



January 2017



Commodore

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



And thus ends the year. 2016 passes into history and 2017 is here. If you recall our December, the Parade of Lighted Ships, Special Peoples Cruise, the Christmas Ball and our other year-end activities were wonderful. What a great way to end the year. Congratulations to all

of the skippers and workers that made these events possible.

A special thanks to our Fleet Captain Sail, Mark Welpman and Annette. They were Santa and Mrs. Clause for the Lighted Ships Parade. On Parade evening they parked in the Club lot and in full Santa costumes walked to Percival where they were to appear. They no sooner had they left our lot when they were discovered by dozens of kids, all wanting Santa's attention. It took Mark (Santa) and Annette (Mrs. Clause) almost an hour to get to Percival. A job well done.

You made our Toys for Tots collection great once again. Congratulations to our member Andy Paris, who again donated dozens of stuffed bears and made our total donation to the Marines really pop out.

I hope to see you at the New Years Eve party at the Clubhouse. This is the official OYC party and is not to be missed. Although I can't be there the "unofficial" New Years at Island Home will be its usual great time. These parties will be the events to welcome the new year and say goodbye to the old. The January dinner meeting will also be an occasion to thank all of the skippers and workers that put on the Parade of Lighted Ships and the Special Peoples Cruise. Support OYC at the

Seattle Boat Show. We will have our booth fully manned and running, so just stop by and say hello.

To end January, on January 27 to 29 we will host the Joint Cruise at Island Home with the South Sound Sailing Association and the Shelton Yacht Club. Last years event with these two clubs was great, and this years will be even better. We had 40 or so boats last year and expect more this year. OYC provides the Island, and we do burgers and fries. The Sailors do breakfast on Sunday and Shelton does another really great dinner on Saturday night. All of the clubs help set up and clean up. Plan to attend, since this is one of our larger events and a chance to meet new sailors and mariners. Besides, we need more boats than the other clubs.

Well, to wander off again I am closing in on getting MV Rob Roy on the water. Just two parts on order and once installed the boat will be as good as new. That is for 1987. Keeping this old girl on the water is somewhat of a celebration of old boat motors.

For the past few years, I have watched our Masters of Meats at the Memorial Day Cruise and wanted a pellet smoker just like theirs. I asked all what brand to buy and why. Finally, this year I had accumulated enough Cabela's awards points to take the plunge. I scoped out the selection and made the big purchase. Seeing one of the masters, I announced my purchase and entry into their league only to be doused with the news that true masters have now moved away from pellet smokers to smokers that use only wood. Once again, I am behind the eight ball, but that's how it often goes.

Well, enough of this. I hope to see you around.

Commodore Walt Scheffer and First Lady Catherine
M/V Rob Roy

**Vice Commodore**

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



Welcome to the New Year - 2017 - Wow! Wasn't it just 1997? Oh yeah, that was 20 years ago. As Dave Niehaus used to say, My, Oh, My! This is the 113th year of the Olympia Yacht Club, in case you are counting.

Lorie and I have been busy with this season of Holidays and Celebrations, with our growing extended family. It's very enjoyable to watch our grandchildren begin to understand that they can expect presents and lots of parties inside houses while it is dark and wet outdoors. We have begun to plan this coming summer's Commodore's Cruise and will set up a planning meeting soon. Of course, things can change, but tentatively, the cruise will start Wednesday, July 26 and continue through Wednesday August 9. The cruise will be in the South Sound, meaning south of the Straits of Juan de Fuca. I want to explore some of the quieter and smaller marinas and harbors hidden in our home waters. Near the end of the cruise, I have already reserved two nights at Port Ludlow Marina, where I am hoping we can have an OYC 'Best Ball' Golf Tournament at the nearby golf course. The Port Ludlow Marina provides a shuttle to the golf course. The cruise will end in Port Townsend for those cruisers that want to continue north into the San Juan and Canadian Gulf Islands.

I hope the shorter distances between ports of call will encourage some club members who have not come on the past two Commodore's Cruise to consider this one. We are thinking of creating a wagon wheel at some point on the cruise, with our dinghies, that is - stern tied. This might be challenging. Lots to look forward to in Twenty-seventeen!

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**Rear Commodore**

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Hope everyone had a great holiday. We are looking forward to getting back into the dinner meetings and seeing everyone again. I'm sure many of you now have (or will be getting very soon) gym memberships as losing weight is one of the more common new year's resolutions. Maybe we should

have a contest to see who keeps their membership the longest? Just kidding. But seriously we should.

I have been on a long-term diet that has been yielding some shocking results. You know, the see-food (and eat every last crumb) diet. Sadly, I don't see that changing any time soon but on a positive note, admitting you have a problem is the first step. Getting to the next step, however, is proving to be a bit more challenging. Anyway, take care, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone in the new year.

Marty and Jen Graf
Rear Commodore
M/V *William West*

TGIF

Thank Goodness it's **Friday!**

Good food

Good times

Good music



January 20th, 2017

Drinks and Socializing 5:30 PM

Pizza etc..... 6 PM

\$6/person

No reservations required



Fleet Captain Power

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



Ahoy OYC !

I heard boating season ends in October or something? We just had one of our busiest boating months in.....like months! In particular, we took two new maiden adventures for us. First we were honored to be a part of the community by throwing a couple Christmas lights and decorations and

then proceeding up and down Budd Inlet....in the dark, pouring, cold rain for 3 hours. It was totally awesome! Job well done to the committee, captains and crews. Then we were honored to take part in the Special Peoples' Cruise for the first time. We had the sweetest, nicest, friendliest guests ever on our boat. As impressed as I was with the organization of the committee and volunteers, I particularly want to laud the standout performance by Santa on the VHF. From his vantage point, he may not know just how wonderful it was to see the faces light up when he called for them on the radio. Great Job!

As we turn the calendar to 2017, things are not slowing down at OYC. The Joint Cruise at Island Home with the Shelton Yacht Club and the South Sound Sailing Society starts the cruising year on January 27, 28 and 29. By the way, does the South Sound Sailing Society go by S⁴? This is a great time to start out the year with some CSP hours, our Fleet Captain Sail is going to need all the help he can get because apparently the Fleet Captain Power is not going to be in town. Soon to be followed by the Valentine's Cruise at Island Home February 10, 11 and 12. PC George and Cindy Smith have done an outstanding job at these cruises for a long time, which means I am looking for some ideas and how to pull this off with half as much success as they had. I've been informed corndogs and tater tots just won't cut it for this cruise. Look for an invite soon for committee input and volunteers.

Fleet Captain Jesse Mitchell "Mitch"
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[FCS continued].....to see what the fuss is all about. Come join me, your fellow OYC Sailors and SSSS for a little racing fun. Races are held nearly every other week winter and spring. Come see what Foul Weather Gear is really made for! Lol...

See you on the water

Your friendly Neighborhood Fleet Captain Sail

Mark & Annette Welpman
OYC Fleet Captain Sail
S/V Cygnet



Fleet Captain Sail

Fleet Captain Mark Welpman
First Mate Annette Welpman
S/V Cygnet



Happy New Years!

By the time you receive this posting, the Christmas Tree, lights and decorations will all be put away. The relatives will have returned home. The house will be quiet again. Now it's time to sit back recovered from the Holidays. But don't think the fun is over... **TGIF is back on January 20.** And don't forget the **Joint Cruise to Island**

Home the weekend of January 28.

The Joint Cruise is a really fun event. Last year we had 51 boats. Over 150 Cruisers! It's a pretty packed weekend. The Cruise features three hosted meals, a potluck luau, ever popular Tiki Hut Scavenger Hunt, Boat Bingo (get to know your neighbor event), Ugly Hawaiian Shirt Contest and a couple of other surprises. Of course weather permitting, we'll have the usual Island Home Games. Don't forget that you are competing for valuable prizes from the Dollar Store!

This year we plan to change up the docking situation. There will be designated docking for early arrivals of visiting clubs. This is to insure that our club will have the opportunity to get the dock before all the dock space becomes full. All "visiting" club boats arriving before 18:00 (6:00 PM for you landlubbers) on Friday, will be required to dock in designated areas. There will be open docking after 18:00 on Friday.

We are looking for volunteers for the Joint Cruise. We'll need volunteers for docking and registering boats as they arrive, setup and breaking down the event, and galley crew. Please email me at FCS.OYC.Mark@outlook.com if you're interested in helping out. Look for emails about a planning meeting in January.

Don't forget January 20 kicks off a new year of TGIF. This event is great fun for everyone. Good food, awesome live bands and of course all of you. All of this for the low, low price of \$6. As always we're looking for TGIF Crew. We have a core group of Crew, but we always need more people serving. It's a great opportunity to get to meet other club members. Start the new year out with earning a bunch of CSP hours while having a great time. Remember, **Happy Hour starts at 5:30 pm, and pizza is served at 6 pm.** If you would like to join the TGIF Crew, please let me know. Look for an email next week asking for volunteers.

Last but not least, if you've been interested in crewing on a sailboat. Please contact me. OYC and South Sound Sailing Society have a pretty robust racing fleet. They are always looking for crew. They have everything from hard core race to conquer the world race boats, to (in the voice of Thurston Howell III) "Lovey, could you please fetch me a hot cocoa and croissant?" enjoy the breeze boats. There is a pretty competitive all-women boat skippered by our own PC Myra Downing. I guess what I'm saying is that if you ever wanted

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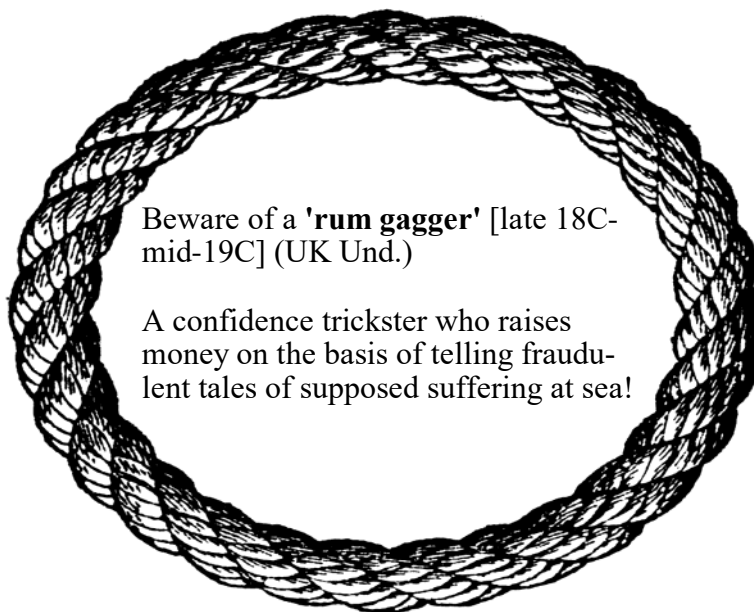
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- Current Puget Sound fuel prices
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Beware of a '**rum gagger**' [late 18C-mid-19C] (UK Und.)

A confidence trickster who raises money on the basis of telling fraudulent tales of supposed suffering at sea!

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The Finance and Budget Committee Chair, Joe Downing, presented the final 2017 budget to the Board of Trustees at the December meeting. There was no increase in either the moorage rates or dues. However the amount that we contribute each month to our capital reserve increased by 81 cents or 1%/. Operating expenditures are up by 2% and are still well under our anticipated revenue. This budget reflects the continuing solid financial underpinnings of our Club. Thanks to Joe and the Finance Committee, and to all of the committee chairs that developed their budget proposals. Great work!

Keeping it short this month.

The Board wishes you a Happy New Year and magnificent sailing and cruising in 2017.

The Board of Trustees **meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Club House.** Minutes of the meetings are posted on the bulletin board.



The next scheduled BOT meeting is on January 11, 2017.

Secretary

Maryann Gamache
S/V Penny Lover



We have one demit this month:: Ernie Brooks

Main Station

Tim Ridley, Chair



I'd like to give a big thank you to Rick Antles for his many hours of hard work as Chair of the Main Station Committee, as I am finding out it's going to be a lot of work. As some of you found out in your billing, we have had to impose fines for inspections that have not met boathouse standards. Please, if you have any questions on these fines, contact me at [360-943-9105](tel:360-943-9105) or cell [253-320-9106](tel:253-320-9106).

Main Station will be replacing the 100 dock along with the guest dock this Spring with new docks. So we ask members to get ready to move to Island Home for maybe a month, as we remove and replace them. Again, if any questions call me.

We, at the Main Station, are here to hopefully maintain and upgrade your facility. If you see something out of place or in need of repair, please contact me or Greg Whittaker.

Our next meeting of the Main Station Committee is 6 pm January 5. Please come.

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TO ALL OYC MEMBERS;

I PERSONALLY WISH YOU A BLESSED CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.....THE MAIN REASON FOR THIS SEASON. (EVEN THOUGH BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS, CHRISTMAS WILL BE ALREADY CELEBRATED).

ALSO, LET US ALL MAKE THE 2017 YEAR A VERY PROSPEROUS AND A SUCCESSFUL GOOD YEAR.

OUR NEXT WOMEN'S INTERCLUB LUNCHEON TO ATTEND, WILL BE FEBRUARY 2, 2017 AT THE QUEEN CITY YACHT CLUB.

PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND SOME OF THESE LUNCHEONS, AT OUR OTHER GRAND 14 YACHT CLUBS, TO INTERACT AND GET ACQUAINTED WITH, SHARE IDEAS, MEET OUR COUNTER-PARTNERS.....THEY ARE ALL OUR FRIENDS.

THESE LUNCHEONS ALL HAVE EITHER WONDERFUL SPEAKERS ON TOPICS FOR BOATERS, OR ENTERTAINMENT WITH MUSIC, AND EVERYONE LEAVES WITH GOOD SPIRIT IN THEIR HEARTS, AND MAY HAVE WON A BEAUTIFUL BASKET, FILLED WITH ALL KINDS OF GOODIES, PLUS.....A WONDERFUL LUNCH!!

PLEASE CALL KIM SHANN 491-3786

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Government Affairs

Gary Ball & Myra Downing, Co-chairs



Hi, last month the GAC provided an article with a general overview of Capitol Lake, the 5th Ave dam and Olympia's Waterfront. This month is a deeper dive on Capitol Lake itself in terms of history, use, water quality and perception & reality in the Lake vs. Estuary/Mud Flat debate. As a reminder, Capitol Lake matters because it's created by the 5th Ave dam that preserves Olympia's Waterfront and the OYC.

Capitol Lake is an integral part of the architecturally significant Wilder & White "City Beautiful" plan for the Washington State Capitol campus. Their 1911 plan called for construction of a dam to provide a reflecting lake for the buildings on the bluff. As one of the key architectural elements of the campus, the lake was finally completed in 1951 with construction of the 5th Ave dam at the mouth of the Deschutes. The new dam ended years of then smelly tidal mud flats, provided flood protection and allowed for the development of downtown Olympia. Even today, the lake enhances Olympia's urban environment, providing an attractive setting for social gatherings, recreation, business, and tourism.

From the 1950's into the 80's Capitol Lake provided a range of recreational uses including swimming, boating and fishing. In 1985 because of high bacteria levels from raw sewage then entering the Lake it was closed to swimming. Though the source of raw sewage was removed and the Lake has met Thurston County's water quality standards for the past 15 years, the Lake has remained closed to swimming. Capitol Lake was open for boating until 2009 when it was suddenly closed due to a New Zealand Mud Snail (NZMS) infestation. While the NZMS was cited as the primary reason for closure, it's interesting to note that there are no less than 32 sites throughout Washington with known NZMS infestations and of those 32 sites which include Lake Washington and the Columbia River ONLY Capitol Lake is closed.

Despite meeting Thurston County's swimming water quality standards, an Estuary/Mud Flat proponent would still say Capitol Lake is still dirty due to the levels of nitrates & phosphates and that, in turn, the nitrates/phosphates directly harm Budd Inlet's water quality. What they wouldn't point out is that the high nitrate levels come from the Deschutes River itself which, due to upstream sources, has the second highest level of nitrates of any river in Washington. Further contributing to the nitrate/phosphate levels are 80 storm water outfalls entering Capitol Lake. Were the 5th Ave dam and Capitol Lake simply removed without other mitigation the nitrate/phosphate problem would merely migrate from Capitol Lake to Budd Inlet shifting the problem from the contained Capitol Lake downstream to all of Puget Sound.

Capitol Lake in fact serves to improve Budd Inlet's water quality by acting as a nitrate catchment for the nitrate rich Deschutes River. It's estimated that about 90% of the nitrates flowing down the Deschutes are captured by Capitol Lake and the 5th Ave dam and then used by the plants that grow on the Lake. Without the dam these nitrates would enter Budd Inlet directly contributing to lower levels of dissolved oxygen in Budd Inlet & Puget Sound. In effect, Capitol Lake functions as a super treatment plant removing more nitrates from entering Puget Sound than does Olympia's LOTT plant.

Because of sediment carried downstream by the Deschutes, Capitol Lake had to be periodically dredged, so the Lake did not fill up with sediment. However, the last time the lake was

dredged (partially) was 1986 and in the ensuing 30 years nearly one million cubic yards of sediment has flowed down the Deschutes into the Lake and Budd Inlet. This has resulted in the Lake becoming very shallow, subject to excessive warming during summer months and unsightly due to weed growth. The accumulation of sediment has overflowed into Budd Inlet requiring OYC and the Port of Olympia to undertake dredging. Now you might think that the tradeoffs between dredging the Lake or Budd Inlet are equivalent but that's not the case. Dredging Capitol Lake is a relatively simple inexpensive process because of its contained nature, easy access and absence of industrial contaminants. In contrast dredging Budd Inlet is very complex due to access, permitting and the old industrial pollution in Budd Inlet that when mixed with the Deschutes sediment means all spoils must be expensively dumped in specific areas if they're found to be contaminated with even relatively low levels of the old industrial waste.

The cornerstone of the Estuary/Mud Flat proponent's argument for dam removal is that it's better for the environment than the Lake because it's natural. This simplistic approach ignores additional benefits Capitol Lake provides. Olympia has a unique urban colony of over 3,000 insect eating bats thanks to Capitol Lake's food sources. Capitol Lake provides extensive habitat for native aquatic species including the Olympic Mud Minnow which is listed as "Sensitive" under the Federal Endangered Species Act or others vulnerable to habitat loss like Freshwater Mussels. University of Washington studies show that Lake environments like Capitol Lake or Lake Washington are about as good for juvenile salmon as are estuaries and were Capitol Lake converted to an estuary compression areas would result that would further endanger the survivability of young salmon. Dredging and proper maintenance of the Lake would result in a healthier lake that would promote mature healthy freshwater species that could better control the NZMS. Were the Lake removed, an estuary would probably support more non-native introduced species than the Lake currently does.

The next time you're in a discussion with someone about Capitol Lake who may not be fully informed of the facts or whose take may be clouded by memories of its polluted past you might cite some of these compelling facts. Capitol Lake has high dissolved oxygen levels in its deepest waters all year long, no toxic blue green algae blooms, and clean water that has met bacteriological and other standards for swimming since 2000. *No other monitored Thurston County lake has all of these positive features.* Capitol Lake contributes to a healthier Puget Sound by acting as a nitrate catchment for the nitrate rich Deschutes River. It supports several native species that would be eliminated by an estuary/mud flat. If properly maintained it would provide effective sediment management for Budd Inlet and Olympia's Waterfront. Maintaining Capitol Lake would also permit reintroduction of water based recreation; imagine a Junior Sailing Program for six-year-old kids on Capitol Lake before they graduated to the saltwater side on Budd Inlet. Finally, the 20-year cost estimate for maintaining Capitol Lake is about \$44M vs. an Estuary/Mud Flat estimate approaching \$300M.

To sum it up; Capitol Lake is a healthy, economical and valuable environmental asset to the Deschutes watershed, to our community, and to the adjacent waters of Puget Sound. If you've got questions, grab one of your GAC members.... and thanks for reading.

Gary Ball & Myra Downing, co-chairs

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



Mumps



Mumps used to be a disease of "childhood." It was, and still is, a highly contagious virus. Almost all of us of a certain age either had a clinical case with all the signs and symptoms or had a sub-clinical case where we felt sick but didn't follow the text book. Typical mumps cases have fever, headache, loss of appetite and the hallmark swollen salivary (spit) glands in the upper neck or in front of the ears. It takes usually 16-18 days for the symptoms to show, but people can spread the infection several days before they get sick. The symptoms last for 1-2 weeks. Exceptionally rare cases have caused deafness, inflammation of the brain, and death. If you get mumps after puberty, orchitis (inflammation of the testicles) or mastitis (inflammation of the breasts) can occur. Sore, but rarely causing sterility.

But since 1967, there has been immunization (MMR) available so why are we hearing about these cases in the newspaper? The vaccine is considered 88% effective if 2 doses have been given. The math gets interesting provided you are into such things. 5% of the population are not immunized and 30% of those will get sick. Among those that are vaccinated, 3% will get sick, but since there are many more of them, it will appear that the epidemic is hitting mostly the immunized group. So isolating the sick ones and keeping them out of school for 25 days after the swollen glands start is the best way to stop the virus. Sometimes closing schools, churches, and other places people congregate is necessary.

Before immunizations, there were almost 200,000 cases *reported* in the US per year. The latest reports show 200-1,000 per year with a larger population base.

If you had the mumps before vaccinations were available, you should still be immune.

Immunizations work!

Clubhouse
Michelle Aguilar-Wells, Chair

Happy New Year to All.

Hope this year starts out great for you and just gets better.

The Clubhouse Committee completed good work on the clubhouse from the Jr. Sailing Office, Women's restroom, and bar projects to other work. Thank you to all who serve and help.

We welcome people who have an interest in the Clubhouse and would like to earn CSP hours. For those that called with a list of skills and interest, thank you. For those that might want to be called on occasionally to help with projects, please contact me. Email or text is fine. I know we will need someone with finish carpentry or furniture making skill for two small projects. Probably close to what you need to fill your CSP requirements.

Next year the main projects per our design plan and budget allocation will be new interior paint, floor carpet, and the construction of a new shed assuming permit approval. Other smaller projects are planned and approved. If you are curious and want input, please join us at **our regular first Monday of the month meetings in the clubhouse at 6 pm starting January 2, 2017.**

Also, a giant thank you to the Anchorettes for their fundraising efforts and desire to assist in the Clubhouse update. We look forward to your sponsored clubhouse project.

I want to personally say thank you to all of you have made wonderful club activities available over the last year. We have enjoyed all that we were able to participate in and encourage others to join in as often as you can. We had a wonderful time dancing and visiting at the Christmas Ball. I want to add a special thanks to all of you behind the scenes who make this club great.

Best Regards,
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Quartermaster

Margaret Snyder, Chair



We reopen at the **January 4 dinner meeting**. We still have lots of cold weather gear on hand, including hooded vests, hoodies of differing weights, and sweatshirts.

In addition, for the men, we have long- and short-sleeved shirts and a good selection of caps if yours needs replacing!



Ladies, come see "FDJ," our new line of ladies boating wear! This is a new line of high-end clothing at 1/3 off regular price, and that includes your embroidery. If you liked the Ralph Lauren shirts, you will LOVE this line of clothing! Come see! We also still have a few of the #12 green and blue sweatshirts, long sleeved tees and short sleeved tees! Our most popular shirts have been those wonderful heavier weight Eddie Bauer long sleeved tee shirts, and you will see those available at the January dinner meeting. Look for the sale shelf where prices have been slashed!

If you are looking for some classy beach towels for your boat, we have four available with Olympia Yacht Club embroidered on them.

Remember, we can usually order items for you in a different size if necessary.

Happy New Year everyone! See you at the Quartermaster Store in the New Year!

Quartermasters: Margaret Snyder and Judy Ball

Island Home

Earl Hughes, Chair

**Well it's here 2017, wow we made it!**

Even though it's winter time, quite a few things are happening this month at the Island. First, the WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife will be working with the Squaxin tribe for their fish transfers. Secondly, there is a joint SSSS Cruise in with OYC and the Shelton Club at the end of the month..

George has the Island winterized while already planning for the Spring when all of the sudden the Island will look so beautiful. Be aware we are already working on a list for our annual spring work party, so save up your back strength.

Happy New Year from your
Island Home Committee.

See you at the Island.

Earl Hughes
Island Home Chair
MV *Lady Bee II*
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Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, January 11

11:30 — 12:45

**BREAKFAST for LUNCH - Including Waffles!**

Do You Have the Never Ending Winter Blues got you down syndrome? Are you waiting for the sun to shine again?

Cheer Up me Bucko! Come warm up and eat up with the Lunch Bunch!

On **Wednesday, January 11 at 11:30 am to 12:45 pm** we will gather at the **clubhouse** for a great meal and great conversation.

This Month's offering is - wait for it - Breakfast For Lunch! - including Waffles! yea!

For the calorically mindful, we also have bacon free and gluten free options - probably rich and yummy breakfast casseroles.

All this for only \$6 (six bucks) a head.

Oh - and feel free to join our team in preparing this event. Embrace your inner waffle maker.

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Club Service Program

PC Les Thompson, Chair



Happy New Year everyone.

Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas.

Well 2016 is over for CSP hours. The totals have been given to Jon, and you will see the billing on your January statement if you have not completed all of your hours for 2016.

Now that we are in a new year it is not too early to start compiling hours for 2017, so you don't have to wait until the last minute. The first report for 2017 will be posted at the end of the first quarter, but you can always contact me if you need information before that.

See you on the dock or at an event.

PC Les Thompson
CSP guru
M/V *EcstaSea*

Environmental Awareness

John Sherman, Chair



Puget Sound No Discharge Zone and OYC

Some of you may have heard of the recent announcement that the Federal EPA has given preliminary approval of the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) petition to designate Puget Sound a No Discharge Zone (NDZ). **What is an NDZ? How will an NDZ affect OYC members? How common are they? Why are they doing this? How far along is the process?**

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Since 1972, the federal Clean Water Act prohibits discharge of untreated sewage less than 3 miles from shore. Because virtually all of Puget Sound is less than 3 miles from a shore, no one currently dumps their holding tanks in Puget Sound, right? (For Extra Credit, identify the one point in Puget Sound that is more than 3 miles from any shore. How often do you go there?)

An NDZ is a state-designated and federally-approved area of water where no sewage may be discharged, *including sewage that has been treated by on-board treatment systems*. Greywater discharge is still allowed. In some locations (e.g. breakwater-enclosed marinas with poor circulation), there can be local greywater restrictions, but there do not appear to be any greywater restrictions planned for Puget Sound. In an NDZ, state and local authorities may help enforce discharge regulations, supplementing current Coast Guard enforcement of the Clean Water Act.

The good news is that an NDZ should have little or no impact on most OYC and other recreational boaters in Washington State. DOE surveys show that 95 to 98 percent of vessels already have holding tanks (Type 3 MSD). If you belong to this vast majority, a Puget Sound NDZ will require no change to your boat or boating practice. In fact, it may have a positive effect as more beaches are opened to swimming or shellfish harvesting.

Preparation for an NDZ expanded the number of pump-out facilities. As a result, Puget Sound recreational boats are currently served by 173 pump-out stations in 102 locations, and 23 mobile pump-out boats. By comparison, there are only 35 pump-out stations in all of British Columbia -- as many US visitors have noted with dismay.

There are now more than 90 NDZ in 26 states; Washington state currently has none. If one were to look at a map of the United States, shorelines from the Great Lakes clockwise around to Louisiana are almost all covered by NDZs. Skip parts of Texas and then go to the West coast where all of California is under some kind of NDZ.

The Puget Sound NDZ is proposed to help remedy the decreasing water quality in Puget Sound. Puget Sound consists of several basins separated by shallow sills--south Puget Sound and Hood Canal are prime examples. This means that pollutants in Puget Sound are not easily flushed out to the Pacific Ocean. This has led to "Dead Zones"--areas where oxygen levels have dropped so low that fish and other marine life cannot exist. Boat sewage is a problem because it is a very concentrated nutrient load, and decomposing such nutrients reduces oxygen levels even more. Boat sewage also contributes to health concerns which close some beaches to swimming and/or shellfish harvesting.

The NDZ petition is a six-step process. The Puget Sound NDZ is now on step five--the federal review portion. Based on the merits, and with many NDZs already in place, final federal approval looks like a sure bet. The final step is for the state DOE to move ahead with implementation.

The Fine Print

The proposed Puget Sound NDZ also includes the San Juan Islands and a portion of the Eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca (East of a line between the Dungeness Spit and Discovery Island lights). This means that vessels transiting the eastern Strait to the San Juan Islands may not discharge their holding tanks enroute even if more than 3 miles from land.

If you are among the 2 to 5 percent of recreational boaters without a holding tank, you will be required to invest in some new technology. If you have a Type 1 sewage treatment system that relies on maceration and chlorination (a LectraSan, for example), you will not be allowed to discharge in an NDZ. If you have a Type 2 system, a treatment system that relies on biological and physical treatment, you also will not be able to discharge in Puget Sound.

Options include installing a holding tank. A great local resource is Marine Sanitation and Supply on Northlake in Seattle--(www.marinesan.com). Other options include increasingly popular composting toilets which require no holding tank. Manufacturers include AirHead, C-Head, Nature's Head, Sun Mar, and Separett, among others. Google for details.

Go to Washington State Dept. of Ecology and search No Discharge Zone, or see the FAQs at:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/nonpoint/CleanBoating/ndzwhyndz.html>

Richard Bergholz/John Sherman, members Environmental Committee OYC



Parade of Lighted Ships

Tammy Questi, Chair



Yearbook

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Photos of the “after party” submitted by Denise Zerner



More photos on the next page

Yearbooks are available in the Jr. Sailing Office/cloak room. Please take just one copy and check off your name on the list. Bridge members can have two.

Additional copies may be available after the January dinner meeting.

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Please let me know via message if you need to:

- change your information
- update your picture
- send photos from an event, or
- offer any suggestions of changes or things you'd like to see included or improved.

I'd like to thank Jan Wilson for all her efforts and organizational wizardry in pulling the Yearbook together for the past few years.

I look forward to working with you as the year progresses and getting to know everyone and their boats better by coordinating next year's copy of our Yearbook!

Merry Christmas.....

Denise Lynch

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Out Cruising.....

Bright Angel



Ahoy!

The good ship *Bright Angel* is safely back in NZ! We pulled up to the Q Dock in Marsden Cove at 1300 hours on Friday, 2 December, nine days and three hours after leaving Noumea, New Caledonia. After a quick and courteous check-in by Customs, Immigration and Bio Security, we were off to the fuel dock for a thirsty 400 liter fill-up - that should tell you something about this passage!

We had great sailing the first day, good sailing the second day, then the wind went south and south southeast, meaning we had to sail off course, first to the west, then back to the east; this is where our seven day passage started to turn into a nine day passage! We sailed through a trough, then a cold front (both north of 30 degrees south, so neither had much punch), weather systems with their own brand of wind patterns and other fun (squalls, lightening, choppy seas). Finally, as we entered an area of high pressure, the winds went light; that's when we fired up the "iron main." With the engine on, and only the main sail up, we were able to "motor sail" almost straight into the wind which was down to between 9 and 10 knots at that point. That was Sunday, 27 November; we did not turn the engine off until we were at the Q Dock on Friday afternoon! Love that Yanmar!

In the light air, the sea conditions were almost docile. We had huge swells (upwards of four to five meters) coming up the Tasman Sea from the Southern Ocean for several days, but the period between peaks was long (10 or more seconds) so the ride was comfortable, and the view was awesome - the swell would roll under the boat taking us up where we looked down into this vast valley of water and the rolling hill of the next wave beyond; then, we would slide down into the valley as the next mountain of water approached, taking us up to the top again! It is difficult to convey in words alone, but the majesty of the ocean at times like that can be breathtaking! The further south we went, the swell died down (the low pressure system south of New Zealand that created them had moved on to the east), and when we finally reached 34 degrees south, the North Island of New Zealand blocked any further swell from the Tasman and the sea was basically flat calm in the light winds. Very pleasant conditions (except for having to listen to the engine all the time!).

We had our share of mechanical and electrical issues on this passage, but we worked through them all and will be able to put everything right again here in NZ, either before we leave for the States on 13 December, or after we return in February.

We will move "up river" to Whangarei later this morning, where we have a berth at Riverside Drive Marina "for the duration." We are really getting anxious to get on the plane and head home for the holidays! It will be great to see you all again! Until then, please take care, and enjoy the season!

Bob & Linda
S/V *Bright Angel*

Moorage Report

Mark Fleischer, Moorage Master



I would like to take this time to introduce myself and to thank Bridget for the help during the transition phase.

I am working towards full moorage compliance for all members in the basin. With that being said, please review the moorage rules. They can easily be viewed in the back of the membership directory. By reviewing the moorage rules, we can prevent surprises.

First order of business is the possibility of moorage moves for some members. I am looking at our moorage basin and will likely make some slip reassignments. These moves are needed to make better use of our basin and fill open slips to increase income. The vessel owners that need relocation will be contacted via email and phone. Members that are, or were, on the list requesting slip moves will still be honored. The members that have made formal request for moorage will then have an opportunity to possibly gain moorage in the basin. Moorage is assigned by the date of request and size of vessel. Again, the goal is to decrease the number of vacant slips in the basin and bring in more members to the basin.

Effective 15 Dec 2016: All requests for moorage will have to be on the moorage request form for new member applicants or by emailing me at the following address.

oycmoorage@gmail.com I will not take a request by phone or verbally. It must be in writing. Requests will then be placed on the appropriate waiting list. A copy of the lists will be posted in the clubhouse for all to view. The lists will be updated, at a minimum, monthly.

Fines will be coming forth for those that have not submitted the Fire Prevention Checklist or for a lapse in vessel insurance. Please, please submit these ASAP if you have not done so.

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2016 Special People's Cruise

I have for many years written an article about the Special People's Cruise and the activities that took place during those past events. During the 2016 event, it dawned on me that I need to write an article about the people who make this event. The 2016 Special People's Cruise article needs to be a list of all the OYC members and others who volunteered their time, energy, and goodwill so that others can enjoy the spirit of Christmas and joy of boating. So, here they are:



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| <i>Escorts</i> | <i>Skippers and First Mates</i> | <i>Santa Claus</i> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Sheryl Baker | Gary & Judy Ball on <i>Voyageur</i> | John Teters |
| Virginia Beekman | Gene & Alice Coakley, <i>Great Escape</i> | |
| Dick Binns | Mark & Lindsey Fleischer, <i>Life of Reily</i> | <i>Mrs. Claus</i> |
| Pat Brower | J. & Peg Grady, <i>Uncork & Unwind</i> | Valerie Teters |
| Jeff Carpenter | Lin & Maryke Hines, <i>Wandrian</i> | |
| Cindy Carpenter | Eric Hurlburt & Bonnie Kavanaugh, <i>Patina</i> | <i>Santa Voices</i> |
| Vonnie Contris | Richard & Diane Hurst, <i>Feisty II</i> | Ron Wertz |
| Adam Dahlgren | Mike McKinnon & Pat Richmond, <i>Longshot</i> | John Looker |
| Tami Dahlgren* | Mitch & AnneMarie Mitchell, <i>Release</i> | Matt Herinckx |
| Kathleen Davis | Ron & Cheryl Morsette, <i>Grace</i> | Dennis Royal |
| Bryan Davis | Rick & Pam Panowicz, <i>Jean Marie</i> | |
| Ana Pelaez (Elguera) | John & Mary Setterstrom, <i>Clarity</i> | <i>Galley Help</i> |
| Sal Elguera | Ernie Shaughnessy & Kevan Saunders, <i>Fleetwood</i> | Mary Ann Thompson |

| Escorts | Skippers and First Mates | Santa Claus |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
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| Claire Teters | Liz McGuire, Clintworth Photography | Eileen Leingang |
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| Leslie Thompson | Sara Crone, Thurston County | |
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| OYC Junior Sailing | Eugene Whitehead, Thurston County | |
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| Macy Bergford | <i>Sponsors Donating Gift Cards for Participating Boats</i> | Kathy Beckman |
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| Max Miller | Dr. Cramer, Cramer and Bond Dentistry | |
| Josh Ortega | | |
| Tyler Ortega | | |
| Joe Wiley | | |
| *Members who brought cookies | | |

Like past Special People's Cruises, there are so many wonderful stories about how these people have made this a truly special event. This year is no exception. But, now that you know their names, just ask any one of the members listed above if you want to hear some happy, heartwarming, and memorable stories about this year's event. I do, however, want to share with everybody that I received many compliments from Thurston County about how our members and the others who helped went above and beyond their expectation in making this event safe, enjoyable and full of memories for all of the guests. These compliments are a reflection of each and every one of the participants in this event, and how well they represent the Olympia Yacht Club and the community we live in. Speaking of community, the next time you do business with Acme Fuel, Anthony's Hearthfire Grill, Boston Harbor Marina and Olympia Supply & True Value Hardware, please give them a big thank you for the gifts of appreciation they provided for our skippers. And, please give a thank you to Gary Blatter with Allstate Insurance and Dr. Cramer with Cramer and Bond Dentistry for their continued contribution of gift bag items. The 2016 Special People's Cruise was a success thanks to the participation and contribution of so many individuals who shared a common goal.

Until next year, **Curtis Dahlgren**



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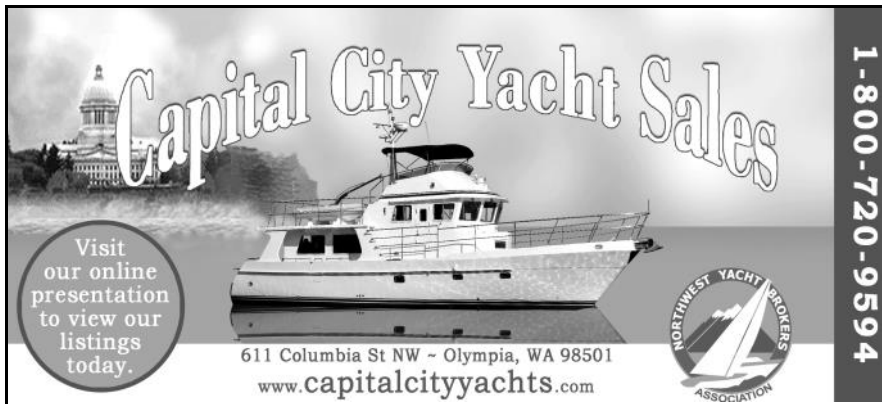
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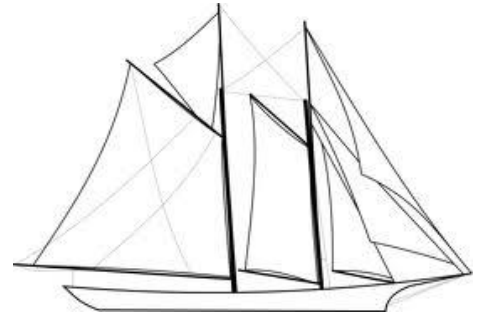
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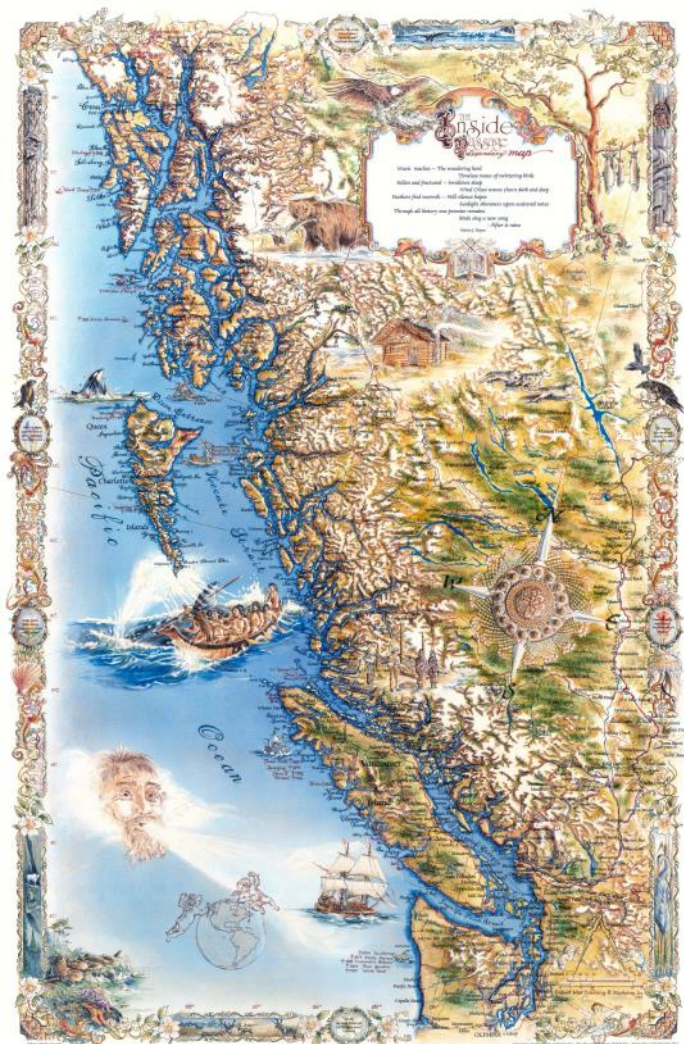
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| January 2017 | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| 1 New Year's Day | 2 Clubhouse Meeting Junior Sailing Mtg. | 3 Bridge Meeting Government Affairs Mtg. | 4 Dinner Meeting | 5 Main Station Meeting | 6 QCYC Past Commodores Cruise In | 7 Queen City YC Past Commodores Cruise In |
| 8 QCYC Past Commodores Cruise In | 9 | 10 South Sound Sailing Society Meeting | 11 Lunch Bunch Board Meeting | 12 Womens Auxilliary mtg. | 13 Queen City YC Grand 14 Cruise In | 14 QCYC Grand 14 Cruise In |
| 15 QCYC Grand 14 Cruise In | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Long Range Planning | 20 TGIF Island Home mtg. | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Joint OYC, So. Sound Sail and Shelton YC Island Home Cruise | 28 Joint OYC, SSSS, Shelton YC Cruise |
| 29 Joint OYC, SSSS and Shelton Yacht Club Cruise | 30 | 31 | | | | |

| February 2017 | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | | 1 Dinner Meeting honoring Past Commodores | 2 Main Station Mtg. WIC Luncheon QCYC | 3 | 4 Tacoma Yacht Club Commodores Ball |
| 5 Super Bowl | 6 Clubhouse Mtg. Junior Sailing Mtg. | 7 Bridge Meeting Gvmt. Affairs Mtg. | 8 Lunch Bunch Board of Trustees Mtg. | 9 | 10 Valentine Cruise In at Island Home | 11 Valentine Cruise In at Island Home |
| 12 Valentine Cruise In at Island Home | 13 | 14 South Sound Sailing Mtg. | 15 | 16 Womens Auxilliary Mtg. Long Range Planning Mtg. | 17 Toliva Shoal Race | 18 Toliva Shoal Race |
| 19 Toliva Shoal Race | 20 | 21 | 22 Legislative Reception | 23 Navy Lunch | 24 TGIF | 25 Seattle Yacht Club JO Ball |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | Notes: | | | |

Join us for dinner
Wednesday, January

MENU

- **Beef pot roast with:**

- Garlic mashed potatoes
- Honey ginger carrots
- Spinach salad with cider vinaigrette, cashews, raisins and red onions
- Rustic breads with butter

Dessert: Lemon berry-tini



January Dinner Meeting

January 4th

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

\$24 per person with reservation


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

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

CALL 360-705-3767

Social Hour: 6 pm
Dinner: 7 pm
Meeting: 8 pm

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