



OLYMPIA YACHT CLUB

March 2018



Commodore

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



I enjoy and am proud to be your Commodore. The Olympia Yacht Club is a strong organization with members who care about the club, the longevity of the club, the future of the club and the relationship our club has to the greater Olympia and boating community. One of the things I enjoy most about being Commodore is discovering traditions of OYC

that have been around for years that I didn't know about before becoming Commodore. One of these traditions is the 'Commodore's Coin.' I had no idea this tradition existed, until I was given my first Commodore's Coin by PC Myra Downing back when I was Fleet Captain Sail. The Commodore's Coin is a large metal coin made every year for the current Commodore in a quantity sufficient for the Commodore to be able to give the coin to club members and others who have provided service to the club or our community above and beyond what is expected. That is why on one side of the coin, it says "With Appreciation."

Also on the 'head' side of the coin is a profile view of the Commodore's boat, in our case, Endless Summer. I provided the artist that created the image a photo of our boat, with the sails down. That photo was



not sufficient, so then I took a photo of the boat with the sails up. The artist created a line drawing that had a few incorrect lines, and after those were removed, the image of our boat was recreated on the coin. The tail side of the coin shows 14 burgees, of the 'Grand 14'

Yacht Clubs in the Puget Sound, the fourteen oldest Yacht Clubs in the sound. Olympia Yacht Club, founded in 1904, is the third oldest yacht club, behind the Seattle and Tacoma Yacht Clubs.

The Commodore's Coin comes from a tradition in the military, commonly called a Challenge Coin. When a member in the service presents his or her challenge coin to you, you need to present your Challenge Coin back to them, or, I am told, if you do not have your Challenge Coin in your pocket, you have to go to the floor and do ten push-ups.

I did not serve in the military, so I don't know if the story is true. At the February Dinner Meeting last month, honoring all of OYC's Past Commodores, I gave each Past Commodore one of my Commodore's Coins. When I gave PC Matt Mills one of my coins, he immediately produced his Commodore's Coin from his pocket and told me that he had started the Commodore's Coin tradition at the Olympia Yacht Club when he was our Commodore back in 2005. And so, I learned another piece of Olympia Yacht Club history.



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Well, it has finally happened. I knew this day would come but I just didn't know when. The Ocean Alexander 50 I have been eyeballing for the last 6+ months has been sold... To someone else. Needless to

say, it is a very sad day. Why didn't we just buy it, you ask? Well, it was expensive (not sure if the wife really liked it anyway). I know there are other fish in the sea, but when you believe you found your marlin, nothing else compares. Now my search must start all over.

In brighter news, the Valentine's Day Cruise was a great time. It was a bit sparse on participation but it was still a lot of fun. Thank you to our FCP Mitch and his first mate! And yes, the rumors circulating all over Olympia are true. Jen and I won the Newly Weds game. Beating out those who have been married for more than 40 years! I guess we just got lucky. (Or they didn't want us to know their real answers.)

While at the cruise, the weather was so nice we were able to hang the new canvas Jen made for the section over our hard top. It's amazing! We can actually see behind us now! The down side, Jen now has a few side projects that will probably delay the rest of the canvas. If this keeps up, I'm gonna have her start charging everyone. Maybe supplement that new boat fund. After all, she doesn't need any down time to relax.

You may have heard the summer cruise dates have been set! August 3rd to the 10th. While it's called the Commodore's cruise, it's not all about me, it's about being together on the water. We want to hear from you and where you'd like to go, so everyone has fun! If you have any destinations that you're really passionate about visiting in our short weeklong excursion, be sure to attend our planning meeting. We will schedule that soon and put the word out. Drag along your BBF (Best Boating Friend) too, the more the merrier!

Oh yeah, and don't forget about scrubbing your boat, so it's clean for daffodil!

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



Ahoy! March is here, and we're all looking forward to Boating Season. So it's now time to think about de-winterizing your boat. If you have a boat house, most of this will not apply to you, but for those of us whose boats are outdoors all winter long, we have a few battles to fight. For me, it's that battle to keep my boat white, rather than green.

Pressure washing your boat is perhaps the best and environmentally safe way

to clean your boat. But it does pose a few problems, like blasting off paint and blowing holes in your bright work.

There are a couple of pretty good deck soaps that I like to use. One is West Marine's Nonskid Deck Cleaner with PTFE, and the other is Star brite Deck Cleaner. For both you only need to wet the deck, apply, wait five minutes and lightly scrub and rinse off. That's it. What's nice about these products is they do well on getting all the grime out of your non-skid. Both are environmentally friendly.

A product I used in the fall that did a pretty good job of keeping the green from growing in the first place, is called Wet&Forget. This is actually a home product that can be bought just about anywhere. To apply you dilute by instructions, apply to a dry surface and let dry. It will kill anything growing on your boat and keep working for several months. This was especially helpful in my cockpit, between the teak boards. Now before applying this product, it's best to ensure your boat decks are as clean as possible. I've heard from a few members that they did not have the same results as I have.

There are a number of great products on the market. My favorite two are Simple Green and bleach. Simple Green is friendly to the environment, while bleach is not. I use bleach sparingly. We used Simple Green by the gallons when I served on submarines. I have to say there is not much that Simple Green can't clean when it comes to dirt, grease and oil.

The last product that I really like is On & Off. This unique viscous formula clings to the surface to break down tough grease and oil and remove stubborn scum lines and rust stains. Just brush it on, rinse it off. It even removes barnacles. BUT... this stuff is corrosive. It will eat through your Gelcoat if left on too long. It will clean anything and I mean anything. I use this as a last resort, when nothing else works. Just remember that if you use it on your hull, it will remove the wax. It is made of Hydrochloric Acid, Phosphoric Acid and Oxalic Acid. WEAR rubber or Nitrile gloves. Latex gloves will melt. The great thing is that it will neutralize with water. I keep my hose close by when using this stuff.

Please keep in mind that OYC is part of the Clean Marina Program. Try as much as possible to keep paint, oils, fuel and non-environmentally friendly cleaning products out of our water. Everything you do to keep the environment safe helps out in the long run. For more information on our Clean Marina Program go to this link: <https://wsg.washington.edu/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/marina-handbook.pdf>.

We'll see you on the water!



Fleet Captain Power

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



Ahoy OYC!

I type this just after having returned from Island Home and our 2018 Valentine's Cruise. We had a great time with everyone that ventured out to share this with us. We had couples present who have been married 40ish years on down to a few that still have a night shirt predating their inaugural date. Once again, Mitch man-

aged to pretty much do absolutely nothing. First, the weather committee came through with shining colors, did you see that sunset? Then there was that awesome decorating committee led by none other than the Artist herself, AnneMarie, my First Mate. The Poem Committee provided yet another rendition of "My First Mate," I'm actually starting to enjoy reciting that little beauty of a word-smithing. Followed by that Caterer Committee where the bar kept moving higher with Kern's Kitchen and his one man show dazzling our taste buds with delight. The evening finished up with another showing by of that Game Committee favorite.....yep, The Newlywed Game, where we learned a few secrets about our member couples. I wasn't going to share any of said secrets, but just know PC Tony Re probably shamed more than one of us with his "little" Valentine's Cruise tradition. I'm still confused, or the one causing the confusion, about the true title of this cruise.....is it Valentine's Cruise, Sweetheart Cruise or First Mate's Cruise? Someone should approach the Board of Trustees for a final answer!



Now, for the important information. I recently joined the ranks of you boathouse owners and my Valentine's Present to my dear MV Release was a new hat. Yes, you guessed it, the boathouse has a new roof! Next up? Not sure, I'm thinking I should rewire before adding a loft, any thoughts?

Next month is Daffodil at the Tacoma Yacht Club but I'm sure others will have announcements related to this event. A little tidbit about TYC, they do an excellent Sunday Brunch and if you've never used your reciprocal membership to go there, it's a must. The views are spectacular and the mimosa's exquisite! Maybe one of us should organize a Sunday Brunch Cruise?

Fleet Captain Power Jesse Mitchell "Mitch"
First mate Anne Marie Murdock
M/V Release



Fleet Captain Sail

Captain Bill Velez
First Mate Cathy Velez
S/V Karen Ann



As I sit here staring at my PC on this Rope Yarn Sunday wondering what I should write about, sometimes I like to reflect on the past before writing about the present or future. Wait, what's a Rope Yarn Sunday you ask?

Well..... the Nautical Term of the Month.

Rope Yarn Sunday: In the days of old Navy a Rope Yarn Sunday was a half-day off to sew and perform personal tasks. Today it simply refers to a half-day off. Many a Sunday afternoon, I find myself down at the dock tinkering on my half-day off.

So what of the past. On March 2, 1859 The USS Saginaw was launched at Mare Island California. She was the first Naval ship to be constructed on the west coast. I was stationed there as a young sailor in 1978. On March 17, 1898 the first practical submarine, USS Holland was launched. Then 60 years later to the day in 1959, the USS Skate surfaced through the ice at the North Pole. In the more recent past we had a very successful Joint OYC-SSSS Cruise the last weekend in January, followed by Valentine's Day Cruise with much better weather, I might add. As always the February TGIF was a lot of fun. As I write this the Toliva Shoal Sailboat Race has not happened yet, but the predicted winds are favorable for a complete race this year. Cold, windy, wet, perfect...if you're a duck.

And now for the future. Don't forget the dinner meeting on 7 March and the next TGIF on 23 March. Good times, good people. March is not the busiest month of happenings at the club so why not take a quick trip to Island Home for a bit of R&R.

Fair winds and following seas.....

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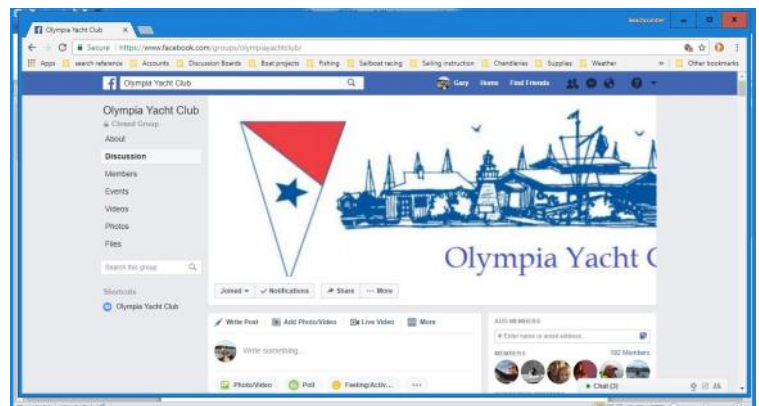
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"There is nothing like lying flat on your back on the deck, alone except for the helmsman aft at the wheel, silence except for the lapping of the sea against the side of the ship. At that time you can be equal to Ulysses and brother to him."

- Errol Flynn

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The 2018 Valentine's Cruise

Photos by Mark Welpman
and Jesse "Mitch" Mitchell





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Spring is here (almost), and boating season is upon us. It is time to get ready.

- Do your preseason maintenance.
- Update your crew members on safety and the operation of your vessel, including VHF communications, and what to do in case of an emergency.
- Attend the OYC Boating Safety Day on April 21.
- Get your Vessel Safety Inspection.
- Sign up for the OYC flotilla to the Tacoma Daffodil Festival. April 13-15.
- Be a safe and courteous boater.

Reminder. The members will vote on an amendment to the bylaws at the March dinner meeting. A copy of the proposed amendment is in the February Beachcomber, and is also posted on the Club House bulletin board and on the OYC website.

Occasionally, we experience boating accidents within our membership. Fortunately, most are minor. As members, we trust each other to take responsibility for any damage that we cause.

The OYC Safety and Education Committee is developing an education program for our members. If there are programs that you would like to see included, contact committee chair Danny Wyre.

Also, on the good news side, our marina is full, and we have a waiting list, especially for larger boats (not such good news for those on the list).

The Board of Trustees meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Club House. Minutes of the meetings are posted on the bulletin board. The next scheduled BOT meeting is on March 14, 2018.



Government Affairs

Myra Downing, Chair



Moving Forward

The purpose of the OYC Community and Government Affairs Committee is to “*ensure that OYC is present, viable and relevant for the next 50 years*” and I want to personally thank all committee members for the work they accomplished over the last few months in moving us forward in this effort.

First, in partnership with the Recreational Boaters Association and the Northwest Marine Trades Association, OYC sponsored the annual Legislative Reception on Thursday, January 18. Even though the state elected officials were called away to a special budget hearing, all three county commissioners, a port commissioner, 3-4 state agency leaders, and a myriad of other folks did attend. Our members had the opportunity to spend quality time with them informing them of issues of concern for OYC. Special thanks to Dick Binns for spearheading our written document, Steve Finney for coordinating with RBAW, Meg VanSchoorl for professional guidance

based on her years of experience working with the legislature, Jack DeMeyer for ensuring we had what we needed for set up, PC Carole Robinson and her team for the wonderful appetizers, Bob and Jane Sands for being our bartenders and for committee members working together to pull this off.

Second, thanks to Ginny Beekman for continuing as our liaison with the Downtown Olympia Alliance (formally the Association). She is great at keeping us informed and connected with this very important organization.

Third, on behalf of the OYC Community and Government Affairs Committee, thank you to everyone who was able to attend the “Views on Fifth” meeting in January. We appreciate your interest and involvement in strengthening our connection with our community.

Fourth, the Working Waterfront Coalition had their first formal meeting at OYC on Thursday, Feb 1. It is a beginning, and I am excited about possibilities of this group working together to ensure we have a thriving waterfront. As always, please accept my invitation to join us the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. We are a fun and engaging group. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any of our members if you have questions.

Clubhouse

Michelle Aguilar-Wells, Chair

Dear members;

Hope you are all looking forward to a great boating Spring.

The Clubhouse committee met, and we are working on putting together a fairly detailed listing of all of the duties that need to be performed in order to keep the Clubhouse running and in good shape. We also are putting together a time-line for completing our projects for this year. Watch for changes as we move into spring.

New committee members are always welcome and needed. We generally meet the first Monday of each month at 6 pm in the clubhouse. Send me your e-mail address if you are interest and you'd like to be on the meeting notification list.

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Membership Changes



From Andrea Schmel, Board of Trustees Secretary

Demit: Aaron and Collette Rauch

Life Member: Mike and Patti Phillips

Life Member: Dan Neuhauser and Barbara Narozonick Neuhauser

Social Member: Dan Neuhauser and Barbara Narozonick Neuhauser

Many new members up for membership vote.....stay tuned

From Ron Wertz, Membership Committee Chair

Welcome new member voted in — Susan Birch

Quartermaster

Margaret Snyder & Judy Ball Co-Chairs



**Look for lots of
new items
in the coming months!**

.....Margaret and Judy



Island Home

Earl Hughes, Chair



We now have a new BBQ for the club house. This one has a grill 19" x 40" with a lid. Please enjoy and be sure to clean it up after using. PLEASE DO NOT COOK OYSTERS ON IT. The salt will eat it up.

We will be having our spring clean up / work party April 28. You will get to spread bark, gravel, trim trails on the Island and work on the trail above the road and spruce up the club house. For all this we will furnish you a great lunch. See you there.

Questions, please call or email
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Earl Hughes
Island Home Chair
MV *Lady Bee II*

Environmental Awareness

John Sherman, Chair



SAVE OUR ORCAS!

One of the most iconic species in the PNW is the Orca (Orcinus orca), aka “Killer Whale” due to their carnivorous diet of fish, seals, and sometimes other whales. Orcas are found in oceans world-wide, except for the Baltic and Black Seas and some areas of the Arctic Ocean. In fact, the name killer whale may be a mistranslation of the 18th century Spanish name asesina-ballas, which means literally whale killer. Basque whalers would have given it such a name after observing pods of orcas hunting baleen whales in the Atlantic Ocean.

In the PNW you may be lucky enough to see members of three populations: our local resident population J, K, and L pods feed on Chinook salmon and routinely inhabit the waters of Washington State and British Columbia. Periodically, transient visitors appear, which feed on seals and other marine mammals. Transients, aka Bigg’s Whales, travel in small groups of two to six animals, have less persistent family bonds than residents, and vocalize in less variable and less complex dialects.

In 1988, a third “offshore” group of whales was discovered off Vancouver Island and Haida Gwaii. This group travels far from shore in groups of 20-75 and appears to feed on schooling fish, although observation of their scarred and nicked dorsal fins suggest they may take sharks and marine mammals as well. Currently, little is known about their habits, but they are genetically distinct from the resident and transient populations.

Our resident and transient populations may live in the same area, but avoid each other. At one time, it was thought that the transients were outcasts from resident pods, but research has shown that the groups began to evolve separately two million years ago and that they have not interbred for up to 10,000 years.

In an ideal world, our resident Southern Orca pods would thrive on abundant local Chinook salmon and fear nothing as they transit local waters. But we don’t live in an ideal world, and our Orca population is declining and has been listed as an endangered species since 2003. As any veteran fisherman knows, the supply of Chinook salmon has declined steadily — for a variety of reasons related to the impact of human activity on our environment. Moreover, research has shown that the acoustic impact of ship traffic makes it difficult for Orca to locate the prey that remains.

In the late 1800s, it is estimated that the local Orca population numbered over 200. In 2009, the orca population was down to 83 whales, the lowest it had ever been. Today, the population is down to 76, in poor health, and struggling to raise their young. No baby Orca have been born in the last few years, and half of the calves born during a celebrated “baby boom” a few years ago have since died. Orca scientists suggest that at this level, the population may not be sustainable and may die out.

Senate Bill 6268, the Orca Protection Act, has been introduced into the Washington State legislature this session, which attempts to provide some relief to our beleaguered Orca population. Now, we’re never going to eliminate ship traffic. And it will take years and many changes to our current practices to restore the Chinook population to what it was in the 1970s and give the Orca population a better chance to survive. But this modest bill proposes some helpful steps to help arrest the decline in our Orca population:

1. Funds for increased enforcement patrols by the Fish & Wildlife Department to ensure whale-watching and other vessels comply with the required minimum distance from Orca pods and other protective regulations;
2. Reduce the maximum speed of vessel traffic to 7 knots within 400 yards of a Southern Resident Orca;
3. Funds to further study and provide recommendations for marine noise mitigation;
4. Funds for improved coordination of Orca recovery efforts between Washington State and British Columbia.



House Bill 2417 is also introduced to increase the production and release of hatchery Chinook salmon by 20 percent.

These are acknowledged to be short-term measures. The real issues — to reverse practices that have contributed to the decline of native Chinook runs — are much tougher. Tasks include strengthening forage fish populations, and improving river and Puget Sound water quality. Storm-water runoff greatly contributes to local water pollution, since it is largely untreated. In particular, copper in marine bottom paint (and automotive brake shoes) is being phased out to help reduce a pollutant that impairs the ability of juvenile salmon to detect prey. Hopefully, in the future more salmon can survive to return to Puget Sound rivers and reproduce.

If you do not wish to see our iconic Orca population die off on our watch, please support these efforts — and other efforts to restore and preserve an environment that sustains these, and other species that depend on a clean and productive natural habitat. Specifically, you can help to:

1. Conserve water. Less water used by humans leaves more water in the rivers, lakes, and the ground. And conserve electricity, too — so dams use less water. More water for salmon means more salmon for orcas.
2. Put Waste in its Place. Properly dispose of litter, garbage, and pet waste. Recycle accepted materials. Use oil absorbent pads in your bilge and dispose of them ashore. And check your car and engine for oil leaks—so these materials don’t end up in Puget Sound.
3. Choose non-toxic, environmentally friendly household and yard products. Even far from the water, nearly everything that goes down your drain or washes into storm drains and creeks, eventually ends up in the sea.

.....And hey, you’ll save money, too.

Club Service Program

PC Les Thompson, Chair



Hello everyone. I hope you all are having a good winter doing at least some boating or being on the boat. Winter will be fading soon, and we can all look forward to Spring and some warmer weather.

With Spring coming, there will be many projects for members to help with around the club and Island Home after the long winter. There will also be social events that pose a great opportunity for members to get involved and earn CSP hours. There are many standing committees that also would welcome your participation. The chairs are listed in the Beachcomber and meeting dates are on the calendar. Please think about joining and attending. All are a great way to meet your fellow members and help the club move forward. If you get your hours out of the way early, you can relax for the rest of the year!!!

I will post the quarterly report in the clubhouse around the first week in April. Check your information, and let me know if there are any discrepancies. Reminder, large reporting sheets for meetings and events, small ones for single person duties. Thank you.

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

PC Les Thompson
CSP guru
MV *EcstaSea*

Main Station

Tim Ridley, Chair



I hope you all are praying for sunshine, I just got back from Arizona and it was 80 degrees, hopefully it will start warming up here. We've got projects but need that sunshine.



Remember, if you keep your boat in a boathouse, you'll need to pick up your numbers from Robert, our caretaker and place them on the curtain side of your boathouse. Open slip boaters, please be considerate of your neighbors and keep your finger pier clear of hoses and unnecessary items. Keep them in your dock boxes or if they don't fit, place them on your boat. This will help in keeping your area safe and me from receiving calls.

Main station meetings are the night after our monthly Dinner Meetings at 6 p.m. Everybody is welcome. Remember, if you have a suggestion or see something wrong, please call me or contact Robert. Be safe out there.

Main Station Chair
PC Tim Ridley
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M/V *Glouise*

Moorage Inspections 2018

Since 2018 is an even year, all OYC moorage (boat house and open slips) with even numbers will be inspected this year within the months of May, June and July. Inspection check lists for both boat house and open slips will be posted on the OYC Web site for all members to review and understand what is being checked by the inspection teams. Most items are related to safety of the marina overall; no boat's interior is inspected, however the exterior is checked to include current state registration, electrical connection, OYC Burgee flown and the general appearance of the vessel's exterior. For boat houses the standards are listed in the Member Directory; an additional item is to have numbers on both the front and rear of the boat house. Our caretaker has plaques with numbers attached for each boat house to be attached to the starboard side of the water entry door about three foot +/- above the water level. This is a requirement for all boat houses both odd and even numbers.

In April or early May each member with even numbered moorage in the OYC marina will be contacted by an inspection team to schedule your inspection time. An inspection takes roughly 30 minutes to complete; you will get an email copy of your inspection soon thereafter. Thanks for your cooperation in keeping OYC's marina safe and secure.

Bob Wolf, Inspection Chair

BULLETIN BOARD

ALASKA FLOTILLA

Bill Hamaker

Join us on an adventure to Southeast Alaska this coming summer, with friends and family.

I am planning a slow journey to Alaska, although we might not make it all the way depending on how much fun we have going north.

We will be having planning sessions soon to decide what to visit and what it takes to make a safe journey.

We will scour the club for veteran Alaska cruisers for mini-seminars and much sage advice during the planning stage.

The journey is planned to begin around late April or early May, depending on the weather forecasts at the time.

If you are interested in making the journey, call or e-mail Bill Hamaker at 360-481-1879 or turbosteam@aol.com.

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HEY SKIERS!!

Ed Stolarik

A bunch of us here at OYC love to ski as well as boat, so we're planning an impromptu weekend at White Pass. Nothing too organized, just a chance to meet with other skiers in the club for a bit of fun in the mountains.

The plan is to meet at the mountain on Saturday, March 10, sometime around 10 a.m. and go where the fun takes us.

White Pass offers a wide range of options other than skiing or snowboarding including cross country skiing, snow shoeing, tubing, relaxing in the Sitzmark Lounge, yoga, and just taking it easy. They have a full complement of rental equipment, and the food in the lodge is top notch.

If you would like to find out more, or if you're interested in overnight lodging, do to skiwhitepass.com for all of their information.

Hope to see you there.

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The membership will be voting on the new bylaws at the next dinner meeting.

Please take a look at them on the [OYC website](#).

NOTICE

Nominations are being taken for **two Board of Trustee members**, the **Fleet Captain Sail** and **Fleet Captain Power** positions. If you are interested please contact PC Walt Scheft-er at wschefter@comcast.com or 360-491-2313.

"You can be part of the club's organization and *make a Difference*."



Sailing Education Program

Mary Fitzgerald, Chair



Hi everyone, greetings from the desert of Southern California. We headed south the first of the month and didn't stop until we got to a dry lakebed outside of Borrego Springs California, one of our favorite SW meccas. It is interesting to me that no matter where we go in the Southwest, I am always drawn towards the lakes, rivers, reservoirs, or in this case, dry lakebeds. In fact, as I write this I am reading my fourth book on this trip that has the ocean as a main setting for the book. The last one "Ahab's Wife" ends where we hear the resounding claim "Call me Ishmael". And, though we know how much of that story goes, some of the stories we experience in regards to our own travels on board remain untold or may be just unfolding.

That is what I love so much about OYC's long established Learn to Sail program and the discussion of a possible Boating Education committee. It is wonderful that OYC members are embracing young and old alike and willing to consider becoming a hub of learning about boating. OYC's Learn to Sail program and the proposed boating education program could become a resource for all South Sound boaters, a starting place for many youngsters and adults who will eventually become boat owners themselves and perhaps even OYC members. OYC could become a place where those seeking knowledge about boating can go, being assured they will receive accurate knowledge and a warm welcome. In turn, we would be helping create responsible boaters, and that is a great reflection of the OYC legacy. So whether you are a sailor or a power boater, our love of being on the water and experiencing its magic is part of our lives, part of our own story, and one that surely should be told and shared.

Thanks always for your support.
Mary Fitzgerald



TGIF

Thank Goodness it's **Friday!**



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March 23

Drinks and Socializing 5:30 pm

Pizza etc..... 6 pm

\$6/person No reservations required



Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, March 14

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

'Tis your lucky day me lads 'n lassies!

Wednesday 14 March 2017

from 11:30 to 12:35

The Lunch Bunch Presents.....Tuck in, to a big bowl of Guinness Stew and Soda Bread and all the fixin's.

Rumor about the village is that Mary Ann will serve up Bread Pudding with Whiskey Sauce atop it.

Still only 6 bucks.. yep six bucks for a lunch that will top you off for the rest of the day.

Join us. You know you want to.

Safety and Education Committee

Danny Wrye, Chair



Greetings OYCers!

Boating in Puget Sound is all about getting ready to go out on the water. As we patiently await the arrival of Spring, here are a few tips to help ensure you have a fun, event free and safe time On the Water!

Fuel System: Inspect hoses, connections and tank surfaces for leaks or damage. Replace components as needed. Verify all fittings and clamps are properly secured. Ensure the engine, exhaust, and ventilation systems are functioning properly

Belts, Cables, Hoses, & Lines: Check for cracks and brittle areas. Ensure belts fit tightly and are not worn. Inspect the outer jacket of control cables for cracks or swells, which may indicate a problem. Inspect moorage lines and replace any worn ones.

Electrical System: Inspect all electrical connections for cleanliness and tightness; corrosion may indicate an unsafe condition. Remove terminals and clean with a wire bush. Clean cable ends. Change battery and ensure it can hold a charge. Electrical systems should be inspected by a qualified technician regularly.

Fluid Levels: Check engine oil, power steering, power trim reservoirs and coolant levels. Change engine oil, oil filter and drive lubricants if these tasks were not done prior to winterizing.

Propellers & Hulls: Inspect propellers for dings, pitting,

cracks and distortion. Make sure propeller is secured properly. Replace bearings if needed. Check hull for blisters, distortions and cracks. Clean the hull, deck and topsides. Ensure the drain plug is securely in place in dinghy prior to every launch.

Safety Gear: Inspect life jackets to ensure they are in good condition; make sure there is one for each potential passenger. Check that fire extinguishers are fully charged, properly stowed and are the correct class for your vessel. Check expiration date of flares and replace if past date. Check all navigation and anchoring lights for proper functionality. Replace any as needed. Check horn and/or audible signally devices for proper functionality. Make sure to have ample absorbent pads on board in case of a spill. Schedule annual boat safety inspection by calling Jim Harden, OYC Safety and Education Committee, at (360) 438-9742.

Finally, the Safety and Education Committee recently got approval from the BOT to install 17 safety ladders at Mainstation on the 200 and 600 docks. This work is intended to make our home port safer in the event someone become a "rubber duck" unintentionally falling in the water. Additionally, the Committee sponsored a diesel maintenance training as an outcome of its recent re-chartering. More of these opportunities are being contemplated throughout the year. Watch for email blasts as well as Beachcomber articles or attend a Safety and Education Committee meeting. The Committee meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 5 to 6:30pm at the Mainstation.

See you on the water!

Danny Wrye
Chair, Safety and Education Committee
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Women's Boating Seminar on Hiatus

Variety of Other Activities Planned

For the past eight years, scores of women have headed to Olympia in May for the Women's Boating Seminar. A kaleidoscope of hands-on and theory classes that have helped women become more confident and skilled boaters. The organizers — members of the South Sound Women's Sailing Group based in Olympia — have decided to take a much-needed break. This news will doubtless be disappointing to many, but a cruise and possibly some individual classes are intended to fill the vacuum.

May 18, 19, 20—Cruise to Dockton in Quartermaster Harbor

Come by boat or car to this charming King County Park on Maury Island. Bring partners and family members along, too, for one or more days. The central event will be a potluck dinner and program Saturday, May 19. SSWSG has reserved the picnic shelter from 3 to 8 p.m. We'll have a chance to see old friends and make new ones.

A short self-guided walk through the hamlet of Dockton will acquaint you with fascinating history. Did you know that Dockton was at one point the largest ship-building port north of San Francisco? For hikers, the nearby Dockton Forest has a busy trail system. It's possible to hike to the top of the ridge and look out upon Brown's Point and Commencement Bay. A further exploration can lead you to the rusting hulks of equipment at an abandoned gravel mine.

The park has 58 slips. Cost is \$20 for boats under 25 feet; \$25 for boats 26-32 feet; \$30 for boats longer than 32 feet. Moorage is first come, first served. Anchoring out is free as is the use of the dinghy dock.

Details: Showers and restrooms are free, no power, no garbage pickup, and no services within walking distance. The park has play equipment, fire pits, and barbeque areas. There is a convenient place for dog walking.

If you think you will participate, please let Emily Ray know at emilyrayjimlengenfelder@msn.com We would like to get a handle on the potential number of participants, and how many will come by boat.

Toliva Shoal Race 2018



Rich Hurst photo

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Boats, Beer and BBQ! March 3, 2018

OYC High School Sailing Team Dinner Auction

Please come out for a great time to our 2nd ever dinner auction! We are fundraising to entirely replace our current fleet of used double-handed race boats, which have served us well but are showing their age. It will be the sailing programs first time purchasing new boats. Our youth athletes work incredibly hard to bring home accolades to the OYC, their High Schools, and the South Sound Boating Community - they deserve the best equipment. Thank you for your support!

Date: March 3, 2018

Time: 5:30 p.m. Doors open for Silent Auction and Social Time
6:45 p.m. Dinner served

Place: Olympia Yacht Club
201 Simmons Street NW
Olympia, WA 98501

Dress: Casual

Cost: \$50 per person includes open seating (OYC members may place name cards on open-table seats the day-of before doors open), music, dinner, dessert, beer & wine
\$400 for a table of eight (reserved premium location)
Seating is limited to first 150 people to purchase tickets. Advance purchase only by 2/26/18.
Questions? Please call Katie Hurley 360-888-2252
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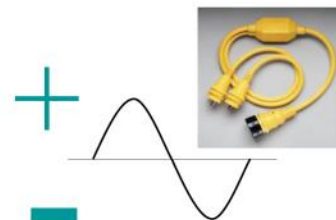
MARINE 12 VOLT DC SYSTEMS: SAT, MAR 10 2018, 8-12AM

- ❖ Introduction & tutorial of 12 volt DC systems
- ❖ Batteries, charging, wiring, maintenance, safety
- ❖ Measurement/monitoring & troubleshooting



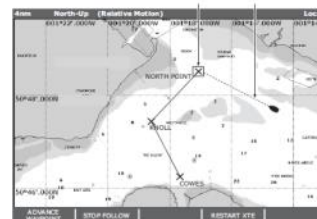
MARINE AC ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: SAT, MAR 10, 2018. 1-5PM

- ❖ Introduction & tutorial of 110/220 volt AC systems
- ❖ Shore power, Ground Fault breakers, safety
- ❖ Galvanic isolation, Appliance management
- ❖ Boat wiring, tools & troubleshooting techniques
- ❖ DC class above is suggested prerequisite



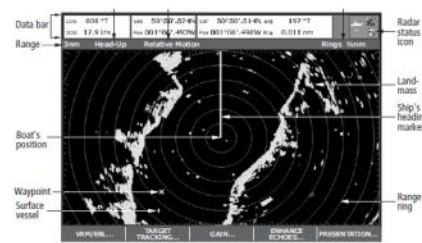
INTRODUCTION TO CHARTPLOTTERS: SUN. MAR 4, 2018. 10-NOON

- ❖ GPS & digital map technology
- ❖ Chartplotter hardware & configurations
- ❖ Common features, benefits & limitations
- ❖ Practical chartplotter usage & navigation



INTRODUCTION TO MARINE RADAR: SUN. MAR 4, 2018, 1-3 PM

- ❖ RADAR technology & analogies
- ❖ RADAR hardware types & configurations
- ❖ Common features, benefits & limitations
- ❖ Practical usage, adjustment & navigation



SOLAR POWER FOR BOATS: SUNDAY, MAR 11, 10-NOON

- ❖ Why Solar Power for Boats?
- ❖ System Components
- ❖ What Performance to Expect
- ❖ Installation Constraints & Costs



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ELECTRICAL TROUBLESHOOTING FOR BOATS: SUNDAY, MAR 11, 1-3 PM

- ❖ General Process for Troubleshooting
- ❖ Tools Needed & Usage
- ❖ Hints & Flowcharts for Common Problems
- ❖ Chargers, Starters, Pumps, GFCI,
- ❖ Radios, Lights, Outlets, Inverters etc.



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Introduction to Chartplotters: Sunday March 4, 10-Noon

Introduction to Marine RADAR: Sunday March 4, 1-3PM

Marine 12 Volt DC Systems: Saturday March 10, 8-12AM

Marine AC Electrical Systems: Saturday March 10, 1-5PM

Solar Power for Boaters: Sunday March 11, 10-Noon

Electrical Troubleshooting for Boats: Sunday March 11, 1-3PM

OYC Classes: Date Change !!!!

Prior Dates conflicted with Super Bowl & Valentine's Cruise

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March 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Rainier YC Commodore's Ball
4	5 Clubhouse Committee Meeting	6 Bridge Meeting	7 OYC Dinner Meeting	8	9	10 Edmonds YC Commodore's Ball
11	12	13 South Sound Sailing Society Monthly Meeting	14 Board of Trus- tees Meeting Lunch Bunch	15	16 Tyee YC JO Ball	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> Tyee YC JO Ball
18 Tyee YC JO Ball	19	20	21	22	23 TGIF	24 Everett YC Commodore's Ball
25	26	27	28 Safety Commit- tee Mtg	29	30	31

April 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	2 Clubhouse Com- mittee Meeting	3 Bridge Meeting	4 OYC Dinner Meeting	5	6	7 Day Island YC Commodore's Ball
8	9	10 South Sound Sailing Society Monthly Meet- ing	11 Board of Trus- tees Meeting	12	13 Daffodil Festival – Tacoma Yacht Club	14 Daffodil Festival – Tacoma Yacht Club
15 Daffodil Festival – Tacoma Yacht Club	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Safety Committee Mtg	26	27 TGIF Art Walk	28 Poulsbo YC Commodore's Ball
29	30					

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Wednesday, March 7

MENU

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- ♦ Herb roasted red potatoes
- ♦ Veggie medley
- ♦ Fresh fruit salad
- ♦ Fresh baked rolls with butter
- ♦ Dessert—Gourmet cupcake



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March 7**

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