

December 2019

Commodore

Captain Mark Welpman First Mate Annette Welpman S/V Cygnet / M/V Sea Ya!





Happy Holidays OYC

e hope that you all had an exceptional Thanksgiving Holiday. This time of the year Annette and I do a little life inventory and to count our blessings. Life has a way of getting away from us and we tend to forget just how blessed

we all are. The Welpman family is well blessed. We have a roof over our heads, full tummies, employment, this club and most importantly we have each other. During the recession ten years ago, we lost a great deal. And in the end the lesson that I learned most, was that most things in our lives are just Stuff. Cars, boats, homes, TVs and the like, are replaceable. But our loved ones are not. Take time to count the blessing that is sitting next to you. You'll see just how truly blessed you are.

If you've read the Beachcomber over the years, you'll notice that at this time of the year I like to say a little something about those who are not as fortunate as we are. We live in a very trying time, with the Homeless problem. It's hard for us to be compassionate with the things going on around town and in our marina. We feel badly for the those in need and want to help. So, how do we help those in need and not enable them to continue in self-destructive behavior? Giving handouts on the street gives us the feeling of self-gratification. Feeling that we did something to help. But the reality is that they use that handout to self-medicate and continue with living the street lifestyle. So, what do we do? Annette and I support organizations that have pathways to getting people off the street and back into the mainstream society. This way we know that our money and the time we give is being used in a way that doesn't feed addiction and helps with mental health. These organizations are set up to help those who are in need and want help transitioning off the street. If you would like to help and don't

know where to start, we have a few suggestions. If you attend a local church, I would start there. Next, our local foodbanks. One of the most successful local homeless organizations is the Union Gospel Mission. They always need help. You can help any of these organizations with either cash donations or volunteering. The solution starts with you. Please consider helping in some small way.

We have a lot going on this December at the Club. The Lighted Ships Parade on Saturday December 7th. Holiday Cruise on Sunday December 8th. The OYC Christmas Ball, Saturday December 14th. This is a must do event. Great food, dancing to the sounds of Soul Siren. Besides the Commodore Ball, this is one of our favorite balls. A quick reminder that because of the way the holidays fall, our January Dinner meeting will be on Wednesday January 8th. Not on the first Wednesday of the month which is New Year's Day. And because of the dinner meeting being moved, the Board Meeting will be on January 15th.

On a personal note, Christmas is a time for giving, and for many of us much more. While most of us celebrate by gift giving, I/we do it a little differently in the Welpman House. I tell my family and close friends not to buy me any gifts for Christmas. I don't need gifts. If I want something, I just go buy it. What I ask my family and friends to do, is to take the money they would spend on me and give it to a charity of their choice. All I want from them is a nice little Christmas Card with a copy of the receipt in it. I tell them if they really care and want to do something special for me, to go serve the charity of their choice and send me a card with a photo of them serving. Now that is a true gift.

Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year's. May 2020 bring you lots of time on the water!

Sea Ya! On the water! Mark & Annette Welpman OYC Commodore SV *Cygnet*/MV *Sea Ya*!



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





Rear Commodore

Captain Danny Wrye First Mate Jackie Wrye M/V SeaWryes

Greetings OYCers!

Thanksgiving Day. We feel so thankful for

being members of the Olympia Yacht Club!

serving OYC through our events and boating activities and by representing OYC on the

so many things, not the least of which is

And for this and the next coming years,

Jackie and I hope you all had a great





Ahoy OYC! Now that we begin the holidays I just realized we are already half way through all of our "bridgeships" and "boardships". This last month has been as full as always. It was a shame our Fleet Captain Power Craig Brown and his First

Mate Deb had to cancel the Halloween Cruise due to low participation. In the coming months we should start looking at our calendar and list of events. If there are events that anyone would like to see added, changed or removed feel free to let anyone on the bridge know, we are already working the bridge calendar for next year.

That said, before we know it we'll be getting ready for summer. But until then we still have so many things happening in and around our club. New members Ron and Kristalene Stormer have taken the Lighted Ships Parade happening on December 7th by the horns and we need to fully support them in anyway we can. This is not only an Olympia Yacht Club event but a community event. If you haven't done this event please ask anyone who has.... it is a fun experience and even if you don't have fun I say it's fully worth the price just to chow on all the chili in the clubhouse afterwards. Be sure to leave your decorations on your boat as we also have the Holiday Cruise where we take our special guests on a short cruise to see Santa on the water the next day, December 8th.

After we've given to our community with the above two events we get to celebrate a Traditional Christmas on December 14th. I've seen what the committee has in store and it's going to be beautiful. We'd love some help with the final decorating on December 12th and 13th or at least some help drinking the hot cocoa.

Further down our calendar we have a Space Cowboy New Year's Eve party hosted by our very own Rear Commodore Danny Wrye and crew. They've already had several planning meetings and I'm sure he'll mention much more in his article. A few other events to watch for are the Heavy Weather at Bremerton Yacht Club and it's already time to start thinking about the Daffodil Event and Parade at the Tacoma Yacht Club. This will be my first time attending the Heavy Weather event but it sounds like it's going to be a great time.....oh, anyone with some acting or stand up skills in encouraged to get ahold of the bridge, we have a plan!

See You on the Dinghy!

VC Mitch and Anne Marie OYC Vice Commodore **MV** Release





For members who are unfamiliar with the Grand 14, it is an association of 14 yacht clubs throughout the Puget Sound area that promotes recreational boating and shares information on how to keep our clubs active and healthy. Each

Grand 14.

new incoming Rear Commodore and First Mate from each of the 14 clubs meet for the first time in August of the year and select their "mascot." Jackie and my year's mascot is TRITONS. Then we

meet roughly monthly/bimonthly for a weekend of boating, socializing, and business. Each of these events contains a cos-

tume "ball". To date, Jackie and I have attended Port Orchard YC's "wear your favorite football team gear"; Day Island YC's "barnyard"; and Edmonds YC's "M*A*S*H" teamed balls. Each weekend is topped off by a business meeting where each club identifies key initiatives, programs and needs with one another in the promotion of recreational boating.



While it's a major time and financial commitment, Jackie and I are proud to represent OYC at these

events. They have brought home to us how good a club OYC is and how thankful we are to be members!



"Favorite Football Team"

Dinner Meetings

We had a big crowd for the November dinner (over130 members)! This event and others like it are not possible without the generous help from many members. Thanks go to Peg Grady, Marcee Caughlin, and Nancy Stolarik for the table decorations! Thanks go to Jim Sheerer and Kjersti Skinner, Mike and Patti Phillips, and Bob and Sandy Wolf for setup! Thanks, too, go to Sean and Shannon Curtis, bar! Also, even though so many helped in tear down and cleaning, I need to give Steve Finney a huge shout out for sticking around to almost the last minute in helping to clean! Finally, I can't thank enough Jacqueline Wrye, my wonderful First Mate, for all that she does for the dinner meetings and other events for the Club and in support of me! Thank you all and to those I missed! A big reminder that there is NO DINNER MEETING IN DECEMBER! And, importantly, since New Years Day falls on the first Wednesday of

Edmonds Business Meeting

"M*A*S*H*"

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Fleet Captain Power Captain Craig Brown First Mate Deb Brown M/V Winsome



Fleet Captain Sail

Captain Mike Glowrylow First Mate Esther Baker S/V Sassy





Happy Holidays Everyone

We hope you had a great Thanksgiving! We always look forward to this time of year when we can get together with

friends and family, and do some winter boating. Some of our favorite trips were spent on icy, snowy days at McMicken Island and Longbranch.

Potlucks, card games and the cozy whine of diesel heaters! If anyone is interested in doing that with



us this season, let us know.

We were all set for the Halloween cruise to Island Home last month, but unfortunately had to cancel it, as we didn't have enough signups to run it. Hopefully next year it will be at the Main Station again, and more members can attend. We love doing these events, and if you haven't been to one yet, definitely sign up for one. We always have a great time, and you'll love meeting new people as we have.

We hope to see you at the New Year's party. Danny and Jackie have a great night planned, and I'll be one of your DJ's for that night. Deb and I just got a smoking hot new PA system, and have a set list of dance songs you won't be able to sit down for.

Have a great holiday season everybody, and we look forward to seeing you,

FCP Craig and Deb Brown M/V *Winsome*



We hate Team Trickster

Those aren't my words. Those are the words of the organizers of the Race to Alaska about the Olympia-based entrant to the 2019 race that took place earlier this year. They were envious of the team because of the experience and ages of the en-

trants to the brutal, 750-mile-long no motors race from Port Townsend to Ketchikan Alaska.

The R2AK organizers were impressed that Team Trickster's crew members were up to 70 years old yet were willing to bear the physical hardships and sleep deprivation necessary. They included Greg Rohner, Rafe Beswick, Eric Egge, and Scott Schoch, who purchased a Corsair F-28R Trimaran from the Great Lakes region, refurbished it, and added a pedal-powered propeller to it for those times when the wind went slack or the current was against them, or both.

The team recounted the race at the Nov. 12 meeting of the South Sound Sailing Society, which prompted me to highlight their adventure in this article. It was hard to imagine the perseverance it took to battle their way up to Ketchikan. They finished sixth out of 46 boats.

They might have done better, but for a mechanical failure at the mast in the dark, which forced them to slow down until they could make out what had happened come the dawn. They continued the race after jury-rigging a fix, and experienced no other major problems during the race. That was luckier than some other contestants in past races, who had goosenecks break, smashed into logs in the dark, and otherwise worried that they might go down with no rescuers in sight.

The crew is still thinking about whether they will enter the 2020 race, which starts at 5 a.m. June 8. The first "proving ground" leg covers 40 miles from Port Townsend to Victoria, followed a few days later by the rest of the race.

For 2020, the organizers have introduced a new option to the race. Entrants no longer will have to go through Seymour Narrows. They could instead choose to go around the west side of Vancouver Island. As the organizers point out:

"With open ocean wave trains that start building strength in Japan, a rocky coast, and absolutely no people or rescue personnel, the west coast of Vancouver Island is even less of a joke than the bear-infested cold waters of the Inside Passage. (Continued on page 5)

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"How inappropriate to call this planet **Earth** when it is quite clearly **Ocean**".

.....Arthur C. Clarke

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January, our January dinner meeting is RESCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 8, 2020.

The January dinner menu will be House Sausage Lasagna (Vegetarian Available); Mediterranean Chopped Salad with Cucumber, Tomato, Olive, and Red Wine Vinaigrette; Caesar Salad, House Caesar Dressing, Herb Croutons and Lemon Wedge; Parmesan Breadstick; and Orange Cream Mascarpone Cake.

Welcome in the New Year in OYC Style

Mark your calendars for December 31, 2019, for New Years Eve at OYC!!! Jackie and I will be hosting an evening of fun, food, beer and wine, dancing and partying to send out the old and ring in the new year! This will be a "costumes encouraged but not required" event of music, food, drink and fun

aimed at the theme "Cowboys versus Aliens!" Come and join the fun, welcome 2020 (the THIRD decade of the 2000's!), and afterwards retire to the warmth and comfort of your boat a short walk down the dock! Look for more information and a flyer at the Club House. \$15 per person.

Concerning costumes, who doesn't have a cowboy hat or boots in their wardrobe or an old TV antenna like My Favorite Martian laying around or even a photo laser-photon-particle-beamaccelerator-with-stun-settings left over from the last excursion to



Alpha Centauri? Can't find that ol' lasso or full alien green body suit? No worries! Impromptu costume accessories with be available to help you channel your inner Cowboy or Alien (or both!).

Thank you for the opportunity to serve and represent OYC! See you on the water or on the docks.

Rear Commodore Danny and Jackie Wrye MV Sea Chalet

Members of the Month Jessicah & Tim Whipple



Tim & Jessicah Joined OYC this past summer and have become very active members. The Whipples are the proud owners of M/V *Raehunter*. They have attended every cruise and have worked on every ball since joining. We look forward to your continuing service to the club. You have been awarded to coveted Member of the Month Parking Stall. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the OYC.

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While we like audacity, we also consider ourselves Darwin's bouncers and try not to encourage bad judgment. Teams wishing to have the option for an outside route will be vetted under an additional layer of scrutiny, and will need to comply with US Sailing's Safety Equipment Requirements for an Ocean race (other than the having an engine part.)"

Since 2018, the organizers have included a separate no-sails race. The Seventy48 race will take place June 5, about a week before the big race. It obviously covers 70 miles with a 48-hour time limit. Human power only, be it pedal, paddle or row.

For more information, I encourage you to check out the cleverly written web site for the races, <u>https://r2ak.com/</u>. And remember, the next TGIF is December 6. I hope to see you there!

FCS Mike Gowrylow and Esther Baker SV *Sassy*



Board of Trustees Bob VanSchoorl, Chair

M/V Amstel Maru

The Board had a busy agenda at their November meeting. We heard from the Olympia Downtown Alliance about the proposed Downtown Improvement District (DID). We are within the district and we are considering whether or not to join in.

We also had an excellent report on the security enhancements to the Yacht Club. Thanks to the nine members of the Security Subcommittee, led by Mainstation Co-chairs Bill Hamaker and Jim Howatson and Moorage Master Mark Fleischer, for their excellent work preparing a plan and implementing several concepts including enhanced Wi-Fi, new signage, motion sensing dock lights and about 9 Ring cameras. Several proposals still require additional funding. And it is the budget season.

Speaking of the budget, the Budget and Finance Committee chair, Gary Ball, presented the proposed 2020 budget to the Board. The good news is that the Club remains in a solid financial position, however, we have concerns about funding for planned large future projects. Consequently, the Board is looking at proposals to increase fees by the rate of the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The Board made several suggestions and will analyze the proposal during the next month. The Board will vote on the budget at their December meeting.

Insurance! We all have it for the protection of our assets and family. The Olympia Yacht Club has property insurance coverage to cover our assets and protect the membership for an issue that could result in a liability claim against the Club. It is not the purpose of this insurance to cover a member's individual property or liability. In fact, all members who moor a boat in an OYC facility or use the boat in an OYC sponsored activity must meet the insurance liability requirements (OYC Rule 29) that are contained in our Moorage Agreement (MA) Rules. This

requires that "members shall maintain a current insurance policy on their boat and boat house (if applicable) of not less than \$300,000 liability (MA Rule 11). Is this minimum enough to protect you and your family? If you cruise, you should also be aware that many marinas are now requiring proof of one million dollars liability coverage in order to use their facilities, and a few require \$2,000,000.

Further, MA Rule 12 adds that the "care and safety of member's boat boathouse, equipment, and other things of value stored or kept on these premises shall solely be their responsibility." The OYC insurance is not here to cover your loss-es. The Board requires written permission for you to discuss a claim on the OYC insurance coverage with our agent.

Are you adequately covered?

Now turning to the good news for December. Lots of OYC activity: Christmas Ball, Lighted Boat Parade, Holiday Cruise (formerly the Special Peoples Cruise with a new name and the same purpose) and a great New Year's Eve party. Hope you take the time to participate. They are all lots of fun.

The Board of Trustees wishes you and your family a Happy Holiday and a fabulous boating year 2020.

The OYC Board of Trustees meet on the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is on Wednesday, December 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the Club House.

HELP WANTED Lunch Bunch Chair Committee members...all committees Contact Bob Van Schoorl Bvanschoorl@comcast.net Phone 360 789 8810

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Beachcomber Editor

.....wanted. After 8 years of editing the Beachcomber, I would like to step aside and make way for some "new blood". If you have computer skills, good command of the English language, and would like to earn your CSP hours by telecommuting, this is your opportunity. This can be a husband/wife team, or either one.

You will get to work with the Bridge, Board and Committee Chairs on this monthly project to inform the membership of what is happening in all areas of interest to club members.

If you are interested in this, please contact me at oycbeachcomber@gmail.com or Bob VanSchoorl at bvanschoorl@comcast.net

Cheers, Gary Wilson

(free training provided)





Environmental Awareness





Environmental Year in Review

On Sunday, December 15, our local Black Hills chapter of the national Audubon Society will conduct the annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC). This is the 120th year that Audubon volunteers have been collecting data on bird populations and distribution--making the CBC the nation's longest running citizen-science project. And for many years, the OYC vessels *Klu Maru* and *Patina* have stepped up to host groups of observers to inventory our local seabird populations along Thurston County's extensive coastline.

Dozens of observers on land and sea will spend much of a cold winter day, rain or shine, identifying and counting thousands of birds. And for the first time this year, the OYC clubhouse will host the Audubon's post-count Chili Feed to warm-up these hardy volunteers after their long day outdoors.

2019 was a particularly bad news year for the global environment. In October, a study published in the journal <u>Science</u>, reported that North America has lost nearly 3 billion birds, or 29% of the total avian population, since 1970--in only 50 years. Declines affect not only rare or threatened species, but also species considered common and wide-spread. The study relied on long-term population monitoring data from activities such as the CBC, and the results are confirmed by more recent data showing large biomass declines in migrating birds revealed by improvements in the continent-wide weather radar network, NEXRAD.

So what's the big deal? What do birds do for me? Well, aside from being able to enjoy the antics of seabirds while you are out cruising, birds are a primary control of many insect pests that threaten agricultural productivity. Think of the Mormons who were saved from starvation by thousands of seagulls that devoured a plague of crickets. Birds also help protect human health by devouring diseasecarrying insects (or insects that simply make life miserable on your deck in the summer--think mosquitoes). Birds also disperse seeds of many plants--protecting our drinking water by preventing erosion and helping keep industry supplied with timber.

The collective term for the many ways birds (and other animals, plants, and landscapes) support and improve human life is "ecosystem services." Understanding these services, and quantifying their dollar value, has been a growing priority for scientists worried about the unprecedented loss of biodiversity we're now seeing.

There are some positive signs, however. Bald eagles are thriving, and falcons and waterfowl are on the upswing. Many recovering bird species benefit from conservation efforts to reduce pressure from pesticides or over-hunting. <u>Ducks Unlimited</u>, for example, works to conserve habitat and foster better practices (e.g. eliminate lead in shotgun shells) in order to sustain the populations of waterfowl for recreational hunting.

So, what can you do? Here are some practical tips:

- 1.Support efforts to restore forage fish populations and natural habitat in Puget Sound--and help the Salmon (and Orca) as a byproduct;
- 2. Support community conservation efforts to protect local wildlife habitat in general--animals need a place to live, too, and unfortunately they can't vote;
- 3. Keep oil and toxic wastes out of our waters;
- 4. Reduce or eliminate your use of pesticides;
- Improve your local habitat by planting bird-friendly species in your yard: e.g. native plants that provide food (e.g. berries), shelter, and nesting places. Heck, put up a feeder and a birdhouse or two. More information from Audubon, <u>here</u>.

Links:

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Chair, OYC Environmental Awareness Committee SV Grendel



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



Mold

As boaters, we have all become familiar with mildew and molds. These are fungi that are everywhere and love moist and warm areas to thrive. They may be those grey or white spots on the surface of our seats or those hairy things growing on the cheese we left in the fridge over the winter. Sorry, that's not what this article is about.

This article is about another fungus called Aspergillus. It is everywhere – indoors and out. We all probably breathe it in every day and most strains (kinds) are harmless. If that same fungus gets into a person who has a lousy immune system – think cancer chemotherapy, diabetes, bone marrow transplants, HIV, cystic fibrosis, or auto-immune diseases – the results can be deadly. Those diseases probably describe 99% of the patients at Seattle Children's Hospital. If the HVAC system has been contaminated with Aspergillus, particularly a more nasty strain, and it is blowing into the operating rooms where patients may have their innards exposed, well you can see the potential for disaster. Many will survive the treatment which entails some nasty and toxic medications which are given for 6-12 weeks or more. Some won't.

Seattle Children's has been an icon and a refuge for sick kids for decades. I would hope that their reputation won't be too tarnished because of some questionable decisions or just bad luck in facing this Aspergillus problem. This has been devastating for the patients, families, doctors, nurses, and other hospital workers. We hope that some

combination of HEPA filters or tearing out the whole HVAC system will solve the problem.



Sunshine Committee Deb Waldherr, Chair



Please be sure to text or call me regarding any member or members who should receive a card from the club.

I can be reached at 360-561-1947, a call or text would be great.

Club Service Program PC Les Thompson, Chair



Happy almost winter all of you. I hope you had a great Thanksgiving with friends and family and ate lots of fantastic food as I did.

Well guys, here we are at the end of another year. You only have this month to get your remaining hours in to be credited for service. There are still several events that will need help, such as the holiday cruise, lighted ship parade, the Christmas party and New years celebration, for which only the 31st will count for this year. Jan 1 help will be credited for 2020 I am sure the caretaker can also find things to do around the Main Station for CSP hours also.

I will be giving Jon the final report on Jan 1 and he will be billing for any uncompleted hours for this year at that time, so please do not wait until the last minute to try to get them done.

Have a safe and very Merry Christmas with your families and friends. See you on the boat or at an event.

PC Les Thompson CSP guru MV/*EcstaSea*

Power Boats Needed for Toliva Shoal Race

The OYC, a co-sponsor of the annual Toliva Shoal Race, provides power boats to assist during the day of the race. This is a fun event that attracts sailboats from all over the South Sound.

This year's race will take place on Saturday, February 15, 2020 – <u>and CSP hours are avail-</u> <u>able</u>. If you are interested, please contact Frank Mighetto at <u>frank.mighetto@gmail.com</u> or call him at 206-525-1458.

Main Station

Bill Hamaker and Jim Howatson, Co-chairs



The Main Station Committee is looking for Committee Members. Committee members should have an interest in keeping our Main Station in great shape and be available to coordinate and assist with projects and repairs. If you are interested, please submit an email to either Bill or Jim indicating your interest. The Committee plans to meet monthly. There won't be a meeting in December. Watch for the new meeting schedule in 2020.

Please report any problems that you believe need to be addressed to one of us or to <u>oyccaretaker2017@gmail.com</u>. A log book will soon be placed on the desk just inside the clubhouse door for registering concerns regarding the Main Station and clubhouse. If you enter a concern we will contact you for further details or call when the concern has been addressed.

The Main Station and clubhouse committees are combining meeting dates to work together for better communication and coordination of activities.

CSP Hours available: We have several projects that need work and can give you credit towards your CSP hours.

- Barnacle removal from pilings Contact OYC Caretaker Robert Ludlow (360) 280-5757
- When cleaning barnacles make sure you clean off the docks afterwards, the sea gulls make a bigger mess than the barnacles.

- Clean Swim Ladders Contact OYC Caretaker Robert Ludlow
- Screw Down Dock Planks 600 Dock Contact Bill Hamaker
- Repair Grid Dock Contact Dale Bamford (360) 894-2809
- Repair Grid Pads Contact Dale Bamford
- Move Surplus dock Material to OYC Storage Yard -Contact Bill Hamaker

The Security Sub-Committee has completed their work and submitted a final report to the BOT. The Committee comprised the Main Station Co-Chairs Jim Howatson and Bill Hamaker, Lenora Tanaka, Dave Pisano, Mat Gray, Tina Petrukitas, Robert Ludlow, Mark Fleischer, and our BOT Liaison John Zermer. We have not had any security issues in the past month, which makes two months in a row.

Our Main Station Caretaker, Robert, has been doing a great job. When you see him on the dock, let him know how much we appreciate his hard work.

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Women's Interclub Council Kim Shann, Representative

THE NEXT WOMEN'S LUNCHEON WILL BE **DECEMBER 10TH, 2019** AT THE DAY ISLAND YACHT CLUB.

ALL LADIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. PLEASE CALL KIM SHANN 360-491-3786, KATHY BECKMAN 206-459-9669 OR AILEEN ZELIS 360-459-2557.

ALSO THE WOMEN'S GROUP OF OYC WANTS TO THANK EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR NOVEMBER "BAKE SALE".

A HUGE THANK YOU FOR THE "BAKERS" AND AGAIN FOR THOSE WHO PURCHASED THESE WONDERFUL GOODIES.

THESE MONEYS WILL HELP OUR ORGANIZA-TION IN PREPARATION FOR OUR OWN OYC WIC LUNCHEON COMING UP IN MARCH 2020.

Holiday Tailgate Party At DIYC



Great Tailgate food and fun holiday music supplied by Charles Wright Academy. Another great WIC event with a chance to win cash prizes and join in the singing of some favorite songs and somethings that will add a new twist to your holidays.

To reserve your place contact Patty McPhee 206-919-4938 plmcpheeartw@gmail.com 5601 44th Ave E Tacoma WA 98443

\$20 per person. Seating is limited Location: DIYC 2120 91st Ave W, PO Box 65926. University Place WA 98466

Island Home

Earl Hughes, Chair

We have some trees that are dying that will need to come down before they fall and do structural damage to George's house or the shop.

Not much happening at the Island this time of the year. Remember the welcome sign is always on. Our Island is a great get away just a few miles from the Main Station.

Happy Boating

See you at the Island.

Earl Hughes MV *Lady Bee ll* 360-352-3748 <u>ehughes416@comcast.net</u>

> Quartermaster Margaret Snyder & Judy Ball, Co-Chairs



We have done a roaring business this fall with the last dinner meeting of the year behind us. We will reopen at the January dinner meeting with several items on sale.

For the men we have a new assortment of windbreakers. We continue to have a large assortment of long and short sleeved shirts, jackets, vests and caps if yours needs replacing! Our short-sleeved shirts will be on SALE for \$10!

Ladies, we still have lots of warm weather gear including heavy fleece jackets and vests. We are putting our FDJ tops on SALE \$5.00 off. These are top quality tops with an MSRP of \$65 - \$85 and we offer prices in the \$30 -\$40 range!

You'll see some novelty items such as small boat blankets to keep you warm while you're reading on the boat, boat bags and small backpacks which work well for power or sail boaters, aprons, bucket hats and fleece headbands to keep the sun off and your ears warm!

We still have our nicely etched stemless wineglasses on SALE for 4 glasses at \$12!

Remember, if it's an item you want that comes from our catalogue, 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

Safety and Education Committee Paul Dupriest, Chair



On Friday [11-15-19] the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of Coast Survey <u>announced</u> plans to phase out the production of all traditional paper nautical charts.

There is more information at the following links:

https://www.waterwayguide.com/latest-news/ news/10171/noaa-plans-to-stop-producing-traditionalpaper-charts

https://www.federalregister.gov/ documents/2019/11/15/2019-24807/sunsetting-ofraster-nautical-charts

Scam alert from John Sherman......

I just received a letter from such a scam offering to renew my vessel documentation for the normal fee plus a significant markup ("Service Fee") for their pocket. The USCG is aware of these activities and offers the following warning here: <u>https://</u> <u>content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/</u> <u>bulletins/1a25ee8</u>

The scammers send out notices under various officiallooking letterhead (JPG of an envelope below) well in advance of the official, real notice from the National Vessel Documentation Center (NVDS)—which as an owner of a documented vessel you will get in due course : <u>https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/</u> <u>Deputy-for-Operations-Policy-and-Capabilities-DCO-</u> <u>D/National-Vessel-Documentation-Center/</u>. Note that the official NVDS now also offers multi-year renewals for recreational vessel Documents.

Don't fall for it. If you don't, perhaps they'll go broke eventually, sending these hacks with \$0.50 postage....







How we can win without coming in first

Growing up with four brothers who were all participating in athletics from an early age, I watched a lot of baseball, football and basketball games. I was not particularly athletic as my siblings were, so I spent oodles of hours watching them play sports. I actively watched and cheered. But baseball, well baseball was one I considered yawn inducing. So much so that I always took a book to the games, just in case I needed to escape. Spring times we seemed to live at the Little League field. My brother Tim loved the game of baseball, played it in the back yard, the school yard, played it in high school and college and coached it for over 30 years as a high school teacher. I could always count on him win without coming in first! loving that we showed up for his games, but he would also give me the dirtiest look when he saw the eternal book firmly clamped under my arm. He knew I would pull it out when he wasn't at bat or on the field. Pages would be turned and I would tune out to the game until an elbow from my Mom or Dad pulled me back.

A few years ago, Tim and I both joined Mary Campbell in Alaska for a sailing adventure and as you do on long journeys onboard boats, confined to small spaces, you tell stories. One of these childhood stories was about my book toting escapades to the baseball fields. It was here that Tim explained to me about his theories of winning at baseball. He patiently explained that it wasn't about any one game, there is more to it than that. So, who is winning, and what are they winning at? Check this out.

A few weekends ago, over 30 kids from 10-18 years of age from the OYC sailing program competed in Silverdale at our last regatta of the fall season. The most we have ever had compete at one time. And that's not even one half of the kids who participated in our program this fall season.

Did we win? Hmmmm. NO, we came in second, but three different groups of kids were competing. With 2 coaches and a variety of parents trying to keep track of them as they raced on the course as well and around the docks to get ready for the next group heading out onto the race course. Imagine 30 kids from our OYC program alone, when 4 years ago we were lucky to have 6 kids on the whole team. So, despite not winning the regatta, would you say we were winning? We are growing younger and younger sailors that will form our new teams for years to come and hopefully make us more competitive in national regattas. Last year we came in 10th in the nation in fleet racing and 11th in the nation in team racing. We are getting closer to the top five.

Sarah has mentioned to me that though we haven't been taking as many firsts this fall, having lost some of our more experienced sailors when they left for college, our team of sailors are still winning in different ways. About 6 weeks ago we sent a team of 5 girls to a national high school girls regatta in San Diego. Our team is still young and didn't expect to place real well in the races against more experienced teams. So after setting smaller goals within the races, they didn't even bother to keep track of where they were in the standings during the early races. They were so surprised on Sunday to realize that they had come in 5th in the nation of all the girls who competed. WOW, this is the way that winners are developed. Practice the small stuff and then put it all together. You can win without coming in first!

These are the lessons that our kids learn through their participation in our program. And as my brother Tim explained, it's not always about the game, it's about the season, and if the season didn't look so good, it is about making the commitment to show up for practice, to show up for games you know you aren't even going to get to play in, and it's building relationships with your team so you can trust that they will try hard each time, every time . It's not always about winning the race.

For our sailors, it's about going out in really crummy weather and trying hard, getting wet, and cold and still participating in the drills and practices. It's about sailing in all kinds of weather and wind so you can have that experience under your belt when you are trying to win a real race.

We can all be winners without winning 1st place. Our kids are learning some of these things in the process of becoming better sailors. And as they learn to be better sailors, they will also become better persons, encouraging others, helping out in an extended community as they do for the Holiday Cruise coming up, helping members on the docks when the tide is out and ramps are steep, or just being kind and helpful to team members, family and strangers alike. There is always a lot of winning going on, and as we approach our season of giving, let's all acknowledge that we are blessed to live in this beautiful community, blessed to have access in so many ways to explore our beautiful Salish Sea, and being blessed in so many ways means we are always winning.

Mary Fitzgerald Sailing Education Program Chair SV *Clara McDougal* 360-250-1230 olymfitz@hotmail.com 2018 Holiday Cruise Curtis Dahlgren



Mark Your Calendar December 8, 2019

The Olympia Yacht Club is seeking boats and volunteers to help guests celebrate the 2019 Special People's Cruise scheduled from 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM on Sunday, December 8, 2019. 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 club-house 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 restaurant, 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 8, 2019. Curtis can be reached at <u>sailgullharbor@gmail.com</u> or by phone at 360-236-8221 (H) or 360-789-5264 (C).







HELP WANTED

Volunteer sailors for Summer 2020

The Olympia Yacht Club is looking for volunteer sailors with USCG captains license. Applicants need to be experienced sailors who would like to teach novice and advanced adult classes in conjunction with the OYC Sailing Education Program. In order to have an insurance policy, you need to be accredited by the US Sailing organization. We will arrange for an Accredited US Sailing Level 1 class that will provide you an insurance policy. If you are an OYC member you may receive CSP hours for teaching something you love to do. Please let us know now if you are interested, as our schedule of classes for next year has to be finalized by January.

Current volunteer position: Bookkeeper

The Sailing Education Program is looking for a volunteer to help with bookkeeping. We are a mostly self-supporting program and receive moneys from the OYC, donations, fundraisers, summer sailing programs, and race team fees. Our financial transparency is vital to the success of our program. We are looking for an experienced bookkeeper who is willing to work with OYC's bookkeeper, the parks departments and our program committees to provide clear concise information to the OYC Board of Trustees, the working program committee and OYC membership on the financial health of the program. CSP hours are available for this help.



2019 Holiday Cruise (aka Special People's Cruise)

Sunday, December 8, 2019

A premier community service event sponsored by OYC and Thurston County A continuing Seafair tradition A day to remember for all 110 special people and guests

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

Skippers & first mates





Call today or expect a call tomorrow: Curtis Dahlgren, Committee Chairperson (360) 236-8221 (H) or (360) 789-5264 (C) sailgullharbor@gmail.com

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY At OLYMPIA YACHT CLUB!!!



December 31, 2019/2020 6 pm to 9 pm: Celebrate New Year's on New York Time! 9 pm to Midnight (Pacific Time): Party like it's 2019!



THEME: COWBOYS VS. ALIENS! Costumes encouraged but not required

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, Beer,
Wine, Champagne Midnight Toast
PROVIDED

Bring other favorite Hors d'oeuvres to share IF YOU WANT!

DJ Music for Dancing provided by Fleet Captain Power Craig Brown and fellow Plate Spinner Gary Ashcraft

Hourly updates on Special (un-) INVITED Visitors!

\$15 per person; guests welcome!



RSVP: Rear Commodore Danny and Jackie Wrye, <u>cooknfry@aol.com</u>; (360) 866-1205





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 oycbeachcomber@gmail.com if you want to modify or delete your ad.

Brodie Wood

04/19

For Sale—40' Kalik Sloop (1980)

- 6'-5" headroom •
- newer Yanmar diesel, .
- 160 gal water/ 40 gal fuel/ • 40 gal holding

Located slip 227 OYC

Please call for equipment list

\$ 39.000

Contact Helen Immelt 425-308-1755 hdiappraisals@netscape.net 11/19



For Sale: Boathouse #419 30'L X 16'W Full upgrades Meets all Specifications \$15,000 or Best offer call Chuck McSwain 360.701.8397 (Cell) 05/19

WANTED: LARGE BOATHOUSE --- PURCHASE OR LEASE



Nearly New - Less than 2 hours !! Four-Stroke 6 hp Tohatsu

AND

Older 10' twin-hull Livingston-type dinghy/ fishing boat

\$850 for both

(No trailer, but can deliver)

Gary Johnston 360-701-7012

For Sale

- Danforth 30# 8H anchor \$80
- Folding dog ladder (for dog \$ 60 up to $3\overline{0}$ #)
- Humming Bird depth • sounder/fish finder w/gps model 597 ciHD w/battery \$ 300
- Women's wet suit, medium, • \$40 w/boots & gloves

Jack Behrend 360-491-5227 10/19



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Join us for dinner

January 8

- House Lasagna (vegetarian available)
- Chopped Salad with Cucumber, Tomato, Olive, and Red Wine Vinaigrette
- Caesar Salad, House Caesar Dressing, Herb Croutons and Lemon Wedge
- Parmesan Breadstick
- Orange Cream Mascarpone Cake



Membership Dinner Meeting

Wednesday January 8

Membership Meeting dinners are held on the first Wednesday of each month except August and December **\$24** per person with reservation

Reservations must be made by Noon on the Monday before the Wednesday dinner

Reservations are required if you are not on the permanent list.

CALL 360-705-3767 to reserve and to alert of special dining needs or sensitivities.

Social Hour: 6 p.m. Dinner: 7 p.m. Meeting: 8 p.m.

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