



OLYMPIA YACHT CLUB

February 2015



Commodore

Commodore Myra Downing
Captain Joe Downing
S/V Balder II



Hello.... The big holiday season is behind us and I hope each of you had the opportunity to create warm memories to cherish.

Now here we are in February which has the distinct honor of being the only month that is entirely dedicated to reminding us the importance of connecting and staying connected with others. The first opportunity we have is at our annual Past Commodore Dinner scheduled for Wednesday, February 4th. Our dinner meeting is dedicated to recognizing each of the individuals that served our Club as a Commodore or spouse. I am looking forward to publicly thanking them for their contributions and commitment to OYC.

Next we have our Valentine's Cruise out to Island Home. The primary goal of this weekend is to "feel the love." With Dean and Tammy Questi, our Fleet Captain Power, at the helm, you can count on a fun-filled weekend that gives you the opportunity to do activities in the clubhouse and or take time to relax on your boat. PC George and Cindy Smith and their crew have planned a dinner that you are sure to enjoy.

Another major event is the Toliva Shoal race, the longest sailing race in Puget Sound. Our clubhouse will be full of sailors from as far north as Canada and as far south as Portland, Oregon. If you want to see some smiling faces, stop in the club house on Friday or Saturday, February 20 – 21.

I want to close my message with a reminder of our biggest love fest yet – the JO Ball scheduled for March 21, 2015. The Tropics will be playing and the theme is Tacky Tourist. How could this be anything but fun? Besides, it is a great way to recognize Mike and Patti and Walt and Catherine.

With sincerity, I want to thank each of you for your efforts in building and maintaining an inclusive club and being excellent representatives for boating in South Puget Sound and beyond.

Sincerely,

Commodore Myra
Captain Joe Downing
S/V Balder II



Vice Commodore

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



Hello all I hope everyone is making it thru the gray days of winter and all of the rain. But the bright point of winter at OYC is all of the great events that we have at OYC to keep us active during these gray days. Upcoming are Fourth Friday, the Joint Cruise with South Sound Sailing Society, our monthly meeting and the Valentines Cruise so push back those gray days of winter and come out and join us at the events — winter cruising is great fun.

The Summer Cruise to the Islands:

I thought I would give an update on the summer cruise. I have also had a copy of the cruise schedule and ports of call posted to the web site. Also I have confirmed the dates with all of the marinas and we are looking good for our scheduled dates. We don't have to do anything as far as they are concerned until just before the cruise and I will send out the info then. But what we have to do is start talking about the activities and meals that everyone might want to do at the different ports of call this summer. I am going to schedule another meeting after I retire in February. It will be towards the end of the month and I will send an email with the date and time. So until then think about all the fun things you might want to do on the cruise this summer. THANKS.

See you at the functions and on the docks.

Vice Commodore Mike Phillips

First Mate Patti Phillips

M/V Chaotic Too





Rear Commodore

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



Reading my latest edition of Seaworthy Magazine I was interested to learn that tall men may more often be struck by lightning than short men. I immediately realized that for the safety of the boat, I should never be a crew member on PC Bob and Beth Connolly's Pandora or anywhere near PC Jeff and Debra Pape's Papas Dream. I would recommend choosing PC Mike and Vonnice Contris' Maya at which point you are bulletproof. This being settled I felt much better and continued reading.

I went on to read that men are struck more often than women, 82% more often, which led me to the conclusion that if invited by Bob or Jeff one should always decline and, if possible, hold out for a Beth or Debra only cruise. Of course to be completely safe one could shoe horn oneself into Commodore Myra Downing's summer women's racing team alt-

hough height may yet be an issue and Myra may feel my presence somewhat defeats the purpose of the team.

Further reading disclosed that sail boats, with tall masts, are most likely to be hit than shorter boats. Luckily Catherine and I have a fairly short boat. I felt better. The article went on to say, and I quote, "overall size is closely related to mast size, which is probably all that matters here." This is an exact quote and I choose to say nothing further.

Then the author stated that the average lightning bolt is but one inch wide (although five miles long). What do you do with this? I have a 34 foot Tolly. So what are the chances of an inch of juice hitting where I am sitting? With this inspiration I, of course, dumped the rest of the article and refilled my glass of Scotch, confident that PC Jerry Budelman would de brief me on the issue when we next run into each other in the parking lot. (Unless the lot is completely filled by South Sound Sailing members)

But enough of this. I am handsomely paid by you to provide information and insight into the social goings-on in the club. I am told to be more assertive on these matters and more informative. A cheerleader, so to speak.

So if you missed the New Year's Eve Casino night or the Christmas Ball you did indeed miss two great parties. Perhaps next year you can come. Put on your calendar the January 30 to Feb. 1st joint OYC/South Sound Sailing cruise as a must do event. Also plan on renewing your vows at the Sweet Hearts Cruise on February 13th to 15th. It is always a great event and an opportunity to get out on the water and enjoy friends along with a PC George and Cindy Smith formal dinner.

In March there is a Junior Officers Ball at which Vice Commodore Mike and Patti Phillips and Catherine and I will be honored and, I am told, will be given the keys to the city and our choice of any yacht in the basin. Only if you attend will you avoid your yacht being chosen. I would like to see you there since I think you will enjoy the party and Catherine and I would simply like to see you.

At this point I do want to get a little more serious and list those members who worked on our New Year's Eve event. I think it important that these members see their names in print as an acknowledgement of their efforts. For those named there are souvenir issues of the Beachcomber available at no additional cost. In closing, Catherine and I wish to thank PC Ted and Kim Shann, PC Tim and Geri Ridley, VC Mike and Patti Phillips, Tom and Gretchen Robinson, Gary Johnston, Pat Brower, Denise and John Zermer, John Arnold, Kevin and Bev Kennedy and everyone who attended.

Catherine says I must go now. GO HAWKS!!!

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

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Photos this issue:

New Members: Richard Taylor
Seahawks Potluck: Richard Taylor
New Year's Party: Walt Schefter



You're Invited!!

JO Ball

March 21, 2015 6PM

Look for additional information in the mail

Questions: Contact Myra Downing
360-584-6886

Reservations: Contact the Reservation Line,
360-357-3767

TGIF

Thank Goodness it's **Friday!**

Good food..good times..good music

February 27th, 2015

Drinks and Socializing 5:00 PM

Pizza etc..... 5:30 PM

\$5.00/person

No reservations required

BOAT: acronym for "Bring Out Another Thousand "

"If you can't repair it, maybe it shouldn't be on board."

.....Lin and Larry Pardey

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Fleet Captain Sail

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



Lorie and I went to our son's house in Issaquah to watch the NFC Championship game between the Seahawks and the Packers on January 18. We all know who won now, but I don't think I have ever seen a football game or really any athletic event that looked so hopeless for one team, only to see them rise,

like a phoenix from the ashes of turnovers and busted plays, to win the game. I lost my voice screaming out the sliding door to the neighborhood when the last three touchdowns were scored in the final three minutes and overtime.

TGIF - has started up again with a new format. I think it should prove popular, extending the party half an hour, but I don't know yet because the first 2015 TGIF - as of the press deadline - hasn't happened - I remain optimistic - the members of the Olympia Yacht Club know how to have a good time.

Speaking of good times, the OYC-SSSS Joint Cruise to Island Home will also be happening or will have happened the Friday through Sunday morning of Superbowl Sunday. Join us, power and sailboats are both welcome. Good food, friends, music and relaxing are all scheduled.

Come February 21, the third sailboat race in the South Sound Series, Toliva Shoal, will take place. This event is jointly sponsored by the Olympia Yacht Club and South Sound Sailing Society. The event starts Friday night February 20, with a dinner at the OYC clubhouse. Breakfast is served the next morning starting at 0700 hours and the first race, boats with no flying sails, begins at 0930 hours. The faster boats start after that. Pray for steady winds and friendly tides .

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S/V *Endless Summer*



Fleet Captain Power

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



Don't forget our next event "Valentines Cruise" out to Island Home on February 13th - 15th. The rumor is true that Award Winning Chefs George and Cindy Smith and staff will be catering this event with a Surf & Turf menu! See you there. It will lots of fun. Anyone that would like

to help on the committee please contact Dean @ [360-888-7773](tel:360-888-7773)

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1st Mate Tammy Questi - tquesti@comcast.net
M/V *Enterprise*

Lunch Bunch

WHEN: February 11th, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

WHERE? OYC Main Station

WHO? Members and Guests

\$5/Person No Reservations Needed



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ENU:

Quiche,
Asian Salad,
Dessert

Feb. 11
11:30 am to 12:30 pm

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

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

Thanks to Dale and Kate Wetsig for making chili and cornbread. Thanks to Pete Janni, Maryke Hines, Michael and Ling Pfeifer, John Looker, Art Johnson and Sheryl Baker, Bob and Sandy Wolf, Bill Melhaff, and Terry VanMeter for being the January helpers.



Board of Trustees

George Smith, Chair

M/V Aventura



This Board has some tough decisions to make and we need to make them soon. We have seen the three proposals from the contractors and now we need to decide what direction we are going to go and we should do that in a timely manner. This has to be a rational decision that is made after weighing all options including building them completely on our own or partially by using a kit. Maybe just build the slip portions and have a contractor build the main walkway to include installing the power, water and fire lines and disposal. Dock building is a long drawn out process and it includes the logistics of moving boats and boathouses as well as finding somewhere to put them. I am not sure we have the volunteers like we have had in the past. A good portion of the membership is in their golden years and the younger ones are still working. It would take at least a dozen or more very dedicated members a day to complete this process and that would be at the least a cost of over \$2400.00 per day for labor when you factor in CSP hours. Then there is the disposal of the material. Disposal could be very costly due to the treated wood.

The Board also has to decide the financing for the docks. Our reserves will not pay for all docks to be done at once and we have agreed to keep a minimum of \$300,000.00 in the reserve at all times. One option is to spread the project out over 3 to 4 years and negotiate with the contractor a pre-determined increase each year the project continues.

This Board needs to have faith in our committees and their chairs in their decision making and we cannot take their recommendations lightly. We have been given a mountain of information to digest, but we will keep the membership informed. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please email the entire Board.

NW Docks out of Anacortes has supplied us with a sample of their product. Their finger section is located on the 100 Dock in front of the Junior's dock. Bellingham Marine may also be bringing us a sample of their product as well. Please take some time to look them over. E-mail Ron Vukonich, Mainstation Chair, any questions or to state your preference.

I want to thank all those who have volunteered to man the booth at the boat show. I hope that we will have as much success as we did last year!

PC George Smith
Chairman of the Board
M/V Aventura
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Moorage Report

Bridget Shreve, Moorage Master



Womens' Interclub Council

Kim Shann, Representative



Since there was a record number of members who did not turn in the Fire Safety Form for 2014, I am working on a better method to remind members, since it is obvious a lot of them do not read the Beachcomber.

I know it seems like "I sent it in", but the year does pass quickly. I will update when I have a plan in mind.

Thanks to all that are getting them in now!

OYC ladies: No women interclub luncheons in the month of January, but in February we are invited to attend Seattle Yacht Club's women's group luncheon.

February 18th, social hour at 11AM, lunch served at 12PM. I have not yet received all information but all of you are invited, and please call me to attend this one.

Kim Shann 491-3786

Clubhouse

PC Carol Robinson, Chair

The committee is excited that our budget was approved. The first thing you will notice is a new ductless heating/air conditioning system. That will then start the domino effect with more changes and improvements in the club house.

There are a couple of reminders that the committee has discussed to forward to the membership.

First is that the galley is not available to the "contracted" groups for meetings. The "contracted" group may rent it for any of their events if needed, by contacting me in advance. The office should not be accessible or left open for any reason during any private or contracted rentals. Hopefully, this will serve as a friendly reminder.

Secondly, there are some clothing items left in the coat closet. Do a walk through to see if any are yours, otherwise, the articles will go for donation.

PC Carol Robinson
m/v *Romancing the C's*

Main Station

Ron Vukonich, Chair



Hi everyone:

Well it's February and well into the winter season. So far it has been a fairly mild one. And just think, the days are getting longer and we know what that means... spring is just around the corner.

Work will begin on the Caretaker front porch March 16 2015. And should not take too long. Please be careful around the construction area.

The dumpster is now in the new area. There will be a combination lock system on the entrance door. The membership will be receiving an email with the combination number.

The Main Station Committee and the BOT are still moving forward with the dock repair. With the wet and frost still with us, please be careful on the docks. If there are areas of concern, please contact the OYC caretaker.

See you on the water
Ron Vukonich
Main Station Chair

Quartermaster

Phyllis DeTray, Chair



The Quartermaster Store is now open before each dinner meeting.

We have many items for you to purchase.

- Jackets for men and women
- Men's dress shirts
- Denim shirts in all sizes
- Long sleeve tee shirts
- Colorful fleece tops
- Lots of NEW Caps in many colors

All items have the **Yacht Club Logo**. If you want the OYC logo embroidered on a special item that you own, bring it in and we will take it in for you. The cost is \$10 per item. Check with us for more information.

See you at the store.

Phyllis and Judy

Government Affairs

Gary Ball, Chair



The final report on what we have been calling the Capitol Lake -Estuary mediation process was completed and you can read the report at this web site:

http://des.wa.gov/SiteCollectionDocuments/About/CapitolLake/RHC_SitAssessRprt_CapLake_Mgmt.pdf

Dick Binns continues to work on a PR program for the club and will present the plan to the board in February.

We are considering a fact-finding meeting with the Department of Natural Resources to learn more about their requirements for upcoming leases in south Puget Sound. We want to ensure that future investments in our basin will match their requirements.

There has been no new information on Olympia's Shoreline Master Plan (SMP) or Olympia's Comprehensive Plan. Our committee continues to follow these plans.

Everything is on track for our upcoming annual waterfront reception for legislators and other local elected officials to be held on March 2. Invitations will go out in early February. OYC's main focal point this year is the importance of maintenance dredging of Capitol Lake. This is needed to minimize the sediment being deposited in our basin and should extend the time to our next dredge.

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

Island Home

Gary Gronley, Chair



As you read this month's article, the WDFW should be completing their salmon fingerling transfer to the Squaxin Tribe. They have used our Island for the last 6 years to transfer approximately 10 million fingerling per year to the tribe. The tribe will hold these fingerling in their fish pens in Peale Passage until they are released this summer.

I hope to see you at the Island, Feb 13 thru 15 for the Valentine's Cruise; and Mar 6 thru 8 for the Poker Cruise. PC Bill Hartman, last year's winner, will be there to defend his championship. Come by boat or drive to the Island. Gary Waldherr always has a great turnout for this cruise, so put it on your calendar. If you have any questions call Dean Questi, 360-888-7773 or Gary 360-943-1685.

The next Island Home committee meeting will be February 2nd at 7pm, at the Main Station club house. If you want to participate, just attend

See you on the Island.

47° 14.084 N
122° 56.128 W



Gary Gronley
M/V *Our Adventure*

Fleet Surgeon

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



CPR & AED*

Course

*Automated External Defibrillator

Tuesday, February 24th, 2015**7 PM****Mainstation****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.

Reservations required**No charge****rehurst@comcast.net**

Some New Member Faces for 2015

**Estakio Beltran****Charlotte Mitchell and
Mathew Brennan****Brett and Maria
Russell****Club Service Program**

PC Les Thompson, Chair



Greetings everyone. I hope you all are having a great beginning to 2015. It is time to start thinking of getting your CSP hours completed before the rush at the end of the year. This spring there will be many projects and events that will need assistance.

We have a JO ball, Daffodil regatta and Opening Day, as well as many Main Station and Island Home projects that will be happening. Watch the Beachcomber for committee chairs to announce their needs, join a committee or just contact them for ideas. IPC Jeff is also looking for members to step up for Board and Bridge positions.

Since it is early in the year I will not post a report until the first quarter. If you have concerns, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me and I will be glad to assist you.

With better weather coming, I hope to see more of you on the docks. As always like I say OYC rocks! You members are the greatest and make this the best club in the G-14.

Happy New Year!

PC Leslie Thompson
CSP guru
M/V *EcstaSea*

The History Corner

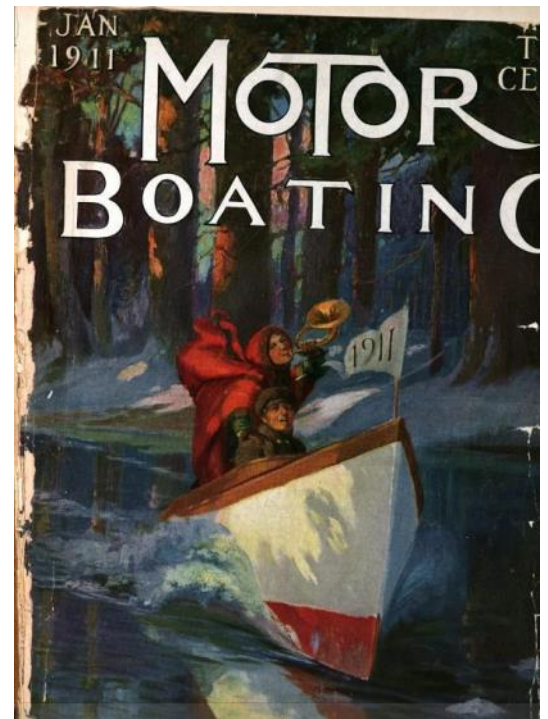
Lisa Mighetto, OYC Historian



Motor Boating Magazine, a national publication devoted to yachting, covered the Olympia Yacht Club throughout the 20th century. Many issues are now available online, and it is fun to review them for trends in boat designs, yacht racing, and social activities over the years. As early as 1911 this publication reported that our club had “blossomed forth during the past year at the foot of Puget Sound with a number of programs and cruises” and included “many of the prominent statesmen of Washington” among its membership (*Motor Boating Magazine*, January 1911, p. 15).

Previous columns have mentioned the Schmidt family of the Olympia Brewing Company as OYC members and early community developers. Leopold Schmidt, for instance, proposed in 1895 to create a freshwater lake in front of his brewery by building a dam near the Westside Bridge. (Later he and several of his sons became OYC members.) By the 1940s, the Schmidt family had continued to promote creation of a lake and dam, along with a “modern and commodious marina” on the Olympia Waterfront (see article below from *Motor Boating Magazine*, April 1944, p. 129).

Future columns will explore the rich archives of historical yachting publications and the OYC in more depth. For now, here is an brief article from 1944 along with cover images from 1911 and 1944.

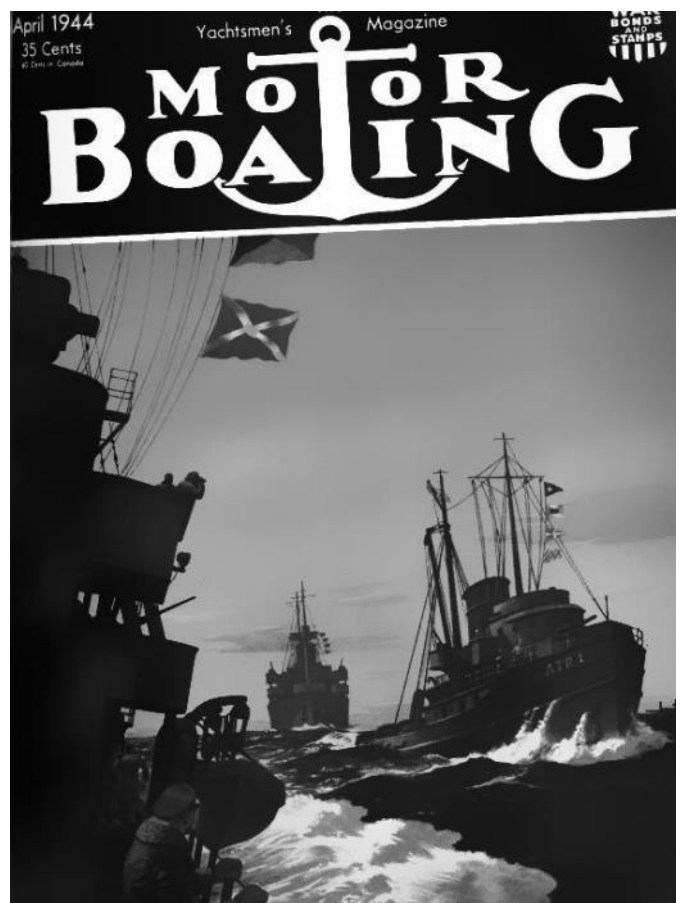


HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS AT OLYMPIA

EXTENSIVE plans for the improvement and beautification of the harbor and waterfront at Olympia, Wash., which are being considered jointly by the Olympia Port Commission and the State of Washington, have been reported to the Waterfront Improvement Committee of the American Power Boat Association, according to Ira Hand, chairman.

Contemplating a combined current and post-war project, the plans, reported by Adolph D. Schmidt, West Coast member of the Committee, call for creation of a lake by a dam across part of the extreme end of Puget Sound. Chief feature of the lake frontage will be the beautiful Capitol buildings of the State of Washington, while an additional feature will be a modern and commodious marina.

Appropriation for part of the development already has been made, the report states, and additional monies are expected to be forthcoming as needed.



Budget and Finance Committee

Joe Downing, Chair



The 2015 Budget and Capital Plan was adopted by the BOT this past December. Here are the highlights of what was adopted:

Budget:

There are five major categories in our budget: Island Home, Mainstation, Clubhouse, Social events, and Treasurer. Island Home's budget continues as it was last year, with a 3% increase, making that budget \$92,630. This covers the caretaker, the maintenance, and small improvements.

The Mainstation budget contains maintenance of the docks, all utilities, and general maintenance. The budget this year is \$157,700, a 9% increase over last year (higher electricity and general maintenance planned).

The Clubhouse budget is driven almost exclusively by projected improvements in our Clubhouse. This year, the Clubhouse Committee has planned for \$18,950 in improvements. These include roll up door for galley counter, a new commercial-grade barbeque, replacing galley exit doors, removing the partition near the existing lounge area, adding French doors to the deck to improve ingress/egress, replacing the bar and new linens. This budget is 86% of last year's budget.

Social events include all of the expenditures by the Bridge to put on the many events of the Club. This budget plans expenditures BEFORE taking into account the collection of the small fees we pay for each event. The Social event budget for 2015 is \$90,050, an increase of 2% over last year.

The Treasurer covers the many taxes, insurance, professional dues, and DNR lease we pay. The budget for 2015 is \$189,158. With these major categories, and a host of smaller budget items, the 2015 budget is \$586,688, a 3% increase over last year's budget.

Capital Expenses:

Now that the dredging of the Main Station has been completed, the BOT is moving on to address the next major capital improvement: dock replacement. The 100 dock, 200 dock, guest dock, and 600 dock finger piers are all slated for replacement. Bids have been received, and the Board is currently choosing the best contractor for this assignment. Other capital expenditures planned are all new tables for our Clubhouse dinners and other events, a new ductless heating/cooling system for the Clubhouse, and repairs to the Main Station caretaker house pilings.

If you have any questions about the budget or capital expense planning, please contact the members of the Budget & Finance Committee: Joe Downing, John Charles, Jane Vukonich, or Jon Jones.

TYC Daffodil Marine Festival 2015

Beth Connolly, Chair

You're Invited!!

Daffodil Marine
Festival
Tacoma Yacht Club
Friday April 10
through
Sunday April 12, 2015



Free moorage! Meal packages available.

Register your vessel or motorhome online.

www.tacomayachtclub.org Click on the Daffodil logo.

Deadline for registration **March 13, 2015**

Join the Olympia Yacht Club Team!

We need your help with creative ideas, boat decorating, your music trivia expertise! Next Work Party: Saturday, February 28, 11 AM @ OYC Mainstation.

Schedule of events:

Friday: Magic with Nate Jester followed by dancing to DJ Chris Williamson
Saturday: Afternoon: Music Trivia contest
Evening: dancing to The Nines
Sunday: Flag Ceremony followed by Marine Parade

Questions?

OYC Daffodil Chair Beth Connolly

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Seahawk-Cardinal Potluck at the Main Station

Below: About 20 folks gathered at the Main Station for the Seahawk-Arizona game. The pot luck was wonderful but the game was even better.



Above and Below: Patti Taylor took credit for the Seahawk win over Arizona by mixing up a batch of Blue Mist, a football tradition in her house since the Zorn-Largent Era. Everybody toasted their favorite Seahawk with the brew “and naturally we won!”



Left:

Gary Waldherr's home-made sausage featured deer and antelope that are no longer playing.



Nautical Notes

from out there.....



Out Cruising.....

Aloha from Molokai, [Report from Chris Cheney, OYC member]

Missing you all, but not your weather. The seas have been kindly so far this winter compared to normal years, storms hitting the west coast block the tradewinds that normally make our channels so rough here. We miss the relatively calm waters of Puget Sound, the Straits of Juan de Fuca and Georgia. With a record number of tourists the last four weeks, our boating operations have been crazy busy.....I never thought I could get tired of being on the water but going out 13 of 14 days (many double trips), a day on land is very appealing. We had three 8 hour scuba shark dives-6 hours of travel, several fishing charters and my first love: many whale watching trips. There are thousands of humpbacks here. Some days they are quite inactive making it tough to have a great experience for our customers. The good thing is most of our guests don't know how good it can be so they seem happy just seeing the monsters swimming nearby and never know the thrill of 45 ton creatures doing aerial acrobatics. Hopefully they will get going soon before I become bored.

You may have heard about **the sailor that went missing Thanksgiving Day** after departing our harbor at Kaunakakai. The Coast Guard gave up the search after a few days as all hope was lost. I knew the guy (Ron) a little, he is one of many old salts that live on junky old boats here in the islands---most of them quite accomplished watermen many of whom have a dark or hidden part of their past lives that they seem to be escaping. December 9th I had an early morning fishing charter and was near the west end of the island when I heard a scratchy, unreadable transmission on Ch. 16. Instantly Coast Guard Honolulu was on the air asking if any boats heard the transmission and was it readable and loud. I and others reported in. My report was weak and unreadable. 15 minutes later in a Pan Pan call, the CG had triangulated the approximate location but had no other info as to who or what. From the lat/long I figured it was about 60 nm southwest of our position. By the time we got back the docks were abuzz that the Navy had picked up Ron. I have inserted links if you wish to read the news reports.

Late Friday the 19th we got a call from a demanding big shot from TV's Inside Edition that they wanted to charter a 40ft or

bigger boat first thing the next morning for a producer, camera-man, sound man, our recovered sailor, his son, daughter in law and grandson. It was my trip along with my trusted friend, divemaster and deckhand Gabe, a local boy.....Pidgin and all. At the appointed time we had the boat ready, and a producer from NYC with news crew in tow showed up. The producer flew all night to get here. After some idle chit chat the producer outlined what he wanted---some great scenic shots of the island from the sea--- my discretion what would be the best areas, he wanted fishing gear so Ron and his son could be photo'd fishing together, etc. (as you will see, Dad and son had had no contact for 20 years and Ron didn't know he had a grandson---so along with the missing boater story it was also a "reunion" story). I had to run back to the store to get the fishing equipment, and we were off. Then it turned into the trip from hell---the mild mannered producer went into creative mode and started barking orders to us all. The original plan went out the window and now he wanted no shots of land in the background, instead he wanted to recreate what Ron went through in his 12 day ordeal. It seemed impossible to meet Mr. Big's demands....first the sun was in the wrong place, then there was land visible, the waves (fairly good sized from the east) were too big or from the wrong direction----on and on. If I ever thought news was not concocted I was dissuaded from that notion---as they had Ron out on the bowsprit scanning the horizon---he just wasn't scanning right---they did 7 takes of him scanning! The only thing I did right was spotting a USCG C 130 coming towards us which the camera

crew got, ostensibly to be used as a search plane for the show.

They got about 3 hours of film, probably will be about 5 minutes at most in final form. The big shots didn't say thank you, nice to meet you.....claimed they didn't have business cards and took off. They did say the plan is to air the show during ratings week in February.



Ron has been writing his story longhand as he doesn't have a computer. I have been enlisted (or more correctly my laptop has been enlisted) to convert his scribbling into document form for NPR.

Parting observation: Do you know the difference between a whale watch captain and a large pepperoni pizza? Answer- the pizza can feed a family of four!

Hau'Oli Makahiki Hou (Happy NewYear)

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Junior Sailing Program

PC Bobby Connolly, Chair



The Juniors Committee met November 20, 2014 at the Clubhouse and the planning for next year is under way. Just to remind the membership, the program has not used membership dues in the past; the program has relied on fund raising, user fees and donations. Speaking of donations I would like to thank Webb Sprague, SSSS member for his generosity in donating a beautiful Finn sailboat. The kids will have a great time racing on this. Also, thanks go out to Tom Glaspie for the donation of a large floating dock for the staging of sail boats for the kids. We are still looking for a permanent location for this close to the sailing boathouse.

As I am sure you all know the Toliva Shoal Race, co-sponsored by OYC and the South Sound Sailing Society (SSSS), is coming up February 20th, 21st and 22nd. For those members new to the club, there will be a lot of action at the clubhouse on Friday night before the race with a welcome party, dinner and on-going raffle. The party is open to racers, friends and of course the general membership. As in years past, all proceeds from the raffle will be for the benefit of the sailing program. We will be involving the Junior members and high school sailors with the fund raiser. You can buy tickets for the raffle at the "before race party" on Friday evening. We desperately need items to raffle! Please contact Rick Antles (rantles@gmail.com) if you can help with this. If you would like to help with the event, please **contact Bob Connolly at 491-3399(day) or 426-1636 (evenings).** If

you cannot be there to buy raffle tickets we will kindly accept donations at any time.

Some of our Junior Sailors would like to get on a boat for the race. If you plan to race and have room for a Junior Sailor or two please contact Bob Connolly.

Other news is that we now have a new (actually an older) Boston Whaler chase boat! Our "learn to sail" sailing coordinator, Michelle Ripple, a new member last year, found it at a fantastic deal. Thanks Michelle! Our RIB has been sinking for years and needed to be retired.

Lastly, Michelle and Mary Fitzgerald have this summer's new sailing lesson schedule for kids and adults just about finalized. Look for it soon. Applications will be available in about a month.

Next Juniors Committee Meeting will be held at the Main Station on Thursday January 29th at 6:00. All are welcome!

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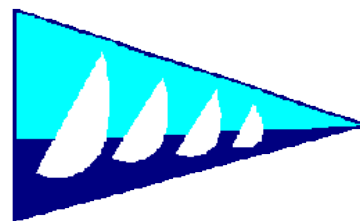
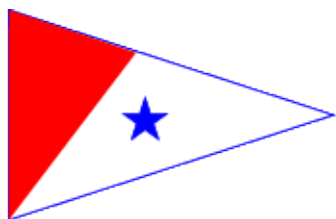
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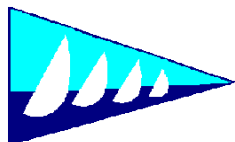
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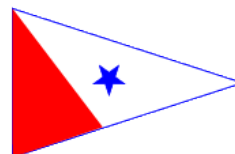
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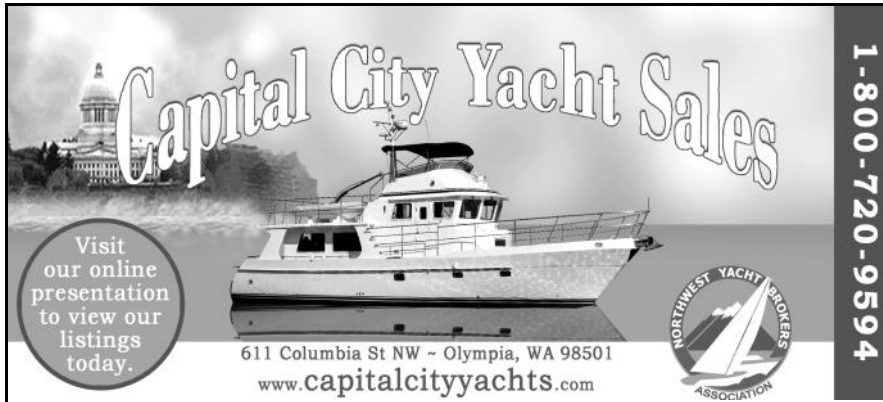
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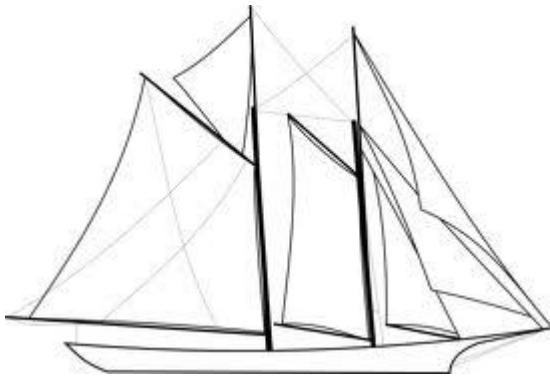
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2-Feb	Clubhouse Meeting	6PM	Main Station	Robinson
2-Feb	Island Home Meeting	5PM	Main Station	Gronley
3-Feb	Government Affairs	6:00PM	Main Station	Ball
4-Feb	Dinner Meeting	6PM	Main Station	Downing
7-Feb	Tacoma YC Commodores Ball		Main Station	Downing
9-Feb	Main Station	6PM	Main Station	Vukonich
10-Feb	South Sound Sailing Society	6:30PM	Main Station	Sloane
11-Feb	Lunch Bunch	11:30AM	Main Station	Lackey
11-Feb	Board Meeting	6PM	Mainstation	Smith
2/13 to 15	Valentines Cruise to IH		Island Home	Questi
16-Feb	Power Squadron	6:30PM	Main Station	Brower
19-Feb	Junior Sailing	5:30PM	Main Station	Connelly
19-Feb	Anchorettes Auxiliary	6PM	Main Station	Carr
19-Feb	Long Range Planning	5:30PM	Main Station	Crawford
2/20 to 2/22	Toliva Shoal Race		Main Station	Sloane
2/20 to 2/22	Poulsbo JO Ball		Poulsbo YC	Phillips/Schefter
24-Feb	Bridge Meeting	6PM	Main Station	Downing
27-Feb	TGIF	5PM	Main Station	Sloane
2/27 to 3/1	Seattle JO Ball		Seattle YC	Phillips/Schefter

Mar-2015

Date	Event	Time	Place	Organizer
1-Mar	Seattle JO Ball		Seattle YC	Phillips/Schefter
2-Mar	Clubhouse Meeting	6PM	Mainstation	Robinson
3-Feb	Government Affairs	6PM	Mainstation	Ball
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3/6 to 3/8	Poker Cruise Island Home		Island Home	Questi
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11-Mar	Lunch Bunch	11:30AM	Mainstation	Lackey
11-Mar	Board Meeting	6PM	Mainstation	Smith
14-Mar	Edmonds YC Commodore Ball		Edmonds YC	Downing
16-Mar	Power Squadron	6:30PM	Mainstation	Brower
19-Mar	Junior Sailing	5:30PM	Mainstation	Connelly
19-Mar	Anchorettes Auxiliary	6PM	Mainstation	Carr
19-Mar	Long Range Planning	5:30PM	Mainstation	Crawford
3/20 to 3/22	Olympia JO Ball		Everett YC	Downing
24-Mar	Bridge Meeting	6pm	Mainstation	Downing
27-Mar	TGIF	5PM	Mainstation	Sloane
28-Mar	Everett Commodore Ball		Everett YC	Downing

Join us for dinner
Wednesday, February 4th

MENU

- Gourmet Salad Greens
- Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing
- French Bread with Garlic Butter
- Steak (6oz)
- Crimini Mushroom Sauce
- Oven Roasted Potatoes
- Sautéed Vegetable Medley
– no zucchini
- Triple Chocolate Layer Cake



February

Membership Dinner Meeting

February 4, 2015

Membership Meeting dinners are
\$22.00 per person with reservations.
If not on the reservation list, dinner is
\$27.00.

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

CALL 360 705-3767
Social Hour: 6:00 P.M.
Dinner: 7:00 P.M.
Meeting: 8:00 P.M.

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