is high.

DES uses the City of Olympia Datum to set the level of Capitol Lake and these are the levels reported in the DES notices. The normal summer target lake level is -3.5 feet (i.e. 3.5 feet below the City of Olympia Datum) and the normal winter level is -4.0 feet.

NOAA uses MLLW as the datum for tidal predictions and charts. According to calculations using current NOAA data, the City of Olympia Datum is approximately 17 feet above MLLW.

Since the level of Budd Inlet must be less than the level of the lake in order to lower the lake, on occasion (e.g. spring tides greater than 13 feet), DES may be unable to open the gates until well after a forecast high tide. As a result, mariners may encounter strong currents for many hours following a forecast opening on a particular high tide.

Not all members may wish to receive these routine messages via Clubrunner. Beginning in January 2018 the DES alerts will be forwarded only to OYC members who wish to receive them.

If you wish to receive a forwarded e-mail alert in advance of the Capitol Lake Dam openings, please contact Ron Morsette, OYC's intrepid website manager, via e-mail (below). As a service to OYC members, Ron will add your e-mail address to a new *Clubrunner* distribution list and will forward to you the DES messages when received.

Ron Morsette	John Sherman	Dan Wrye
OYC Webmaster	OYC Environmental Awareness Chair	OYC Safety Chair
<u>rmorsette@gmail.com</u>	<u>sv_grendel@hotmail.com</u>	<u>cooknfry@aol.com</u>



Olympia Yacht Club

Based on the NWS Seattle forecast of continued rain today through tomorrow night (heavy at times) and the projection from the DES flood forecasting tool we will be lowering the lake level to -6' on the 2:45 AM high tide tomorrow morning from the current winter level of -4'. We will continue to monitor and if need be readjust based on the conditions tomorrow. Any questions please call or e-mail me.

Thank You,

Jeff Whitehead Maintenance and Operations Superintendent Washington State Department of Enterprise Services



Downtown Olympia 1973 flood.

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 officially at the January 3rd dinner meeting and hope to at least open the cup-

boards up at the December 1st TGIF. We still have lots of cold weather gear on hand to include hooded vests, hoodies of differing weights, several styles of sweatshirts. If you are boating this winter or spring, you will love our warm pajama bottoms! We have some tank tops to match to make a set of cute pajamas for the boat!



For the men, we have long- and

short-sleeved shirts and a good selection of caps if yours needs replacing! We have several nice jackets in a variety of colors. If we don't have your size, we can order one just for you! We also have a few ties left from the stocking stuffer table.

Ladies, as well as the warm weather gear mentioned above, we have plenty of various long- and short-sleeved shirts. We still have some of those wonderful heavier weight Eddie Bauer longsleeved tee shirts. We now have visors in a variety of colors. Look for the sale shelf where prices have been slashed!

If you are looking for some classy hand towels for your boat, we have several available with O Y C and the burgee embroidered on them. They are excellent quality Nautica towels. In addition, we have Koozies for cans and bottles as well as a few wine carriers!

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!

Margaret and Judy

Women's Interclub Council

Kim Shann, Representative



OYC LADIES:

The First Mates of Day Island Yacht Club, invite all of you to their "YULETIDE MERRIMENT LUNCHEON," which will be December 12, 2017.

There will be music, laughter and surprises!

Feel free to wear your most festive Christmas sweaters and hats..... there will be a contest.

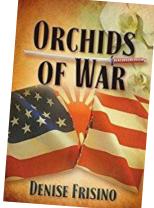
Please make your reservation by December 5, 2017 to attend.

Call Kim Shann 360-491-3786

Cost is \$20.

CAR POOLING AVAILABLE.







The Beachcomber December 2017 Olympia Yacht Club

Main Station Tim Ridley, Chair



Main Station Chair Report

Special thanks to these members for helping out during our caretaker search: Bill Hamaker, Gary Ingram, John Arnold, Chuck Main, Jack DeMeyer, Ed Stolarik, Peg Grady, Andy Paris, Bill Wilmovsky, Ernie Shaughnessy and Tony Cairone. We have a new caretaker, and his name is Robert Ludlow. Please stop by and say hello. He's been spot on with keeping the docks salted during the cold weather and keeping eyes on the floats during the high winds. If you see something out of place, let him or me know about it.

There are some winter projects for CSP hours; if you are interested, contact me. I'm making this short, as I am returning to Bobbie Brown's in Naselle for the rest of hunting season. See you at the Christmas Party.

Main Station Chair PC Tim Ridley 253-320-9106 M/V *Glouise*

Lunch Bunch Wednesday, January 10 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Lunch Bunch is working with Santa, so will not be serving lunch in December.

Get ready to join us January 10, 2018 — this can be the first mark on your new calendar.

See you on January 10th.....who says you can't BBQ homemade burgers in the middle of winter?!

Questions?

Mary Ann and Kelly Thompson On the good ship *Whimsy* 360.402.9999 kt2oly@gmail.com

Halloween Shenanigans





Special People's Cruise Curtis Dahlgren



Mark Your Calendar December 3, 2017

The Olympia Yacht Club is seeking boats and volunteers to help guests celebrate the 2017 Special People's Cruise scheduled from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, December 3, 2017. This is an event that you will not want to miss. This is the day when OYC welcomes over 100 developmentally disabled guests to our clubhouse for a spectacular, heartwarming community event.

Approximately 25 OYC skippers and boats treat our guests to a holiday cruise along the Port of Olympia waterfront, where they are entertained by Santa and Mrs. Claus – who, coincidentally, also happen to be out enjoying a day on the water. As the boats cruise out beyond the Anthony's Hearthfire Grill, Santa is on the VHF radio talking to our guests and spreading Christmas joy.

When our guests return to the OYC clubhouse, members treat them to homemade cookies and beverages. Later, when Santa and Mrs. Claus join the festivities at the clubhouse upon their return from their waterfront cruise, each guest can get their picture taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus. The clubhouse is filled with smiles and laughter as our members mingle with the guests and carry on lively conversations.

As our guests depart, they are each given colorful gift bags filled with an assortment of items donated by OYC members. The gift bags, a picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and the excitement of their boat ride are things our guests will remember long after they leave the clubhouse. And the joy and happiness that they experienced will easily rub off on each and every OYC member who contributes to making this event the popular community event that it is.

I strongly encourage all new members to participate in some fashion because this is a very personally rewarding event, and it takes a lot of members to make it a success. I look forward to seeing the many other members who have helped out in the past or those who may join us this year for the first time. Because there are so many ways that you can help, this has become a family event for many of our members.

Please contact Curtis Dahlgren once you've cleared your calendar for this special event on Sunday, December 3, 2017. Curtis can be reached at sailgullharbor@gmail.com or by phone at 360-236-8221 (H) or 360-789-5264 (C).



2017



Parade of Lighted Ships

Theme: WINTER WATERLAND

Saturday, December 2nd @ 6:00PM

Pick up parade packets Friday, Dec. 1st from 4:00-6:00 PM at the Olympia Yacht Club

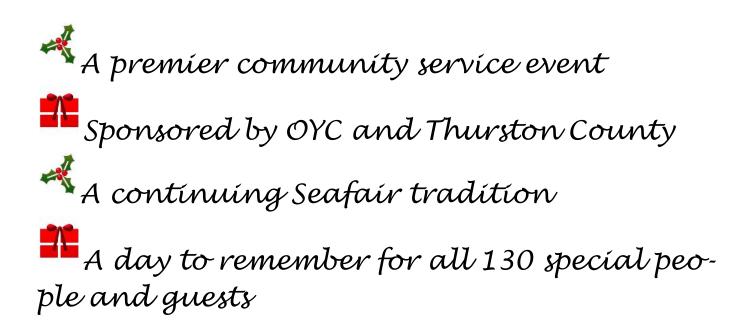
Free class on decorating & safety Check the OYC website for more information

Questions? Contact Tammy Questi ~ <u>tquesti@comcast.net</u>

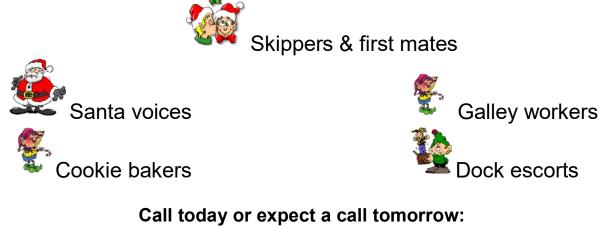
3 CSP hours for all parade participants

2017 Special People's Cruise

Sunday, December 3, 2017, 12-4 p.m.

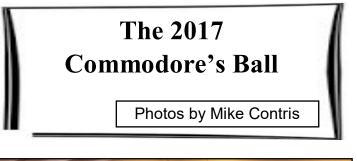


To make this another successful community service event, we need widespread participation by OYC members. We need:

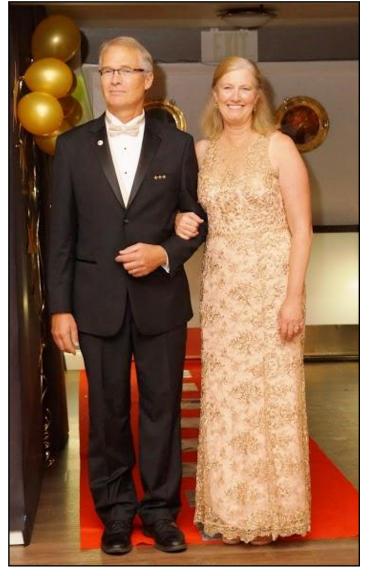


Curtis Dahlgren, Committee Chairperson (360) 236-8221 (H) or (360) 789-5264 (C) sailgullharbor@gmail.com











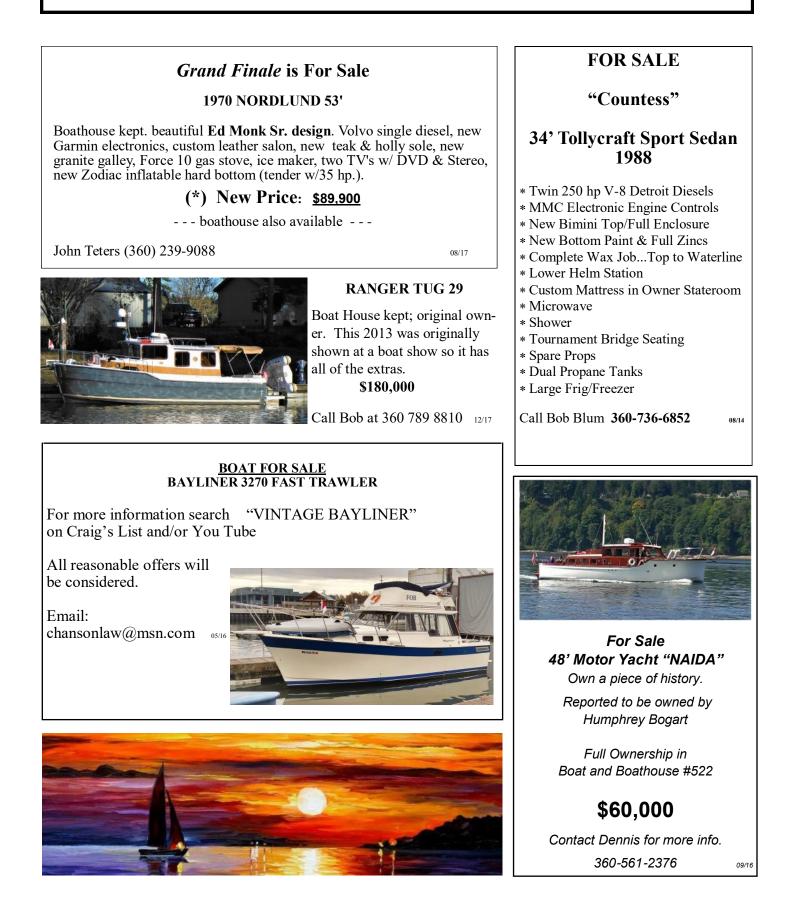






CLASSIFIED ADS..... FOR SALE, TRADE, OR WANTED

This is a free service for OYC members, To place an ad, email <u>oycbeachcomber@gmail.com</u> by the **16th** of the month. Include a small photo if you like. Your "**no charge**" ad will run until you cancel it.....**please** remember to keep it current. Notify <u>oycbeachcomber@gmail.com</u> if you want to modify or delete your ad.





FOR SALE

1. Bruce An- chor 66LBS. New \$150.00	
2. 147,000 BTU Boat House Heater	\$
200.00 3. 7' Livingston Tender 250.00	\$
Call: Rick Panowicz 866-8218	01/17

For Sale

5 horse Mercury Outboard,

Newer two cycle in excellent condition.

Price \$550

Contact Pete at 360 956-1992



5/17

Item for sale

Comar AIS-MULTI Receiver/Splitter

The AIS-MULTI is an AIS receiver that shares your existing VHF antenna with the AIS receiver. It has both a NMEA output and a USB output for easy connections to a chart plotter and computer. \$75.

Contact Gary at 206-484-2818 or gvball@comcast.net

12/17

Boathouse "Garage Sale"

#328 on Dec 2nd and 3rd from 12-4PM.

Barbara Narozonick

(360) 528-7538

For Sale

a garage full of boat equipment.

e-mail me for the complete list at turbosteam@aol.com

Bill Hamaker

10/17

AOUAPRO dinghy package \$4500

2003 Aquapro 1001 SMR dinghy. 10'

Hypalon tubes, Unihelm with new steering cable, newer seats



1987 Johnson 15hp. 2 stroke, electric start, remote controls, new AGM battery

1996 EZ Loader trailer

Includes oars, new WM cover, foot pump, fuel tank and hose

Contact Ed Stolarik (509) 654-0799

For Sale: Boathouse #419

30'L X 16'W Full upgrades Meets all Specifications **\$25,500 or Best offer** Chuck McSwain: <u>360.701.8397</u> (Cell) 08/17

Boathouse For Sale

Boathouse #421 has been donated to the Olympia Yacht Club Foundation and is for Sale.

Well size is 38 ft long and 13.5ft wide. Good Condition. Current inspection approved.

Price is \$19,500.

May sublet until sold. Contact Pete for more information at (360) 956-1992 09/17

FOR SALE BOAT HOUSE #529

Outside dimensions 20' x 50' Well size 13'-2" x 43' (could possibly be enlarged) Lots of cabinets and counter top area Well lighted Meets all OYC current requirements \$40,000.00 360-491-3864 (H) 260.280,6008 (C)

360-280-6008 (C) Steve Treece

11/17

For Sale 1995 Catalina 36 MKII "*Teal*" \$74,900

Length 36.33', Beam 11'11", Max draft 5'10" Universal M 35A Diesel 1750 hours

Chartplotter Northstar m84, B&G Network Autopilot, B&G GPS, B&G Network Quad, B&G Network Wind, Richie Stainless Compass, Windlass Maxwell 500, Stainless Plow Anchor 25 lb, 35' Chain and 220' Rode, Outboard motor rail mount. Bimini with opening sun

window, Full Dodger, Stern anchor with rode

You may see "Teal" at OYC slip #111 Contact Mike Japhet at NW Yachts (360) 352-3858 mike@nwyachtnet.com



WANT TO RENT or LEASE BOATHOUSE

Minimum 16' X 50' well size Bill Hamaker Cell (360)481-1879 Turbosteam@aol.com 01/17 Check your fire extinguishers, Kidde recalled 40 million of

them.....



BOAT HOUSE 327 FOR SALE OR LEASE

BOAT HOUSE 40' BY 18' WELL SIZE 38' BY 13.5' ENTRANCE HEIGHT AT 15'

BOAT HOUSE MEETS ALL OYC INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS.

CALL TED 360-491-3786

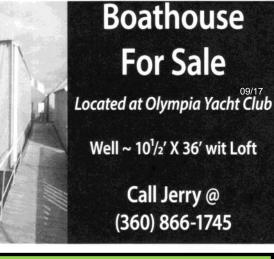
FOR SALE: BOATHOUSE #309- \$9500

- Keep your boat clean and protect it from weather/UV rays
- Store all of your boating and cleaning supplies OFF the boat (think of all the fuel you will save!)
- Extra height for antennae/flybridge \sim workbench \sim storage shelfs
- Close in location at OYC-right across from workshop too

Well is 11.5' x 33' | Overall dimensions: 14.35' x 39.9' Moorage is \$136.32/month

Call/Text 360.280.0509

09/17



Lunch Bunch Wednesday, January 10 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



	December 2017					
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 TGIF	2 OYC Lighted Ships Parade
						Seattle YC Com- modore's Ball
3 Special People's Cruise	4 Clubhouse Com- mittee Meeting	5 Bridge Meeting	6 No dinner meet- ing this month	7	8	9 OYC Christmas Ball
10	11	12 South Sound Sailing Society Monthly Meeting	13 Board of Trustees Meeting	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Winter Solstice	22	23
24	25 Christmas	26 Safety Committee Mtg	27	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve Party / OYC Main Station					•	

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