



OLYMPIA YACHT CLUB

January 2016



Commodore

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



at OYC.

We have had a very busy December, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many members that have volunteered their time to make all of our events great. It started out with the Apple Cup at the end of November. Our fleet Captain power, Marty and Jen Graf along with Dean and Tammy Questi put on this great event. They hosted a taco bar during the game. Thanks for a great job! Next, we had the Lighted Boat Parade organized by Susie Zuelke and Rick Antles. They organized a great parade and hosted a bowl of hot chili after the parade. Thanks Susie and Rick for a fun evening. Then, the next day was the Special People's Cruise. We had about 118 guests this year. Curtis and Tami Dahlgren had this event very well organized with Santas and the boats. They also had a great committee that helped with the party in the clubhouse afterward. Thanks for a great and very rewarding event. Next, was the Christmas Ball. Thanks to Vice Commodore Walt and

Hello everyone

When you read this report, the holidays will have come and gone. I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. I also hope that everyone has made it through the rain and wind without any major damage to anything. Now, we can all look forward to another great year

Catherine Schefter along with Deb Waldherr for the decorations and PC Carol Robinson for the great tree and all of members on the committee that helped bring this event together. Great job to all! Thank you very much. Last, but not least it was the New Year's Eve party. Rear Commodore Bill and Lorie Sloane organized a great party and then in their absence our IPC Myra and Joe Downing, Rick Antles & Susie Zuelke and Rich & Michelle Wells and crew were able to run with Bill's plan and put on a great New Year's Eve party. Thanks for a great event and a very good time. Again, thank you all for your participation. We could not have these events without all of you. Thanks!

In January, we don't have too many events. We have the dinner meeting on the 6th and then we have the Joint Cruise at Island Home on the January 29-31. This year we have the Shelton Yacht Club and South Sound Sailing Society coming out to join us. It should be a great cruise. So mark your calendars and come out to the island for a fun time. Lastly I would like to remind you that as of January 1, the new meal prices go into effect. The dinner meeting meals are going to be \$24 with a reservation and \$29 if you come without a reservation. The BBQs on the deck, TGIF and lunch bunch meal prices will rise to \$6. We are sorry for the price increase, but the high food costs finally caught up with us.

That's it for now – see you at the events and on the docks

Sincerely,
Mike Phillips
Commodore
M/V Chaotic Too



Vice Commodore

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



End of the year and time for the annual report. This is my annual mishmash of glossed over misadventures, distorted emphasis, selective memory, and a very human inability to face any facts that seem harsh, or unpleasant, or postponable.

As usual, the business at hand is trying to find some reasonable way to explain why times aren't as prosperous as they should be, why the cash flow seems to have been diverted into more useful and necessary boating items.

On a positive note the dingy project spanning over a year reached final completion with only a slight excess overage on the projected budget. In the world of boating this is to be expected. We won a butane hot plate at a Grand 14 function of which I have misgivings since, as a reformed smoker, I recall never really mastering butane lighters, but we shall see.

I had been requested by management to take a much harder line with spur of the moment expenses. This is not something compatible with boat shows. My last boat show attempt to appease management was the purchase of a set of laminated Puget Sound place mats to act as cover for the purchase of a GPS antenna. The attempt was unsuccessful as the disparity in price sunk that boat – not also to mention that apparently place mats were not what management really wanted. Go figure – what happened to “it’s the thought”?

I have also made progress on losing things of great value. An entire year has passed but with few examples. It has now been decreed that nothing can be declared “must be replaced” unless a full year has passed

or I have the remains in evidence. While some of us may see this as excess conservatism or a slanted view of my general competence, it has been agreed to for the sake of harmony.

As my space is almost filled I thank you for your interest and forbearance. I know it has been said before but I sincerely believe that for all of us things will show a definite improvement in the next fiscal year. Giving credit where credit is due, the foregoing report was loosely based on an essay by one of my favorite writers, Gene Hill.

Before I go, however, please start thinking and planning about this summer's Commodores Cruise to take place starting on July 22, destination Canada. Watch for further announcements for details and attend the first cruise planning meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 20 at 6:00pm at the clubhouse.

Thank you to those who attended the Christmas Ball. It was a great time and, as promised, you did receive a great gift. It was good to see all of you and we wish you a Happy New Year. Upcoming we have the joint OYC, South Sound Sailing and for the first time, Shelton Yacht Club cruise at Island Home to be held the weekend of January 29th. This is a well-planned event and please come.

Well, that's it for now.

VC Walt Schefter
First Mate Catherine
M/V Rob Roy

2016 COMMODORES CRUISE TO CANADA LEAVING JULY 22

**FIRST ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING TO BE
HELD WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20 AT
6:00PM AT THE CLUBHOUSE.**



Rear Commodore

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



I helped John and Denise Zerner onboard their boat, *Puget Star*, as First Mate, during the Special Peoples' Cruise December 6. I handled the dock lines while John skippered the boat and Denise was able to devote all her time to our guests. I had my handheld VHF with me and was monitoring our assigned VHF channel, waiting for our turn to radio Santa. When it appeared to be our time, I hailed Santa several times but Santa did not respond. I suppose he was checking his reindeer, or something. One of our guests, Jody, clearly wanted to talk to Santa. Denise told me to stand in the middle of the corridor between the bridge and the salon where our guests were sitting. Suddenly, I heard Santa hailing our boat through my handheld VHF radio. Jody was very excited and recited a long list of items she would like Santa to bring her. Santa responded that he had written everything down on his list and would do what he could. Jody was happy. Denise had found Santa at the helm, her husband John, who in a very quiet voice was able to 'be Santa' at mid-ships for the VHF radio transmission at the rear of the boat. Everything worked out well.

The New Year's Eve Party at the Main Station Clubhouse on December 31, starting at 8:00 PM, is shaping up nicely. Myra Downing has engaged a DJ – Karaoke individual to keep the evening lively. Terry Van Meter has organized a very complete wine tasting contest that will put even accomplished connoisseurs of wine to the test in sorting out the good wine from the cheap wine. Champagne toast at midnight, beer and wine and authentic Swiss fondue provided. Please BYO favorite hors d'oeuvres. Cost is \$10. See the ad elsewhere in this newsletter.

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S/V Endless Summer



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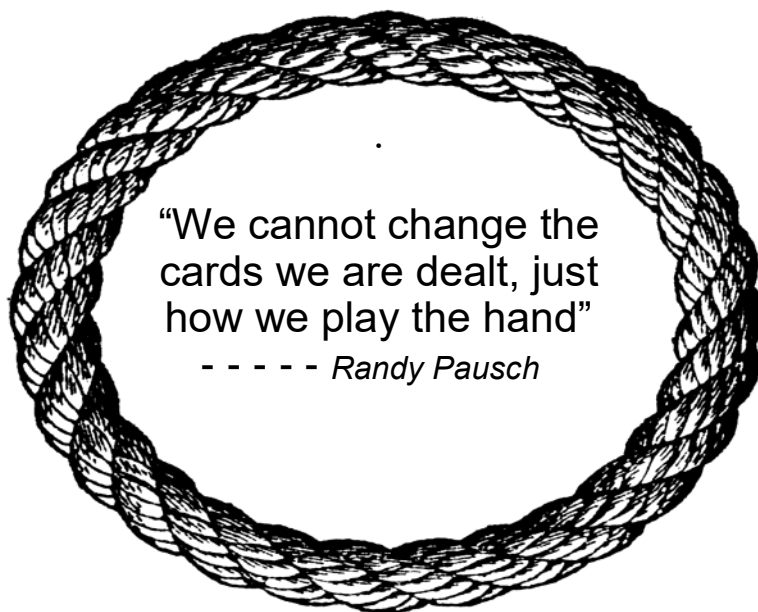
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Ron Morsette, Chair

**Check out the OYC Website**

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

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Fleet Captain Sail

Fleet Captain Mark Welpman
First Mate Annette Welpman
SV CYGNET



Happy New Years!

Wow, it's already 2016. Last I checked we just started 2015.

There is a lot going on this January. On January 22nd is our

first TGIF event of the year. What a great time to start getting those CSP hours. We're looking for you to come join our TGIF Team. I'll be sending out help reminders as TGIF draws nearer. Oh ya... TGIF Dinner will cost \$6.00 per person starting this month. Sorry... But hey, Pizza, salad and beer, only \$6.00. What a deal!

Don't forget our Joint Cruise January 29-31. There we be three clubs in attendance. The theme is Summer in the winter! This is a great way to breakout of the winter doldrums. Dig out your ugly Hawaiian Shirts and come join us for some tropical fun. Games, contests and prizes. Three meals and a potluck all for the low, low price of \$10.00 per person and \$5.00 for the kids. What a crazy deal. Keep an eye out for the flier. We'll see you there!

Annette and I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone out there who have made 2015 such a great year. We have been truly blessed by all of you! Annette and I wish all of you Happy and prosperous 2016!

Fleet Captain Sail
Mark & Annette Welpman
SV Cygnet

TGIF

Thank Goodness it's **Friday!**

Good food, good times,
good music

Jan 22nd, 2016



Drinks and Socializing 5:00 PM

Pizza etc..... 5:30 PM

\$6.00/person

No reservations required



Fleet Captain Power

Fleet Captain Marty Graf
First Mate Jen Graf
M/V William West



Well, here we are again, another year has passed. By this time the holiday season will have come and gone and I'm sure I didn't get my new boat. I guess that's fine since we have yet to enjoy our current boat with all the work we have just completed on it. Walt's advice did help me get remote controlled mood lighting in the

salon, so I suppose I can't complain.

Next up is the joint cruise with the Shelton Yacht Club and South Sound Sailing. This will be held on the island on January 29-31. Mark Welpman has come up with a number of games for all to enjoy and who knows what other surprises may be in store. We hope you all can attend as it should be a good time.

While we know it's early, don't forget to mark your calendar for the Valentines cruise that will be February 12-14th at the island. Stay tuned for updates and let us know if you're interested in earning some hours by helping out with it!

We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and look forward to hearing about all the toys, clothes and boats you may have gotten when we see you at the January dinner meeting!

Marty and Jenifer Graf
Fleet Captains Power
M/V William West

Womens' Interclub Council

Kim Shann, Representative



Next WIC luncheon will be at Queen City Yacht Club on February 4th, 2016. Please let Kim Shann know of your attendance for this.

Also, remember all OYC ladies....our very own WIC luncheon will be MARCH 23rd, 2016.

Fondly,
Kim Shann 491-3786



Board of Trustees

Bob Van Schoorl, Chair

M/V Amstel



The Board adopted the 2016 Operating and Capital Budgets at their December meeting. Elsewhere in this Beachcomber, Budget/Finance Committee Chair Joe Downing will provide details on the adopted budget. There will be two revenue increases in 2016. The cost of the OYC monthly dinner will increase by \$2 and the Lunch Bunch, TGIF, and BBQ's will increase by \$1. The capital project assessment will go up 1%, or 80 cents per month. Membership and moorage will remain the same as 2015. As I mentioned last month, the Club is on solid financial footing.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Wishing you pleasant cruising and gentle winds in the forthcoming year.



Bob Van Schoorl, Chair
M/V Amstel

Budget and Finance

Joe Downing, Chair



2016 Budget & Finance Plan for OYC

Hello OYC members. Here is a synopsis of the 2016 Budget & Capital Plan, presented to the Board of Trustee's (BOT) on Wednesday, December 9th. This will show how funds are generated and allocated. I hope you find this interesting and understandable!

First, where does the money come from that pays for all the ongoing great things we do throughout the year? Answer: primarily from dues, moorage fees, liveaboards, and dock boxes. These funds are used for operating expenses and to fund social activities. We project to collect about \$615,000 in 2016 from these sources, and will spend about \$573,000.

It is important to note that in addition to the Bridge having a budget for each activity, they also try to recover about 70% of the expenses through small charges to attend (example: \$5 per person for TGIF). This expense recovery is accounted for separately because it is extremely variable (think "weather dependent"). Even with the care taken by the Bridge, increases in costs has led to two small increases in attendance fees: TGIF will now cost you \$6 instead of \$5 and the dinner meetings will be \$24 instead of \$22.

Included in the operating expenses is the Clubhouse budget. This is a "project-driven" budget. For example, the nice new heaters and air conditioning was part of the Clubhouse budget for 2015. For 2016, the Clubhouse Committee has received Board approval for warming ovens for the galley, a new, more private entrance to the women's room, some chair replacements, and perhaps a new storage shed

off of the deck. The Clubhouse budget is \$15,000 in 2016.

The second major part of the Club's financial activity is capital spending, which is funded by the Reserve account. The Reserve account gains funds each year by your monthly reserve assessment, CSP hours not worked (\$25 per hour), initiation fees, and excess funds from the operating budget, including the funds recovered from social events. The purpose of the reserve account is to plan for and fund big ticket items. We look out 20 years into the future, to ensure that we slowly save the funds necessary for things like dredging, docks, and more expensive maintenance. In 2016, we project to add to the reserve account by \$390,000. At the same time, we will begin the two-year 100, 200, 600, and guest dock replacement plan, which will cost about \$1.8 million. So, you can see that it is important to save funds each year for big ticket items such as these docks, and future dredging. The Board has approved a 1 percent annual increase to the reserve assessment we all pay (e.g. \$80. per month will become \$80.80 per month in January). This will help us with preparing for future expenditures, and rebuild our reserves.

Lastly, I would like to personally thank Bob Van Schoorl (Board Liason), John Jones, John Charles, and Jon Bryant for working with me on the Budget & Finance Committee. They were conscientious and committed to presenting a thorough and comprehensive budget. We do have some open positions on our committee. If you have a financial bent, know Excel software (or Quickbooks!) and would like to serve on a committee for your CSP hours, please contact me at joedowning@aol.com or 360-584-6807.

Thanks,
Joe Downing, Budget & Finance Chair

**Advanced Piloting Class
Coming This Spring**

The Olympia Sail and Power Squadron will hold an Advanced Piloting (AP) class in the spring starting on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 and continue for eight weeks ending on Tuesday, May 10. Classes will run from 7pm to 9pm each evening. The class will be taught by OYC member, Gary Ball. This is the second in the sequence of USPS courses on navigation. GPS is embraced as a primary navigation tool while adding radar, chart plotters and other navigation tools. We will cover positioning and avoidance techniques and well as dealing with tides and currents, which, as you know, are prevalent in our local waters. The class will be held in the Olympia Center located at 222 Columbia St NW in downtown Olympia.

The cost of the class is \$110 and you must register by February 15 so that class materials can be ordered. If you have not taken the Piloting class recently, you will need the Weekend Navigator for an additional cost of \$20.

For more information, contact Paul Davis at (360) 432-0464 or email skookumbay@comcast.net

Send your check (payable to OSPS) to Paul at 41 SE Arkada Ct, Shelton, WA 98584

Government Affairs

Gary Ball, Chair



Club member Dick Binns, who leads the club's public relations effort, is still looking for someone within the club who is knowledgeable with Facebook. He needs help posting publicity for the club. If you are interested, please contact Dick at dick.binns@gmail.com

The date for the annual Legislative Waterfront Reception has been set. It will be held on Wednesday, February 24th. Our committee is focused on getting invitations printed and delivered. As mentioned last month, this year we will share costs with Recreational Boating Association of Washington and Northwest Marine Trade Association.

We continue to stay abreast of happenings in downtown Olympia, the Shoreline Management Plan and the City of Olympia's Comprehensive Plan.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 5th

We are always looking for people who would be interested in joining our committee. We would especially like to add some women for better diversity. If you are interested, please feel free to contact me.

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



**Please see CPR notice
for February 23rd**

If you haven't taken the course in the past several years, you are doing it wrong. Learn also how to use the AED.

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Tuesday, February 23th, 2016

7 PM
Mainstation

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

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Clubhouse

Michelle Aguilar-Wells, Chair

The Clubhouse Committee met on December 7th for the final meeting of 2015. We went over the expenditures and reviewed the plans for the upcoming year. The committee is going to work to develop an integrated 3 year plan for updating and maintaining the OYC home base. Look for re-upholstered chairs as we move forward. The first batch of 30 will be completed for our next dinner meeting. They will blend with the newer gray chairs and are a similar gray.

We discussed what we can do to make the clubhouse less noisy during events and talked about the use of sound absorbing "clouds" as an option to improve the high noise level. More research and consideration of options is planned. Safety issues were also discussed and will be reviewed in the upcoming months.

We decided to skip a January meeting although there will be some e-mail discussions and the committee will meet again on Monday, February 1, 2016.

I want to thank the committee members for their attention, attendance, great ideas, solid contributions, and commitment. Bob Wolf, BOT liaison deserves kudos for all of his work and for going the extra mile.

Finally a big thank you to the Bridge for the Holiday party and Deb Waldherr and her decorating committee for making the clubhouse feel so very festive and beautiful. Happy Holidays everyone.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Aguilar-Wells
SV PenOziequah

Club Service Program

PC Les Thompson, Chair



Greetings all and Happy New Year.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year celebration. Now it is a new year and time to start over on your CSP hour requirements. The billing for uncompleted hours from 2015 will be in your January bill arriving the first week of the month. Congrats to all of you who completed them. The club really depends on this to help conserve costs of many things throughout the year. I encourage all of the members to get involved and to start early so that you do not get caught up at the end of the year scrambling to get your hours completed.

As always, you can contact me or any Bridge, BOT or committee chair for ideas. See you on the docks or at an event.

PC Leslie Thompson
CSP guru
MV EcstaSea

Quartermaster

Phyllis DeTray, Chair



Hi All Yacht Clubbers

Happy New Year! Are you looking for new OYC items? Come see us at the Quartermaster store and see what we have:

- We have BURGEES in all sizes
- Ladies tops
- Men's jackets and shirts
- Hats with OYC Logo both Flexfit and adjustable
- Men's tee shirts in long or short sleeves

See you in January before the dinner meeting.

Phyllis DeTray, Quartermaster
Judy Ball

Moorage Report

Bridget Shreve, Moorage Master



There are 5 members being fined for not turning in the Fire Safety Report. I would recommend members to look at their statements to see if they might be one of them.

Hope everyone had a great holiday season and Happy New Year!

Bridget Shreve
Moorage Master
(360) 561-3289

Out Cruising.....

Bright Angel

Ahoy!

We arrived at the Q-Dock in Opuia, New Zealand yesterday (28 Nov) at 1400; a record passage time for us - 7 days, 5 hours! We sailed from Navula Pass, Viti Levu, Fiji, on one tack for 830 nm before starting the engine and motoring the rest of the way with northerly (tail) winds, just to beat a front closing in on Opuia (the leading edge of this front, with clouds and rain but no high winds, was the only "bad" weather we encountered on this whole trip, except for some high winds - 28 to 32 knots - and rough seas the first 30 hours out of Fiji). Total engine run time for this passage was 34.3 hours, including 3 hours from Port Denarau, Fiji, to Navula Pass, and then 2 hours from the entrance to Bay of Islands to Opuia Marina.



Customs & Biosecurity cleared us into New Zealand within 30 minutes of our arrival at the Q-Dock. We then proceeded to our slip, where we were met by our friends Rich & Cyndi (Legacy) and George & Ellen (Wind Dancer). We had an impromptu party in the cockpit before George & Ellen drove back home to Whangarei, and Rich & Cyndi drove us into Pahia where we had a wonderful pizza dinner, washed down with great craft beer! Then the best dessert of all - 9 hours of uninterrupted sleep in a quiet, motionless boat! Sometime next week, after some boat cleaning and maintenance, we plan to head down to Whangarei, where we will base the boat for the summer.

All is extremely well on board the good ship *Bright Angel*. We hope all is well with you, too, and that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Take care!

Bob & Linda
S/V *Bright Angel*
Currently in Port Denarau, Fiji



Lunch Bunch

WHEN: **Weds Jan 13th, 2016**

11:30 am to 12:30 pm

WHERE? **OYC Main Station**

WHO? **Members and Guests**

\$6.00 per Person and No Reservations Needed



MENU



**“Cloudy With a
Chance of
Gourmet**

Mac 'n Cheese “

On Wednesday, January 13 at OYC, we expect it to be Cloudy With a Chance of Gourmet Mac 'n Cheese.

Please join us at 11:30AM for a pleasant pasta repast with the Lunch Bunch. The Lackeys have generously coached Mary Ann and Kelly Thompson on the necessary skills and supplies to present this event.

The only thing missing from this FUN is U.

At 6 bucks a head for a full lunch and beverages, this is still one of the best buys in Olympia fine dining. The companions are great, and the view is spectacular. Please join us for the first Lunch Bunch gathering of the year.

Notice - Captains of the Lunch Bunch events seek willing crew members. We need help for set up and clean up of the monthly Lunch Bunch. Training provided (and cookies). Please contact Kelly (kt2oly@gmail.com) or Mary Ann (maryannreadsots@aol.com) or call [360.402.9999](tel:360.402.9999).

Experienced deck hands especially welcome!

Mainstation

Rick Antles, Chair



Happy New Year's to all OYC members,

Wow, we've seen some powerful winds in December; they wreaked havoc with our boat decorations and Christmas lights. How's your boat or boat house doing? I've found boat houses without the standard equipment and have touched bases with a few folks already, but it is harder to see the chains on the outside corners of your boat houses so make sure you check these devices.

Boats and boat houses that shift too much with the wind and waves jerk and pull at fittings accelerating the normal wear and tear; major damage if they outright break loose. For the sake of your own treasure and the rest of the marina, please keep a close eye on your dock lines, cleats, eye bolts and chains.

Open slip boat tarps and boat house curtains are another issue and it doesn't help the appearance of the marina if your coverings are torn or loose or otherwise dilapidated. Loose coverings can damage your boat just flapping in the wind. Let's keep an eye on these, making certain they are nice and taut.

Looking to restart the Boat House Inspection subcommittee and may include Open Slip inspections as well.

Remember to clean up after yourself when you use the work shop and someone has to take the garbage from there to the dumpster; if you are heading to the parking lot, well

Projects are coming in January and we will be looking for help. Keep an eye out for an email blast from OYC. Next Main Station meeting is for January 7 at 6 p.m. in the clubhouse. Come by and find out how you can help and earn CSP hours.

Thanks,
Rick Antles rantles@gmail.com
S/V *White Raven*

Island Home

Earl Hughes, Chair



We have good news about the Island Home bridge. We had it surveyed by an engineering firm and they reported that our bridge is sound. There are a few things we need to do but they do not effect the structural integrity. We now have a posted weight limit, so now the fire department will bring their trucks across the bridge in case of a fire.

WIFI - WOW- We are trying real hard to get a system at the Island that will do what is needed. As I have found out, WIFI ideas are like belly buttons, everyone has one. We have been in contact with Hood Canal Communications, 4th Dimension Computers, the people who work with the Port of Olympia for WIFI at Swantown, DPE systems in Seattle, and we've just made contact with folks at Seattle Yacht Club. The one thing I've found out is WIFI over water is a lot different then over land. I plead for patience. We really are trying to get a system that will work for everyone all the time.

Just FYI The DFW will be doing a fish transfer between January 19th and February 1st 2016 at the Island. They are able to work around anything that may be happening at the Island during that time.

See you at the Island

Earl Hughes
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The History Corner

Lisa Mighetto, OYC Historian



Happy New Year! Welcome to January, the month named after “Janus,” the Roman god of doorways and passages. Often Janus is depicted as two-faced, looking both forward and backward. Accordingly, this month’s column will look to the OYC’s past and future. A few months ago we examined a survey of Past Commodores conducted around 10 years ago; now we will summarize the results of a recent survey of PCs that served during the last decade.

According to the new survey, one of the most significant developments in recent years is the increase in OYC membership, which resulted from years of strategic planning. During PC Jeff Pape’s watch (2014), OYC members staffed a booth at the Seattle Boat Show as part of a campaign offering a reduction in the initial membership fees. As PC Jeff explained, this membership drive resulted from planning by many people – and demonstrated long-term thinking over short-term gain. At a time when multiple yacht clubs saw a drop in membership, the OYC gained approximately 50 new members. PC Jeff recalled swearing in more than 30 new members in one night. “They stretched from one side of the room to the other,” he commented. He found it significant that many of the new members have been very active from the outset.

Another noteworthy development was the creation of an Environmental Awareness Committee, which resulted in the OYC receiving a “Certified Clean Marina” status and the adoption of several Best Management Practices. PC Jim Lengenfelder (2007) mentioned the OYC’s active participation in Capitol Lake management issues, which led to the creation of the Capitol Lake Improvement and Protection Association. PC Jim was also involved in creating the OYC Foundation to support boating and safety.

All the PCs mentioned going through the chairs as being a rewarding experience. “Thought it would be a chore, taking one for the team,” recalled PC Mike Contris (2013). “Wrong!” Instead, he and Vonnie discovered lifelong friendships and an increased appreciation for OYC members and the larger boating community. PC Jeff agreed. “I just had a blast the whole time,” he recalled. Many PCs mentioned their Commodore’s Ball as a favorite memory. “It was so special,” noted one PC. “You really feel appreciated.”

As for future trends and issues, several PCs mentioned that membership numbers will remain a significant concern, as will the need to bring in “younger members” and

“young families.” One PC joked that yacht clubs in general need to counter the perception that “we’re a bunch of mean old people” by adapting to new social and economic trends. We need to recognize, for instance, that leadership positions are increasingly held by women, including PCs Carol Robinson, Leslie Thompson, and Myra Downing, and that younger members – and potential young members – might be struggling financially. Several PCs predicted that the OYC will continue to grapple with environmental issues. As PC Jim explained, we will “face more stringent requirements regarding ‘repair and maintenance’ of all of our over-the-water structures, including privately owned boat houses.” Another PC similarly mentioned the “environmental challenges of being located where we are.”

All agreed that the members will continue to define the OYC. As PC Tony Re (2009) summarized, “the most important word in ‘Olympia Yacht Club’ is the third word, ‘CLUB.’”

Huge thanks to all the recent PCs that contributed to the survey, which is now part of the OYC’s archives. Photos of PCs courtesy Rick Taylor.

Some of our most recent PCs pictured below



Special People's Cruise 2015

Report From Curtis Dahlgren

Through the efforts of 90 OYC members and family members, the 2015 Special People's Cruise was a success. Thurston County Parks and Recreation, co-sponsor of this event, registered 118 guests. Judging from the smiles and feedback of many of the guests, the warm, festive and generous Christmas spirit displayed by OYC was appreciated by all of them.

To begin the day, 27 OYC members safely escorted our guests to the following 19 boats: *Chaotic Too, Patina, Wishbone, Feisty II, Wandrian, Voyageur, Fleetwood, Chasing Time, Puget Star, Nimbus, True North, North Star, Jean Marie, Life of Reily, Nautical Star, Great Escape, Wolf Gang II, Grace and Just 4 Us*. The guests were treated to a short cruise during which time they saw Santa and Mrs. Claus enjoying a cruise on *Amstel*. To add a little levity to the cruise, 4 OYC members served as "Santa Voices" and talked to guests on the VHF radio. If radio reception was poor, some skippers braved the weather on the fly-bridge of their boats while underway, and called their guests who were anxiously awaiting a call from Santa down below in the salon.



Arriving back at the clubhouse, our guests were treated to hot chocolate and the most amazing collection of cookies. Twenty members brought a total of 69 dozen cookies, enough for our guests to enjoy in the clubhouse and take some home. Together, George Baker and Arliss Siebert brought 10 dozen cookies! Mary Ann and Kelly Thompson took the lead in the galley, and with the support of a team of OYC members they had all of the cookies ready for serving when our guests returned to the clubhouse.

Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Clause were, as usual, a great hit. I don't think any of our guests missed that opportunity. The other photo that was not to be missed was the photo of the Teters family. OYC members John & Val Teters served another year as Santa and Mrs. Claus. And, two of their children, Claire and Parker, were dock escorts. And, John's mother, Mimi, volunteered her time in the galley. Thank you to three generations of the Teters family supporting this event!

The gifts bags were meticulously packed by Eileen Leingang with an assortment of goodies, some donated by members and some purchased. Leslie Thompson donated dental supplies provided by Cramer and Bond Dentistry, and Bill Wilmovsky donated coloring books provided by Gary Blatter at Allstate Insurance. These two local businesses are longtime supporters of this event.

During the skipper's meeting, names were randomly drawn from the pool of participating boats for some gifts donated by 3 local companies. Acme Fuel donated 4 - \$25 gift certificates for any of their products. Boston



Harbor Marina donated four \$25 gift certificates for fuel at their now fully functional fuel dock. And, Anthony's Homeport Olympia restaurant donated 10 cards for complimentary appetizer or dessert to any Anthony's restaurant. These are tokens of appreciation for a group of skippers and first mates who represent OYC well.

As the Chair of the Special People's Cruise Committee, I ask all members to extend their appreciation to these companies for the support they have provided for this community service event. A simple "Thank You" the next time that you do business or have any interaction with them would be appreciated.

The pictures in the Beachcomber are **courtesy of Barbara Blacker**, a local photographer and friend of mine who agreed to take pictures after I heard that Mike Contris might not make it back to Olympia in time for the event. Mike did return from out of town just in time for the start of the event and so, we all benefited from both of their efforts. Thank you both.



Photos below by Denise Zermer



Above Photos by Barbara Blacker



Photos below by Mike Contris





Junior Sailing Program

Mary Fitzgerald, Chair



You Can Help!!

December has been a busy month for us. We were able to get our Vanguard 420 fleet out to Zittle's Marina to be lifted out and delivered to Bill Brosius's workshop. We have had loads of help from the high school sailors and parents as well as from volunteers from the yacht club membership and others. Thanks so much to John Sherman, Casey and any one else that has shown up that I don't know about. We will be starting work on our Optis pretty soon and are still looking for volunteers to help with repairs and just plain old elbow grease for cleaning the boats and waxing. If you have time and interest please contact our coach Sarah Hanavan at 206-931-8802 or stop by the clubhouse office. She works in our office on a regular basis.

As we get ready to splash our new J24 we have compiled a wish list of items that are necessary to have on board for safety's sake and insurance purposes. There are a few things that would also just be nice to have on board, so if you have a gently used spare item or want to make a donation we would sure appreciate it. Please call me to check before you drop anything off...we don't need a half dozen old boat hooks.

OYC Burgee	Fenders	Mooring lines for 24' boat
Handheld VHF	Throwable seat cushion	Life Sling and Block and Tackle
Horn	Charts of local area	First aid Kit
Chart #1	2016 tide book	Flairs, flair gun, Signal smoke
Flashlight	3-5 hp outboard	Gas Tank
Fire Extinguisher	Anchor and line	Appropriate Stickers for USCG
Oil diapers	Bucket	Handheld GPS
Boat Hook		

Thanks to all for your support.

We would also like to report that Michelle Ripple is leaving our committee to spend a more time closer to home. We all want to thanks Michelle for her invaluable work, hundreds of hours and all your support on behalf of our High School Sailors and all the participants of our last two summer Program. We wish you well Michelle . Many thanks from all of us.

Sarah has written a catch-up article here as well to let you know about upcoming regattas etc. Happy New Year,

Be safe on the water.

Fair Winds.

Capt. Mary Fitzgerald

Juniors Committee Chair

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Hello from the OYC High School Sailing Team!

The days are dark and dreary, the Holidays are here, and it seems like sailing would be the last thing on anyone's mind... Not so! The OYC High School Sailors, while not currently practicing, are busy preparing for next season, fundraising, and yes, maybe even getting to sail...

Wednesdays and Saturdays we're out at Bill Brosius (heated!) workshop that he has generously let the OYC Junior Sailing Program use to repair all of its dinghies—big thank you to Bill! Our current project is our fleet of 7 Vanguard 420 doublehanded boats, all of the sailors are pitching in to help, learning about fiberglass work, painting, sanding, and so much more as Bill is an endless resource of boat-work knowledge. As Mary said, we welcome help, and if OYC members need to get in CSP hours or curious SSSC members would like to come out, email me for more information (address below). Come January/February we plan on beginning work on our Opti fleet, so there is plenty to do.



While getting ready for the competitive Spring Season is a big priority, so is our fundraiser for new race boats. Last month you might have heard about our Holiday Wreath Fundraiser, it was a great success and we brought in close to \$2,000! We have a goal of 30k, so we have a ways to go. Our next Fundraiser is the Toliva Shoal Race Dinner Auction, currently we're collecting donations for auction items; please email Becky Hellman our Parent coordinator (<olysailors@gmail.com>) if you'd like to contribute.



So, if the boats are in the shop and practices don't start until the Spring, how are the OYC High School Sailors competing? The Answer? California! Our Sailors are attending their first ever, famous, **Rose Bowl Regatta**, an annual event hosted by the USC Sailing Team, Alami-tos Bay Yacht Club and US Sailing Center January 2nd and 3rd. It is a joint College and High School Sailing event that teams from all around the nation attend. Ideally this event will become a regular regatta for our team as they grow. Don't forget to follow the [OYC High School Sailing Team on Facebook](#) where we'll be updating how the Regatta is going. It will be

a challenging event for us, as our team has never sailed in a fleet this competitive or large, but most importantly it will be fun—the sailors will travel with each other, create memories, and most of all get to enjoy some California sunshine! Expect a report in the next newsletter, and wish our sailors well!

— Sarah Hanavan, Coach
oychighschoolsailing@gmail.com

Environmental Awareness

John Sherman, Chair



When I was a child, my parents liked to go to Victoria BC for the weekend. In those days, it wasn't the speedy Victoria Clipper that plied the route; it was the *Princess Marguerite II*, and through the eyes of a five-year old boy, she looked like the *Titanic*-- minus a smokestack or two. Each day, "*Maggie*" steamed sedately down Puget Sound from Seattle to Victoria and back.

One of the enduring entertainments of the passage was waiting in anticipation for the galley crew to pitch dumpsters full of restaurant scraps (among other trash) into the Sound. The resulting spectacle delighted the audience assembled on the fantail deck watching hundreds of raucous seagulls wheeling, screeching, and diving in an acrobatic frenzy to snatch tasty morsels of garbage from the whitecaps in *Maggie's* wake. Dependent on this daily smorgasbord, a large cadre of seagulls perpetually followed the *Princess* down and up the Sound, their graceful gliding in the slipstream of the ship periodically interrupted by these noisy feeding frenzies.

In retrospect, it is all pretty disgusting, but that was standard practice a half century ago. It was assumed that our sound and the oceans had an unlimited capacity to absorb all the insults our burgeoning population cared to throw at it. We now know better. Vanishing forage fish, depleted salmon runs and disappearing shorebirds--even the gulls--are the price we are paying for decades of insensitivity to our environment. Fortunately, since then a coalition of marine businesses, government agencies, and environmental advocates have banded together to cooperate in finding ways to repair some of the damage caused by decades of neglect.

In 2013, OYC joined a list of over 65 yacht clubs and marinas in Puget Sound that subscribe to the Clean Marina Program. In doing so, the OYC and its membership committed to Best Management Practices (BMPs) that are designed to minimize or eliminate the introduction of toxins and pollutants into the waters of Puget Sound. These BMPs, originally developed in 1995, are basically common sense practices for boat owners and operators to help recover and sustain a healthy environment, preserve and improve our fisheries, and maximize the enjoyment of our marine resources for recreation. The current BMPs are available on the OYC Website Home

Page under Web Links. (Thanks, Ron!)

After 20 years, BMPs are being revisited with an eye to updating one of the key publications of the Clean Marina Foundation, the Pollution Prevention Guide for Marinas. I attended a focus group in December to review and discuss the proposed changes.

The revised BMP continue to focus on the principal activities over which we, as boat owners, have control: fueling practice, spill response when efforts at prevention fail, vessel maintenance and repairs, and waste management. The new BMPs fine-tune some of these areas, but there are no major changes to current best practice recommendations.

However, the revised BMP also address three new areas that reflect developments in the past 20 years. These include (1) methods for boat owners to help avoid the introduction of Aquatic Invasive Species, (2) the Derelict Vessel Removal Program--an initiative of the Department of Natural Resources to help dispose of derelict vessels before they become environmental liabilities, and (3) Facility Maintenance--a recognition that not only boats, but the marina infrastructure that hosts them, should adhere to practices that tread lightly on the environment.

Future articles will review selected portions of the BMP and their implementation at OYC. The revised BMPs are still under discussion and not available on-line. However, I have a draft copy which I would be happy to forward to you. Please send me an e-mail (sv_grendel@hotmail.com) if you would like to review the draft BMPs and revisions, and let me know if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns.

John Sherman
S/V *Grendel*



Christmas
Ball

2015

Photos by Denise Zerner and
Mike Contris



Christmas Ball

2015

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Lighted Ship Parade 2015 — Photos from Denise Zerner



We had acceptable weather, high spirits, and enjoyed yummy chili and goodies at the club house afterward! Who knew a "newbie" would float off with the big prize!!

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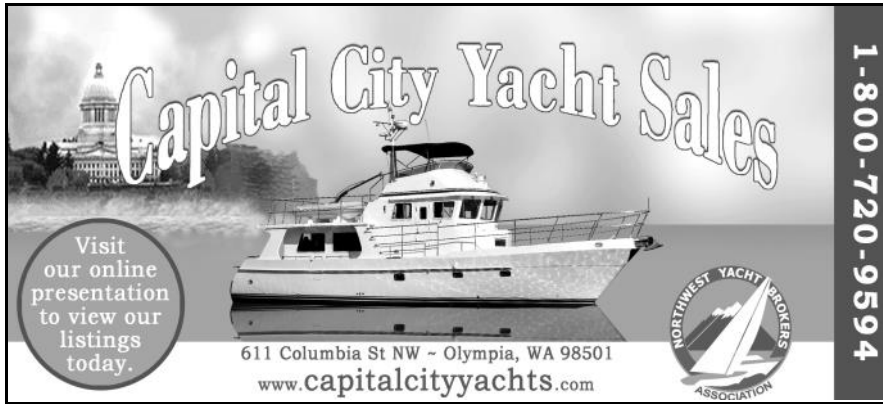
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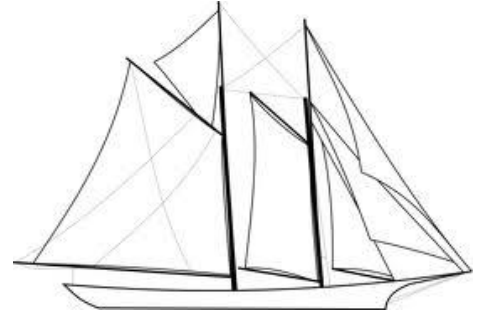
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32' BHM Flybridge Trawler, 1992

A True "Downeast" Duffy style, Lobster yacht built by the Atlantic Boat Company in Brooklyn Maine. Excellent condition, 210 Cummins diesel with 2,995 hours. Well equipped and many upgrades. Recent zincs and service. A well built go anywhere vessel at 8 knots or 16 knots. Boathouse kept.

Boathouse still available in Olympia.

\$88,000. Owner will consider small trade.

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M/V LARGO is up for sale

34' CHB 1981

All kinds of upgrades including bow and stern thrusters, Fireboy halon system including engine kill assembly, all LED lights, 150 Watt dual stern underwater fish lights, new refrigerator, bottom paint, zincs, engine serviced, Webasto heat and a lot more.

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1997- 28' Bayliner 2855 Ciera

Only \$22,500

A popular family boat with a large cabin and more than 6 feet of headroom. Companion lounge seating, galley, dinette, shower and two double berths. The sport cockpit has a integral transom platform with transom door. Boat has 500 total hours on re-placed engine. Hull material is Fiberglass, and engine/fuel type is single gas

- Dimensions LOA: 28', Beam: 9'7" Displacement: 6750 lbs Draft: 3'1" Bridge clearance: 8'6"
- Engine Mercruiser Engine HP: 300 Engine Model: 500 Hours: 390 Cruising speed: 20 Max speed: 30+
- Tankage Fuel: 109 Water: 33 Holding: 13
- Forward berth with privacy curtain - Padded bow hatch - Cabinet storage
- Head with shower- flush toilet - 6 gallon water heater - Red dot cabin heat
- Mid cabin berth- Overhead lighting - Hanging locker - Convertible dinette - L-shaped lounge seating
- Cockpit lounge seat reversible
- Galley - Norcold refrigerator - Microwave - Alcohol/electric stove - SS sink
- Electronics & Navigation - Standard VHF radio - Furuno radar - Digital depth sounder - GPS - AM/FM CD Stereo system
- Electrical- 30 amp shore power w/50' cord- 10 amp battery charger/converter
- Dingy - 9' Hard bottom Zodiac - 8 HP Suzuki outboard
- Mechanical Equipment and Details- Trim tabs- Fresh water cooling

Boathouse at OYC #501 also available for **\$10,000**

Contact **John Erwin**, at

360.239.1311 or John@johnnerwinremodeling.com

January 2016

Date	Event	Time	Place	Organizer
1	New Years Day			
4	(Cancelled) Clubhouse Meeting	6PM	Mainstation	Wells
4	Junior Sailing	6:30PM	Mainstation	Fitzgerald
5	Bridge Meeting	6PM	Mainstation	Phillips
5	Governments Affairs	6PM	Mainstation	Ball
6	Dinner Meeting	6PM	Mainstation	Phillips
7	Mainstation	6PM	Mainstation	Antles
8 to 10	QCYC Officers Cruise in		QCYC out Station	Phillips/Schefter/Sloane
12	South Sound Sailing Society	6:30PM	Mainstation	Welpman
13	Lunch Bunch	11:30AM	Mainstation	Thompson
13	Board Meeting	6PM	Mainstation	VanSchoorl
14	Long Range Planning	5:30PM	Mainstation	Crawford
14	Anchorettes Auxiliary	6PM	Mainstation	Zelis
15 to 16	Edmonds JO Ball		Edmonds YC	Shefter/Sloane
18	Power Squadron	6:30PM	Mainstation	Brower
22	TGIF Dinner	5PM	Mainstation	Welpman
22 to 24	Maydenbauers JO Ball	5:30	MYC	Schefter/Sloane
29 to 31	Joint Cruise to IH with SSSS & SYC		Island Home	Phillips/Shefter/Sloane

February 2016

Date	Event	Time	Place	Organizer
1	Clubhouse Meeting	6PM	Mainstation	Wells
1	Junior Sailing	6:30PM	Mainstation	Fitzgerald
2	Bridge Meeting	6PM	Mainstation	Phillips
2	Government Affairs	6:00PM	Mainstation	Ball
3	Dinner Meeting	6PM	Mainstation	Phillips
4	Mainstation	6PM	Mainstation	Antles
6	Tacoma YC Commodores Ball		TYC	Phillips
9	South Sound Sailing Society	6:30PM	Mainstation	Welpman
10	Lunch Bunch	11:30AM	Mainstation	Thompson
10	Board Meeting	6PM	Mainstation	VanSchoorl
12 to 14	Valentines Cruise to IH		Island Home	Graff
15	Power Squadron	6:30PM	Mainstation	Brower
18	Long Range Planning	5:30PM	Mainstation	Crawford
18	Anchorettes Auxiliary	6PM	Mainstation	Zelis
19 to 21	Toliva Shoal Race		Mainstation	Welpman
19 to 21	GHYC JO Ball		GHYC	Schefter/Sloane
26	TGIF	5PM	Mainstation	Welpman

Join us for dinner

Wednesday, January 6th

MENU

- Classic meat lasagna with:
- Italian vegetable medley
- Antipasto salad
- Herb & cheese breadsticks
- Sicilian Cassata Cake for dessert



January Dinner Meeting

January 6, 2016

Membership Meeting dinners are held on the first Wednesday of each month except August and December

- \$24.00 per person with reservation
- \$29.00 per person without reservation

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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