

# **OLYMPIA YACHT CLUB**

May 2019



# Commodore

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





ell, another Daffodil has come and gone and while we didn't win the trivia contest, we didn't lose either. Actually, we tied for 15th place with about 10 other clubs. Despite the wind and rain, it was still pretty fun.

Daffodil also means it is officially WHITE PANTS SEASON! So I am tem-

porarily limited to water and sauceless food items. Please help fix the process and remove anything in my possession that may stain.

We are getting closer to summer and I for one am ready for it. That little tease of 70 degree weather a few weeks ago got me excited and ready for boating. Unfortunately, it was short lived.

We are still working on our boat top, so a few dry days would be appreciated. We thought we had it ready to go after we got new bows installed, but a few days later we came back and noticed that the snow had apparently stretched the canvas in the middle. While a great reservoir for back up water to clean the decks, it looks weird and drastically reduces my headroom. We're toying with some different solutions, but sadly there isn't one that includes the old canvas at this point. Looks like Jen will be back at the sewing tables for awhile!

We are hoping to have the top finished in time for Seat-

tle Opening Day on May 3-5 but there are a number of issues we have to work out first. Probably won't have side curtains but at least we should stay somewhat dry. Either way we plan to head up for a weekend on the lake. Some of you have expressed interest in caravanning up there and I think that's a fabulous idea! The more the merrier! Just let me know so I can communicate with Queen City who will be hosting OYC.

Don't forget that we also have our own opening day celebration the following week and at the end of the month, we have Memorial Day at the Island! Fingers crossed the weather will warm up by then.

We've heard mixed opinions on the stern tie idea, both offering valid reasons for or against it. Still no official plan, but we may be able to do both. Stay tuned! There are some new members who haven't been to the Island for a big cruise yet; lets show them it's not as scary as it seems and how fun these events are. New members - We want to see you at the there!

Hope to see you on the water soon, motor/sail safe!

Commodore Marty Graf First Mate Jen Graf M/V William West



# Vice Commodore

Captain Mark Welpman First Mate Annette Welpman S/V Cygnet





# **Rear Commodore**

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





## Ahoy OYC!

Well, with all the things coming up, Seattle Opening Day, South Sound Opening Day and Change of Watch, the month kind of got away from me. So our Beachcomber Editor is limiting me to just a few short

paragraphs.

Daffodil was spectacular as always. We came in at a six way tie for last place on the trivia contest. We took no awards in the parade. So this was not our year. I want to thank the folks who showed up to support us. Most folks came by car this year. I just wanted to give a quick shout out to TCY for hosting such a great event.

Okay quick like a bunny. Seattle Opening Day, South Sound Opening Day, Memorial Day Cruise and Change of Watch are coming up. Save the date for June 21st Solstice BBQ and Pot Luck on the Deck. Also the 1st of the Commodore's Cruise Series to Lakebay Marina on June 28th. A weekend of fun and sun with dancing to the Beatniks on Saturday June 29th. We might have to change the location due to some permit issues at Lakebay. We'll let everyone know as the date draws closer. More to come on this summer's OYC Activities.

Just a quick note on Membership. We're looking for our sponsors to take a more active roll in the new members they bring in. Also new members will be required to serve on a committee for the first year of their membership. We need our new members to step up and serve. More to come on membership.

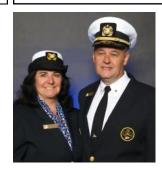
Lastly... The dark side is good. Annette and I made the run to Tacoma Yacht Club in an hour and

20 minutes on *Sea Ya!* That run in our sailboat (which I still love) normally takes about four in a half to five hours. Of course I burned more fuel in the round trip than I did in the past two years on *Cygnet*.



See you on the water!

Mark & Annette Welpman OYC Vice Commodore S/V *Cygnet* – M/V *Sea Ya!* 



## Ahoy OYC!

April is nearly over and all of the typical season "firsts" are unfolding already. This past weekend we were at the Tacoma Yacht Club for the Daffodil Festival. The weather committee cooperated.....a little, Friday was gorgeous and the only contentious weather for the Sunday parade was cold wind. Other than that, we all had a

grand time and, although we managed to earn another Trivia goose egg, PC Walt I believe your attendance next year may be mandatory! I would like to thank our very own Fleet Captain Power Craig and First Mate Deb for allowing us to splatter yellow flowers all over their boat, THE *Winsome*! PC Jim Sheerer was also top notch with his piloting us in and out of Foss Waterway. We did have our ups and downs for the various events over the course of the weekend and our shining achievement was the preciously calibrated hanging of the champagne bottle off the bow of our flagship. This bottle hanging did take a committee to achieve and it was pretty much anything this committee did all weekend; that committee comprised Commodore Marty, Vice Commodore Mark and Rear Commodore Mitch...the dream team!

Next up is the Seattle Opening Day Festivities on May 3rd, 4th and 5th which is followed one week later by our very own OYC Opening Day. One of the highlights, and there are many, of opening day is the Friday Night Steak Fry & Dancing at Tyee Yacht Club. If you're coming up you'll want to grab tickets at http:/ squareup.com/store/tyee-yacht-club; they are \$30 per person. I've also seen the full Queen City Yacht Club menu for the weekend and it looks great as well. We'd love to see several OYC boats running through the locks, let us know and we'll join you. It's also worth noting that our Memorial Day Cruise is just around the corner on the weekend of May 24th through 27th. Planning is well underway and the menu is nearly complete. We are also wanting to try out some Stern/Mediterranean type dock mooring, more to follow. There will be a committee planning meeting. Coming soon and you should see the flyer as well in this edition of the Beachcomber.

The May 1st Dinner Meeting menu is: Chicken Fajitas with Green and Red Peppers, Onions, Flour Tortillas, Spanish rice, Black Beans, Chips, Sour Cream, Pico de Gallo, Guacamole and Olympia Mountain Sorbet for dessert. Call the reservation line at 360-705-3767 or respond to the evite at http://evite.me/Zptr3EwQkB



See You on the Dinghy,

RC Mitch and Anne Marie OYC Rear Commodore MV *Release* 



# **Fleet Captain Power**

Captain Craig Brown First Mate Deb Brown M/V Winsome





# Hello Everyone

We had a fabulous weekend at the Tacoma Yacht Club Daffodil event, April 12-14th. Our boat *Winsome* served as our Bridge boat, and got dressed

up with signal flags and 1000 fresh daffodils. We think she looked pretty great.

Hats off to TYC for coordinating this awesome event. They had a boathouse ready for us when we got there on Friday. Very much appreciated being able to dress the boat up under cover. Tons of great food and entertainment all weekend. Many thanks to Jim Sheerer and Kjersti Skinner for driving our boat in the parade that Sunday. We were all on deck waving to judges, princesses and the public and we greatly appreciated their help.

We're all looking forward to Opening day on May 11th. We hope to have a big parade of boats turn out. The Lakefair princesses will be on Steve Parrott's boat to award prizes in several categories including best theme boat. Remember, this year's Lakefair theme is "Cut Loose". Let your imagination run wild.

We need more members to help with the BBQ and tear down. We've got CSP hours burning holes in our pockets, so if you want some, let me, Deb or Bill & Cathy Velez know that you'll help. Look for sign up info and details in this Beachcomber.

We look forward to seeing you,

Craig and Deb Brown M/V *Winsome* 





# Fleet Captain Sail

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





# It's South Sound Opening Day 2019

That's right, our South Sound Opening Day is here, May 11th 2019. By now I hope you all have seen the e-mails and flyers about our Opening Day. On behalf of the Bridge, we are really looking for a great turn out for

this annual event kicking off the boating season.

The day's schedule goes like this:

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. our OYC PC's will provide a breakfast in the clubhouse for \$6.00 per person.

9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. the American Legion Band will be performing on our deck

10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. is the ceremony on the deck

11:15 a.m. - Parade Skippers Meeting

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Opening Day Boat Parade

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Barbeque on the deck, \$8.00 per person

Come for all of it, come for part of it, but please do come and celebrate!

For the boat parade there are several ways you can register. You can call me directly, you can e-mail me, you can track me down at the May 1st dinner meeting, or you can register at the May 10th Friday TGIF. Upon registration I will provide further information about the parade, such as the route, assembly point, judge boat location, your boat registration number, etc. Should you choose to decorate, the theme this year is taken from Lakefair, 2019, "Cut Loose".

So let's give our community a great showing of our boats this year. We are also reaching out to other boating clubs as well, to make this truly a South Sound Opening Day.

Remember, there are CSP hours for entering your boat in the parade as well as the chance to win Best Powerboat, Best Sailboat, Best of Theme, or Grand Award. Good Luck!

Well that's it for now, signing off, always learning.

Fair winds and following seas.

Fleet Captain Sail Bill Velez 360-867-8418 First Mate Cathy Velez 360-789-6580 S/V *Karen Ann* 

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# OYC's Online Presence

# Website

www.olympiayachtclub.org



# **Facebook Page**

https://www.facebook.com/groups/olympiayachtclub/



"We secure our friends, not by accepting favors, but by doing them"

.....Thucydides

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South Sound Opening Day of the 2019 boating season in May 11. Join us for the celebration at the Club House and in the Parade of Ships.

Step up. Become part of the OYC leadership team. Several of our committee chairs are reaching the end of their three-year term or leaving their position. These positions provide you a great opportunity to influence the direction of the OYC. If taking the leap to the Chair currently is a bit much for you, then join a committee. Most could use some new members and new ideas. If you are interested, or just need more information, please contact me at 360-789-8810, or another Board member.

Don't forget to attend the May dinner meeting. This is the month that we vote on the new OYC Bridge and Board officers.

Boat slip and boat house inspection are beginning. All odd-numbered slips/boat houses will be inspected. You have probably already been contacted by an inspection team member, so get your inspection scheduled early to avoid the summer boating season.

Liability insurance is required for all boats and boat houses in the OYC marina. Most of us have been hit by a significant increase in our insurance rates. But don't reduce your liability coverage to save a couple of bucks. A minimum of \$300,000 coverage is required on both the your boat and boat house. We have noticed that several members have markedly reduced their coverage. Your lower coverage impacts all of us and could result in you having to leave the marina if not corrected.

Our Moorage Master continues to optimize the utilization of our marina. That means, as described in our Moorage Rules, that you may be required to relocate to a different slip. Please be cooperative if he contacts you.

You may have noticed that the signs for Diamond Parking have disappeared. We have ended our contract with Diamond effective the end of April. In the meantime, we are continuing our lease with the Oyster House along with the lease that they had with Diamond. OYC members with a valid sticker will continue to have full access to the entire lot.

The BOT meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Club House. You are invited to attend and see how the business-side of our Club functions. Minutes of the meetings are posted on the bulletin board and are on the OYC website.



# **Secretary**

Andrea Sehmel M/V Authenticity



Life Membership: Mike and Sherry Willie

# **WE NEED YOU!**

**Committee Chairs Wanted** 

**Help keep OYC magnificent!** 

Contact Bob Van Schoorl 360-789-8810

# **Olympia Yacht Club**

# Community and Government Affairs Committee Grant Selection Report

April 10, 2019

We are pleased to present you with the names of the 3 recipients who received the first grants awarded by OYC. They will be presented by our Commodore and BOT Chair at our May 1 dinner meeting

The **Hands On Children's Museum (HOCM)** is awarded \$1000. The grant will be used to help support a new maritime-themed outdoor exhibit at the Museum. The HOCM will soon become one of the very few children's museums nationally to feature an authentic vessel for Children to explore – the Megan D, a 56' vintage schooner and it will be flying the OYC burgee.

The **Puget Sound Estuarium** is awarded \$1000 and moorage space at our guest dock May 6 – 17 (excluding the weekend) to assist in funding an educational program for 350 secondary students. The students rotate through four interactive learning stations to explore marine biodiversity, water quality, food webs, and navigation. Field trips give students an unforgettable experience in nature that encourages a life-long appreciation of our waterways, estuaries, and marine habitats.

The **South Sound Maritime Heritage Association (SSMHA)** is awarded \$1000. These funds will be used to support the restoration and exhibition of an historic tugboat, the *Parthia*. The *Parthia* is part of our maritime history and a veteran of over 20 Harbor Days celebrations. It is going to become a dry land nautical exhibit funded entirely by private dollars and donated space by the Port of Olympia.

The **South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group (SPSSEG)** also submitted a very good grant request. The Committee opted to offer them some volunteer hours to assist them in their restoration efforts in Butler Cove.

# Quartermaster

Margaret Snyder & Judy Ball, Co-Chairs



# Island Home

Earl Hughes, Chair



# The Big Shirt Sale!

It's that time of year when we are all thinking of being out on the water again and in need of some new OYC gear. The Quartermaster will be showcasing all our shirts and tops this month! You will find our new selections out on the racks. All outer wear will be in the cupboards so don't forget to take a peek in there too!

We will also have quite a selection of caps, beanies, headbands, and visors to keep your heads warm.

If you're looking for new boating PJs we have a great selection and have some PJ tops for the women marked down to \$5.00.

If you haven't seen our new stemless wine glasses, we think you will love the size and the embossing. Want to special order something? We'd be glad to put your order in and remember, we can have your own items embroidered at a cost of \$8.00.

See you in the Quartermaster!

Margaret and Judy

It has come to my attention that some OYC members have not read the Island Home Rules. Rule 7 states that no vessel shall be left overnight without an active OYC member on board except in case of emergency with BOT approval. Please follow this rule.

OYC encourages rafting at Island Home on busy weekends and during events. So put our fenders out and let someone raft up. Rafting is a great way to get to meet other members.

When you are at the Island let George know how nice it looks and thank him for all the great work.



Earl Hughes MV Lady Bee ll 360-352-3748 ehughes416@comcast.net

# Main Station

Tim Ridley, Chair



Thank you to those of you that replaced your old burgees with new ones, along with getting a light on in you boat or boat house. There are still some left that have not corrected the problem, please handle. Also the light that you leave on for Robert to check on at night should be at least 25 watts. Reminder this year inspections are odd numbers for slips or boat houses. If you are contacted for this inspection, please respond quickly so our inspectors can do their job and hopefully can boat along with us this spring and summer instead of doing inspections all summer. Please remember, if you're going to work on your boat house and make alterations you need to see me or Mark per Rules and Regulations on page 152 Rule 14. Thank you.

We still have a number of homeless people that hang out around the Club and surrounding properties, so please lock you cars and do not leave valuables out behind the store, as they are starting to steal our lumber. Please keep your eyes open, especially when you go through the gate make sure you hear or see it close.

Remember, if you see anything you think is out of place call me or Robert. See you at the Club.

PS. Please make sure when you lock the garbage lock back up that you spin all tumblers in order to keep non-members out. Thanks.

Main Station Chair PC Tim Ridley PV G Louise 253-320-9106

# Women's Interclub Council





# **OYC LADIES:**

Our last Women's luncheon for the season...... at Rainier Yacht Club.

Please sign up for this one. It's all about: SPA DAY AT THE BEACH

We can wear SPA attire.

Featuring: Larisa Goldin, Founder of "Dreamclinic", with massages.

"Benefits of massages for the aging woman"

Lunch is Garden Salad with crab, Clam Chowder or Vegetable soup. Cost: \$20.00

Contact Kathy Beckman: 206-459-9669

Or Kim Shann: 360-491-3786

No Women's luncheon's during Summer months. See you

in October.

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



#### Is that a Fitbit?

Several times I have been asked if that black silicone band on my wrist is a new Fitbit. No. That is a Medical Alert bracelet. Over the years, we have been used to seeing the flashy metal bracelets with a big red Penicillin (or similar) engraved on it. Now, there are many alternatives to the old





bracelets or necklaces. Amazon hosts pages of bracelets, necklaces, and other identifiers in metal, braided leather, and silicone in a variety of colors to match your wardrobe.

What is really important is to alert a helper such as an EMT/doctor to your allergies, significant illnesses, or medications that would considerably alter your treatment in an emergency. We can't always guarantee that our advocate will be there for us or that we will be in any condi-

tion to help ourselves. How many of you can remember your list of medications when you go visit the doctor when you are just in for a regular exam? The new bracelets can be engraved with a lot of information in a small, but readable, font. Blood thinners, diabetic medications, chemotherapy, treating doctors, and steroids are but a few pertinent details helpful to first responders. Some identifiers feature a thumb drive so additional information can be available, but I worry that finding a computer and opening such data may not be easily or readily available. Once the aiding person is aware of problems, they can rifle through your wallet and find the list of your medications and doses that you carry for such an occasion...right?

And how about your Vial of Life? It's really a baggie now that you stash in the right upper corner of your refrigerator. You may have wondered why the EMTs go to the fridge – don't they get enough to eat at the firehouse? It is there so first responders can readily find your info including your wish to be resuscitated or not and what your recently updated (guilty) medication list shows. Don't forget to give the EMTs your door combination or have it unlocked unless you want a new door jam added to your hospital bill.

Rich

# Reciprocal Moorage





#### PLAN AHEAD

As we get closer to the summer cruising months, and you are making your cruising plans, be sure to access the Yacht Destinations web site if you plan on using our reciprocal privileges with other clubs. This site will list all of the yacht clubs that have a reciprocal agreement with the Olympia Yacht Club. If your plans are to "Go North of the Border", review the clubs visitor requirements. Many of the Canadian yacht clubs now require proof of \$1,000,000 liability insurance to moor at their club.

One of the greatest privileges of being a member of the OYC is reciprocal relationships with other yacht clubs around the Northwest. Remember that access to this moorage is a privilege and that space is often limited, especially during the summer. When planning a cruise, check the club's web site or contact them directly to confirm availability of moorage or changes to their moorage rules.

Always fly your burgee and carry your OYC membership card.

Check out: YachtDestinations.org

Gary Gronley Reciprocal Chair

# Club Service Program





# **Greetings All and Happy Spring**

As I write this, April showers are in full force aka rain! Be that as it may, there are still many projects and events upcoming for you to be able to achieve some CSP hours. Social events, spring cleanup and maintenance and many committee meetings just to name a few. I encourage you to get involved, meet other members and get hours out of the way early so you can focus on just boating and enjoying. Watch for flyers for events or contact a BOT or Bridge member, committee chairs or the caretakers for ideas.

Somehow last month's article did not get into the Beach-comber so just to let you know first quarter of this year report has been posted in the club. Hours for April are not included in this yet. The next report to post will be at the end of June for the second quarter. If you need info on where you are e-mail or call me and I can update you.

See you at an event or on the docks. Almost time to launch the dinghy and go cruising!

PC Les Thompson CSP guru MV/EcstaSea



# Sailing Education Program

Mary Fitzgerald, Chair



# Thank you, Thank you, Thank you

On Thursday, March 21, we received our 6 new Flying Juniors (fj's) from the Zim boat builders on the east coast. We have been fund raising for these 6 beautiful boats for 3.5 years. They are fully paid for due to your support and generous donations. Our old boats have either been sold or are being stored on our trailers so our sailors don't have to constantly be transporting them up the docks on Friday afternoons before regattas.

I have included photos here for you to see our sailors working diligently to rig the new boats. "This is better than Christmas" was heard several times from our young sailors as they opened boxes full of rudders and tillers, and took plastic off masts, booms, and spreaders. The speed and efficiency of their efforts in assembling the boats is a testament to their experience working as a team. Friday, March 22, they were sailed for the first time during the high school practice, with several alumni taking part. The sailors returned to port for a TGIF celebration that included several parents and guests. At 7 pm Commodore Marty Graff was the emcee for a naming ceremony complete with sparkling cider and all but one of our name sponsors present. Thanks to our naming sponsors who made generous donations to name all 6 of our boats. Here are the boat names with a brief explanation of each name:

Paka'a - God of Sails

R.Rasmussen – a relative who sailed a boat across Atlantic

Schpilkes - Yiddish for "Ants in your Pants"

*Grumpy* – nickname for Grandpa

Lady Dee – Grandma's name

*Buddy T* - Bud Tucker was an early supporter of the sailing program by donating one of the first boats

Thank you to everyone who donated time, money, efforts, ideas and support to us in achieving this dream of new boats for our program. Special thanks to Bob and Sue Kuehlthau for their generous donations to the program that keep us going. And one more.... thanks to Bill and Kathy Velez for hosting our sailors and guests at TGIF.

#### Racing news for our sailing teams

There are two ways our middle and high school sailors compete. In FLEET races they represent their high schools and must have at least 6 sailors on their team. Consequently, our only full teams are from Capital High and Olympia High. In TEAM racing they represent their clubs, in our case OYC, and the sailors can be from any school.

March 2nd was the South Regional Fleet Racing Regatta at Silverdale. Olympia High's OYC sponsored team won this event. A combined Division regatta in Seattle was also won by Olympia with Capital High School's team coming in 9th out of 15. We hosted a team racing regatta here in Olympia on March 16th. Our two Olympia High School teams came in 1st in Varsity and 4th for JV. Capital came in 7th.

The fleet racing national regatta will be May 10, 11, and 12 at Sail Sandpoint this year, and we are hoping to qualify for this prestigious race that will host teams from all over the country.

Meanwhile we are getting ready for the summer program coming up. Please check with not only Olympia Parks and Recreation for class schedules, but also with Tumwater Parks and Rec as we have just started a partnership with them to reach another portion of our local area. Our summer program provides step-by-step instruction for children and adults on the road to becoming accomplished sailors/boaters, and as shown in the past, also becoming members of OYC and stewards of our beautiful Puget Sound.

Thanks to everyone for your wonderful support.

Mary Fitzgerald, Chair 360-250-1230 olymfitz@hotmail.com



More photos next page



















# 2019 Olympia Yacht Club Sailing Education Program Adult Keelboat Sailing

## General Information

Our keelboat sailing sessions are designed for adults of all ages. We will be sailing in boats that have roomy cockpits with 5- 6 students per boat. If you have always had a dream of owning your own boat or are a new keelboat owner with little or no experience, you are encouraged to take these classes to gain knowledge and experience before heading off on your own.

You can start with the introductory classes and advance to the Basic class to gain more experience in different types of wind and weather. Keelboat sailing offers more stability and freedom of movement for adults, and can introduce you to a wide world of sailing, including racing or cruising.

Women's classes are offered in both the introductory classes and the Basic Keelboat Sailing classes. If you think because you are a woman that you can't skipper or own your own sailboat you are wrong. There are plenty of womanowned boats in the area with vast experience in sailing worldwide. The women's classes are taught by experienced women sailors and will provide you with a supportive and inspiring experience.

Adult Classes are open to anyone, including couples who want to sail together. Registration is through Olympia Parks and recreation, you should call 360-753-8380 or you can register online at Olympia Parks and Recreation EX-PERIENCE IT! https://apm.activecommunities.com/olyparksartsrec/Activity Search

Working on communications skills while sailing is the key to enjoying your experiences on board. We encourage everyone to take part as much as they are comfortable with. All adult classes are taught by experienced sailors with many years of sailing experience. All classes take place at the Olympia Yacht Club. 201 Simmons Street Olympia WA Parking is available on the street or across from the Bayview Market in a pay lot.

# **Introduction to Keelboat Sailing** 3 hours **§65.00** Adult Classes

April 28<sup>th</sup> 5-8pm

May 27<sup>th</sup> 5:30-dusk

June 10<sup>th</sup> 5:30-dusk

July 9<sup>th</sup> 5:30-dusk

July 16<sup>th</sup> 5:30-dusk

 $July\ 23^{rd}\ 5{:}30\text{-}dusk$ 

 $July\ 30^{th}\ 5{:}30\text{-}dusk$ 

# Womens Intro to Keelboat Sailing 3 hours \$65

May 14<sup>th</sup> 5:30-dusk

June 16<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm

July 6<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm

# **Adult Basic Keelboat Sailing**

# 12 hours of Instruction (4 sessions)

#### \$240.00

June 11<sup>th</sup>,13<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 5:30-dusk

June 25<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, July 2 and July 5<sup>th</sup> 5:30-dusk

August 19th, 21st, 26th and 28th 5:30-dusk

# **Womens Basic Keelboat Sailing**

12 hours of Instruction (4 sessions)

#### \$240.00

 $July~8^{th}, 10^{th}, 15^{th}, 17^{th}~5{:}30\text{-}dusk$ 



# Foofaraw Chris Cheney, Chair



#### 57th Annual FOOFARAW and a couple other things

Mark your calendar for September 6th, 2019 for this great event. We need boats and volunteers for shoreside duties. Obviously you earn CSP hours, but in addition it is fun and fulfilling.

Every year requires a new sign up, even if you have done the event for many years. Unfortunately we had some internal problems and did not do a good job of confirming important information, relying instead on past times data. So this year we are starting from scratch, with a new keeper of data, Alice Coakley has joined the team and will be in charge of the master list in spreadsheet form. If you think you will be able to do the daylong cruise on Sept. 6th, please send your name, boat name, slip or house number, length overall (add any appendages to the stated length, like swim step, bowsprit, cannons that overhang, etc.), how many passengers you would like to take not including the Captain and First Mate, and how many you could take if we get jammed up, and cell number. Also if you have any special requests, like port side tie, etc.

Things get crazy as we close in on the big day, so if you think you might have a problem making the trip, give us a heads up ASAP. It can be a mad scramble as we get last minute cancellations. In recent years we have had about 45 boats and carried something over 400 folks out to IH, arranged for food and beverages, the preparation and serving thereof. Then bringing it all together logistically on site on time. It is a big job accomplished by our OYC members, but most will say, "well worth it."

Meanwhile our partners, the Thurston Chamber of Commerce. send out the invitations and compile the RSVPs, they also work closely with our sponsors that make this event possible. There are glitches every year; we attempt to analyze what to do differently so they don't repeat. We have done a great job resolving some problems and complaints by implementing changes in recent times. but the most vexing for our skippers has been how many passengers they actually get compared to what they are prepared for. Try as we might, no resolution has been found-that works. The number of guests and their names that come in from the different branches and units via RSVP, which our Chamber crew then assigns to given boats, seems to all go to hell the morning we are going to head out. We've had buses break down, people get lost, soldiers getting a last minute assignment, or whatever. Our clubhouse is a complete zoo starting about 0715, literally several hundred people come in, visit, and get coffee and their boat assignments. And then we all depart at 0800 or close thereto. The timeframe is so short and we don't usually know someone is not coming, until we are leaving; there is no time to make changes.

The FOOFARAW committee is a seasoned and incredibly dedicated group of members. Many that are not on the committee have a long history of superbly supporting and making the event happen. These are kitchen and cooking crew, docking bosses, beer and wine servers, etc. PC Bob 'OBIE Won" Job served as chair for 24 years, before passing the torch to me in recent times. Bob is very dedicated and loves the event. He still does as much as he can whilst dealing with an ailing spouse that is an all consuming task. Cindy "THE FORCE" Smith has headed up the

arrangements for the food and beverages, the crew and tried to keep me straight (an impossible job). I don't know how many years she has actually been doing this, I'm sure not the whole 57 years, since she is barely that old herself, and I was still in grade school, so I have no clue, but its been a long time. Her half century other half PC George has been quite involved for a long time and is always there to save the day. Rick and Patti Taylor are the dockmasters, they really have made this come together with their planning and skill to get 45 boats in and docked in under an hour generally. Their performance has allowed the show to go on in a manner that allows all the guests to participate and enjoy the day. As you can tell, I have the least important job, but get all the Glory.

Our club has had a large turnover of members in recent years, and the new members have been a saving grace. So many have retired from boating or passed away that the old crew for many years no longer exists. When I joined in 2007 I had to beg for months to be able to go, (and wait for moorage for three years) without much encouragement, until there was a last minute cancellation. New boat drivers for FOOFARAW was unheard of because the core crew was solid and dedicated. The times they've been a chang'in, so please even if you are brand new please consider joining us. For all who wish to participate, our email is <a href="mailto:oyefoofaraw@gmail.com">oyefoofaraw@gmail.com</a>. Please provide the information asked for near the top of this page.

#### **OTHER**

I am as guilty as anyone, but we must pay attention to our wakes. Boaters have a bad habit of never looking back and thus don't many times realize what they are leaving behind. We have had members upset about wakes coming into our basin. If you look back and watch closely you will see your stern wave follows you for quite awhile. It's worse if you are going downwind or on an incoming tide. The other thing that happens is if you've been underway for quite awhile at higher speed, when you do pull the throttles back to slow down it feels like you have stopped, but look back and see what the truth is. A member the other day was coming in as we were headed out. White water was flying off him passing the log ship area. When he did slow down that stern wave came in and bounced us and all the boats with an east or north exposure.

My bride Pam is approaching 28 months of total incapacity. We got ramps last year and a side entry gate so I can get her on and off solo but steep ramps are still an issue. We have occasionally been able to get caregivers (thank you Kathy B, Cherie R and Nancy L) allowing me to go do errands and shopping. Pam has declared she wants to go to SE AK this year, we haven't been in several years and obviously she can't be much help this trip. Since she is on oxygen 24/7, I needed redundancy for power, hence a second inverter is going in. The washer and dryer were old and unreliable so we changed those out and rehab'd the water maker. It seems whenever you are someplace that doesn't have facilities is when something goes awry, so I am getting a second O<sub>2</sub> concentrator as a back up. It appears we have found two ladies for crew (they aren't here yet, so I say appears). Many of you met Vicky Power from England last fall, she came as first mate on the Commodores requisitioned Foofaraw Boat after 7 weeks in Northern BC with us as we did Pam's memory lane cruise to her favorites in the Broughtons and thereabouts. Vicky has been crewing on a sailboat in the Indian Ocean from Thailand towards S Africa. She is flying out of Mauritius to London to spend Easter with family and then onto Seattle to be our boat

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crew (actually she really loves Pam and puts up with me). The other lady is a sailor with her own boat in Florida. Retired respiratory specialist (Pam among other things has COPD and has been on hospice for 11 months) and massage therapist. She decided she can go to the dark side (power boat) and scratch off two bucket items; cruise to Alaska and get up close and personal to icebergs. She is coming cross country by train (another bucket list item) arriving after Easter. We hope to be underway May 1st. We have a sat phone and three different cell providers, so should be able to stay in touch. I always dreamed of having a harem, but as the Greeks said, "Be careful what you wish for, you may get it". I am sure I will be sequestered outside much of the time.

Chris remember oycfoofaraw@gmail.com









OYC 2019 Safety Day





Photos from Danny Wrye and Denise Zermer





# **2019 Moorage Inspections**

This being an odd year means all odd numbered moorage spaces (open slips and boathouses) will be inspected to ensure marina safety and compliance with established standards as noted in OYC's Agreements, Rules, and Policies. Inspections will start in April at the latest and hopefully completed by the end of May.

We will have probably five inspection teams and one of them will contact you by email or phone to schedule the inspection of your open slip or boathouse. We encourage you to be present, however, if you cannot, you can provide the team access to your moorage and permission to complete the inspection. Upon completion of the inspection you will receive a copy of inspection by email soon afterwards.

You can go to the OYC Web page and review the "SAFETY & COMPLIANCE CHECK LIST" for both Open Slips & Boathouses in the Download Section. Open slip inspections take approximately 30 minutes, while boathouse inspections take approximately 45 minutes. There will be a "water side inspection" completed prior to the dockside portion for all boathouses; deficiencies noted for waterside will be included on the inspection sheets when dockside is completed.

Boathouse standards are listed in the OYC 2018-2019 Directory for your review. Please assist us with this program by closely observing your property and ensuring standards are maintained and vessels are ready for safe cruising throughout 2019. Thanks for your assistance in keeping OYC a SAFE & SECURE MARINA.

Bob Wolf, Chair Inspection Program 360-402-3408 wgslwrlw1@hotmail.com



# 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.





# **BULLETIN BOARD**

# **TGIF**

Thank Goodness it's Friday!

Good food
Good times
Good music



# **May 10**

Drinks and Socializing 5:30 pm
Pizza etc............ 6 pm

\$6/person

No reservations required

HELP WANTED

# Lunch Bunch Chair Committee members, All committees

Interested? Questions?

Contact Bob Van Schoorl

Bvanschoorl@comcast.net Phone 360 789 8810



Bob and Linda are back from galavanting through the South Pacific and have invited us to their upcoming presentation to the South Sound Sailing Society on May 14th in the OYC Clubhouse. There's a description later in this issue of the Beachcomber.

Check it out!

#### CSP hours available

We need help with the Sailing Education Program. Our committee is dwindling and our Chair is looking for a co chair or someone to become the chair. If you believe in the SEP and its efforts to get members of our community out on the water, please contact us. We could use members with maintenance experience, sewing skills, business skills, and writing skills for pr and newsletters. Also could use anyone with grant writing experience. Our committee meetings are the first Monday of the month - we appreciate any help you can give us. Thanks Mary Fitzgerald 360-250-1230 olymfitz@hotmail.com

# OYC Spring Cleanup & Flower Planting Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM

It's time to spruce up the OYC Main Station before Opening Day.

Volunteers needed for planting, weeding, spreading bark, trimming, etc. Jobs available for all fitness levels. Just bring a pair of garden gloves and a willingness to have some fun.

Plus, it's great way to work off a few CSP hours.



\*No Experience Needed\*

\*All Volunteers Wanted\*

To volunteer, contact
Matt & Suzanne Kluh at
(360) 456-4755 or
kluhbah@comcast.net.



It's boating season...the water is calling you...



Held at

Olympia Yacht Club (OYC) 201 Simmons Street NW, Olympia WA

# Saturday, May 11th

8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Breakfast (\$6 per person) 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. American Legion Band

10:15 - 11 a.m. Ceremony - Tacoma Yacht Club Honor Guard, Distinguished Guests

11:15 a.m. Parade Skippers Meeting12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Opening Day Boat Parade

2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Barbeque on the Deck, Olympia Yacht Club (\$8 per person)

\*You do not need to be a member of OYC to participate in the parade.

All boats are welcome -- sail, power, big or small! Decorations are encouraged, but not required.

PARADE AWARD CATEGORIES: Best of Theme Lakefair's "Cut Loose," Best Sailboat, Best Power Boat, Grand Award

**Boat Parade Registration, Fri., May 10, 6 p.m. OYC Clubhouse.** If you are unable to register in person, please RSVP at the number or emails listed below. You will receive your registration packet at the skippers meeting at 11:15 a.m. on Sat., May 11.

To register, call 360-705-3767 or email Fleet Captain Power Craig Brown at cdbrown05@gmail.com or Fleet Captain Sail Bill Velez at cbja4oly@comcast.net



Boat Parade Theme Lakefair's "Cut Loose"



# "Living the Dream" - One Wave at a Time

# A Presentation by Bob & Linda Hargreaves at South Sound Sailing Society on May 14, and You Are Invited!

Have you ever dreamed of leaving it all behind and sailing off into the sunset, bound for distant shores and idyllic tropical islands across wide open oceans? Have you ever yearned to experience the majesty and power of Mother Nature when all you can see is blue and the trade winds fill your sails, or the thrill of a landfall after weeks at sea? Has your mind's eye ever envisioned seeing the Southern Cross in the night sky, or the beauty of an Albatross gliding gracefully over the waves for miles? Have you ever imagined what it would be like to explore cultures, traditions and lifestyles vastly



different from ours? What are your cruising dreams and ambitions?



Long-time Olympia Yacht Club ('03) and South Sound Sailing Society ('95) members Bob and Linda Hargreaves nurtured many of these dreams for years as they looked forward to retirement; they were hoping for a "grand adventure" to give meaning and purpose to a new chapter in life. In 2003 they sold their beloved 1978 Ericson 29, a great Puget Sound / San Juan & Gulf Islands cruiser - but not one in which to sail off over the horizon - and bought their solid ocean-going vessel, a 1990 cutter rigged Mason 44. After they had both retired, sold their home and shed most of their earthly possessions, they moved aboard

Bright Angel in May 2010 to get used to living aboard, and to put the final touches on years of preparations and upgrades getting her ready to go to sea.

On a peaceful, early morning in August 2010, Bright Angel slipped her lines and moved away from her berth at the Olympia Yacht Club. In early October 2018, after eight years and nearly 35,000 nautical

miles of voyaging, *Bright Angel* brought Bob and Linda back home to OYC. In those eight years, Bob and Linda cruised first to Mexico, then in 2012 they crossed the Pacific to the Marquesas, the Tuamotus and Society Islands in French Polynesia, then on to the Kingdom of Tonga before heading south, via Minerva Reef, to New Zealand to wait out the South Pacific cyclone season. For the next three years, 2013-15, they sailed from New Zealand to Fiji and back again; in 2016 they sailed to Vanuatu and New Caledonia, before returning to New Zealand. In 2018 they



made the long passage back to Washington, via Tahiti and Honolulu. They left Whangarei, New Zealand, on April 19, and made landfall at Cape Flattery on August 22, after 8500 nautical miles and 76 days on the ocean. They slowly worked their way back to Olympia, with stops along the way in Neah Bay, Port Hudson in Port Townsend, Eagle Harbor on Bainbridge Island, and Gig Harbor, relishing the tranquility of Puget Sound and a golden Pacific Northwest late summer and early fall.



Bob and Linda will be the featured guest speakers at the May 14 meeting of the South Sound Sailing Society where they will share some of their experiences out there "living the dream" (and why they often chuckled a bit when people would say that!), as well as give some tips on how others might realize their own dreams of ocean cruising. Commodore Jim Larsen of SSSS would like to extend a cordial invitation to OYC to join them for this event; they meet at the OYC Mainstation doors open at 6:30 pm for socializing, meeting starts at 7:00 pm, with the presentation following the business meeting

approximately 7:45 pm.

Join Bob and Linda and SSSS for some arm chair adventure sailing, and bring your questions! Then start making plans for your own "grand adventure" out there . . . . "LIVING YOUR DREAM!"







# OYC Memorial Day Cruise Held at Island Home May 24<sup>th</sup> through May 27<sup>th</sup>

Join us as we honor those that made the ultimate sacrifice so that we can live in such our lives in freedom.

Friday, May 24th

6:00 PM Potluck Appetizers in the Club House, Beer and Wine

provided.

Saturday, May 25th

10:00 AM Games begin, bring out your A Game or any game actually.

4:00 PM Late Lunch/Early Dinner featuring the always delicious

BBQ at the hands of Bobby Brown and his Pit Crew.

Sunday, May 26th

10:00 AM Games Continue, it's championship time!

2:00 PM Late Lunch provided by PC George and 1st Mate Cindy.

Monday, May 27th

9:00 AM Continental Breakfast.

11:00 AM Ceremony.

Adults \$15, Kids \$7
Call the reservation line at 360-705-3767
or http://evite.me/85zp1HwywA

Questions: RC Jesse Mitchell 360-951-5880 or <a href="mailto:invincimitch@gmail.com">invincimitch@gmail.com</a>



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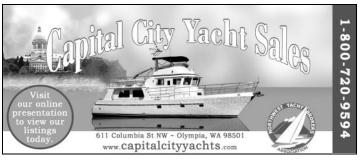
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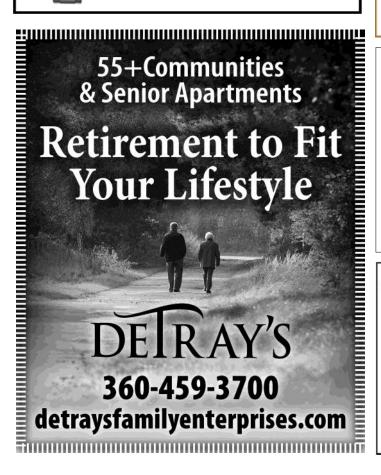
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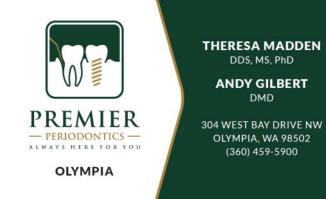
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This is a free service for OYC members, To place an ad, email <a href="mailto:oycbeachcomber@gmail.com">oycbeachcomber@gmail.com</a> by the **16th** of the month. Include a small photo if you like. Your "no charge" ad will run until you cancel it.....please remember to keep it current. Notify <a href="mailto:oycbeachcomber@gmail.com">oycbeachcomber@gmail.com</a> if you want to modify or delete your ad.

#### WANTED: BOATHOUSE - Purchase or Lease

Minimum well size: 48' X 16' Minimum door height: 16'

30A or 50A power

(503) 227-2359 (H) (503) 953-3942 (C) Neil Hutchinson

12/18

# FOR SALE (or rent till sold) Boathouse #529 \$40,000

Outside dimensions 20'x50'
Well size 13'x43'(could possibly be enlarged)
Lots of cabinets and counter top area
Well lighted
Meets all OYC current requirements

360-491-3864 (H) 360-280-6008 (C) Steve Treece

05/18

02/19

#### **Boat and Boathouse for Sale**

Nice low Hour (360 hrs) 2000 Bayliner Ciera Express 2452 and nice 40 ft. x 15 ft. boathouse, slip # 647.

House has many upgrades and is OYC inspected and approved.

Will sell as package or separate. Many extras. Boat is ready to go.

Package price is \$32,500. For more information contact Pete at (360) 956-1992.

# **FOR SALE**

# **Boathouse #309**

7500.

- -Well is approximately 33.5' long x 11.6' wide
- New roof in 2018 with required skylights
- Passed OYC inspection in 2017-good until 2019
  - Great close-in location, near workshop too
    - Work bench, nice and bright inside
- Extra height-fly bridges/antennae: 13'4" deck to roof, about another 16" water to deck
  - House measures 39'.9" x 14'.35" total
    - Moorage is \$136.32/month

- Contact: Missy Watts Phone/text (360)280-0509

missy@wattspropertygroup.com

#### **WANTED:**

#### LARGE BOATHOUSE — PURCHASE OR LEASE

Minimum well size: 64'x 19' — 50A power

Brodie Wood

(360) 951-9446



04/19

# BOAT FOR SALE BAYLINER 3270 FAST TRAWLER

For more information search "VINTAGE BAYLINER" on Craig's List and/or YouTube



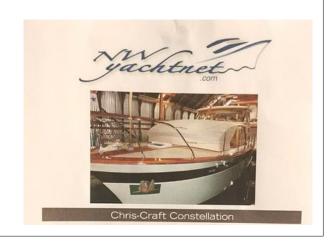
All reasonable offers will be considered.

Email: chansonlaw@msn.com

05/16

#### FOR SALE

If you love wooden boats, you'll love this 1963 37' Connie Tri-cabin! Character & quality. Always under cover. A true time capsule! Her sturdy big boat house #332 is for sale, also. Well approx. 16' × 48'. All reasonable offers will be considered. Owners: Errol V. Dye & Sue Haskin. Contact Mike Japhet, 360.352.3858 mike@nwyachtnet.com



# **Boat and Boathouse For Sale**

#### **Boathouse**

Dimensions 20' X 50' Well size 14' X 48'

#### Boat

1960 40' Chris Craft Conqueror Very comfortable boat in great condition

Many Many upgrades thru the years We are the third owners and have had it for 20 years

This a must see boat to appreciate all the updates

#### Contact

Dan at 360-791-9652 for more information

03/18



# For Sale—40' Kalik Sloop (1980)

- 6'-5" headroom
- newer Yanmar diesel,
- 160 gal water/ 40 gal fuel/ 40 gal holding

Located slip 227 OYC

Please call for equipment list

#### \$ 44,500

Contact Helen Immelt 425-308-1755

hdiappraisals@netscape.net 04/19



#### For Sale Boarding ladder \$10 Electric motor: Minn Kota auto pilot with mount, battery & control \$ 400 12 V pump \$ 10 Danforth 30# 8H anchor \$ 80 Folding dog ladder (for dog up to 30 #) \$ 60 Humming Bird depth sounder/fish finder w/gps model 597 ciHD w/battery \$ 300 Women's wet suit, medium, w/boots & gloves \$ 40 Jack Behrend 360-491-5227 6/18

## For Sale: Boathouse #419

30'L X 16'W
Full upgrades
Meets all Specifications
\$15,000 or Best offer
call Chuck McSwain
360.701.8397 (Cell)

05/19

# **Boathouse for Sale**

44'x13' well Good condition—meets OYC requirements.

**\$30,000**, terms available Trades would be considered.

Contact Gary at 360-491-0548.

# For Sale

5 horse Mercury Outboard Newer two cycle in excellent condition.

#### **Price \$550**

Contact Pete at 360 956-1992

# .

0548.





For Sale. 1990 C&C 34+. B&G Electronics.18gal holding tank and much more. Call 360-704-7293 and leave a message.

# **Boathouse For Sale**

**Boathouse #421** has been donated to the Olympia Yacht Club Foundation and is for Sale.

Well size is 38 ft long and 13.5ft wide. Good Condition. Current inspection approved.

# New reduced price \$14,500, OBO

May sublet until sold. Contact Pete for more information at (360) 956-1992

10/18

| Sunday   | Monday                                 | Tuesday                                      | Wednesday                  | Thursday | Friday                                 | Saturday                               |
|--|--|--|----------------------------|----------|--|--|
| 28   | 29                                     | 30   | 01<br>Dinner Meeting       | 02       | 03<br>Seattle Opening<br>Day           | 04                                     |
| 05   | 06                                     | 07   | 08<br>Board of<br>Trustees | 09       | TGIF                                   | 11<br>South Sound<br>Opening Day       |
| 12   | 13                                     | 14<br>South Sound Sailing<br>Society Meeting | 15                         | 16       | 17                                     | 18<br>Gig Harbor YC<br>Commodore's     |
| 19   | 20                                     | 21   | 22                         | 23       | 24<br>Memorial Day<br>Cruise to Island | 25<br>Memorial Day<br>Cruise to Island |
| 26<br>Memorial Day<br>Cruise to Island<br>Home | 27<br>Memorial Day<br>Cruise to Island | 28   | 29                         | 30       | 31                                     | 01                                     |

# 2019 JUNE

SUNDAY

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday                              | Wednesday                           | Thursday | Friday                | Saturday                          |
|--------|--------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 26     | 27     | 28                                   | 29                                  | 30       | 31                    | 01<br>Bremerton YC<br>Commodore's |
| 02     | 03     | 04<br>Bridge Meeting                 | 05 Dinner Meeting/ Change of .Watch | 06       | 07                    | O8 Port Orchard Commodore's       |
| 09     | 10     | 11<br>South Sound<br>Sailing Society | Board of<br>Trustees                | 13       | 14                    | 15                                |
| 16     | 17     | 18                                   | 19                                  | 20       | 21<br>BBQ on the Deck | 22                                |
| 23     | 24     | 25                                   | 26                                  | 27       | 28                    | 29                                |
| 30     | 01     | 02                                   | 03                                  | 04       | 05                    | 06                                |

# Join us for dinner Wednesday, May 1

 Chicken fajita with green and red pepper, onions and flour tortilla



- Spanish rice
- Black beans
- Chips, sour cream, pico de gallo, guacamole
- Dessert: Olympia Mountain sorbet

# Membership Dinner Meeting May 1

# **Voting for Club Officers**

Membership Meeting dinners are held on the first Wednesday of each month except August and December \$24 per person with reservation

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

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

CALL 360-705-3767 to reserve and to alert of special dining needs or sensitivities.

Social Hour: 6 p.m. Dinner: 7 p.m. Meeting: 8 p.m.

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