



OLYMPIA YACHT CLUB

January 2020



Commodore

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



Happy New Year OYC!

What happen to 2019?
All I can say is OYC
did a fantastic job of
winding up the year!

December was a fantastic
month for OYC. Started with
an Awesome Lighted Ship Pa-

rade. Ron and Kristalene Stomer did a wonderful job on
putting on this winter's event. And they liked hosting it
so much, they're planning on doing it again next year!

I'd like to thank Curtis Dahlgren and his lovely bride
Tami for putting on the Holiday Cruise. I can't tell you
how much wonderful feedback we receive from the com-
munity over these two events. I hear every year that peo-
ple really look forward to seeing the lighted ships parade
and Santa and Mrs. Clause. The smiles from our special
guest are just amazing to see. Thank you all who partici-
pated in these two wonderful events. This is OYC at
your best!

Vice Commodore Mitch and AnneMarie outdid them-
selves with the Christmas Ball. Michelle Wells, Beth
Connolly and crew made amazing center pieces and deco-
rated the clubhouse beautifully. The dinner was wonder-
ful, thanks to Shelly and her Masonry Café Crew. Diana
and Michael Fife kept the libations going all night. We
danced all night to Soul Siren. If you were unable to at-
tend, you missed a truly wonderful OYC Tradition.

A special thanks to Deb Anderson and her Clubhouse
Committee for the awesome holiday lights throughout the
club. The volunteers really made the place look great!

The final event of the year was our Rear Commodore
Danny and Fleet Captain Power Craig (AKA Spin Doctor

Daddy) New Year's Eve Party. OMG... I did not know
that Gary Ashcraft could bust a move. (Melissa is rolling
her eyes) The evening was a twofer. New Years Eve on
the East Coast and well... alien invasion to ring in the
New Year! I feel really luck to be part of a really talented
Bridge. 2019 could not have happened without all the
participation from all of you. Thank you for making
2019 such a great year at OYC.

Okay... 2020 here we come. Believe it or not, things
really start to take off now that the new year is starting.
January's dinner meeting, we have Seattle Yacht Club
visiting us to start talking about Opening Day. We have
the first TGIF on the 31st. February, we have the PC Ap-
preciation Dinner meeting honoring our Past Commo-
dore. On the weekend of the February 14th we have the
Toliva Shoal Race here at the Club and Heavy Weather at
Bremerton Yacht Club. March is the St Patty's Day Joint
Cruise to Island Home. April is the Daffodil Marine Fes-
tival at Tacoma Yacht Club. May is Seattle Opening Day
and South Sound Opening Day here at OYC. We wrap
up May with the Memorial Day Cruise to Island Home.
Then in June Change of Watch and a fantastic cruise sea-
son put on by our incoming Commodore Mitch. We are
really excited for 2020. It's going to be another great
year at OYC.

Again, Annette and I would like to thank all of you for
what you do for the club. This is our sixth continuous
year of service to the club. It means so much to us for all
your participation, support and warm friendship.

Mark & Annette Welpman
OYC Commodore
SV *Cygnat*/MV *Sea Ya!*

Vice Commodore

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

**Ahoy OYC!**

We have been winding down 2019 and are excited for what 2020 brings. Things sure were busy at OYC this first half of December. I was honored to serve on a committee to review some of our rules concerning voting and look forward to our chairperson presenting our findings, suggestions and recommendations to the Board of Trustees. TGIF for December was as always a very enjoyable event of doing nothing but socializing while recruiting boats for the Lighted Ships Parade. In my short tenure as a member of the Olympia Yacht Club I cannot recall a better turn out of boats. Once again the thought, creativity and originality shone through. We even had non OYC members jumping in our group both registered and not. I counted 4 or 5 "crashers" as I called them joining with lights on and merry cheer all over. I was fortunate enough to be with the judges who took their duty very serious and as was mentioned many times.... "the boats just kept coming!" We cannot thank our committee team chaired by Ron and Kristalene Stormer for their hard work, organization and all around Christmas Cheer. Not to be outdone, we had another Holiday Cruise where we spread cheer to our special friends. The Santas once again amazed!

Most recently we had such a great evening at our Christmas Ball. The decorations and centerpieces in particular were nothing short of stunning. Michelle Aguilar-Wells and all of her helper Elves did such a great job with the clubhouse. Masonry Café and Soul Siren impressed with food and music that was wonderful. I also must thank Michael and Diana Fife for their tireless bartending and the festive Vodka-Cran's they served me!

After we all spend the main holiday with our families Rear Commodore Danny and crew are deep in the planning for the New Year's Eve party of Cowboys & Aliens. Since the first Wednesday in January is the 1st the club shifted the dinner meeting and BOT meeting back a week. This means our January 2020 Dinner Meeting is on January 8th followed by the January BOT Meeting on the 15th. I'm sure this will be mentioned by others, we just want the information to get out.

The first couple months of 2020 are by no means dead months. There's the Heavy Weather at Bremerton Yacht Club and it's already time to start thinking about the Daffodil Event and Parade at the Tacoma Yacht Club. This will be my first time attending the Heavy Weather event but it sounds like it's going to be a great time.....oh, anyone with some acting or stand up skills in encouraged to get ahold of the bridge, we have a plan! Heck, the Opening Day festivities at our very own OYC are already in the initial stages of planning. I fully support Opening Day because.....well, because I love summer and boating in the PNW!

See You on the Dinghy,
VC Mitch and Anne Marie
OYC Vice Commodore
MV Release

Rear Commodore

Captain Danny Wrye
First Mate Jackie Wrye
M/V SeaWryes

**Greetings OYCers!**

Jackie and I hope you all had a great Christmas and Holiday Season! Happy New Year to you all!

As we closed out 2019, Jackie and I reviewed our past six months on the Olympia Yacht Club Bridge. After being installed at the June meeting, we organized and hosted the July 4th celebration at Island Home. In

July, we organized and hosted the BBQ on the dock for Lake-fair. In August, we attended the Grand 14 Cruise-In to the Bremerton Yacht Club. In September, we organized and hosted our first Monthly Dinner Meeting for OYC. And we did likewise for October and November. In December, we organized and hosted the OYC New Year's Eve Party at the Mainstation and began the planning for the January Dinner Social and Past Commodore's Dinner in February. Throughout, we participated in Foofaraw, helped decorate the Clubhouse for the Christmas Ball and helped with registration for the Commodore's Ball, Christmas Ball, and the Oktoberfest and Halloween cruises. We also attended Grand 14 Balls and Business meetings at the Port Orchard, Day Island and Edmonds YCs. We had a ball doing it all! It has been a great first half year of our Rear Commodore's year for us. We've enjoyed meeting and working with Members, some of whom we knew, but many whom we have just gotten to know. So, thank you, Oly! It's a real joy and pleasure to serve on your Bridge!



Speaking of OYC events, we had a blast at the New Year's Eve Party at the Mainstation! The theme was Cowboys vs Aliens and boy were there some fun costumes and decorations!

A huge shout out for our NYE Planning Team: Nancy and Ed Stolarik; Melissa and Gary

Ashcraft; FC Power Craig and Deb Brown; Jackie Wrye; and helpers Dan and Lori

Crowell, Kurt and Janice Noren, Derek and Karla

Stewart, and Jeremy Watters. What a great group of people to work with! Thank You!

And a special thank you to Gary Ashcraft for sharing his 50th Birthday as the "Real Alien" in our "Orson Wells" Skit!

**Dinner Meetings**

Since New Year's Day falls on the first Wednesday of January, our January dinner meeting is on January 8, 2020. The January dinner menu will be House Sausage Lasagna (Vegetarian Available); Mediterranean Chopped Salad with Cucumber, Tomato, Olive, and Red Wine Vinaigrette; Caesar Salad, House Caesar Dressing, Herb Croutons and Lemon Wedge; Parmesan Breadstick; and Orange Cream Mascarpone Cake. Plus, don't miss our February Dinner which is our Annual Past Commodore's Dinner where we give thanks and honor our past Leaders for their service to the Club. The February 5th dinner

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Fleet Captain Power

Captain Craig Brown
First Mate Deb Brown
M/V Winsome



Happy Holidays

As of this writing, we're still looking forward to the New Year's party hosted by RC Danny and Jackie Wrye, and we're anticipating a fun night of food,



drink and dance music!

We hope all of you who attended had a great time!



Our next event will be the OYC/SSSS/SYC St Patrick's Weekend Joint Cruise to Island Home March 13th-15th at Island Home. In the meantime, we'll

be taking the boat out on several weekends. Usually out to McMicken Island, where it's protected from most weather and our dog can race up and down the beach.



Speaking of boating, we recently changed the oil and filters on our diesel engines. We used to do it in the spring just before boating season, but several years ago we learned that the contaminants and acids in the dirty oil can hurt the engines during the winter when the boat doesn't run much. I'm probably the last to have learned that, but in case you've wondered when it's best to do your annual oil change, there you go.

I'm always happy to learn and pass on any practical boating tips you might have also. We all become better and safer boaters by learning from each other.

We hope to see you soon,

FCP Craig and Deb Brown
M/V Winsome



Fleet Captain Sail

Captain Mike Glowrylow
First Mate Esther Baker
S/V Sassy



Baby, it's foggier outside (and less windy)

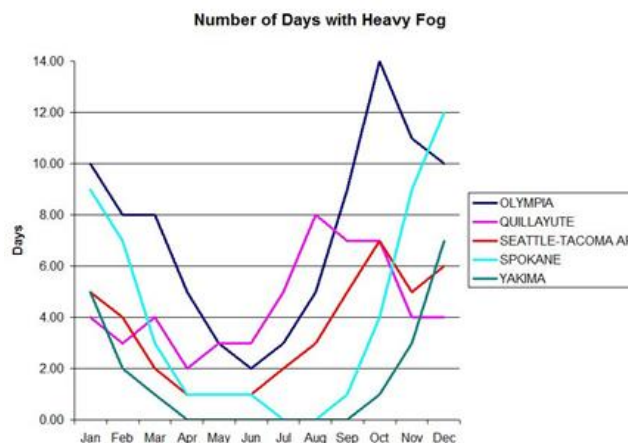
I recently read an article that explained why Olympia has more foggy days than Seattle. I never thought of the South Sound as having more fog than up north, but meteorologist Kelsie Knowles outlined several reasons why this is so.

Reason one is that Olympia tends to be colder than Seattle because it sits at the bottom of the Nisqually Basin, a "topographical bowl." Cold sinks, and it comes off the nearby mountains and hills. This cold air settles into the bottom of that bowl, making it colder than surrounding areas.

There also is less water surrounding Olympia because we are at the southern end of Puget Sound. Since water is a better insulator than air, it preserves heat in the surrounding areas. With less water around, the air is able to cool down to saturation faster, and that means fog can form earlier and last longer.

Reason two is that Olympia tends to have weaker winds than Seattle. We sailors are familiar with that weather pattern. Stronger winds inhibit fog formation. Weaker winds make for more fog (and slower races and more motoring for cruisers).

Check out this chart showing number of days with heavy fog. Olympia is far above other cities tracked, with serious competition only from Spokane for months with fog.



This chart is courtesy of UDUB professor Cliff Mass. Click on <https://cliffmass.blogspot.com/2010/10/fog-season.html> for more information.

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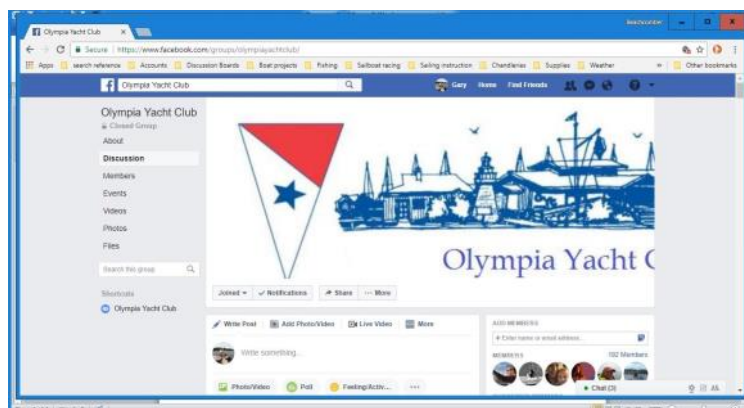
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Associate Memberships:

- Boat U.S group: Olympia Yacht Club
Group # GA83470Y

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OYC's Online Presence**Website**www.olympiayachtclub.org**Facebook Page**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/olympiayachtclub/>

"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others."
.....Pericles

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menu will be Savory Roasted Prime Rib with Horseradish Parsley Sauce and Au jus, Garlic Herb Mashed Potato, Roasted Summer Squash, Tomato, Broccoli and Parmesan Market Greens, Cucumber, Tomato, Black Olives and White Balsamic Dressing, Sour Dough Bread and Butter Cherry Almond Crumb Pie with Vanilla Cream. Price for each dinner is \$25 per person. If you are not on the permanent list, make your reservations on the reservation Line (360) 705-3767 before noon on the Monday preceding the dinner.

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

Rear Commodore
Danny and Jackie Wrye
MV *Sea Chalet*

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Speaking of weather, I've acquired several books about the weather in the Pacific Northwest, particularly as it affects marine activities. *Northwest Marine Weather* by former KING 5 chief meteorologist Jeff Renner, *The Weather of the Pacific Northwest* by Cliff Mass, and *Living with Weather along the British Columbia Coast* by Owen S. Lange. I can't claim to have done more than thumb through the books, and honestly have trouble remembering the names of different cloud formations, but they all have a wealth of knowledge of our weather that I hope to absorb more thoroughly in the future.

To conclude, fair winds to all my fellow sailors, and we'll see you out on those (sometimes foggy) waters. Oh.... don't forget that the next TGIF is Jan. 31.

FCS Mike Gowrylow and Esther Baker
SV *Sassy*

TGIF

Thank Goodness it's **Friday!**

Good food

Good times

Good music



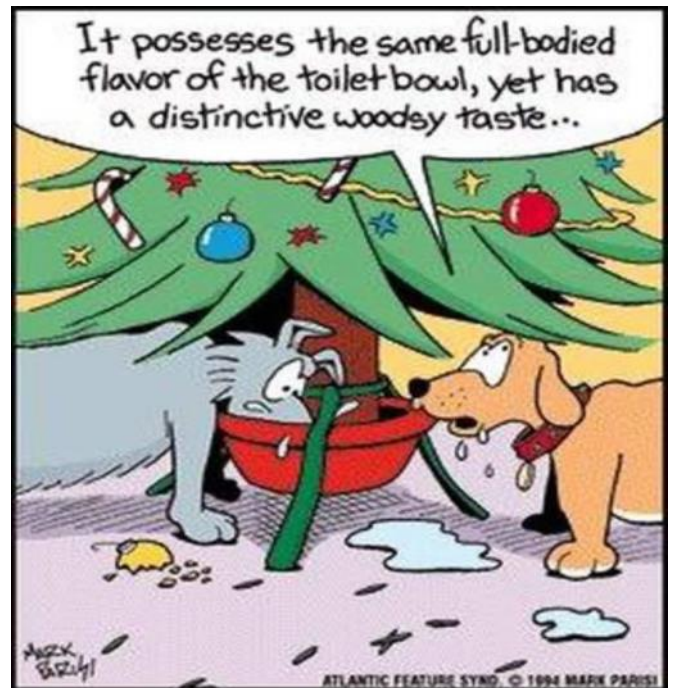
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Bob VanSchoorl, Chair

M/V Amstel Maru



Happy New Year 2020. This year is bound to be great year for Olympia Yacht Club.

First, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, we would like to thank the committee chairs for their outstanding work in 2019. That includes the committee members who also contributed their time to make certain that our Club maintains the highest quality for our members. And most of you contributed to the success of our Club through your participation in the Club Service Program (CSP). We are certain we will see more of your considerable contribution to the Club in 2020. Thank you to all of you.

I personally would like to thank our Board of Trustees members for their sizeable contribution in 2019. Their impacts to the debate and ideas for the Club were insightful and helped deal with a broad range of issues of interest to the Club. Thank you.

December is traditionally the month that the Board adopts the budget for the forthcoming year. With the superb support of Chair Gary Ball and the members of the Budget and Finance Committee, the Board was well prepared to discuss the financial future of the Club. We can assure you that the Club is currently in a very healthy financial position. However, we also must face the realities of future capital costs that the Club is facing down the line.

The 2020 budget includes operating and reserve revenues totaling \$1.1 million – a \$3,200 increase over the 2019 budget. Our planned expenditures are \$1.2 million. Our current reserves total \$844,000.



In order to stay on track to meet future OYC obligations the Board has approved the following increases in our dues structure. These percentage increases that reflect the Consumer Price Index are shown below. The CPI for the Seattle-Metro Area is 3.2% according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Dues	1.6%	This is required in our bylaws
Reserve Account Assessment	2.5%	
Moorage	2.5%	From \$0.2500 to \$.2563 per sq. Ft./month

Our costs at OYC are still significantly lower than at our sister marinas in South Sound.

Please contact me or the BOT members if you have questions.

And again, best wishes for you and your loved ones in 2020.

The OYC Board of Trustees normally meets on the second Wednesday of each month, however the next meeting is on Wednesday, January 15, at 6:00 p.m. in the Club House.

HELP WANTED

Lunch Bunch Chair

Committee members...all committees

Contact Bob Van Schoorl

Bvanschoorl@comcast.net

Phone 360 789 8810

Beachcomber Editor

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

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

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

Cheers,
Gary Wilson

(free training provided)



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



Brave New World – Biologics

By way of background, almost every medicine or treatment we use is probably based on a certain amount of trial and *error*. Scientists take a substance that might be beneficial such as the yew tree bark (who would have thought) or periwinkles and experimented with them to treat something and that turned out to be cancer. Try to imagine how many things were tried that didn't work. Sometimes they were led on by natives who used such and such a plant for medicinal purposes. Mold for penicillin was one of the early success because when some mold contaminated a culture of bacteria, it was noted that the bacteria didn't grow near the mold. Some medicines are just designer chemicals.

And here come biologics. These are medicines based on products made from living organisms or contain components of living organisms. **Biologics** include recombinant proteins, tissues, genes, allergens, cells, blood components, blood, and vaccines. Many of them target specific processes in the body. Inflammation is supposed to help you heal, but too much can actually attack your body (think lupus or rheumatoid arthritis). We normally have immune stuff that attacks cancers, but cancers can change so they are shielded from our friendly immune cells and then they can just grow. These are check point substances that protect the cancers and it is the biologics that can attack and neutralize those defenses. Because these are targeted to pretty much attack specific disease processes, their effects on the body in general are usually milder, unlike cancer chemotherapies in the past where it was hoped they would kill the cancer in doses less than would kill the person. There are still side effects and these biologics are not even near 100% effective, but we are only in the early stages of development.

These biologics are made from living cells such as bacteria or stem cells that have been manipulated into doing our will. Unlike chemical medication where you can just copy the chemical formula to make the exact same stuff, biologics can't be copied so generics can't be made. Not surprising that a month's dose may be \$10,000 to \$13,000 dollars.

Tune in, the next break though may be around the corner!

Sunshine Committee
Deb Waldherr, Chair



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

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

Club Service Program
PC Les Thompson, Chair



Happy New Year everyone. I truly hope your holidays were fantastic with friends and family as I know mine were.

Well, can you believe we are at the end of another year for OYC. What a great year for events and accomplishments around the club by and for members. Thank you all for your dedicated work efforts. The final CSP report has been given to the treasurer for 2019. If you did not complete 24 hours you will begin seeing the billing for them on your January statement. Now that we are in a new year it is not too early to start thinking about CSP for this year 2020. There are many events upcoming socially and always things to do around the main station and Island Home. You can contact any BOT or Bridge member or either caretakers for ideas. I encourage you to start early to avoid the end of the year panic mode. You can also contact me directly if need be for help or questions.

See you on the docks or at an event.

PC Les Thompson

CSP guru

MV/*EcstaSea*

Power Boats Needed for Toliva Shoal Race

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

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

Main Station

Bill Hamaker and Jim Howatson, Co-chairs



The Main Station Committee is looking for committee members. If you are interested, please contact Bill or Jim indicating your interest. Watch for the new meeting schedule in 2020.

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

CSP hours available: We have several projects that need work and can give you credit towards your CSP hours. Please volunteer. Some of these projects are for safety concerns:

- Barnacle removal from pilings - contact Robert Ludlow (360) 280-5757
 - When cleaning barnacles make sure you clean off the docks afterwards. The seagulls feeding make a bigger mess than the barnacles
- Clean swim ladders of barnacles and mussels - contact Robert
- Screw down dock planks on the 600 dock - contact Robert
- Repair grid dock and pads - contact Dale Bamford (360) 894-2809
- Replace the deck of the OYC barge and extend it by two feet - contact Bill Hamaker 360 481-1879
- Move surplus dock material to OYC storage yard - Contact Bill Hamaker

The recent wind storm was a wake-up call for a lot of people, including the Main Station committee. We had two boathouses sustain damage with broken chains and damage to fasteners and sheet metal. A number of boathouses had contact at the roof edge and floatation dislocated and in some cases floating away. The twin pilings at the end of the 500 dock had the fasteners holding the pilings together fail and had to be reworked. A couple of the boats moored on the outside were able to relocate to the guest dock for a couple of days to forestall any damage. All owners moored in the basin should thoroughly inspect their boat's equipment for damage, as well as their boathouses.

There was an electrical issue identified at the end of the 600 dock with a contractor receiving a shock when plugging in a power tool. We believe the storm caused a short, which is being addressed by Capitol Electric.

The 500 and 600 breakwater docks will have additional eye bolts added in the near future to lessen the strain on the boathouses and dock.

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

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Gathering for Mort and Alice James

There will be an informal gathering for Mort and Alice James from 1:00-3:00pm, Sunday, January 12 at OYC. Mort was Commodore in 1992 and was the last of the commodores to also serve as the Chairman of the Board before duties of the board and bridge were split. Mort was an iconic architect in the Olympia area and his legacy is well represented by the Farmers' Market, parts of Percival Landing and numerous buildings and residences in our community. Alice was a COO of St. Peter hospital and went onto head a division in the Department of Social and Health Services for the state. Their tragic accident on November 4th at the foot of their driveway has given us all pause to remember how precious life is.

Contact Jill Floberg for more information: Ja.floberg@gmail.com or 360 791 0619



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December 12, 2019

Dear Residential Recycling Customer,

SUBJECT: Changes to Your Recycling Program

Thank you for your commitment to recycling in Olympia. We are proud of our efforts as a community. Unfortunately, due to global circumstances beyond our control, we need to make some changes to the City's recycling program.

Starting January 1, 2020, the City will remove glass and poly-coated containers from its recyclable materials acceptance list. These materials will no longer be accepted in recycle carts.

Where should I put glass and poly-coated cartons?

- Glass bottles and jars – *Take them to a glass drop-off site (location information to follow) or put in garbage.*
- Coated paper milk, juice, soy, soup broth, and drink cartons – *Put in garbage*
- Frozen food boxes – *Put in garbage*

Why is this change happening?

The recycling industry is changing worldwide. Beginning in 2018, China stopped accepting recycling from around the globe. Due to oversupply and limited markets, we have seen a dramatic increase in recycling costs in Olympia and elsewhere.

After an extensive review, the City has determined that removing glass and poly-coated containers will improve the quality and value of the City's recyclables. When mixed in recycle bins, glass and coated paper cartons contaminate other materials, making them difficult to recycle.

What are the next steps?

We remain committed to recycling glass in Olympia. As a result, the City is in the process of setting up glass drop off sites for the public to use. When separated, the City is better able to recycle the glass.

In mid to late December we will mail you the 2020 collection calendar and include information about what goes in recycle, garbage and organics bins. The calendar will also include a list of the glass drop off sites. Throughout next year, the City will continue to provide reminders and help educate customers to this change.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Kim Johnson, Senior Program Specialist for residential garbage, recycling, and organics programs, at (360) 570-5837, or email her at kjohnson@ci.olympia.wa.us. You can also visit our website at <http://olympiawa.gov/wastewise>.

Thank you

Island Home

Earl Hughes, Chair



As opposed to what the big wind did to the Main Station, Island Home came through basically unscathed.

We have some large projects for this spring, including replacing the deck on the south side of the Clubhouse. It is starting to rot and will soon become unsafe. Plus, there's more work to be done on the bridge.we are starting work on the permitting to shore up the bridge on both ends.

See you on the Island!

Earl Hughes
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**Sailing Education Program**

Mary Fitzgerald, Chair



Well, the holidays are past and we are sliding into the New Year and another spring sailing season for our OYC sailing teams. Please refer to our OYC High School Sailing website if you are interested in attending any of our regattas or just catching up on news about the program. Regattas are truly inspiring with youngsters scurrying around helping each other rig boats, sailing off and on the docks with parents and family, coaches and supporters cheering from the shoreline. What a great excuse to take a trip to different clubs around the Puget Sound.

Fern Zabriskie, my co-chair, has been busy with budgets and budget reports. We were able to raise about \$33k at our dinner auction and wreath and tree sales. With money from our other fundraising efforts, we have gotten BOT approval to order 3 new boats to replace 3 boats in our aging fleet of 420's. Our old boats were purchased from Notre Dame's college sailing program at least 7 years ago. They have been the backbone of our learn-to-sail fleet since and, as you can imagine, have suffered from constant use by mostly inexperienced sailors. The old boats will be put in storage on trailers for use during the summer when we don't want beginning sailors using our brand new racing boats for learning. The new boats this year and last year will be available only to our experienced sailors.

Sarah and I will be attending a sailing program symposium in San Diego in February. This is not to learn about sailing, but rather to learn about administering sailing programs. There will be classes in fund raising, outreach, and team dynamics, to name a few. Our winter time months are also always full of boat repairs and maintenance, summer class planning, and training for our instructors.

We will be doing some major boathouse organizing and repairs this year and will let members know when we could use help cleaning up, fixing up, and painting. We are still looking for new committee members for our dynamic and always busy program. We would love someone to volunteer to do PR for local media. Any expertise you may have that would apply to our program would be greatly appreciated just let us know...

See you sometime in February after some time in the sun ... hopefully.

Mary Fitzgerald
Sailing Education Program Chair
SV *Clara McDougal*
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olympfitz@hotmail.com

Quartermaster

Margaret Snyder & Judy Ball, Co-Chairs

**Quartermaster Opens in January!**

Judy and I wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Our Quartermaster opens this year with the women's items from FDJ on sale \$5.00 off and that includes several pairs of capris in blue, black and beige with a tiny burgee on the right cuff.

We still have pajama bottoms in several different designs, colors, and sizes.

Also, our stemless etched wine glasses are on sale now \$12.00 for a set of 4! We are really happy with the quality and look of these 11 oz. glasses and they'll look great with less spills!

You will also find a variety of blankets, hats, aprons, cinched backpacks, ties, and fleece headbands.

Of course, we still have all the shirts, sweatshirts, jackets and vests in stock! Our short-sleeved t-shirts are now on sale for \$10.00!

See you in the New Year!

Margaret and Judy

Women's Interclub Council

Kim Shann, Representative



HELLO ALL OYC LADIES

ALL OF THE GRAND 14 YACHT CLUBS HAVE WONDERFUL WOMEN'S LUNCHEONS; GATHERING TOGETHER, FORMING LONG LASTING FRIENDSHIPS; LISTENING TO PROGRAM SPEAKERS, OR MUSIC, AND DEMONSTRATIONS OF MANY THINGS.

OUR NEXT LUNCHEON WILL BE AT THE SEATTLE YACHT CLUB ON FEBRUARY 19TH, 2020.

THEN THE ANCHORETTES OF OYC WILL BE HOSTING OUR OWN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON,

MARCH 25TH, 2020. WE DO HOPE OUR VERY OWN OYC LADIES WILL COME AND ENJOY A WONDERFUL LUNCHEON WHERE WE HAVE A SPEAKER TO TELL ABOUT THE LONG HISTORY OF OUR NEIGHBORING "OYSTER HOUSE RESTAURANT." ALSO WITH MORE HISTORY OF OYC.

- 11:00 AM IS SOCIAL HOUR, TO GATHER AND SOCIALIZE
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- 1:00 PROGRAM STARTS

PLEASE CONTACT KIM SHANN 360-491-3786
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LUNCHEONS GENERALLY ARE \$20.00 AND RIDES ARE AVAILABLE.

OYC Christmas Ball 2019

Photos from Denise Zerner



Boaters and Birders

By Lisa Mighetto (a boater and a birder)

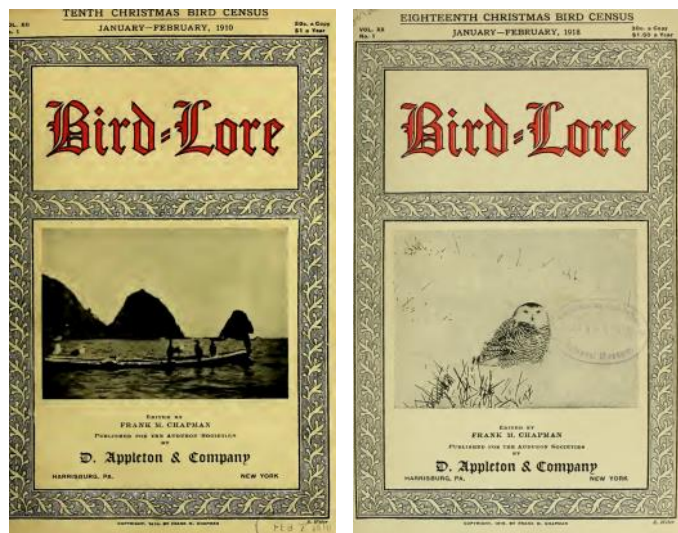
'Tis the season for traditions – and one of my favorites is the annual Christmas Bird Count. The OYC has been involved in this event for many years, partnering with the Black Hills Chapter of the National Audubon Society. This year's count included the OYC boats *Patina* and *Jean Marie*, which took a team of local birders out on the cold but rainless morning of December 15, following a pre-arranged route.

The Christmas Bird Count, which takes place between December 14 and January 5, is a census that began in the year 1900. This nationwide event was a response to a traditional Christmas Day hunt in which participants competed to kill the largest number of birds. The bird count offered participants the alternative option of recording live specimens and listing the results in the journal *Bird-Lore*. The motto of these early conservationists was “a bird in the bush is worth two in the hand.”

And a bird on the water could be worth even more. “It makes a huge difference being on the water,” noted one of the birders on the *Jean Marie*. “No way would we see these birds from land.” Highlights included sighting a rare yellow-billed loon in Budd Inlet. Throughout the day a continual tally could be heard on deck, prompting our own version of *The 12 Days of Christmas*: “8 surf scoters; 7 rhino auklets; 5 goooolden-eyes, 4 buffleheads, 3 eared grebes, 2 guillemots - and an eagle soaring over-head...” The group returned to the OYC Main Station to join other local birders for an evening of hot soup, lively stories, and comparing numbers from previous years.

In addition to the fun and camaraderie, the OYC's participation in this activity links our club to a large, significant event. Last year's bird count included more than 79,000 observers from all 50 states, every province in Canada, and areas of Latin America. It is the longest running Citizen Science Project, and the data is important to ornithologists because of its large scale, consistency of place, and longevity.

Kudos to John Sherman and his Environmental Awareness Committee to continuing the OYC's partnership with the Black Hills Chapter of the National Audubon Society. For more information on the Christmas Bird Count, see: <https://www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count>



Pam Panowicz welcomes the birders on board *Jean Marie*.



Observing, counting, and recording on deck.

2018 Holiday Cruise

Curtis Dahlgren



“Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.”

“Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.” That is what was being said many times during the 2009 Holiday Cruise event, my first year as the committee chair for this community service event. And, on Sunday, December 8, 2019 I continued to hear “thank you” from so many of the guests and their caregivers. Their appreciation was directed to the 90+ OYC members, OYC junior sailors and Thurston County Parks and Recreation staff. This was the 35th annual OYC Holiday Cruise, and if you judge it by the smiles and the laughter expressed by our guests and our members, it was another successful event. Special thanks go to the skippers and crews of the following boats: *Amstel Maru*, *Fleetwood*, *Grace*, *Great Escape*, *Happy Hours*, *Just 4 Us*, *Kiss Intel II*, *Kluh Maru*, *Lady Janet*, *Lone Star*, *Long Shot*, *Mirabelle*, *Nimbus*, *Once Again*, *Patina*, *Puget Star*, *Rae Hunter*, *Reel Trip* and *True North*.



To begin the day, our guests were treated to a short cruise - and for some boats that cruise was extended because the guests were having too much fun at the helm. During the cruise, our guests had some memorable conversations with Santa (OYC members with deep and jolly voices viewing the parade from Anthony's Hearthfire) on a VHF radio, and happily waved at seeing Santa and Mrs. Claus (Paladin Palmerton and his mother, Kristalene Stormer) on the *Amstel Maru*. Upon returning to the OYC clubhouse, guests were served hot chocolate and dozens and dozens of homemade cookies. Many of them visited with each other or with OYC members they met on their way to, or on, the boats. Some guests even reunited with OYC members they met during past events. During our time in the clubhouse, there was a continuous line of guests anxiously waiting to see Santa and Mrs. Claus. After an exciting afternoon at OYC, every guest left with a gift bag filled with fruit, toiletry items, a coloring book and other small Christmas items.

OYC also gives thanks to many others, outside of our club, who have supported this event through the years. The continued support of the Thurston County Recreation Services Department as our co-sponsor for this very popular community service event has been key to its success. I can't imagine hosting this event without the assistance of Margaret Bagley, Thurston County Recreation Supervisor, and her co-workers. The support that these professionals have provided OYC over the years has been invaluable.

Each of our guests had a chance to spend a little time with Santa and Mrs. Claus. During that time, our guests are thrilled to have their picture taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus. To make this happen, OYC has been fortunate to continue receiving the cheerful help of Debra Clintworth with Clintworth Photography, and her assistant, Liz McGuire. The two of them make sure that every guest leaves our clubhouse clutching a photo that will remind them of their day with us at OYC.



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A special thank you also goes to the generosity of the local businesses who support the OYC Holiday Cruise event. Dr. Adam Cramer and Burkhart Dental Supply contributed an assortment of items for the gift bags. The Allstate Insurance office of Gary Blatter contributed coloring books that were part of every gift bag. Both of these companies have been contributing to this event for years and years.

It has become part of my pre-event planning to visit some local businesses and talk to the owners, managers and staff about our Holiday Cruise event. These local businesses have graciously donated a number of gift certificates and other items for this event. The items, presented to the skippers participating in this year's Holiday Cruise during the skipper's meeting, were donated by Acme Fuel, Anthony's Hearthfire Grill, Well 80 and Batdorf & Bronson.

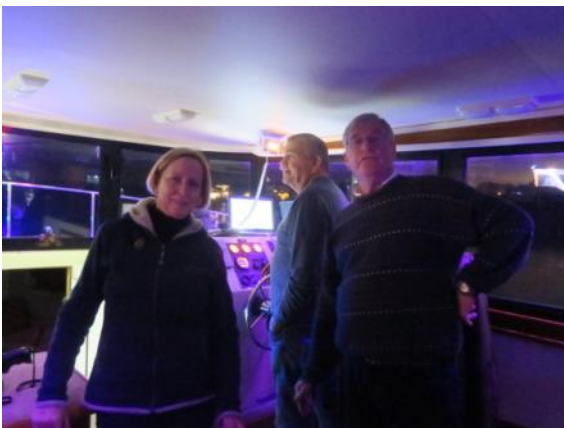
I ask all members to extend their appreciation to these companies for the support they have provided this community event. A simple "Thank You" the next time that you do business or have any interaction with them would be appreciated. And, if you need their services, I highly recommend you visit these businesses. They are all in our neighborhood and just a walk, a bike ride, or a car ride away. One of them is even a boat ride away.

The success of the Holiday Cruise begins with the culture of our club and it is fulfilled by the hard work and dedication of a bunch of boaters. THANK YOU ALL!



2019 Lighted Ships Parade

Photos from Mike Contris
[More at olympiayachtclub.org](http://olympiayachtclub.org)



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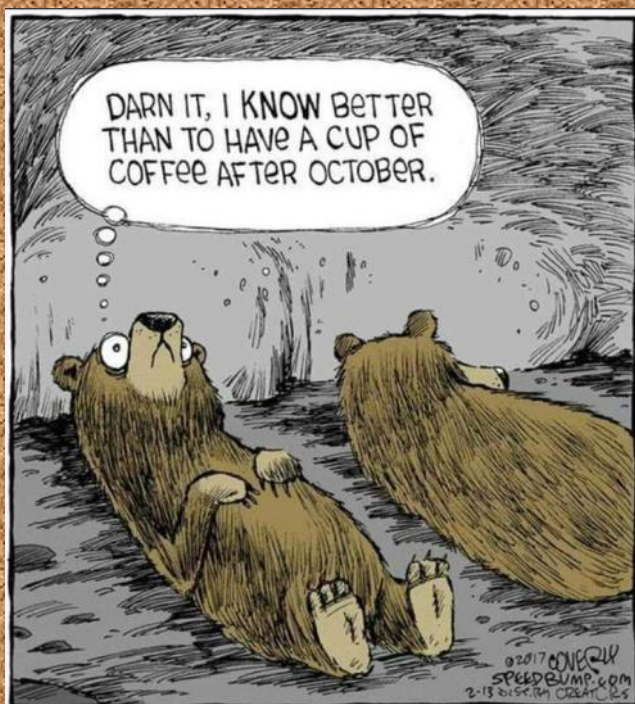
Volunteer sailors for Summer 2020

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

Wanted – Old Sails

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

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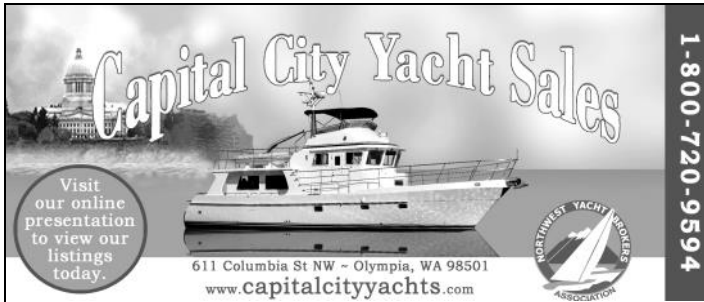
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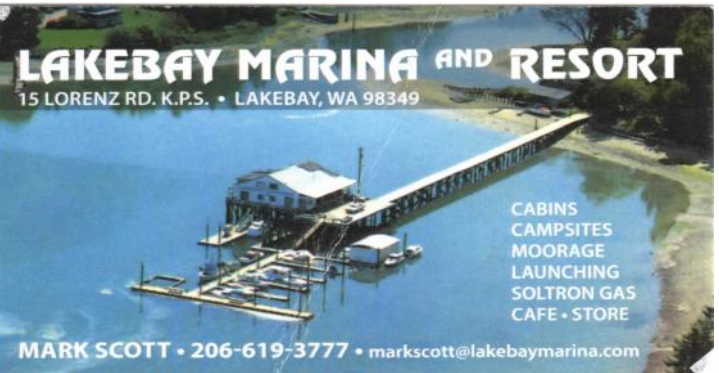
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Jack Behrend 360-491-5227 10/19



January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Decorating for NYE party! Volunteers appreciated	30	31 OYC New Year's Eve Party: Cowboys & Aliens!	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5	6 OYC Environmental Awareness Committee Meeting	7 Bridge Meeting	8 Dinner Meeting	9	10 Oly Outboard Club Change of Watch set-up	11 Olympia Outboard Club Change of Watch
12 Memorial PC Mort, Alice James 1-3 pm Open all OYC	13 Clubhouse and Main Station Committee Meeting	14	15 Board of Trustees Meeting	16 OYC Sailing Education Program Gear Exchange	17	18
19	20	21 OYC Annual Legislative Reception	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Washington Ports Reception	29 Annual Navy Luncheon - Ralph Munro	30	31 TGIF	1

February 2020

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

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January 8

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- Parmesan Breadstick
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