



OLYMPIA YACHT CLUB

March 2020



Commodore

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



Ahoy OYC!

Spring is here, and that means boating season is just around the corner. Time to start getting our (the Welpman's) little fleet of boats ready for all the marine events coming up in March, April and May.

Just to highlight a few events:

In April Tacoma Yacht Club kicks off their Opening Day with the **Daffodil Marine Festival**. Looks like we will have a Bridge Boat and a Float Boat. If you've not done Daffodil, you don't know what you're missing. On Friday afternoon TYC hosts free beer and appetizers on the deck. Friday night there is a "The Past Rocks" dance party with DJ Brant Butte. And a Costume party. Saturday there is a Trivia token parade followed by the Jeopardy trivia contest. And another night of dancing with Stacy Jones Band. And Karaoke in the Crow's Nest with Bill Foulk and Nancy Williams. (Not sure if I'll be there... Annette tells me that my singing voice sounds something like two cats in an alley... Yikes!) Sunday is the Flag Ceremony, followed by the Boat Parade and ends with the awards ceremony. This is a really great event. In the past we've had up to 29 boats there. Look for email blasts asking for volunteers to help decorate boats.

Memorial Day Cruise to Island Home. It's OYC's kick off to Boating Season. It's one of the club's best events with fun and food. Monday morning, we honor those who have given their all for our Nation.

As always none of the events can happen without your attendance. We've noticed a decline in attendance over the past few years. Much of it is the ever-changing demographics of our club. Some of our winter events have been canceled due to lack of participation. Many of our members are now turning into snowbirds, so much so we have an OYC South group that continues Land Cruises in Arizona. Many of our Members complain about the cancellation of events, but they themselves do not attend. The best way to tell us you enjoy an event is by attending the event. Our events are a ton of fun, but we need you to make them so. We would love to hear from all of you what you want to do as a club..... After all it's your club.

Finally, I just wanted to reach out to anyone who's thinking about serving in the club. Either as a Chairperson, part of the Bridge or Board, or just serve on a committee. There are several positions opening up this June. Some of the open positions are Rear Commodore, Fleet Captain Sail, Fleet Captain Power. A couple of Committees Chairpersons such as Club House Chair and two positions on the Board of Trustees. We've had a few great candidates throw their names in the hat. As an all-volunteer Club we need people to step up and participate. Annette and I are serving our sixth year of service to the club. We've seen an entirely different side of the club since we started serving in various positions. The club has become our extended family. Remember if you want change; the best way is to volunteer and become that change. Thanks for reading my ramblings, Sea Ya! On the water.

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!**

I received a phone call back in January from the lead chaperone of the Capital Lakefair Princess team. They were putting together their schedule for 2020 and very much wanted to make sure we would include them in our Opening Day festivities. Of course, I told them we definitely want them

included and as usual we would be honored if they'd judge our parade boats on that day. She then said that judging is such an honor.....and would I be interested being a judge for the 2020 Coronation. She got me there! Anyway, I agreed and had such an awesome day getting to know these incredible young women. I very much look forward to watching as they grow over the next year.

So, according to my best guess the first day of spring is on March 19th this year. That means the cruising season is on the cusp of beginning. As I peruse my calendar, I see there are quite a few already in our sights. If you'd like to update your calendar:

1. OYC's Saint Patty's Day Cruise to Island Home – March 13th to 15th, <http://evite.me/Y6fYBbx5v9>
2. TYC's Daffodil Festival "Honoring the Past" – April 17th to 19th, <https://www.tacomayachtclub.org/Daffodil>
3. SYC's Opening Day "Rock Around the Dock" – May 3rd to 5th, <https://www.seattleyachtclub.org/opening-day>
4. OYC's South Sound Opening Day "Reflections of Lakefair" – May 9th.
5. OYC Commodore's Cruise – August 1st to 9th.

Your club has been busy for the past few months evaluating our processes, modernizing and generally looking into our operations. In particular, the Board of Trustees and their delegated committees have been hard at work. If you get a chance to attend a BOT meeting it is well worth the time to hear of the wonderful, well thought out ideas and presentations that are shared. I greatly applaud those efforts and look forward to seeing some of these implemented. It's volunteers like this that make our club the special organization that it is. We are always looking for more volunteers to help run the club, whether it be on the BOT, a committee, or the Bridge. Did you notice how I led into that? But more importantly, I didn't get a single inquiry into the significance which SF6 has for me in last month's article. Was it that obvious?

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

Rear Commodore

Captain Danny Wrye
First Mate Jackie Wrye
M/V Sea Chalet

**Greetings OYCers!**

First Mate Jackie and I are just back from a Caribbean cruise! Pardon me for savoring for one last moment the warmth of 80 degrees and 15 knot seabreeze, and our favorite daily entertainment of very accomplished string quartet with piano. Ahhhhh!

It was a wonderful way to spend Valentine's Day with my Sweet Valentine, Jacqueline.

But cruising in the Caribbean it's not all what it's made out to be. You can only take so much sun, salt and lobster after all....!

We got to meet the ship's captain, which was fun, and ask questions about his job. His contract with the cruise line is three months on, three months off. His ship's six engines generate 80,000 horsepower. He is responsible for 300 employees. The things he likes least about his job is answering questions about his job and all the paperwork! For me, the interesting thing about him is that he has never owned a boat of his own! Well, there is something to be said about being out on the water burning other people's fuel!

Speaking about burning fuel, March is a great time to top off those tanks and get ready for water time. Fleet Captains Craig and Deb Brown and Mike and Esther Gowrylow are planning a great cruise to Island Home March 13th-15th for OYC's annual Joint Cruise with Shelton Yacht Club and South Sound Sailing Society. We hope to see you all there for that "first cruise of the year" event!

Dinner Meetings

February's dinner meeting was the Past Commodores' Appreciation Dinner. 32 Past Commodores and/or first mates, representing 18 years were present! All were given special recognition for their services to OYC with acknowledgment and roses. In addition, Past Commodores celebrating major milestones were recognized by your current Bridge officers. PC Bob Connolly was given a certificate of appreciation for his 10 years as Past Commodore. PC Ted Shann likewise was certificated for his 30 years as Past Commodore. Finally, PC Bill Hartman was recognized with a plaque for his astonishing 50 years of service as Past Commodore!

It was a special evening and truly one for the record books. Members helping to make it memorable were Jim and Chyma Smith, PC Mike and Patti Phillips, Bob and Sandy Wolf, and PC Jim Sheerer and Kjersti Skinner for setup. Table decorations were provided by Dianna Fife, Deb Waldherr, Marci Caughlin, Peg Grady, and Nancy Stolarik. The Bar Crew was Tim and Jessica Whipple. And of course, thank

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Fleet Captain Power

Captain Craig Brown
First Mate Deb Brown
M/V Winsome



Hello Everyone

Deb and I and FCS Mike and Esther are looking forward to running our joint cruise with Shelton YC, and South Sound Sailing on St Patrick's Day weekend, March 13th-15th at Island Home. Look for

the flyers and invitations for that.

Friday evening we'll have a pot luck and BYOB.



We will also provide adult Irish beverages budget permitting. Shelton YC will make breakfast for us on Saturday morning. Saturday night we'll be making Irish beef stew, soda bread and salad for

dinner, plus some fun activities. A poker game too perhaps?

South Sound Sailing will put together a grab-n-go breakfast for us on Sunday morning also.

We want to do stern ties in order to easily accommodate more boats, but need someone to help organize that. Please let Deb and I know if you can do that!



We'll also need the usual assistance with decorating, food prep and cleaning.



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

Looking forward to seeing you,

FCP Craig and Deb Brown
M/V Winsome



Fleet Captain Sail

Captain Mike Glowrylow
First Mate Esther Baker
S/V Sassy



Tales of the Pacific Graveyard

I know this might not be the most popular topic, but I've always been fascinated by the history of shipwrecks along the Washington and Oregon coasts, particularly near the Columbia River.

My interest started when, as a 11-year-old in the 1950s, we visited the skeletal remains of the sailing vessel *Peter Iredale*, which ran aground on Clatsop Spit near Fort Stevens in Oregon. Even today, much of its iron frame is still visible 104 years after its 1906 wreck.

I have one book, *The Graveyards of the Pacific*, that lists hundreds of the more than 2,000 wrecks that met their ends along our stormy coast since 1800. But another book, *Peril at Sea*, goes into more detail about two wrecks that I was told about when I lived on the Long Beach peninsula in the early 1970s. These were the Norwegian freighter *Childar* and the *SS Iowa*, both lost near the Columbia River in 1934 and 1936 respectively. What these ships had in common is that both were heavily laden with lumber, much of which floated ashore along the Long Beach peninsula. Loss of the ships and the lives of sailors was tragic, but the lumber did not go to waste. According to locals, many of the homes built on the peninsula in subsequent years used lumber salvaged from the beach. That made an impression on me, given I probably was living in one of those homes at the time.

I recall another unnamed wreck along the Peninsula that had sunk into the sands until only a part of it barely protruded out of the sand at low tides. Locals knew to avoid that protrusion when driving along the beach, but I was told that several vehicles, perhaps driven by visitors, had crashed into it over the years. That was fifty years ago, so perhaps that protrusion is no longer there.

On a somewhat related topic, a non-boating source of entertainment for locals was to watch people drive their cars onto the beach and get stuck, only for the tide to come in and twist their vehicles into a pretzel. Not a good day at the beach.

Visit this link for a bit more about shipwrecks between Tillamook Bay and Vancouver Island: <https://www.historylink.org/File/7936> and <https://historylink.org/File/11007> for specifics about the *SS Iowa*.

FSC Mike Gowrylow and Esther Baker
SV Sassy

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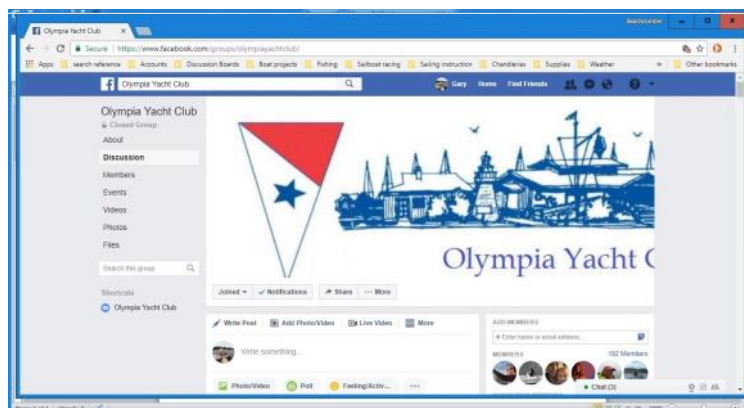
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If it's stupid but it works, it isn't stupid

.....Murray's Laws of Combat

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Bob VanSchoorl, Chair

M/V Amstel Maru



The Board of Trustees is continuing its work on the first OYC Employee Handbook. As you recall, OYC currently has four permanent employees, along with a number of temporary employees during the summer as youth sailing instructors. The Handbook will delineate OYC policies along with the relevant State and Federal human resources policies. The task is more daunting than we originally expected, and we are continuing to hold several work sessions to accomplish the review.

As mentioned last month, the Board reviewed the report of the Voting Practices and Procedures Review Committee. The Board referred two of the four committee recommendations to the Membership and Bylaws committees for further review and drafting of potential rules or Bylaws amendments. At the February meeting the Bylaws Committee presented a proposed amendment to address how the Club reviews and accepts new members. The amendment provides that voting on new membership applications should be the exclusive responsibility of the Board of Trustees, after opportunity is provided to the Membership to offer written or oral comments on the application, pro or con, prior to the vote by the Board. It also provides for the Club Membership to comment on the applications for membership prior to the applicant coming before the Board. This Bylaw amendment will be published in the Beachcomber; posted on the Club bulletin board; read at the regular monthly dinner meeting (April); and sent to the Membership via email prior to the vote to adopt the amendment during the following dinner meeting (May).

OYC is reestablishing the Junior Membership program. Lenora Tanaka has stepped-up to take on this task as the newly appointed Committee chair. The Junior Membership program “recognizes the need to actively involve persons under the age of 21 in meaningful Club activities”. The program is described on page 118 of your 2019-2020 Membership Directory. Lenora is excited about this opportunity and is looking for members to join her in actively involving our younger boaters in the Club. Lenora’s contact information is also in the Directory. Call her and help reestablish this important program.

The Safety and Education Committee is sponsoring several boating classes again this year. The program kicks-off with the “Safety at Sea” class on March 7. The Committee is also sponsoring the annual Safety Day on April 25. Along with the safety information, the Club will once again sponsor our parking lot flea market that day.

The Environmental Committee has reported that the Olympia Yacht Club has been recertified as a “Clean Marina”. Thanks to the Committee and all of us that support this important program.



The OYC Board of Trustees meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO OYC NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

At its October 2019 meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the appointment of a select committee to conduct a review of OYC voting practices and procedures, and to report any recommended changes to the Board. That Voting Review Committee met on November 20, December 5, and December 9, and then presented its report and recommendations to the Board on January 15, 2020. The report is available for your review as an attachment to the January 15 Board Minutes and is also posted on the bulletin board in the Club House (with all supporting materials).

At its January meeting, the Board approved the Committee’s recommended changes to the membership application process: “Voting on new membership applications should be the exclusive responsibility of the Board of Trustees, after opportunity is provided to the Membership to offer written or oral comments on applications, pro or con, prior to the vote by the Board.” The matter was then referred to the Bylaws Committee to

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draft proposed Bylaw Amendments to effect the recommended changes.

The Bylaws Committee submitted its draft Bylaws Amendments to Article 3 (Membership), Section 3 (Application for Membership), and some ancillary housekeeping amendments, to the Board at its February 12 meeting. Those proposed Bylaw Amendments, as approved by the Board, are attached for your review and consideration. They will be formally presented to the Membership at the April dinner meeting and will then be submitted to the Membership for a vote at the May dinner meeting.

BOARD'S STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

Review of the membership application process was intended to resolve a dispute over permissible summer-time new membership voting procedures. Current Bylaws require a vote of the Membership on new members at a "regular meeting" after approval by the Board. Since there are no regularly scheduled dinner meetings during the summer months, this potential delay in the processing of applications gave rise to various work-arounds – voting at summer social events, such as BBQs on the deck, and at least on one occasion, on a cruise to Island Home – that, at least in part, were intended to facilitate Members' sale of boats and/or boat houses to prospective new members during the summer boating season.

The proposal to vest the final vote on new members with the Board of Trustees is intended to eliminate any summertime delay in the processing of applications, as the Board is scheduled to meet every month. In fact, the notice and processing requirements spelled out in the proposed Bylaw changes are intended to at least allow for the possible completion of a new membership application within a one-month period.

The Voting Review Committee's review of other local yacht club's new member voting procedures revealed that the majority of other clubs, including those in the Grand 14, leave the final vote on new members with their Board, after providing an opportunity for their members to comment, pro or con, on proposed new members. Our proposed Bylaw Amendments provide just such a comment period and go even further to ensure that the Board announces how it has addressed the merits of any negative comment(s) received. This provides our Members an even greater say in membership applications than do our current Membership voting procedures, where a 26% "no" vote is required to defeat an application; under the proposed changes, one well founded objection would be enough to do so.

YOUR COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES ARE WELCOME

The Board urges your thoughtful consideration and support of these proposed changes. If you have any comments, pro or con, or any questions on the proposed Bylaw Amendments to vest the final vote on new membership applications with the Board of Trustees, you are invited to submit them to the Board Chair. If you so desire, any comments you may have objecting to this proposal will be published for the consideration of the Membership.

Thank you.

Bob Van Schoorl
Chair, Board of Trustees
February 14, 2020

ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP

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Section 3. Application for Membership

Written application for Active or Associate Membership endorsed by two Active members shall be presented to the Membership Committee Chair on the prescribed forms accompanied by payment of the full initiation fee and annual dues, prorated to the end of the calendar year from the quarter in which the application is presented. Upon request to and approval by the Board of Trustees, application fees may be paid by paying one-fourth at the time of application and the remainder over a period of twelve months. If the applicants are two unmarried persons who form a single household, the applicants shall designate one of the two as the "managing partner". If such applicants are elected to membership, the "managing partner" shall have authority to designate who retains the Membership in the event that the partnership is concluded.

The Membership Committee shall make prompt and diligent inquiry into the qualifications of the applicant, including if necessary or desirable, personal interviews with the applicant, sponsors, or other interested persons, to determine the eligibility of the applicant. The Membership Committee shall provide a standard orientation and overview of the Club and member responsibilities, as well as other pertinent information, to the applicant. The applicant(s) shall provide the Membership Committee Chair with a short biographical sketch, current photo, and statement of interest in joining the Club. The Membership Committee Chair shall post notice of the application these materials at the designated location on Club premises and disseminate them to the Membership by e-mail for a period of at least fourteen days prior to the date of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees at which the application will be considered; this meeting date shall be included in these notices to the Membership. The Membership Committee Chair shall solicit Members' comments on the applicants, pro or con, either in writing, or orally at the meeting where the application will be considered by the Board, and shall maintain the confidentiality of any such comments, if so requested. Any comments received by the Membership Committee Chair shall be provided to the Board Chair prior to the meeting where the applicant(s) are presented to the Board for consideration. The Membership Committee shall make prompt and diligent inquiry into the qualifications of the applicant, including if necessary or desirable, personal interviews with the applicant, sponsors, or other interested persons, to determine the eligibility of the applicant. The Membership Committee shall provide a standard orientation and overview of the club and member responsibilities, as well as other pertinent information, to the applicant. The Membership Committee Chair shall submit the Membership Committee's report to the board for their consideration and appropriate action. The Membership Committee Chair shall submit the Membership Committee's report to the Board for their consideration and shall ensure that the applicant(s) are present at the Board meeting when the application is to be considered. Applications approved by a favorable majority vote of the Board

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~~of Trustees, shall be presented by the Membership Committee Chair to the membership of the Club for consideration and vote at the next regular meeting.~~ At least one of the sponsors, ~~or if all sponsors are absent due to unforeseen circumstances, the Membership Committee Chair, shall~~ must speak briefly regarding each applicant and how he/she knows the applicant. The Board of Trustees membership shall then consider and vote on each application. An applicant receiving a favorable majority vote of the Board 75% (three-quarters) favorable vote of those voting, by secret ballot, shall be deemed elected to the membership and shall be notified by their sponsors to appear at the next regularly scheduled dinner meeting of the Club for induction into the Club. If the Board rejects an application, the reason(s) for doing so will be reflected in the minutes of the meeting; and, if the Board approves an application when negative comments were received from any Member(s), the reason(s) for doing so will be reflected in the minutes of the meeting. Any monies tendered by an applicant whose application has been rejected shall be returned.

ARTICLE 4. GOVERNMENT

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Section 4. Meetings and Order of Business

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~~7. Voting on applications of previous month (at Membership meeting)-~~

~~8 7. Reports of officers: Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Fleet Captains, Past Commodore, Treasurer~~

~~9 8. Reports of committees~~

~~10 9. Unfinished business~~

~~11 10. Induction of new officers (June meeting only)~~

~~12 11. New business~~

~~13 12. Good and welfare of the Club~~

~~14 13. Adjournment~~

Section 7. Membership ~~Card(s)~~ Credentials

Immediately following ~~the introduction of a new member (s) to election to membership of the Club at one of its regular meetings and after he has been accepted into the Club,~~ the Secretary ~~shall~~ will issue a membership card and card-key to each new ~~m~~Member giving thereon his/her name and the year for which his dues have been paid. The card shall be honored only during the time the ~~m~~Member is in good standing. The Caretaker will issue card key(s) and parking pass(es) to each new Member card-key for the Olympia Yacht of the Club, which will ~~shall~~ be immediately terminated for a ~~m~~Member upon resignation or withdrawal from membership, or upon demand of the Board of Trustees in writing, should any ~~m~~Member become delinquent or be expelled for cause by action of the Board of Trustees. These cards, parking pass(es), name tag(s), a Burgee, and a Directory will all be included in new member's packets which will be assembled by the Membership Committee and provided to the sponsor(s) who will present them to the new member(s).

TGIF

Thank Goodness it's **Friday!**

Good food

Good times

Good music



March 27, 2020

Drinks and Socializing 5:30 pm

Pizza etc..... 6:00 pm

\$6/person

No reservations required



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you to First Mate Jackie Wrye for always helping with the Dinner Meetings' preparation, details, encouragement and labor! Thanks to all and to all who helped with cleanup!

Please don't miss our March 4th Dinner Meeting! The menu is Tender Corned Beef and Cabbage, Stoneground Mustard, Roasted Garlic and Parsley Baby Red Potato with Herbed Butter, Apricot Almond Ginger Baby Carrots, Irish Soda Bread with Sweet Cream Cinnamon Butter, and Double Chocolate Mint Cake! \$25 per person. If you are not on the Permanent List (or if you are on the Permanent List but can't make it), call and RSVP on the Reservation Line (360) 705-3767 before noon on Monday, March 2nd.

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

Lunch Bunch Returns

Wednesday, March 11

11:30 am—12:30 pm



Join the lunch bunch on March 11th for a fabulous Irish lunch.

We will be serving Guinness stew on a bed of creamy mashed potatoes.

Bread pudding with whiskey sauce.

We will have something green and leafy to help you honor your resolutions, but hey it is only March once a year!

You would have to travel all the way to Dublin for a better lunch.

All of this for only \$6.00

Join your buddies from 11:30 to 12:30

Kelly Thompson
360 402 9999

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.



From the 1972 Olympia Yacht Club Annual, courtesy of PC Bill Hartman.

“Our Island Home”

Little did Henry Long, Sr., know that when he walked across a pole bridge to Holmes Island in 1921, that 50 years later, almost to the day, he would again walk across to the island known as our “Island Home.”

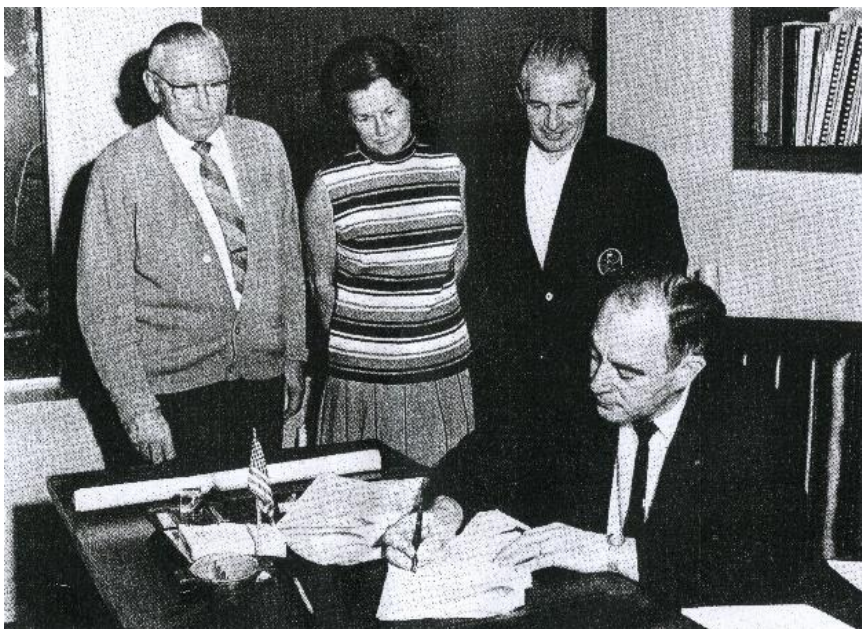
For almost a year before, Orvin Parrott, then Vice Commodore, had been negotiating with the owner, Mr. Myron W. Massey, in order to reach an agreeable price and terms for the island and the backlands. Mr. Massey, also an ardent yachtsman and a member of the Tacoma Yacht Club, made many concessions in order to assist the Club to acquire the property, for he too felt it should be enjoyed by many and not just a few.

The Board was most fortunate in having the expertise of Commodore Charles Anderson, real estate and banking executive, to direct the complicated acquisition procedure. He was ably assisted by Jim Cunningham, then Fleet Captain, an Assistant Attorney General, and Secretary Webb Carr, who has been connected with the real estate profession for many years and is presently with the Federal Housing Administration.

On September 1, 1971, Board Members presented the Holmes Island proposal to the general membership, and on October 6, 1971, by written ballot, the proposal was passed almost unanimously.

October 23, 1971, Mr. and Mrs. Massey and the Board of Trustees met in the Commodore's office to sign the necessary instruments, and the Olympia Yacht Club became the new owners of Holmes Island, later changed to “Island Home.”

Two weeks after acquiring Holmes Island, an Open House was held attended by over 100 members, coming by both car and boat despite the blustery and rainy weather. The property, laying on Pickering Pass in Mason County, encompasses a four acre island, connected to a county road by an automobile bridge, with several additional acres of backlands, all heavily wooded. The island is fully developed with power, water and disposal facilities, and has a modern three bedroom home with a large living room and fireplace, and several out buildings, not to mention a 24 x 42 swimming pool. It is centrally located for boaters in Southern Puget Sound and is only forty minutes driving time from Olympia.



A Wet and Lively Toliva Shoal Race

By Frank Mighetto, Toliva Shoal Race Committee Chair

Photos by Lisa Mighetto

The Toliva Shoal Race, co-sponsored by the OYC and the South Sound Sailing Society, is much more than a competition on the water. As one volunteer explained, "Toliva Shoal is an excuse for the South Sound's best party."

And what a party it was this year! Held over Valentine's Day weekend (some called it the "Toliva Shoal Race"), the event began with the traditional Baron of Beef dinner, where boaters gathered from all over the Sound to exchange stories and information. Not all were racing – some came just for the meal and camaraderie. One sailor was from San Diego, but I think Richard Wells and Joe Downing, who came back from Arizona for this race, may have traveled the farthest. While there were first-time racers, the event also included a sailor who had participated in the initial Toliva Shoal in 1971. Several couples reported that they met while volunteering at previous Toliva Shoal Races, reinforcing the Valentine's Day theme.

Spirits remained high at the breakfast the next morning – and the boats set out in favorable winds and wet, bumpy conditions. Throughout the day, gusts of 25+ kept the race lively. And it was one of the earliest endings in recent memory, with the last boat finishing at 17:58:49. *Pax the Space Spider* was first to finish, but *Trickster* corrected over *Pax*, completing the race in 04:25:36. At the time I wrote this, summary results were still preliminary; for a complete listing see:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_regatta_results.php?regatta_id=20111

46 boats participated from several yacht clubs (including Seattle YC and Tacoma YC), with 4 from the Olympia Yacht Club and 17 from the South Sound Sailing Society.

After the race, participants gathered for hot soup, beer, and stories (broken rudder, blown mainsail, and recovery of crew overboard were mentioned). Many were already looking forward to next year, when the SSSS and OYC will celebrate the 50th anniversary of this event.

The Toliva Shoal Race would not be possible without the efforts of many volunteers and supporters. Huge thanks to the following sponsors: City of Olympia/ Percival Landing for free moorage for out-of-town race boats and the new owners of Fish Tale Ales Brewpub for donating some of the beer.



Jill, Leslie & Frank



OYC FCS Mike and Esther

Special thanks are owed to the following volunteers:

Thera Black, a longtime participant in this event (this was her 24th year!), whose dedication, good cheer (even – or especially – at 4:30 a.m.), efficiency, and common sense fuel the social portions of the event.

Susan McRae and Rod Tharp, who devote many hours to registration and scoring.

Steve Worcester, the institutional memory of the event who helps with all aspects of the race.

Thom Abbott, who secured the beer and organized the bar crew.

OYC Committee Boats and Their Crews:

Bill Sheldon, *Transition*, PRO

Bob and Patty Ruecker, *Andalan* (mark boat)

Rick and Pam Panowicz, *Jean Marie* (chase boat)

Bill Wilmovsky, *True North* (chase boat)

OYC Fleet Captain Sail – Michael Gowrylow and Esther Baker

Many thanks also to the following volunteers (I am very sorry if anyone is forgotten):

Terry Andersen
Alex Broman
Mary Campbell
Mike Ferrell
Jill Floberg
Matt Herinckx
Brian and Kim Hoonan
Jeff Johnson
Dave Knowlton
Clark McPherson
Al and Sue Marrs
Paul Paroff
Alison Pride
Karen and Ken Reister
Andy and Dee Saller
Terry Van Meter
Sandy Whitmore
Noreen and Myron

Fleet Surgeon

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



Wuhan

Do you even know where that is? That 11 million people live there? That the total population of Washington State is just 7.4 million. That the Chinese government has quarantined everybody. Nobody in or out. Can you even imagine Washington without air, train, bus or car transportation "out of an abundance of caution"? The Feds in hazmat suits blocking every road!

The Coronavirus is the cause of all this. This is another virus that has jumped from other animals to humans. Think swine flu, SARS (birds), Ebola (monkeys)? Most Coronavirus infections cause cold-like symptoms in healthy people. Many will have fever and there may be a lower respiratory component that can lead to pneumonia especially in those with pre-existing lung problems or who have immune suppression (like those undergoing chemo, etc.). Transmission is like how colds spread through coughing, sneezing, handshakes, or touching contaminated surfaces and then touching your nose or eyes.

In perspective: In the US which is a partially immunized population (you did get your flu shot? Right?), there were 80,000 flu deaths in 2018. That amounts to a death rate of about 0.1%. The Flu Pandemic of 1918 that ravaged the world had a death rate of 2.5%. The Chinese have admitted to 80 deaths for 2800 cases for a rate of 2.9%. So if the Chinese data is believable and we just extrapolated the data, we could see another pandemic. But, we have Big Pharma that can develop a vaccine within 6 months, sooner when pushed, I'll bet. We also have the CDC and immigration quarantining anyone with fevers and travel from affected countries. And we have a whole lot of people travelling all over potentially spreading a virus everywhere.

Interestingly, the Chinese are building a 1,000 bed hospital in a week. If you are imagining a 10 story building with a Marriot style entry – not happening. Maybe more like a Quonset hut with rudimentary facilities is more likely. I understand the Chinese have few primary care providers and the Chinese people go to the hospitals for most things – and they are being overwhelmed as you can imagine.

So what to do? Cancel any plans to visit Wuhan – you can't get there anyway. What about those masks that are popular in the Orient? Most of those are "surgical" or cloth type masks that may keep those who are sick from spraying uncovered cough droplets the usual 6-12 feet, but virus particles are eeny tiny and pass right through those materials. The masks will keep you from putting your finger in your nose and mouth. Amazon, of course, sells masks with antiviral coating that may be effective. Lots of hand washing and the usual flu season avoidance of crowds always recommended. And hope no one in a black SUV in a hazmat suit blocks your driveway.

PS Since I initially wrote this, 1,074 have died including the 34 year old doctor who sounded the alarm. Over 50 million have been quarantined and 60,000 infected. I think the public health folks are doing a great job trying to contain this. Keep your sanitized fingers crossed.

Toliva Shoal Race

Photos from Lisa Mighetto



Baron of Beef Dinner



Before the Race



Dessert is Served

Community & Government Affairs

Myra Downing and Kelly Thompson, Co-Chairs



RECREATIONAL BOATING
ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON
The voice of Northwest boating

For those not at the February dinner meeting, RBAW is the association that supports the interest of boaters at the WA State Legislature. RBAW watches out for our interests and keeps us informed of new or potential legislation which may impact recreational boating.

It was announced at the February dinner meeting that as a new benefit of being a Boating Member of OYC you are now a full member of RBAW. This is a great indication of the OYC support of the legislative efforts that are taking place throughout the year.

As a summary of the RBAW activities:

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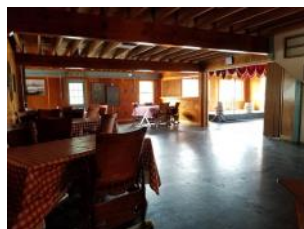
Recreational Boaters Association of Washington a volunteer organization and is the political entity representing recreational boating. The RBAW Board consists primarily of Puget Sound yacht club delegates.

Past RBAW Projects:

Purchase of Sucia Island and donated to WA State Parks.
Stopped the public release of vessel ownership records by the Dept of Licensing.
Ongoing participation in the Capitol Lake Management Plan.
Working with the paint manufacturers and legislature to create workable bottom paint regulations.
Support Invasive Species efforts, but with financial focus on out of state, not resident boats.

Current Projects:

RBAW has a purchase agreement for the Lakebay Marina, which is next to Penrose Point State Park. The goal is to obtain development grants to update the facility, then donate the facility to WA State Parks to create a public asset. This will be a great new rendezvous location for yacht clubs.



Work to increase funding for Derelict Vessels, but look for support from the commercial vessels.
Orca No-go zones: Support a 'bubble' around the Orcas instead of a no-go zone that would be in effect

even if Orcas were not in the area.

Support Outdoor Recreation grants from the Recreation Conservation Office, such as the \$1million grant to improve the Sekiu marina.

Education about the new No Discharge Zone that includes all Puget Sound. More data can be found at the WA State Dept of Ecology website: <https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Puget-Sound/No-discharge-zone>

Stay actively aware of the lawsuit involving the American Waterways Operators (Tugs etc).

Working to stop the effort to make the Boating Education Card carry an annual or periodic fee.

Instrumental in stopping an NEC regulations that would have required a 30mA GFCI breaker at head of dock for the whole marina, not just your pedestal.

Working very closely with the Dept. of Natural Resources for fair DNR Lease renewals.

Highly involved in the NOAA / NMFS marina requirements which are requiring fees for the PAST damage done by marinas if improvement permits are requested.

RBAW Member Benefits include:

RBAW newsletter to keep up on these and other current events,
10% Fisheries Supply discount,
\$15 BoatUS annual dues and 10% off towing services
Call out awareness emails when RBAW needs your support on legislation.

Now the ask:

You may have already seen an OYC Clubrunner mass email on this, if not, look for it. In order to receive the RBAW newsletter and your membership card for your discounts, OYC needs your permission to provide RBAW with your name, email address, and phone number. If you are interested in the member benefits, please inform Holli Howatson, 206-979-3541, or olym-piayachtclub@comcast.net. Your information will **not** be provided unless you indicate your approval.

Questions to Steve Finney, stevefinney@comcast.net.

See you on the docks,

Steve Finney
RBAW VP Gov't Affairs

Quartermaster

Margaret Snyder & Judy Ball, Co-Chairs

**Women's Interclub Council**

Kim Shann, Representative

**March Madness**

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

SALE ITEMS:

- The women's FDJ tops and capris continue to be on sale \$5 off.
- Short-sleeved Tees \$5 off.
- Etched stemless wine glasses 4 for \$12, a \$3 savings.

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

See you at the Quartermaster Store in March!

Margaret and Judy

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

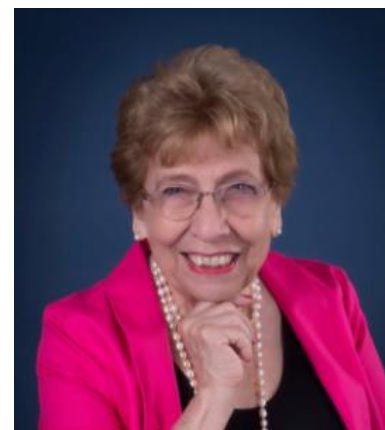
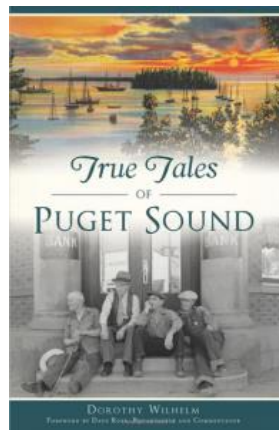
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2020
- RESERVATIONS BY MARCH 16, 2020
- Our theme is "True Tales of Puget Sound."
- Social hour 11AM
- Lunch - 12PM \$18
Catered by "Masonry" Shelly Brown
Clam Chowder, Spinach salad, and Lemon cake.
- Program 1PM

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

Please make plans.....

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tion which the Club will cover. Credit card transactions are charged a percent fee, 3% of which members will have to pay. On a \$50 charge, this would cost a member an additional \$1.50; on a \$400 charge it would be \$12.

In the Office . . .

First of all, I want to thank the nearly 100 OYC members who have signed up to receive invoices electronically. If you haven't already done so but would like to, shoot me an email at olympiayachtclub@comcast.net and you'll be on the list for April invoicing.

By the time most of you read this, the March invoices will have been sent out, and if all goes as planned, those who are receiving electronic invoices will have noticed a "pay now" button on those invoices allowing for payment via ACH (a direct debit from your checking account) or credit card. ACH transfers have a flat fee of \$1.00 per transac-

We're looking to implement the use of credit cards at Point of Sale terminals for Quartermaster and perhaps some Club events. The cost for an in-person transaction at a Point of Sale terminal is about half that of card transactions for an invoice paid on-line. No date has been set for this, but my goal is to have it rolled out before the April Beachcomber goes to print.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Holli Howatson
Office Manager
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Clubhouse

Michelle Aguilar-Wells / Jim Howatson
Interim Co-Chairs

The Clubhouse Committee is looking for a permanent Chair. The Clubhouse Chair is a very fun and rewarding position. Anyone interested in heading up this committee please contact Michelle or Jim, or any Bridge Officer or BOT member and let them know.

If you are planning an event in the OYC Clubhouse contact Jim Howatson to reserve the date on the calendar. It is important to plan head, generally at least 3 months to reserve the date you want.

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

Interim Clubhouse Co-Chairs

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

Thank you,
Gary Wilson
Beachcomber Editor

Main Station

Bill Hamaker and Jim Howatson, Co-chairs



Main Station is looking for Committee Members to take on leadership duties regarding work parties and projects. The new meeting schedule in 2020 will be the 2nd Monday of the month at 1800 hrs. Main Station is combining its meeting with the Clubhouse Committee to better coordinate the needs of members.

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

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

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

The security measures enacted over the last 6 months seem to be paying off as we have not experienced any major intrusions

lately. The next step in our security plan will be to implement roving dock patrols as summer nears. The initial plan will be to have a team of two members patrol the docks for a few hours, randomly, during the hours of darkness, several times a week. It is hoped that this will reduce intrusions on the docks during night hours. We anticipate the need for around 20 members for this project. New motion sensor lights are also being installed to enhance visibility on the docks.

New gate locks will be installed within the next few months to improve access to the storage compound and the dumpster.

The new spill kits are in place on the docks and are ready for deployment in case of an emergency spill. The consumable kits are for day to day minor incidents and are there for your use. A display will be set up on April 25th for familiarization during the safety and education program. There will also be a swap meet in the LLC parking lot on the same day.

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

Main Station Co-Chairs

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Island Home

Earl Hughes, Chair



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 25th the Island Home annual spruce up work party happens. All you need to bring is a pair of gloves. Tools, lunch and aspirin will be furnished.

We have been very lucky this winter so far. With the snow, wind and rain that we have had very little damage at the Island.

Look out! When the weather breaks George will be everywhere getting the Island ready for spring. Go George!!

See you on the Island!

Earl Hughes
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Club Service Program

PC Les Thompson, Chair



Greetings everyone. Well here it is March already and almost spring. I for one am looking forward to some warmer weather. With March in mind we are near the first quarter of the year for CSP hours. I will post the first quarter report on or about the April dinner meeting in the Main Station clubhouse on the board.

Remember for this year the hour requirement remains the same at 24 but the dollar amount for uncompleted hours will increase to \$30 per hour. I would encourage you to get your hours in or face a significantly higher bill next year. It is easy to accomplish with so many different ways to achieve the goal, whether at the Main Station, committee, Island Home or social events. New members especially, what a great way to get involved and meet other members. Several committees are looking for new chairs as well as members.

As always you can contact BOT, Bridge, committee chairs or caretakers for ways to get involved.

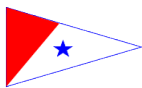
Look forward to seeing you on the docks or at an event.

PC Les Thompson
CSP guru
MV/*EcstaSea*



Sailing Education Program

Mary Fitzgerald, Chair



"Work Hard in Silence. Let your success be the noise."
Frank Ocean

I first read this quote in an article in the Cle Elum weekly paper. We get this paper because that is my partner's home town and I love how it supports the communities of Cle Elum and nearby Roslyn and Ronald. I'm a big fan and try to read each issue.

One of the recent weekly articles was about a local high school athlete. The reporter asked her if she had a motivational quote that spoke to her. The Frank Ocean quote above is what she listed. Since I had never heard of him. I looked him up.

He is an American singer, songwriter, record producer and photographer. I wasn't familiar with his work, and I wouldn't probably listen to his music as he sings hip hop type music, but I was caught up in the wisdom of the Frank Ocean's quote and the fact that a young high school student would even be able to readily come up with a motivational or inspirational quote of any kind.

This brought to my attention how we adults often don't appreciate the wisdom, creativity, problem solving skills and resourcefulness of our younger generations. But we should;

Greta Thunberg, comes to mind. She is inspiring generations of people young and old. And I will admit that I find our own sailors here inspirational.

Many of them are juggling not only 2 or 3 days of practice but also one- and two-day weekend regattas with a full high school load. I know several of our high school sailors are also involved in playing music in bands, community service projects through their churches, and helping out with local social service programs like the food bank. They are ecologically and politically aware, and conscious of civil and equal right issues.

We only see one side of them when they are at OYC for sailing practice or herding groups of summer sailors down to the docks. They succeed in so many small ways that certainly aren't noticeable to us unless we are announcing their regional and national wins at the monthly dinner meetings or in the local news media. They are a part of the OYC "noise" that is being made. OYC's "noise includes Foofaraw, the Christmas Special Peoples Cruise, the Lighted Ships Parade, and the Sailing Education Program. They are part of OYC's outreach to the community and we should be proud to include them in our OYC success story.

Mary Fitzgerald
Sailing Education Program Chair
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Environmental Awareness

John Sherman, Chair



Clean Marina UPDATE

Just because a marina was clean once doesn't mean it always stays that way. So in January, Ms. Blair Englebrecht, Boating Programs Manager at the Puget Soundkeeper Alliance, visited OYC to review our Clean Marina goals, activities and status. She found the marina to be in good order, and OYC's Clean Marina Certification was formally renewed as of January 24. Her follow-up letter is posted on the OYC Bulletin Board.

Thanks to all OYC members whose commitment to clean boating practices has made this recertification possible!

Anyone who has ventured onto the docks in the past few months cannot have failed to notice a number of large polyethylene drums sporting attractive yellow fabric tops. These drums contain new oil-spill booms and decontamination supplies for emergency use courtesy of our diligent Main Station Committee. We are currently planning a demo of this new equipment during our upcoming Safety and Environmental Awareness (SEA) day in April. Stay tuned!

In addition, OYC is also now stocking a large quantity of oil-absorbent bilge pads for member use--these are located in any of several rectangular, brown bins labelled SPILL RESPONSE: CONSUMABLES/ABSORBENTS. (Please contact the Caretaker if the pads need to be re-filled). Please

take a few pads and keep them under your engine(s) to catch drips in the sump. To dispose of used bilge pads, put them in a plastic bag and place in the green bin in the...

... **new-and-improved OYC Hazardous Waste facility** located in the fenced lot behind the Caretaker's Residence. Use the drum for disposal of used engine oil and the smaller green bin for other hazardous wastes that you may generate during your spring commissioning. Instructions (with limitations on acceptable wastes) are posted on the OYC website (Waste Management Guidelines), and summary signs are in place at the facility.

Remember, too, that the City of Olympia no longer accepts glass bottles or plastic-coated paper products (e.g. milk & juice cartons) for recycling. These should now go into the dumpster. The City is working to update the signage in our recycling/dumpster area. And after months of diligent and exhaustive research, I'm pleased to report that most of my favorite IPAs are now available in cans!

Finally, the EAC will host our spring Adopt-a-Road litter pickup at Island Home during the joint cruise on March 13-15. Please join us in the parking lot on 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 14, to stretch your legs (and work up an appetite for the Irish Beef Stew dinner featured on Saturday night!)

P.S. Guinness beer is available in cans, too!

John Sherman, Chair, OYC Environmental Awareness Committee
SV *Grendel*



58TH ANNUAL FOOFARAW
September 11, 2020 (Patriot Day)

It does seem early to be thinking about events in the fall, however it does seem to be a great time to bring everyone up to speed on this event and encourage members to get involved. With so many new members and many older ones leaving, it is important to remember that for many of our skippers their involvement is measured in decades not years and even though we have made some procedural changes the basics have never changed.

OYC has proudly provided the transportation on our members boats and our facilities and many talented members skills since the event began those so many years ago. The number one goal is to give members of our military a day off from duty for fun and relaxation. FOOFARAW is said to mean "much ado about nothing". For fun, Google it. We ask each spring and through the summer for volunteer boats, their size and number of passengers they are comfortably taking for a day of fun at Island Home. This past year we asked many times for confirmation, it seemed everyone was out cruising. We were not worried that suddenly support for F-FRAW had suddenly vanished, so many of our members feel it is the number one event we do, others liken it to Christmas with all the joy and fun. I'll explain why our sense of urgency this past summer in the Chamber of Commerce section of this note.

FOOFARAW COMMITTEE: Our senior member is PC Bob Job, joined OYC in 1974, due to his work travel requirements he didn't make every F-Fraw until 1980 and only missed one event in the ensuing years when his bride Joy passed away last year. Bob became chair in 1990 until 2014 when he passed the reins to me, but is still very much involved and his historical perspective is a great help. One of his favorite claims to fame is it was he that broke the tradition of FOOFARAW being a men's only event about 30 years ago. So that women soldiers too were welcomed.

Mainstays PC George and Cindy Smith. This couple, arguably are premier members of the club and have been for 38 years. They have always been involved in a myriad of activities, much of it in the galley, cooking. PC George seems to have been involved in every major project the club has undertaken. George did apparently miss a few F-Fraws years ago due to work requirements, but not many. Cindy has been deeply involved since 1995. For many years she has been the head of the food preparations and serving; receiving rave reviews consistently. She has put together a very dedicated crew that always outperforms.

Rick and Patti Taylor, dock managers (sailors). Joined OYC in 2007 and have been the dock bosses since 2011. They developed procedures using a planning board, portable radios and dock runners to accomplish a major feat each year. I believe

their record is getting 44 boats docked in less than 50 minutes. Recruiting them was another claim to fame for PC Bob Job.

Alice Coakley and her boyfriend are the most recent members (I think 6 years) active in the management of F-Fraw. I have known Gene since 1978 and met Alice a few years later. She is an incredible organizer and seems to be a key player in everything she touches. I know the key to building a great team requires two things; 1- get people that are already too busy, they manage their time and 2- if it all possible give important jobs to women. Alice came on board to handle the administrative end of things. And then in short order got me squared away at least to the extent possible. Alice's motto is "BITCH" which is BOYS I TAKE CHARGE HERE and I for one, am glad she did.

Dene Hartman "cookie lady". She and her lesser half PC Bill Hartman joined OYC in 1963. Dene has a large group of members that bake cookies for our guests, I can't remember the normal count but I think its in the range of 12 -1500. There are never enough to satisfy my chocolate chip addiction. Dene has been doing this for 25 years. She is not allowed to quit.

Other notables--of which there are many. PC Matt Mills and PC Tim Ridley stand out for me especially. These gents sweat over the meat cooking for hours. They do the chicken over the fire pit and Tim arranges for, and picks up, the oysters and clams and cooks the clams.

Me, Chris Cheney, in some respects the least important member of the team. Pam and I joined OYC in 2007. I heard the term FOOFARAW at IH one weekend. I asked what it is and heard all about the military cruise the fun and enjoyment and honoring/thanking the "kids" for their service. Being a former USAF fighter pilot I was pretty pro military and to be honest somewhat miffed with how my generation was berated, ridiculed and clearly not appreciated in our country. I wanted in on the deal. PC Bob, I was told, was the chairman. I called him... of course being new I did not know him nor he, I. He was reluctant, totally, offering no encouragement. He had the core group that did it every year and didn't need any more boats or skippers. I asked if I could stay in touch, he said yes, but very unlikely the answer would change. I called him once a month and suddenly a day before the 2007 event he lost a boat and offered me a spot. All I knew was we needed some coffee and snacks for our guests and to be at the clubhouse at 0700 the next morning. We came over from Swantown the night before and to our chagrin the guest dock was filled with members boats (boathouse types, made it easier for guest pickup). We parked at Percival Landing and walked around to the clubhouse. There was no briefing, no handouts, everyone knew the drill. Fortunately I asked for a verbal briefing and learned what radio frequency to use and told go to IH. Pam and I had a wonderful day, but I was fighting back tears being so happy for these kids especially compared to 35 years before. You may find it interesting General (pre general) Norman Swarzkopf did F-Fraw as did General Jill Lannon when she was a Captain. I was in my usual attire one day (F-Fraw shirt) and she came up to me and said her F-Fraw day was one of her favorite memories of her career, I asked how long she

was in service? "I still am 32 years". I said "Hello General" (if you are in for 32 years you are a General). Anyway we chatted awhile, I have been inviting her to come along every year since, but to no avail, always travelling. Perhaps someday.

My claim to fame was to take surveys of our skippers. What did they dislike about F-fraw and what were they happy with. I got an earful. Number one was the needless "waking" of other boats and the safety concerns of someone getting hurt when one of our boats breeches from a following sea caused by a passing boat's wake. We had skippers so mad about other members coming by very close and fast, throwing big wakes, it looked like we could have fights. I held some meetings with some of our skippers for brain storming the problem. The result was: two routes going and coming, defined by speed. Thus creating good separation between the boats. In general it has worked well. Another gripe or complaint from many was that our event appeared to be a money making event for the Chamber (They did show me the accounting, yes they did have some cash left over each year, but not much). I asked many of our folks what they thought of us getting a stipend? Good luck with that, they (the Chamber) will never go for that, its their biggest money maker. I then deployed a secret trick I learned as a lobbyist. At a review debrief meeting with our partners attended by the Chairman of the Board and others--I just asked them for it. They asked what all is entailed for our skippers to provide our part of the event? I reviewed the time and costs and the Chairman without consulting the others said they should provide some help, and would \$5 per passenger help. I said yes it would. I have no idea what the staff said to the guy in the big chair, I am sure they were not elated.

He in essence split the positive cash flow with us. Many of our skippers were very happy, not that they needed the money but it was a token of appreciation and put to rest that it was all about profit for the Chamber. As an aside, our skippers have been getting close to \$2k per year from the chamber. I believe we've made significant progress on several fronts, getting parked quickly was a concern, Rick and Patti have that pretty well dialed in, we got a full blown VHF at IH (not just a handheld), dock runners and a great preplanning mockup of the docks. The only problem we have now is getting everyone to have their volume up and maybe if everyone is socializing, assign someone onboard to radio watch. Every missed call causes some amount of delay.

All is not improved however!! Every year several boats have way fewer passengers than they signed up for, or were expecting. Its most vexing and highly frustrating. And it is no one's fault. Things just happen. The logistics of this deal are overwhelming. In about a half hour 400 folks walk into the clubhouse, find the table with first letter of their last name, get their boat assignment and there are ambassadors to assist them to their boat. We have had discussions and have yet to come up with a foolproof procedure, but hope to come up with one soon. Another problem I didn't know existed and apparently many

others were in the same boat. I had never seen an opening ceremony at IH. There was a complete lack of communication at IH between the Chamber boss on land and the FOOFARAW boat leader. I guess they always started at 1000, regardless. Many times our guests didn't get up for the ceremony and almost always our skippers didn't. I took it upon myself to change that. There was some resistance, until I told them we will do it my way.... I tell them when the ceremony begins. Obviously they have no way to know our progress in getting to the docks and unloaded. My goal with limited exceptions is to have everyone that wants to, be at the opening. Now our starting time can be anywhere from 1020 to 1100. And we still get all the events done and the beer drank.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Many ask why the chamber? what do they do? Can we do it without them?

The Chamber is our partner in this event and we theirs. I'm not sure how long its been this way, but reading early accounts of the beginnings it seems it was the Chambers idea to do FOOFARAW. Regardless, we do well as a team. Of course they have full time office staff and the computers for all the logistics. It is a huge job.....one I have no interest in doing. They arrange for most of the food and beverages. Cindy and her crew

procure quite a bit of the food also. The souvenir coins, the tee shirts, the porta potties (500 plus people using our facilities would wreck our septic system at IH). They send out the invitations and tally the RSVP's and set up the sign-in tables. So here is the rest of the story on the repeated requests for sign ups last summer. When the Chamber sends out the invites they give each unit the number of guests the individual military

unit can send. I have to tell the Chamber how many guests we have seats for. Until I can relay that total they can't send out the formal invites. The sooner I know what we have available the sooner the invites can go out. We knew an extraordinary number of members were cruising this year, we also knew of several old heads were most likely going to drop out in 2019 and we had may new members that would be uncomfortable jumping in to do the event. HENCE THE SENSE OF URGENCY in getting the sign ups.

In closing--everyone must remember, FOOFARAW is not a family event. Each boat is allowed a skipper and a First Mate, anyone else on the boat is to be an assigned guest. We can go into the whys and what-fors if you wish.

We will have a mandatory skippers' meeting the morning of the event. They have been sporadic thru the years and clearly we must do them again with all our newer members especially. Instead of an 0700 show time we will move it to 0645. When completed you can get your boat boxes and go to your craft.

Our committee is very appreciative of the efforts of our members to make this the great event that it is. We are always open to suggestions and thoughts.

Please sign up as early as you can to help us get an early boat count

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Boathouse #305, that belonged to former OYC Member Robert LaFon (deceased), will be auctioned by the County for back taxes on **March 10, 2020**. The minimum bid is set at \$764, which covers all back taxes and the County's auction processing fees. The APN number for the property is 99708030900. The last day to register to bid on the private auction site conducting the sale is **March 4**. To register, you must pay a \$35 fee, and make a \$250 refundable deposit. For further details, visit <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/treasurer/Pages/distrain.aspx> and click on "store front."

If the boathouse is to remain at OYC, the successful bidder will need to make repairs necessary to meet minimum OYC boathouse standards. The current estimate for such repairs is \$4,400.

IF YOU INTEND TO BID IN THIS AUCTION, PLEASE ADVISE AND COORDINATE WITH THE BOARD CHAIR, SO THAT OYC DOES NOT BID AGAINST YOU AND DRIVE UP YOUR COST.

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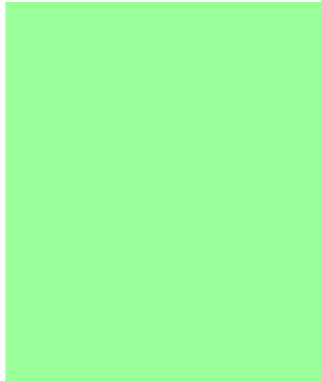
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March 2020

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

April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1 Dinner Meeting	2	3	4
5	6 Main Station / Clubhouse Com Mtg 6:00 PM OYC Environmental Awareness Committee Meeting	7 Bridge Meeting	8 Lunch Bunch 11:30 - 12:30 Board of Trustees	9	10	11
12 Easter	13	14 South Sound Sailing Meeting	15	16	17 Tacoma Yacht Club Daffodil Marine Festival	18
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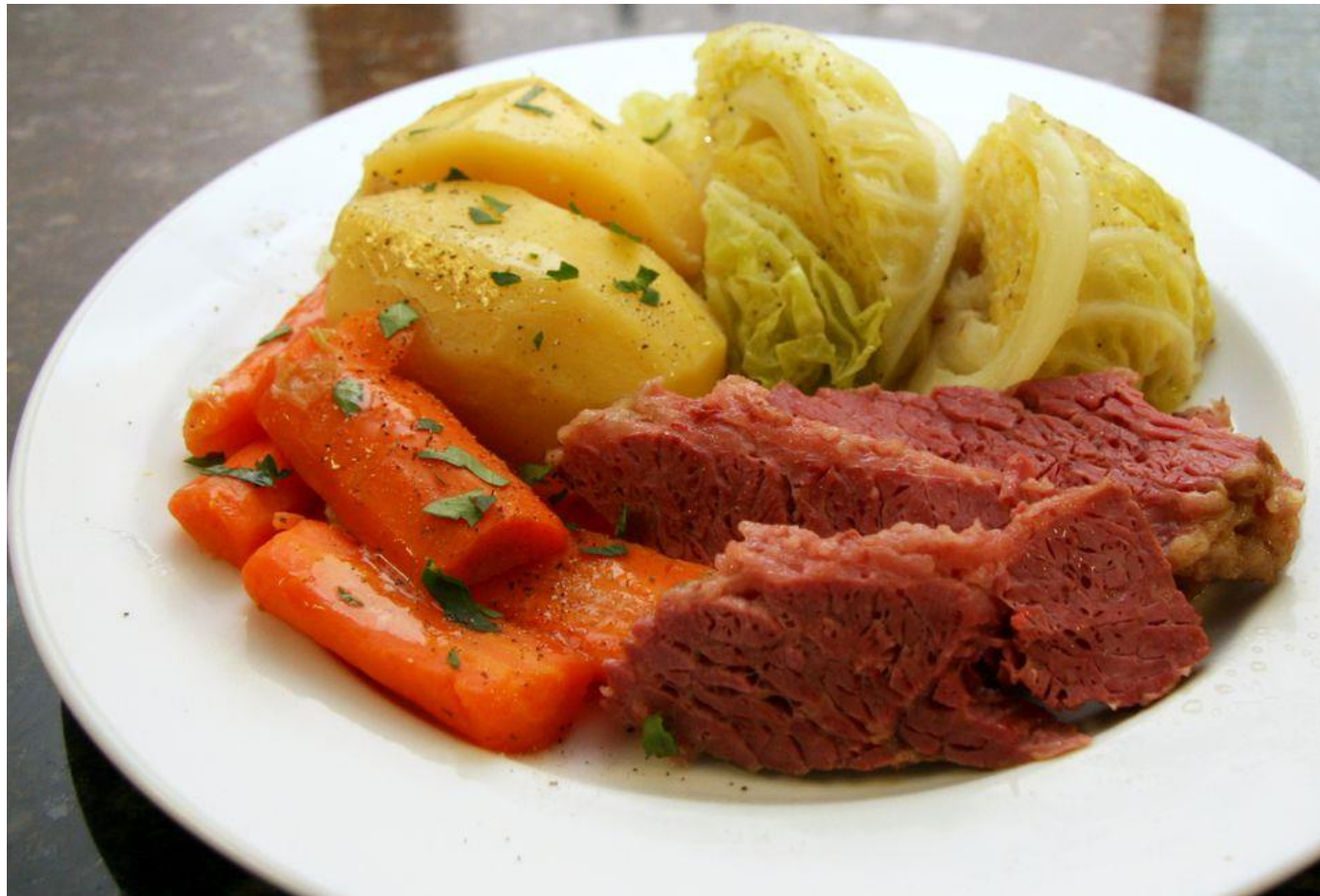
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