



## OLYMPIA YACHT CLUB

February 2020



### Commodore

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



#### Ahoy OYC!

I can't believe it's already February. Boating season is just around the corner. So much to do, so much to prepare for. At the moment, we... meaning me, are starting boat preparations for spring sailing/boating. Being the admiral of a

tiny fleet I have the following list of boat chores: On *Cygnet*, the traveller is being repaired, pressure washer is getting ready to knock off the layer of green topside, new cushions for the sailboat, haul out and bottom paint, new Plexiglas ports, brightwork and three days of waxing once the weather gets above 70°. Oh ya, stripping and revarnishing the galley. And Annette wants new counter tops. I think that's just the get ready for summer list. On *Sea Ya*, paint the outdrive, wash-n-wax, bottom paint and 100 gallons of fuel. It's nice having one boat on a trailer during the winter. This is all in preparation for this upcoming boating season.

Why all the work? Well, we have a ton of boating events that we like to attend. Not only our fun boating events, but also the Grand 14 boating events all over the Sound. I'm often asked about the Grand 14, what's the big deal. Well maybe this will help. Below is the history of the Grand 14 and how it works. (from the G-14 Blue Book paraphrased):

*There is a rich history in the Grand 14. Our clubs have been working and playing together since 1949, when the "Grand 14" became official. While ours is a closed group, it still has a primary goal to work with all the other Puget Sound Yacht Clubs to further our common boating interests. We support Recreational Boating Associations of Washington (RBAW) to promote not just yacht clubs but boating in general.*

*The "Inter Club" fellowship we know as the Grand 14 Classes has no written by-laws or articles that outline*

*any facet of membership. It has been said that the Grand 14 is an offshoot of the Women's Interclub Council (WIC). The fellowship that we currently enjoy has been operating basically on traditions with the Blue Book written guidelines. In January of 2011 the Grand 14 Classes voted to become independent from the WIC. The Grand 14 voted to continue with the traditions as handed down. It was also stated by a majority of its members that communications between all clubs and class as essential.*

*The Grand 14 comprises the following yacht clubs: Bremerton, Day Island, Edmonds, Everett, Gig Harbor, Meydenbauer Bay, Olympia, Port Orchard, Poulsbo, Queen City, Rainer, Seattle, Tacoma and Tyee Yacht Club.*

So, what does this mean for you? Well, a cornucopia of boating events. Here are just a few of the boating events that you, being a part of the G-14 are invited to: Heavy Weather, Daffodil, Seattle Opening Day and many more.

Also, we support the great work that the G-14 and RABW have done and are continuing to do. The purchase of Sucia Island. The current purchase of Lake Bay Marina. For a full list of RABW and G-14 accomplishment go to <https://www.rbaw.org/Accomplishments>. Being at the bottom of the Puget Sound, we are kind of geographically isolated from all the other clubs. We don't get the exposure to all the great boating events that happen north of the Tacoma Narrows. I encourage you to come along with us and go explore some of these great Grand 14 events. If you are interested in expanding your boating horizons, please reach out to me or anyone on the OYC Bridge to find out about boating events throughout the Puget Sound and beyond.

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 Sea Chalet

**Ahoy OYC!**

I can't believe it's time for us to submit our second rendition of our Beachcomber articles so soon. I do want to remind everyone that this will be my second to last article submission before we become weather refugees and trek to Maui for a week. The bad news is there is yet another article to write but the good news is we will be fully rejuvenated and start

our full court press of boating with inaugural Joint "South Sound Sailing Society & Shelton YC Saint Patty's Day" Cruise to Island Home. That is a bunch of S's.....I'm just going to call it the SF6 Cruise. Bonus points to anyone that can guess my relationship to SF6.

Last weekend was the Grand 14 Winter Cruise In on Bainbridge Island. This event has a tradition in which all of the clubs roast their Commodores. There was talk the last few years of ending this tradition for various reasons. The roast is more of an event to honor them in a humorous way. Clubs do this with skits, slide shows, videos, et cetera. I made the mistake of thinking "tradition" and did my best to pull off a comedy routine of jokes and small anecdotes. The jury is still out on how successful I was.....especially since I completely blew the pronunciation of "Submariner" multiple times.....I had to rely on the term "Bubblehead" through most of the routine.

Thinking more near term, I look forward to honoring all of Olympia Yacht Club's Past Commodores at the next Dinner Meeting on February 5th. As your Rear Commodore, I was charged with running the logistics for the monthly membership meetings last year and the PC Dinner was probably the most fun one of the year. The Change of Watch sort of has a special place in my heart as well, so the competition was tough. Soon after, there's the Heavy Weather Log Races at Bremerton Yacht Club on the weekend of February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. This will be my first time attending the Heavy Weather event but it sounds like it's going to be a great time.....again, anyone with some acting or stand up skills is still encouraged to get ahold of the bridge... we have a plan! On the horizon we also have the Daffodil Festival and Parade at the Tacoma Yacht Club. The theme this year is "Honoring the Past".....I very much doubt we can recycle our bloomers for this so if anyone has any ideas we're love to hear them.....how about we have a boat full of PCs? There's more but I need to save some material for my next article.

Looking further down the road I've starting chewing on some ideas for the summer Commodore's Cruise. I'm not set on any particular trip but would like to visit some locations we've not done yet or places we haven't been to in quite some time. A few that come to mind are Foss Waterway in Tacoma, Quartermaster Harbor on Vashon Island and Blake Island to name a few. I would love to hear input from anyone that has some ideas. Look for an official planning/brainstorming meeting sometime in the next month or two. In the meantime, feel free to shoot me your ideas.

See You on the Dinghy,  
VC Mitch and First Mate AnneMarie  
OYC Vice Commodore  
MV Release

**Greetings OYCers!**

Now that winter is in full force, with strong winds, record rainfall, and snow flurries, its tempting to hunker down and stay warm and dry in our homes! But don't forget, there can be wonderful cruising days on the water during the winter – provided you plan and pick the right times! And, before you know it, Spring will be here! So what

better time is there than February to start getting our boats ready to take advantage of spring cruising! Jackie and I love kicking off spring with the cruise to Tacoma Yacht Club's Daffodil Marine Festival. Coming from Tacoma, I know how big a deal the Daffodil Festival is, even if the Puyallup Valley isn't covered in yellow bloom as it once was. But it remains a big deal for the community and TYC never fails to deliver on the fun and festivities for the Daffodil Marine event! We hope to see many OYC boats in attendance at that event.

Just a shout out for the awesome people who worked so hard and made our OYC New Years Eve Party so fun. At the event, music was provided by FC Power Craig Brown. Food was provided by Melissa Ashcraft. Decorations were provided by Nancy Stolarik and Jackie Wrye. Door prizes and raffle was provided by Ed Stolarik. Soft drinks were provided by Pepsi. Saloon doors were hand built by Kurt Noren and Jeremy Waters. And entertainment was provided by Gary Ashcraft. In addition, Chris and Beth Brombach, Janice Noren, Deb Brown, Dale Bamford, Dan and Copper Crowell and Lorie Linn, Paul DuPriest, and Derek and Karla Stewart all helped immensely throughout, during, or after the event.

Speaking of helpers, the January Dinner Meeting had the excellent work of setup up crew Mike and Patti Phillips, Bob and Sandy Wolf, and Jim Sheerer and Kjersti Skinner. Table decorations were provided by Deb Waldherr, Marci Caughlin, and Diana Fife. Stacie Pisano and Jill Floberg took care of members at the bar. Finally, Masonry Café provided a fine, hand-made lasagna dinner. Cleanup was completed in record time thanks to the spontaneous result of events by many OYC members in attendance! Thank you.

Please don't miss our February 5th Past Commodore Appreciation Dinner! What better way to say "thank you" to our PC's than with a dinner of Savory Roasted Prime Rib with Horseradish Parsley Sauce and Ajuis Garlic, Herb Mashed Potato, Roasted Summer Squash, Tomato, Broccoli and Parmesan Market Greens, Cucumber, Tomato, Black Olives and White Balsamic Dressing, Sour Dough Bread and Butter, and Cherry Almond Crumb Pie with Vanilla Cream! \$25 per person. If you are not on the Permanent List, make your reservations on the Reservation Line (360) 705-3767 before noon on Monday, February 3rd.

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



## Fleet Captain Power

Captain Craig Brown  
First Mate Deb Brown  
M/V Winsome



### Hello Everyone

We're really looking forward to all of the upcoming events this new year. Well, everything except my 60th birthday. I can't complain though. My dad

has to deal with the fact that he has a kid turning 60. There are a few benefits though, mainly as I get grayer and more wrinkled, my wife's eyesight gets worse and doesn't notice!

I had a lot of fun working with RC Danny and Jackie Wrye as the DJ for the New Year's party. There was a good turnout, the room and costumes looked awesome, the food was great, and we had a busy dance floor.

Should be fun attending the Bremerton Heavy Weather event February 14th-17th. Our bridge is working to pull off a good skit for that.

Next up is our joint cruise with Shelton YC, and South Sound Sailing on St Patrick's Day weekend, March 13th-15th at Island Home. Look for the flyers and invitations for that. Please let us know if you'd like to help with the event. We'll need the usual assistance with decorating, food preparation and cleaning.

Our joint cruise last year was really fun, so we're very much looking forward to this one.

Looking forward to seeing you,

FCP Craig and Deb Brown  
M/V Winsome



## Fleet Captain Sail

Captain Mike Glowrylow  
First Mate Esther Baker  
S/V Sassy



### **"Maiden" showed the world what an all-female crew can do**

All-woman sailing crews are more common these days, but it wasn't that way 30 years ago, when the female crew of *Maiden* participated in the Whitbread Round the World Race.

The women were widely mocked at the time as a "tinful of tarts" by a sexist media, and while they didn't place first overall, they won the second and third legs of the perilous journey.

Their experiences are recounted in "Maiden," a film released in theaters last summer and now on streaming services. The movie garnered an enviable 98 percent approval rating on the popular Rotten Tomatoes web site and is shortlisted for a potential Academy Award (Oscar).

"Maiden" recounts how Tracy Edwards, a 24-year-old cook on charter boats, became the skipper of the first ever all-female crew to enter the 33,000-mile, nine-month race.

Edward's male competitors thought an all-women crew would never make it. The chauvinistic yachting press took bets on her failure, and potential sponsors rejected her, fearing they would die at sea and generate bad publicity. But Edwards refused to give up: she remortgaged her home and bought a secondhand boat, putting everything on the line to ensure the team made it to the start line.

The 1989-90 race went from Southampton, England to Uruguay to Australia to Florida and back. Fortunately, *Maiden* carried video cameras aboard, facilitating the development of a full-length movie without depending greatly on reenactments.

The frequent raw candor and unguarded reflection in the videos gives the talking head segments an unusual punch and grit. Even the men interviewed for the movie confessed to their chauvinism at the time.

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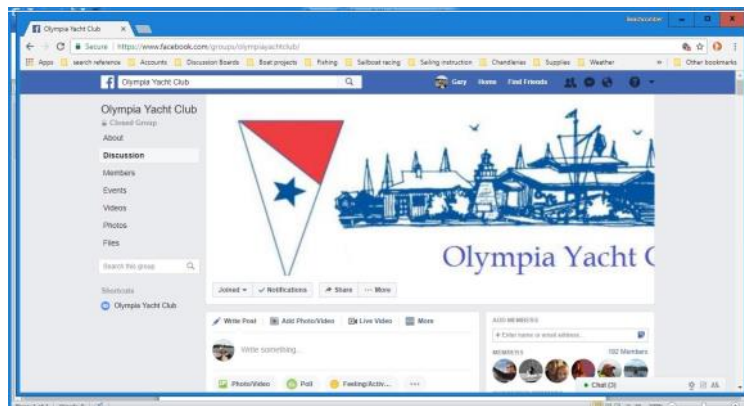
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What I do on the bus with my conscious acknowledgements and kindness, is food for the soul, and I see in the passengers' faces how long they have hungered for it.

*.....Tommy Transit*

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## Board of Trustees

Bob VanSchoorl, Chair

M/V Amstel Maru



The Board of Trustees met on January 15. Among the agenda items was the presentation of the first OYC Employee Handbook. OYC currently has four permanent employees, along with a number of temporary employees during the summer as youth sailing instructors. We believe it is essential that the Club delineate these policies. The BOT will review the Handbook in more detail in a work session. We should adopt it in February. Thank you to BOT Secretary Melissa Ashcroft for her drafting and dedication to this project.

The Board also received the report from the Voting Practices and Procedures Review Committee. This temporary committee was established last fall by the Board to look at how we vote on accepting new members into the Club. This was, in part, a result of the nearly annual discussion about whether a new member could be voted into membership at a Club event other than the monthly dinner (regular) meeting. During the summer months, when we do not hold a dinner meeting, we frequently hold other gatherings such as our BBQs. The committee was asked to review this question and to address other issues on how the Club conducts various votes. The Board referred two of the four committee recommendations to the Membership and Bylaws committees for further review and drafting of potential rules. These two recommendations are as follows:

- Voting on new membership applications should be the exclusive responsibility of the Board of Trustees, after opportunity is provided to the Membership to offer written or oral comments on the application, pro or con, prior to the vote by the Board.
- OYC should adopt a formalized process for informing the Membership of the merits of ballot issues and candidate qualifications prior to elections, with the opportunity for statements in opposition to also be disseminated prior to election.



If you would like to comment on these proposals, please contact either the Bylaws or Membership Committee chair or any of the Trustees. Thank you to the committee members, Chair Bob Hargreaves, and the Club members who provided suggestions, for your work on this important project.

As you are aware, the January invoices went out late. The Board also delayed implementing the new fee schedule until February. With the transition in our accounting staffing we have discovered some anomalies that we would like to look at and correct if necessary. Your February invoice will be back on schedule.

### 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 OYC telecommuting, this is a great opportunity. You can be a husband or wife.

You will be part of the Membership Committee and form the new areas of interest. I am pleased to announce that PC J Grady is going to join our committee and assume the duties of Editor over the coming months.....Gary

If you are interested in this, please contact me at [oycbeachcomber@gmail.com](mailto:oycbeachcomber@gmail.com) or Bob VanSchoorl at [bvanschoorl@comcast.net](mailto:bvanschoorl@comcast.net)

Cheers,  
Gary Wilson

(free training provided)



The value of your participation in the Club Service Program (CSP) was increased as part of the 2020 budget. The hourly value has been increased from \$25 to \$30. The participation requirement remains the same at 24 hours per year. Hours not completed will be billed at the higher value beginning next year. I would like to thank all you who participate in this valuable Club program. In 2019, 52% of our membership completed all 24 required hours. Another 20% completed a portion of the required hours while 28% did not participate. There are ample opportunities, and needs, for all of us to become active and fully participate. It is a great way to get acquainted with other OYC members while continuing to improve the Club facilities, social events, and policy committees.

The OYC Board of Trustees meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is on February 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

**TGIF**Thank Goodness it's **Friday!****Good food****Good times****Good music****February 28, 2020**

Drinks and Socializing 5:30 pm

Pizza etc..... 6:00 pm

**\$6/person**

No reservations required



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In addition to the movie, a new female crew in the same 58-foot boat, still named *Maiden*, is currently sailing around the world in honor of the original *Maiden*'s voyage.

I'd be remiss here in not mentioning our Puget Sound version of an all-women crew making headlines by winning the 2018 Race to Alaska. *Sail Like A Girl* beat many male crews to the finish line in Ketchikan after a grueling 750-mile race.

And, of course, we have some local all-women crews, such as *Balder II*, when captained by Myra Downing, and the two Mary's, Campbell and Fitzgerald, for their typically female crews. While not racing, they spend plenty of hours out at sea, more than I ever hope to accomplish.

Check out a trailer for the film at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMBM10cBhls>

FSC Mike Gowrylow and Esther Baker  
SV *Sassy*

**Lunch Bunch Returns****Wednesday, February 12****11:33 am—12:44 pm**

Cheer up me Bucko! A Chowder Fest is coming to OYC Lunch Bunch on Wednesday, Feb 12.

Like our Chicago friends - Come Vote Early and Often for your favorite!

*Mary Ann's hand crafted, exotically spiced (mild)  
Salmon Chowder*

or

*Kelly is a man with a plan and a can. If Iver's spent  
thousands of clams perfecting Clam Chowder -  
who are we to mess around changing it?*

We serve them up, and You decide.

\$6 (yep! just six bucks!) gets you lunch and good company - and a Vote!

You are invited - casual attire preferred.

Your Lunch Bunch Crew.

## Toliva Shoal Race Call for Clubhouse Volunteers

The annual Toliva Shoal Race, co-sponsored by the OYC and the South Sound Sailing Society, is a fun event that attracts sailors from all over the South Sound. This year's race will take place on Saturday, February 15, 2020 – and all are welcome to participate in the activities (dinner, breakfast, race). **CSP hours are available.** If you are interested in volunteering to help with setup, bar tending, or cleanup, please contact Frank Mighetto at [frank.mighetto@gmail.com](mailto:frank.mighetto@gmail.com) or call him at 206-525-1458.



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



### Air

It's what we breathe and is necessary for virtually all forms of life. We used to joke in Los Angeles that you wouldn't want to live at the coast where you couldn't see what you're breathing. Not so anymore. Australia is about as far away from here as you can get and what they are breathing is as bad as it can get. The fires are vaporizing everything in their path and that includes plants, animals, plastics, and cars with their tires, fuels, and batteries. Other chemicals in industrial sites may be worse than they can guess.

Most of the smoke is actually vaporized water that rapidly rises into the stratosphere and causes the fire weather. Next is carbon dioxide with 400 million tons liberated into the atmosphere in these fires. Australia's normal CO<sub>2</sub> emission for an entire year for all of the country is 500 million tons. Then comes the carbon monoxide, the same killer gas that threatens boaters and firefighters. After those come a host of other noxious chemicals in smaller concentrations. The larger particles rain down as soot and ash and can be trapped with masks. The smaller particles around 2.5 microns may make it past even the best filters and travel deep into the lungs and into the bloodstream.

The recommended masks are ones labelled P2 or N95. These fit tightly around the face and will filter some of the fine particles. Surgical or medical masks are worthless. Respirators are the ultimate filter, but expensive and uncomfortable.

Well, thank Goodness we don't live in Australia, but wait, 2 years ago I remember passing outside Elliot Bay and not seeing Seattle. I was in Ashland Oregon a number of years ago with forest fires burning along the highway and the smoke so thick you could look right at the sun without fear of harm. The hotter and drier summers are burning our neighbors and polluting our air. Anyone with asthma, COPD, or other lung or heart conditions needs to be especially careful. Did I mention again ***no smoking or vaping***.

Check out Amazon.com. Get a package of masks and keep some on the boat.

**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.

**Community & Government Affairs**  
Myra Downing and Kelly Thompson, Co-Chairs



### Welcome

.....to a wonderful new year from your OYC Community and Government Affairs Committee (CGAC). We are currently preparing for our 2020 OYC Grant Award Program. Meg VanSchoorl and Don Sloma are taking the lead in doing final touches on the application and criteria for receiving a grant and will provide the final information next month. As you may recall, last year we awarded 3 grants: One to the Children's Museum for that cool boat that is now on display, one to the Parthia, the first boat in the planned maritime museum, and the last one to the Puget Sound Estuarium Society for the "Education on the Water" program for nearly 400 school aged students.

This year we are planning a reception for local elected officials and members of the Working Waterfront Coalition. The goal of our OYC reception is to continue to strengthen our position within and as a member of our community – being a good and present neighbor. We have a voice and want to make sure our needs are heard and we are part of efforts that make living and interacting in Olympia a positive experience.

CGAC is also putting together a plan to ensure that OYC activities get the appropriate attention within the community AND that the community knows the cool things we do (for example this year's move of having Opening Day on Port Plaza and ensuring the community invited). Dick Binns is taking the lead on this.

Steve Finney has and continues to ensure that OYC's needs and desires get their proper attention by the state legislature through his work with the Recreational Boaters Association of Washington. Keep a lookout for updates in the Beachcomber.

In closing, our committee wants to formally thank Gary Wilson for his incredible work on the Beachcomber. He is amazing and has done an outstanding job. Thank you Gary.

Myra will not see you in February but you will see Kelly, who is also as you may know, along with Mary Ann, bringing back "Lunch Bunch" to our club. We have such awesome people in OYC.

Our best. Kelly and Myra, CGAC Co-Chairs

**Quartermaster**

Margaret Snyder &amp; Judy Ball, Co-Chairs

**Women's Interclub Council**

Kim Shann, Representative



## Get That Great Valentine's Day Gift for Your Sweetie!

We still have lots of cold weather gear on hand to include hooded vests, hoodies of differing weights, and sweatshirts. We also have plenty of various long and short sleeved shirts. There are



even a few of the #12 Seahawks t-shirts in long and short sleeves, and they have been marked down. Pick one up and look classy for the games this season!

In addition, for the men, we have long and short sleeved shirts and a good selection of caps and fleece beanies if yours needs replacing! We have plenty of cold weather gear on hand to include vests, Challenger jackets, and sweatshirts and wind breakers. Come by and see how classy you will look in your new OYC wear!

**SALE ITEMS:** The women's FDJ tops and capris continue to be on sale \$5 off.

Short-sleeved Tees \$5 off

Stemless wine glasses 4 for \$12, a \$3 savings.

Remember, we can usually order items for you in a different size if necessary. You can also bring in your own items and we can have them embroidered for you. The cost is \$8.00.

See you at the Quartermaster store in the February!

Margaret and Judy

Our Olympia Yacht Club Women's Group, cordially invites you to join us for the Women's Interclub Luncheon, at our Yacht Club, 201 Simmons Street. This is the event where ladies come from the other Grand 14 Yacht Clubs to join our ladies for comradeship.

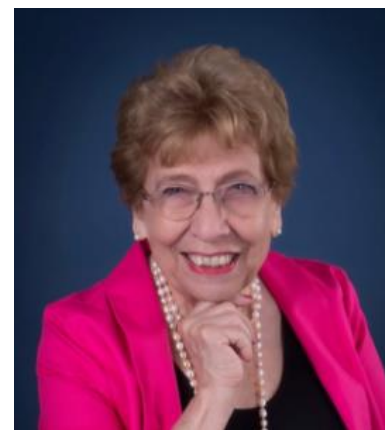
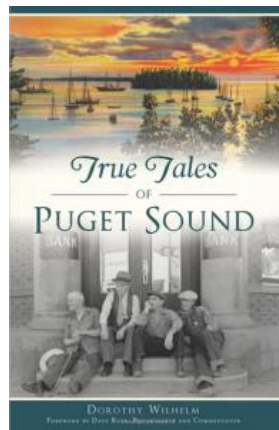
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2020
- RESERVATIONS BY MARCH 16, 2020
- Our theme is "True Tales of Puget Sound."
- Social hour 11AM
- Lunch - 12PM \$18  
Catered by "Masonry" Shelly Brown  
Clam Chowder, Spinach salad, and Lemon cake.
- Program 1PM

Our speaker, Dorothy Wilhelm, who is an Author, columnist, humorist, will tell us stories about South Sound. Her books will be available for purchase.

Please make plans.....

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## Budget and Finance

Gary Ball, Chair



We would like to introduce Holli Howatson as the new OYC Office Manager. Over time, she will replace Jon Bryant. You have probably already seen her working long hours in the office at the club house.

She started helping in the office on October 10 when Jon first experienced some health issues. Her official start date was December 19. This occurred after the Board interviewed two different accounting firms for the position. Holli and her husband Jim have been members since 2017.

Holli's prior experience was as a Registered Investment Advisor running her own company. Over the coming months, Holli will be working to streamline operations by using technology with



the intent to - among other things - move to electronic invoicing and payments; scanning, indexing and storing important documents in the cloud for safer and easier retrieval; and ensuring that contact information across the spectrum of the Club (QuickBooks, ClubRunner, Directory, etc.) is consistent and maintained going forward.

In order to accomplish these goals, we're asking each member to please provide the addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses for each individual (i.e., husband and wife) within their membership to Holli at [olym-piayachtclub@comcast.net](mailto:olym-piayachtclub@comcast.net). We're asking you to do this even if you've personally updated it on ClubRunner because that information does not transfer to the other systems within OYC. If you would prefer to call Holli with your information, she can be reached at 206-979-3541. Thank

you in advance for helping us move our Club into the future.

## Clubhouse

Michelle Aguilar-Wells / Jim Howatson  
Interim Co-Chairs

The Clubhouse Committee is looking for a permanent Chair. This committee keeps our Clubhouse looking great and ready for our Club events as well as a number of community events that take place at OYC. Anyone interested in heading up this committee please contact Michelle or Jim, or any Bridge Officer or BOT member, and let them know.

We will be holding a Galley "Field Day" on March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> (Friday and Saturday). We will be deep cleaning the Galley and cleaning and taking inventory in the storage lockers on the deck. We will need a lot of help on this so please come out and help.

When you see our Caretaker, Robert, let him know how much we appreciate his hard work.

Interim Clubhouse Co-Chairs

Michelle Aguilar-Wells  
[aguilarwells@gmail.com](mailto:aguilarwells@gmail.com)

Jim Howatson 253 318-0547  
[jrhowatson@gmail.com](mailto:jrhowatson@gmail.com)

From the Editor.....

Holli is going to take a run at letting us opt out of receiving the hard copy (mailed) Beachcomber. The old software did not work well to keep an opt-out list maintained, so we have high hopes for the new software that OYC is now using.

### **If you would like to opt out**

of receiving the printed version of the Beachcomber, and receive only an email notice that the online version has been posted on the website, please let Holli know at

[olympiayachtclub@comcast.net](mailto:olympiayachtclub@comcast.net). She will build a list of opt-outers and not print a mailing label for you and this will save printing and postage money for OYC....and you will have one less thing to put into your recycle bin.



You can make this choice at any time and change your mind if you don't like it..

Thank you,  
Gary Wilson  
Beachcomber Editor

## Main Station

Bill Hamaker and Jim Howatson, Co-chairs



The Main Station is looking for Committee Members to take on leadership duties for work parties and long-range issues. The new meeting schedule in 2020 will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:00 P.M. at the Clubhouse. The Mainstation is combining its meeting with the Clubhouse Committee to better coordinate events and maintenance.

A log book has been placed on the desk just inside the clubhouse door for registering concerns regarding maintenance issues. If you enter a concern, we will contact you for further details or call when the problem has been addressed.

CSP hours are available: We have many projects that need attention; some are a priority and others less critical. We have projects to fit everyone's skill level and time commitments are flexible.

A boat sank inside a boathouse in our basin recently. The sinking created some environmental issues with fuel spillage and a salvage company was called in to salvage the vessel and tow it to the yard. Please do not neglect your boat. A sinking like this creates dangerous conditions for all of us as well as damage to the environment.

**WARNING:** Winter is upon us and the heavy rains and wind are here, so inspect your boat and boathouse moorings. Also, if we get any amount of snow inspect your property or have someone else do it for you.

When you see Robert on the dock let him know how much we appreciate his hard work.

Main Station Co-Chairs

Bill Hamaker

M/V *Nautilus*

360 481-1879

[turbosteam@aol.com](mailto:turbosteam@aol.com)

Jim Howatson

M/V *Grace*

253 318-0547

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## Safety and Education Committee

Paul DuPriest



The OYC Safety and Education Committee presents "Safety at Sea Is No Accident - Coastal and Offshore Passage Making Safety for the Responsible Skipper" on Saturday, March 7, at 9:30 am.

With over 32,000 nm of blue water sailing - including twice across the Pacific - Bob Hargreaves has learned a thing or two about a Skipper's ultimate responsibility: Safety at Sea. Whether you are heading out across the Sound, across the Straits, or across the Sea, Bob will have something of interest for you as he shares some lessons learned in seven years of full time cruising and ocean sailing: maintaining a seaworthy boat and seaworthy crew; weather; storm tactics; navigation; comms; anchoring; medical; and more. Join us!



## Club Service Program

PC Les Thompson, Chair



Greetings all; hope you enjoyed the brief snow period and you were all safe. Well here it is February already.

CSP billing has begun last month for the hours uncompleted in 2019. Now is a good time to get started on 2020 hours with projects around the Main Station, Island Home and social events upcoming.

There is a big change in CSP this year I would like to inform you of, as it was not in the January Beachcomber. As per the BOT, the total hours will remain the same for this year. However the value per hour has been increased to \$30 per hour for any uncompleted hours. That translates to \$720 per year if a member logs no hours. The billing for this will begin next January 2021. Because of this change it may be more prudent for you to get your hours in this year to allow you to save some money in the next year. There are many ways to get hours during the year. Please do not wait until the last minute when there are fewer opportunities. All committees are especially looking for members and this is a great way for new members to meet people and get involved.

Contact me directly if you need to for help or questions.

Look forward to seeing you on the docks or at an event.

PC Les Thompson

CSP guru

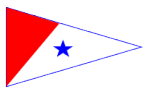
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## Sailing Education Program

Mary Fitzgerald, Chair



### Heart and Soul

"It isn't what we say or think that defines us, but what we do." --- J Austin---

The month of January has been full of repairs to boats, boat houses, and other projects. There are always chores to do including tiller extensions to repair, fiberglass repairs and summer schedule planning with both Olympia Parks and Rec and Tumwater Parks and Rec. This is the part of the year that is a little slower in activity, but busy in yearly planning. The Sailing Education Program always has something to do.

### Team News

I don't know if you have been on the docks to notice, or perhaps just looking out the windows of your boat or the clubhouse, but some of our sailors are practicing this winter and have been out in some very inclement weather. Hard rain, 30-25 knot winds, sleet.... That is the level of commitment our coach and sailors have made to practice and compete. It takes a lot of heart and soul to put on your wet/dry suit and foulies and head out when the rest of us would be sitting inside drinking a hot beverage and listen to the hal-yards slap and the wind howl. Of those kids that have been practicing we had a team of 8 sailors attend the "Rose Bowl Regatta in L.A. in early January. This is a regatta that requires that the sailors submit a type of a "resume" of their sailing experience, wins and losses. This regatta includes college level races as well as high school. Our Olympia High School team has practiced hard in the last few years and with its NW championships under its belt, we were accepted into the regatta along with about 30 teams from all over the U.S. We placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the gold fleet for high school sailors.

Also, OYC members Shari and Bob Buelt's daughter Annie's commitment has paid off in her acceptance to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy after she graduates this spring. She will be sailing for their college team as an OYC member and Oly High School alumnus. Our SEP sailors go out into the world and carry their experience and affiliations with them. Congrats Annie. We are so proud of you!

### Opportunities to get Involved with the Sailing Education Program --- Committee Chair Position

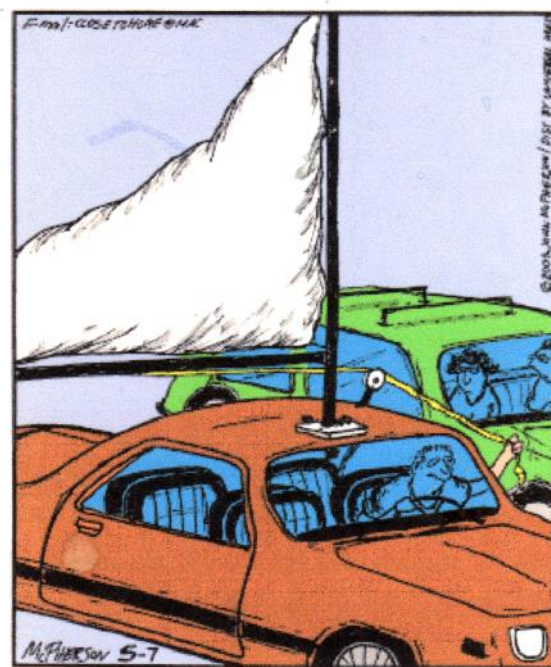
Other news that is important to note is that I will be stepping down as Chair of the Sailing Education Program Committee at the end of May. I have spent the last 4.5 years totally committed to the success of the program and feel it is time to let others take the reins. I have acted as chair and co-chair, planned and taught adult sailing classes and put out many fires (so to speak). Our successes are way too numerous to list, though I do have a list if you ever want to see it.

The BOT will help by finding a member to carry on the torch for the Sailing Education Program. It is a powerful form of PR for the OYC and reaches farther into the community than just our waterfront presence. The chair works with our coach Sarah to steer the program into the future. We are introducing adults and children to the magic of boating and our beautiful Salish Sea. The SEP presents a great opportunity for OYC to be inclusive of our dynamic Olympia community. If you have stood on the sidelines thinking we had it all under control and didn't need your help, please think again.

We have always needed committee members, encouragement, and help with even the small day to day stuff like towing boats to and from the launch ramp or to and from Tom's Outboard (thanks Nora G. and Gene Coakley), or projects like repairing fiberglass on boats, sewing covers, repairing docks, and our next big one will be refloating our boathouse. Let us know if you want to help in any way. There is room for many different skills and skill levels. I will continue to be involved until June, helping with transitioning the programs from one chair to another so that person can "learn the ropes". You don't have to be a sailor, just willing to further the success and long range planning of the program. Exciting developments are promised for the future. Let Bob VanSchoorl or Bob Hargreaves know if you are interested in joining the committee as chair or as a committee member.

FYI, I will still be collecting old sails that we send to the SeaBags company in Maine. They then provide us with beautiful totes for our Dinner Auctions. I will pick up. Thanks

Mary Fitzgerald  
Sailing Education Program Chair  
SV *Clara McDougal*  
360-250-1230  
[olymfitz@hotmail.com](mailto:olymfitz@hotmail.com)



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**BULLETIN BOARD****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.

**Wanted – Old Sails**

Do you have old sails in the garage, attic or tossed under the stairs? Please donate your old sails to our fundraising efforts for the youth sailing program at the Olympia Yacht Club. The sails are sent to a company that trades them for use in making tote bags, backpacks and other small sail cloth bags. We use the bags they trade us in our auctions to help raise money to support Youth Sailing. I am glad to pick them up.

Call 360-250-1230 Mary Fitzgerald, thanks.

**BOATHOUSE #305 TO BE SOLD BY THE COUNTY FOR BACK TAXES**

Boathouse #305, that belonged to former OYC Member Robert LaFon (deceased), will be sold by the County for back taxes at auction on March 10, 2020, beginning at 8:00 am. The minimum bid - approximately \$600 - will be the amount of taxes owed, plus a fee for the County's use of a private vendor, Bid4Assets, to conduct the auction. However, if the boathouse is to remain at OYC, the successful bidder will need to make repairs necessary to meet minimum OYC boathouse standards; the current estimate for such repairs is approximately \$4,400.

Anyone may bid on the boathouse at auction, but to do so they must first register on the Bid4Assets website and pay a \$250 refundable deposit. Registration is expected to open after the first week in February. For further information visit the Thurston County Treasurers website at <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/treasurer/Pages/default.aspx>, and click on "Delinquent Taxes /Distraint" under Popular Links, and visit the Bid4Assets website at <https://www.bid4assets.com/>, for information on the registration, deposit payment and bidding process - click on "Resource Center" and "Video Tutorials" under the Help links.



## ***Bremerton Yacht Club***

2700 Yacht Haven Way  
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Phone (360) 479-2662

December 30, 2019

Skippers, Mates and Crews,

On behalf of the Bremerton Yacht Club and all its members, I am pleased to invite you to the 86th running of our annual Heavy Weather Navigation Contest and Social Gala to be held on President's Day Weekend, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and departing on the 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The centerpiece of the weekend is the Heavy Weather Navigation Contest that will take place on Saturday. This contest has historically been one of the biggest IPBA events of the season and we welcome participants from all clubs. For those not familiar with these navigation contests, or Predicted Log races, we would be glad to help introduce you to the sport. This year we will also have an "Open" class that makes workup and participating easier. Please contact our Regatta Chair for Power, Jim VanAntwerp (jvanantwerp3@gmail.com), and we will help arrange for some coaching before the event from participants in your area.

While the centerpiece is the navigation contest, the highlight of Heavy Weather weekend is Saturday night. This year, Heavy Weather weekend starts on Valentine's Day, come aboard and share the evening with a loved one! The weekend will start with a romantic dinner on Friday night, in celebration for Valentine's Day. Saturday, of course, racers will engage in the highly anticipated Predicted Navigation Contest. Saturday evening, we'll enjoy a nice meal followed by being entertained by skits put on by BYC and visiting yacht clubs to the theme of "The Love Boat." Again, all clubs are invited to participate and attempt to wrest the highly coveted Rubber Clam Gun award away from last year's winning Club, Totem Yacht Club. Awards for the navigation contest will also be presented Saturday night. So, get in the spirit with your Love Boat appropriate dress and enjoy the fun plus music and dancing to finish off the evening!

Please see the attached flyer for the full weekend schedule. As always at the Bremerton Yacht Club, all clubhouse activities are BYOB, with wine and beer available for purchase at the club store.

We will have plenty of moorage and power available. All planning to attend, whether for the navigation contest, as a skit team, or just coming to join in on the fun are asked to complete the registration attached. For more information about club facilities, please refer to our web site <https://bremertonyc.clubexpress.com/>

If you have any questions about the weekend activities, or if you would like BYC to visit your club to brief your membership, please contact me at [commodore@bremertonyachtclub.org](mailto:commodore@bremertonyachtclub.org).

Sean Swansboro  
Commodore, Bremerton Yacht Club

For more information and schedule of activities and sign up forms please follow this link [https://bremertonyc.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page\\_id=22&club\\_id=725463&module\\_id=320697](https://bremertonyc.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=725463&module_id=320697)







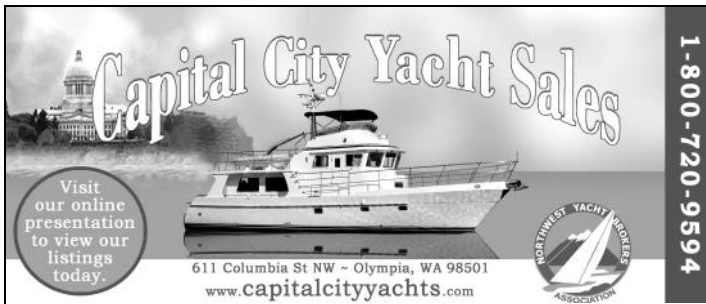
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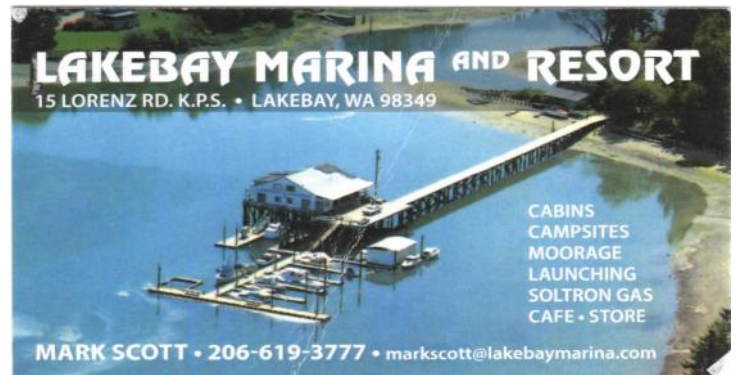
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## February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	OYC Environmental Awareness Committee Meeting	Bridge Meeting	Dinner Meeting - PC Appreciation			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Clubhouse and Main Station Committee Meeting	SSSS monthly meeting	Lunch Bunch 11:30 - 12:30  Board of Trustees Meeting		Toliva Shoal	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Toliva Shoal	Presidents' Day					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
				TGIF		

## March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	OYC Environmental Awareness Committee Meeting	Bridge Meeting	Dinner Meeting			OYC Education - Extended Cruising 9:30 A.M. to 12
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Main Station Committee Meeting	South Sound Sailing General Meeting	Lunch Bunch 11:30 - 12:30  Board of Trustees Meeting		OYC/SSSS/SYC St Patrick's Weekend Joint Cruise to Island Home	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
OYC/SSSS/SYC St Patrick's Weekend Joint Cruise to Island Home					Galley Field Day Day 1- 0900	Galley Field Day - Day 2; 0900
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			Woman's Interclub Luncheon		TGIF	
29	30	31	1	2	3	4



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## Membership Dinner Meeting

**Wednesday  
February 5**

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