



OLYMPIA YACHT CLUB

May 2020



Commodore

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



Ahoy OYC!

So we've been on lock down going on six weeks. Our little powerboat is spit shined washed, cleaned, painted outdrive, and ready to splash. Cygnat our sailboat needs a spring cleaning, but because of the shelter in place order, we haven't been down to the club in

a while. One of the nice things, is that our house is really clean, and the yard is mowed. The past five years we've spent much of our time doing OYC activities. That being said, I'm really impressed with our club's management, both the board and the bridge keeping it going during this interesting time. Between Zoom, Google Hang out and Go to Meetings, we've been meeting regularly. Though we can't meet face to face, we can still get business done.

As you all know by now, we've canceled all of May's club events. We'll see about June's dinner meeting at the Board/Business Meeting May 13th. As we are unsure of June, we just wanted everyone to know that we might be doing a virtual change of watch as scheduled on June 3rd. We'll have the actual Change of Watch ceremony at the September Dinner meeting. This way we have continuity of leadership. We hope that our world will be back to the new normal by then. The incoming Bridge has a couple of welcome back to the club events being scheduled for this summer. VC Mitch and RC Danny have been up to no good planning a couple of fun summer events. Should be a lot of fun.

I just wanted to take a moment to thank the people stepping up to run for open positions on the bridge, board and committee chairs. We'll get your name on the ballot. I'm really excited by the quality of people stepping up. There are two spots still open on the Board of Trustees. If you're interested in serving, please contact IPC Marty Graf or let me know. I

know that OYC will be left in great hands. I'm excited for the future of the club. Another person who I wanted to take a moment to thank is Holli Howatson. She has been working tirelessly at bringing our club into the 21st century. Because of her, we are now able to one button pay our monthly statements, receive everything electronically. Soon we'll be able to sign up for events through our website. She has spent a tremendous amount of time and energy to get this done. I'd say that she is about halfway done. I'm very pleased with the quality of the work Holli been doing. Thanks Holli!

I'd like to take a moment to promote the electronic statements and bill pay. Two reasons, one is that it's fast and very safe. I've been paying my bills electronically for years and never had a problem. The other reason is that it's cost a lot of money sending our statements/bills through the mail. Not to mention that health risk we put Holli in opening all our mail. I know some people like to have paper in their hand when reading the Beachcomber. But most of us read it when it's posted online. I know I do. I have a stack of unopened Beachcombers in my office. So, in an effort to save time and money, if you haven't already, I suggest that you please go paperless. You just send Holli an email and she'll help you set it up.

During these challenging times, please stay safe. Remember that you are responsible for your health and welfare. If you are fearful of something happening at the club or on the island, please stay home. We'll send out the all clear message as soon as we receive it. Until then, practice the safeguards set in place by local and federal governments. Stay home and stay safe.

Sea Ya! On the water soon!

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!

Well here we are, still in the midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic. I hope everyone has been blessed with good health and is finding new and unique ways to practice social distancing. When I returned

home from work one evening this past week and we began our "new normal" I had to sit back and wonder how we got here. I had a Zoom meeting going with the Everett Yacht Club on my iPad, a Google Meeting going with our very own OYC BOT on my laptop and a phone conference going with work on my iPhone.....and at the same time AnneMarie had a Yoga class going via Zoom on her iPad. This just proves that although we are all socially isolated, we are hardly alone. I'm sure one day there will be a plethora of movies and documentaries about these times we are going through.

It is sad that we've all had to miss so many great boating events and social gatherings. I'm sure we all realize how important adhering to the directives has been thus far. That said, our club does have to continue to conduct the business of the club. Our Board of Trustees and Bridge have had numerous conversations and meetings addressing the challenges we are currently faced with. I am sure the appropriate leads will have addressed many of them by the time this Beachcomber is published. I would only ask that we all remain patient and maintain understanding that all decisions have been thoroughly considered and executed with the best intentions for our club in mind at all times.

I'm sure you've all been informed of the multitude of club function and meeting cancellations. This makes me very sad but it has afforded me some time to contemplate what the rest of our club's summer might look like. I've been chewing on many ideas which are tough to make definitive plans for. As the next month or two unfolds keep an eye out for your Beachcomber and email blasts.

See You on the Dinghy Soon,

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!

What an interesting past couple of months it has been. Whoever said we live in interesting times had no clue what it means in Spring 2020. For the Wrye's, it means very little TV news watching; a lot of "planning" of future projects; a

lot of walks on the road or beach; "mind-numbing" jigsaw puzzles; reading; and old Charlie Chan movies. Surprising, we can't be said to be bored. Maybe the reason why is that we are thankful for what we have and that our family is well. We wish the same to each of our OYC family members!

In this month, since we have no Club activities, I would like to offer the following poem. While it was written to represent the English Channel, in your mind's eye, insert the shores of Budd, Eld, Totten or Henderson inlets. And as to the "ignorant armies" that are the subject of our struggle and flight, we, too, understand as we social distance ourselves.....Take care!

*The sea is calm tonight.
The tide is full, the moon lies fair
Upon the straits; on the French coast the light
Gleams and is gone; the cliffs of England stand,
Glimmering and vast, out in the tranquil bay....
Ah, love, let us be true
To one another! for the world, which seems
To lie before us like a land of dreams,
So various, so beautiful, so new,
Hath really neither joy, nor love, nor light,
Nor certitude, nor peace, nor help for pain;
And we are here as on a darkling plain
Swept with confused alarms of struggle and
flight,
Where ignorant armies clash by night.*

Matthew Arnold's "Dover Beach" (1867)

Thank you for the opportunity to serve and represent OYC! See you on the water or on the docks (sooner or later!)

Rear Commodore
Danny and Jackie Wrye
MV Sea Chalet



Fleet Captain Power

Captain Craig Brown
First Mate Deb Brown
M/V Winsome



Hello Everyone

We hope you are all coping with this health crisis ok. We were of course disappointed to cancel our joint cruise and opening day events. We've all read about and seen documentaries of global pandemics that

have occurred in history, and it's a strange and humbling experience to go through it ourselves now.

We all are certainly doing our part to avoid groups and following guidelines to stop the spread so we can get back to normal as soon as we can.

Ours hearts go out to everyone who's health and jobs are impacted by this. Deb and I are donating even more to the food bank and other charities as the growing number of people out of work is putting tremendous pressure on them.

We are very grateful to our healthcare community who put themselves at risk to help others, and those that are dealing with large numbers of people providing us access to food, medicine and supplies.

Boating may be a bit far from our minds during this crisis, but when we get through all of this, I think recreation and getting out among our fellow club members and our community will feel more special and fulfilling than ever.

Hope to see you soon,

FCP Craig and Deb Brown
M/V Winsome

Because the pandemic has created such change in our cruising plans, I thought I'd provide some updates that I have received. I would encourage all members to send in any information that they have discovered next month. (JG—Ed.)

From Roche Harbor YC FCP Dennis McCrea:

Ahoy fellow club members,

I just want to give you a quick update as to the status of cruising effective April 19, 2020.

San Juan Island (county) marina's are closed (Roche, Friday Harbor) but still are available for fueling.

Kingston remains closed for fuel and moorage. Dock Street is available, but no line handling is available.

The majority of the reciprocal slips from other Yacht Clubs remain closed - so don't count on being able to use while cruising.

Call ahead to any marina you are considering to visit to find out the status of fuel and moorage availability. Anchoring out is an option and you may have to dinghy into shore because some marina's and public docks are closed to any arrivals to the docks.

The Canadian Border Patrol and US Customs announced today (Saturday April 18th) that the Canadian Border remains closed to recreational boat traffic at least until the 15th of next month (May) and will probably be extended again. Failure to follow the closure rules may subject the boat to be seized and impounded, and fines issued. Also any passengers may be subject to mandatory 14 day quarantine.

From Waggoner Cruising Guide:

Visit our website at <https://waggonerguide.com/covid-19> and check out the table, which is being updated on a regular basis and shows the open/closed, or open with limited services, status of major marinas and facilities. You will find three separate tabs for each cruising region.



Fleet Captain Sail

Captain Mike Glowrylow
First Mate Esther Baker
S/V Sassy



The USS Olympia lives on



When I look at OYC's detailed model of the U.S.S. Olympia (the pocket cruiser, not the submarine), I think of a visit I made through the ship, which is moored in Philadelphia as part of the Independence Seaport Museum. Launched in 1892, Olympia (C-6) is the oldest steel warship afloat in the world.

The ship was closed to tours when I came by, but fortunately a volunteer working on the deck let me go through the ship, which became famous during the Spanish-American War of 1898. It was the flagship of Commodore George Dewey at the Battle of Manila Bay. Dewey uttered the famous quote, "You may fire when you are ready Gridley" to the ship's captain. The Spanish fleet and shore batteries were dispatched with little damage to the American fleet.

The ship subsequently had a long career, being decommissioned and recommissioned several times, serving during World War I and afterwards and finally bringing back the body of the unknown soldier for interment in the Arlington National Cemetery. She was decommissioned for the last time in Philadelphia in 1922. Several web sites have detailed information on the ship's career, including Wikipedia, the Naval Historical Foundation, and of course the museum web site, <https://www.phillyseaport.org/olympia>.

Not surprisingly, it has become increasingly difficult to maintain the ship as its hull rusts away and grew so thin in places that sections had to be replaced while in the river using unique cofferdams, and drydock work is urgently needed, adequate funds being an obstacle.

What impressed me the most is the admiral and captain's quarters which were large and nicely furnished, with couches, nice paneling and other peacetime amenities if memory serves me correctly. I did take pictures of the interior but I have been unable to find them, darn it. Anyway, the most interesting part was the presence of cannons jutting out the sides of the hull in the admiral and captain quarters on port and starboard, respectively.

If you are ever in Philadelphia, I encourage you to plan a visit and while you are there visit the U.S.S. New Jersey across the river. I didn't get to visit it, but will do so the next time I'm in town.

Olympia's captain, "You may fire when you are ready, Gridley".

FSC Mike Gowrylow and Esther Baker
SV Sassy

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Website: www.olympiayachtclub.org



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Board of Trustees

Bob VanSchoorl, Chair

M/V Amstel Maru



The Board of Trustees met on April 8 via Zoom. Several Bridge members and committee chairs joined us. The BOT dealt primarily with the impacts on OYC and its members from the COVID-19 pandemic and the annual nomination of officers. You should have received an email on the closures listed below and notice of the election of officers.

The Board and Bridge remain engaged in protecting the OYC members. We will be updating actions related to the COVID-19 as is necessary and prudent.

COVID-19 Impacts

All scheduled activities for the month of May are cancelled. These include:

Dinner meeting, Lunch Bunch, TGIF

Opening Day

Safety and Environmental Day

OYC Swap Meet

Island Home Spring Cleaning

Memorial Day Cruise

All in-person committee meetings

The June dinner meeting on June 3 will remain on the schedule. The BOT will consider whether to have the dinner meeting during our May BOT meeting.

The clubhouses at the Main Station and Island Home remain closed except for essential business. At the Main Station, members are encouraged to utilize the outside restroom unless it is occupied. The ice stations at both facilities are also closed. The reciprocal dock is closed.



OYC is also offering to defer dues for members facing significant hardships. If you are in serious need of assistance contact OYC at olympiayachtclub@comcast.net. The program is a 3-month deferral only.

Nominations

By the time that you read this you will have received a notice of a vote-by-mail process for electing our 2020-21 Club officers. And you will have received an update list of the nominees. You will receive your ballot soon. In addition, write-in votes will be accepted.

The nominees are:

Commodore – Jesse Mitchell

Vice Commodore – Danny Wyre

Rear Commodore – Judy Setina

Fleet Captain Power – Kay Stormer

Fleet Captain Sail - Lenora Tanaka

Board #1 - TBD

Board #2 - TBD

Be safe and healthy and maintain your social distances.

The Board of Trustees will meet on May 13 at 6:00 p.m., likely on Zoom.

Vote by Mail Timeline

The Olympia Yacht Club Board and Bridge voted to conduct the election of officers for the 2020-21 year by mail-in ballot. The timeline is:

Date	Required Action	Lead	Note
17-Apr	Publish Timeline	BOT/Chair	Send group Email to members; provide to Beachcomber
30-Apr	Nominations Close	Nominating Committee	
1-May	Announce nominees to OYC members via email of nominations	Nominating Committee	Include election timeline
3-May	Nominees provide biographical article	Nominating Committee; Nominees; Web Master	Nominating Committee notify nominees of opportunity to provide brief biographical info to be published on OYC website; include picture if possible
4-May	Print ballots/ envelopes	Office Manager/ Nominating Committee	Ballots randomly numbered to ensure one vote per member; identifiable return envelope
6-May	Mail Ballots	Nominating Committee	
22-May	Last Day to return ballots	Members	
27-May	Count returned ballots	Nominating Committee	Notify successful candidates; Announce successful candidates via email
10-Jun	Swearing in/ change of watch (informal)	Bridge	
2-Sep	Formal change of watch	Bridge	

If you have questions, please contact the Chair, Nominating Committee, Marty Graf, at Mgra490@yahoo.com or 360 951 7202 or Board Chair, Bob Van Schoorl at bvanschoorl@comcast.net or 360 789 8810.

TGIF

Thank God it's Friday!

Cancelled this month

March 27, 2020

Drinks and Socializing 5:30 pm
 Pizza etc..... 6:00 pm

\$6/person

No reservations required

Lunch Bunch Returns

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Cancelled until further notice



Join the Lunch Bunch for a fabulous Irish luncheon.

We will have Guinness stew on a bed of creamy 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

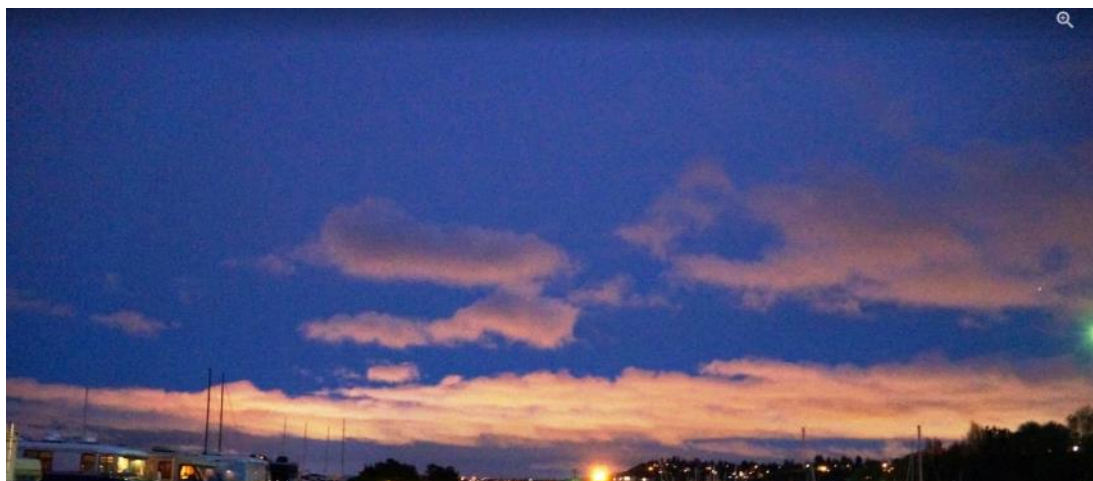
Sunshine Committee

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.



Potpourri - Submitted by PC Jim Shearer

From: Commanding Officer, USCGC Swift Sure (WMWC 327)

To: Commander First Coast Guard District Dear Admiral,

It is with regret and haste that I write this letter to you, regret that such a small misunderstanding could lead to the following circumstances, and haste, in order that you will get this report before you form your own preconceived opinions from reports in the world press, for I am sure that they will tend to overdramatize the affair.

As you know while visiting foreign ports on our present cadet cruise the port regulations require that we utilize a pilot and tug assistance. We had just picked up the pilot, and a cadet had returned from changing the "G" flag for the "H", and being his first cruise, was having difficulty in rolling in the 'G' flag. I therefore proceeded to show him how, coming to the last part I told him to 'let go'. The lad, although willing is, not too bright, necessitating my having to repeat the order in a sharper tone. LET GO!

At this moment the executive officer appeared from the chart room, having been plotting the vessel's progress and thinking that it was the anchors that we were referring to, repeated the "LET GO" to the first lieutenant on the forecastle. The port anchor, having been cleared away but not walked out, was promptly let go. The effect of letting the anchor drop from the 'pipe' while the vessel was proceeding at full harbor speed proved too much for the windless brake and the entire length of the port cable was pulled out 'by the roots'. I fear that damage to the chain locker may be extensive. The braking effect of the port anchor naturally caused the vessel to sheer in that direction, right towards the swing bridge that spans a tributary to the river up which we were proceeding.

The swing bridge operator showed great presence of mind by opening the bridge for my vessel. Unfortunately, he did not think to stop the vehicle traffic. The result being that the bridge partly opened and deposited a Volkswagen, two cyclists, and a cattle truck on the foredeck just forward of the 5" gun mount. My ships company are at present rounding up the contents of the truck, which from the noises I would say were pigs. In his effort to stop the progress of the vessel the first lieutenant then dropped the starboard anchor, too late to be of practical use for it fell on the swing bridge operator's control station.

After the port anchor was let go and the vessel started to sheer I gave a double ring full astern on the engine room telegraph and personally called the engine room to order maximum astern revolutions. I was informed that the sea temperature was 53 degrees and asked if there was a film tonight! My reply would not add constructively to this report.

Up to now I have confined my report to the activities at the forward end of my vessel - back aft, they were having their own problems. At the moment the port anchor was let go, the operations officer was supervising the making fast of the aft tug, and was lowering the ship's towing hawser down onto the tug.

The sudden braking effect on the port anchor caused the tug to 'run in under' the stern of my vessel, just at the moment when the propellers are answering my double ring full astern. The prompt action of the operations officer in securing the inboard end of the towing hawser delayed the sinking of the tug by some minutes thereby allowing the safe abandoning of that vessel.

It is strange, but at the very same moment of letting go the port anchor there was a massive power outage ashore. The fact that we were passing over a 'cable area' at that time may suggest that we may have touched something on the riverbed. It is perhaps lucky that the high-tension cables brought down by the foremast were not live, possibly being replaced by the underwater cable. But owing to the shore blackout it is impossible to say where the high-tension towers fell.

It never fails to amaze me, the action and behavior of foreigners during moments of minor crisis. The pilot for instance is at this moment huddled in the corner of my cabin, alternatively crooning to himself and crying after having consumed a bottle of gin in a time that is worthy of inclusion in the Guinness book of records. The tug captain on the other hand reacted violently and had to be forcibly restrained by the hospital corpsman, who has him hand cuffed in the ship's sick bay where he is telling me to do impossible things with my ship and my person.

I enclose the names and addresses of the drivers and insurance companies of the vehicles on my foredeck, which the first lieutenant alertly collected after his somewhat hurried evacuation of the forecastle. These particulars will enable us to claim for the damage that they did to our railings.

I am closing this preliminary report for I am finding it difficult to concentrate with the sound of police sirens and their flashing lights.

It is sad to think that had the cadet realized that there is no need to fly pilot flags after dark, none of this would have happened.

For weekly accountability report I will assign the following casualty numbers T/570101 to T/570199 inclusive.

Very Respectfully, W. T. HATCH CDR, USCG

Quartermaster

Margaret Snyder & Judy Ball, Co-Chairs



May 2020

Since there will not be any dinner meetings in the foreseeable future the Quartermaster will remain closed.

If there is a dire need to **replace a missing burgee**, call Margaret Snyder at 253 219-1876.

Stay safe everyone!

Margaret and Judy

Women's Interclub Council

Kim Shann, Representative



Due to the CORONA VIRUS....and the decision made by OYC, there will not be any Anchorette function, meetings, or any Women's Inter-club gatherings...till further notice. 🙄

**KIMM SHANN
WIC REPRESENTATIVE**

Beachcomber

J Grady editor



Club members, as I complete my second month of being the Beachcomber editor, I'd like to recognize the team of people that Gary Wilson put together to do the Beachcomber development:

**Matt Herinckx— production
Rick Taylor— set up
Gretchen Robinson— 1st draft
Gary Wilson—editor emeritus**

They make my job much easier. However, we could use a few more folks to cover for vacations and the occasional personal emergencies. Gary has put together fantastic documentation and I can help train. Anyone with MS Word familiarity can help and you don't have to get down on your knees to get CSP hours.

Please drop me a note if you are interested to oycbeachcomber@gmail.com.

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Thank you,
J Grady
Beachcomber Editor



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Budget and Finance

Gary Ball, Chair



From the office (a subsidiary report of the Finance Committee):

We are still focused pretty intently on improving the movement of money to and from the Club. We now have 110 members (out of 264 paying memberships) who are receiving emailed invoices. Of those, approximately 70% are paying electronically and of those, nearly all are using the ACH (Automated Clearing House) function. While it is possible to pay with a credit card, the 3% charge we have to add to an invoice is a lot of money so should be considered carefully.

What is ACH? It is a batch processing system in which financial institutions accumulate ACH transactions throughout the day for later batch processing. Instead of using paper to carry necessary transaction information, like with checks, ACH Network transactions are transmitted electronically, allowing for faster processing times and cost savings. The ACH Network processes two types of transactions: Direct Deposits via ACH (like payroll, government benefits, tax refunds) and Direct Payments via ACH to make payments, either as an ACH credit ('push') or ACH debit ('pull'). There is a difference between these types of payments:

An ACH debit **pulls** funds from an account. An example of this is when a consumer establishes a recurring monthly payment for a mortgage or utility bill, and his/her account is debited automatically. An ACH credit **pushes** funds into an account. An example of this is when a consumer initiates a payment

through his/her bank or credit union to pay a bill.

OYC uses only the credit, or push, form of payments. Each payment by a member requires that member to – literally – push the button to send a specific sum of money through their bank to OYC's bank. Once the payment is made, an email comes to me letting me know the payment has been made and it is credited to the member's account. You can read more about the ACH process at <https://www.nacha.org/content/what-is-ach>

ACH is something to which all banking institutions belong. OYC was required to go through a screening process and complete documentation in order to be able to use it for our online payment processing. Members do not need to initiate any action with their bank or take any action other than to press the button that says "View and Pay Invoice," complete your banking information (which otherwise would appear on a paper check), and click "Pay \$xxxx."

Some members believe that sending payments via their bank's bill-pay system is just as efficient. It isn't, at least not on this end. It requires the mailing of a paper check to OYC that must first be retrieved (currently requiring a mask and gloves), then opened, hand coded into Quickbooks, endorsed, scanned, made part of a deposit slip, and taken to the bank (again in mask and gloves). It would be great if this could be eliminated in time for prime boating season so I don't have to come back to port to process checks.

I'm happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you. Holli Howatson Office Manager 206-979-3541

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.

The Clubhouse Committee is also looking for members. There are a number of areas that members can specialize in. We need a "Linen Manager" and a "Clubhouse Rental Coordinator".

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.

Our April meeting has been cancelled. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 11.

Interim Clubhouse Co-Chairs

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Club Service Program

PC Les Thompson, Chair



Hello everyone. I hope this finds you all safe and well while we are hunkered down. Brian and I are doing well and enjoying all this great sunny Spring weather to get some much needed outside projects done.

As far as CSP goes of course as we all know there is not much going on at the club with zero social events and most committee meetings cancelled. I am sure there are maintenance jobs around the club and IH that members can do in the mean time since the spring cleanup at IH was scrapped. Check with Rob or George

to get some ideas. I will keep you posted of any CSP changes if they occur, but as of now there are no changes to policy.

Stay safe and well and hope we all can get back to some type of normal soon. I may see you on the dock but of course we will keep our social distance.

PC Les Thompson
CSP guru
MV/*EcstaSea*

Fleet Surgeon

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



Free is Always a Good Price!

Any of you who lived near Portland will remember Tom Peterson, the omnipresent late night furniture sales guy who would offer some piece of furniture on sale for \$\$ and then, get this, give you a lamp or whatever for FREE! And then he emphasized, "Free is always a good price!" And so, I looked to find you free substitutes for the CPR, AED, and First Aid courses that the club and I provided for free. Turns out the search for true eleemosynary sites comes at a price – usually ads. Try this one or Google CPR free.

<https://www.learnpronline.net/>

Masks: There are some really good studies out there about the effectiveness of masks to keep infected people from spreading their germs. COVID 19 is a virus and as such is really tiny and a lone virus can easily pass through a mask's fibers, but these virus particles are usually glommed together in mucus droplets and these are filtered out by almost any mask. Hence the CDC's recommendation that sick people wear masks. All those years in surgery, I wore masks to keep my germs from infecting my patients. But wait, it is solid science that people shed virus for about 2 days before they feel sick so now the recommendation is for everyone to wear a mask in public because who knows who is shedding virus. If everyone is covered up, many more are safe. But wait, does anyone believe the healthcare workers we see on TV wearing protective gear are keeping patients from getting the workers' germs? No, of course not, we always wear protective gear when around infective patients for our personal protection and to keep from spreading their germs around. Ideally, we shed all the protective gear after each patient encounter – at least we did in the good old days before shortages. So now you know the medical secret that masks protect you and everyone else. Wear them when you are at the store where 6 feet is ideal, and not always possible. If you are outside and swing 10 feet around others, no need for masks. If you are around people exercising such as runners, give them a lot of room. Maybe 30 feet as they are breathing deeply and potentially spreading more germs. People talking loudly or singing are also projecting their germs.

Last month I recommended Desolation Sound for social isolation. Can't go to Canada now and our marine parks are closed. Not even supposed to drive around the bay. Go down and wax on the boat, if anyone comes close, offer to let them wax also – that should keep them away. My mother always said, "This too shall pass." It will.

Do Your Part. Keep **at least** 6 feet away from others on the dock unless one of you has to walk on water. Don't linger at close quarters. Even better – wear your mask!

Main Station

Bill Hamaker and Jim Howatson, Co-chairs



The reciprocal dock is closed by order of the Board of Trustees.

The main station work continues with work on the grid dock floats and decking as well as the concrete pads being cleaned.



The work boat has been anti fouled and launched and is snug in the caretakers boat house.



We have CSP hours available for individuals to work alone if you want.

Main Station Co-Chairs

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Island Home

Earl Hughes, Chair



While writing this in mid April we are all practicing our social distancing, I'm sure. As a result the Island Home work party was canceled. We hope to have some small work events latter in the year. Mean while George is doing his best to keep everyone safe while you are visiting the Island.. Remember you must also do your part.

Looking forward to a summer of boating fun. See you at the Island.

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Moorage Report

Mark Fleischer, Moorage Master



2020 OYC Moorage Inspections

This being an even year means all even 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 September and hopefully be completed by October 31, 2020. This schedule has been slipped due to issues caused by our present virus conditions.

We will have 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 the completed 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 2019-2020 Directory (pages 151-154) for your review.

Please assist us with this program by closely observing your property and ensuring standards are maintained and vessels are prepared for safe cruising throughout 2020. Thanks for your assistance in implementing this program later than normal, while continuing to maintain established moorage standards within the OYC Marina. If you have any questions please contact me.

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BULLETIN BOARD

CPR CLASS CANCELLED

I am cancelling the CPR course because, even though our numbers are relatively small, the multiple person use of the dummies will be hard to sanitize. Will try to organize again when things stabilize.

Thanks,
Rich Hurst

Hello Beachcomber readers.

Due to the current situation and recommended restrictions on gatherings, we at this time will be postponing the annual Environmental Awareness and Safety Day that was to be held April 25th at the clubhouse. We will re-schedule as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Paul DuPriest

Wanted – Old Sails

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

Call 360-250-1230 Mary Fitzgerald, thanks.



Sailing Education Program

Mary Fitzgerald, Chair



Wading Through Uncharted Waters

Notice I didn't say "sailing" through uncharted waters, as we aren't sailing at all.

The sailing Education Program is still being active but in different ways. All practices, regattas, trainings have been cancelled. Our wonderful coach and Director Sarah has been working hard to get some lessons online for the kids through Zoom or some other computer program...She had over 30 kids try to log into her first lesson and crashed her home internet. But now she has it up and running with a schedule of **lessons AND workouts** for the kids who are as enthusiastic as ever. Some of the lessons she has planned implement the U.S. Sailing STEM program (Science, Technology, engineering and math). They are very informative and exciting = check out the Olympia High School Sailing Website to see what is happening.

Ongoing maintenance and repairs continued up until the stay at home order. Several weeks ago, we were taking two of our baby whalers in for annual maintenance on the Honda engines. When we were exchanging boats onto and off of the trailer at the launch ramp at Swantown I notice some paint scratches on the Baby Blue Whaler... Upon closer inspection, I noticed that large sections of the bottom of the boat hull appears to have been broken out. I have never seen anything like it. Almost as if the boat has been sitting on rocks with a lot of wave action to damage itand Sarah had just motored it over from OYC. The Styrofoam flotation in the boat was visible and kept it afloat. So Kudos to Boston Whaler company as, other boats would have sunk with her in it. So, if and when we get going again for the summer program, we will need another chase boat. The outboard is still good, but does anyone out there have a boat that our 15 hp Honda outboard would fit on? The replacement would have to at least be able to handle the weight of the outboard, so we couldn't use anything small-

er than 14 foot. And it would need to have bottom paint on it. Let us know.

SEP and SOCS

The OYC Sailing Education Program is working closely with SOCS. SOCS (Supporters of Olympia Community Sailing) is a non-profit group that the parents of our sailing team have set up to support our program. They are putting together all types of fund-raising efforts, short and long term for our program. They are applying for grants and taking over several of the fundraisers that the SEP started such as the dinner auction and wreath sales. All profits are funneled into the SEP with an eye at growing the program to reach out to the broader community.

We are fortunate that our team fees have been paid through June for Sarah's salary. No one knows how long the virus will keep us on the shore. If Summer Sailing doesn't go forward, we may be asking for donations to keep our one full time employee, Sarah "engaged". She is currently doing lots of planning for continuing our summer sailing season. The children's sailing classes and adult sailing classes are listed with Oly parks and Rec and we are getting registrations and questions about classes. We realize that Plan A and B may not be enough so we are trying to remain as flexible as possible.

If we were sailors in an earlier era, the chart we would be using right now may show the edge of the known world and we would be tacking into a void and teetering on the brink of falling off the edge. That is where we are now, uncharted waters...BUT what we do know for sure is that we still have boats, we still have enthusiastic sailors (summer classes with Oly Parks and Rec are filling up) and eventually we will have things returning to normal. With that we will be able to get out on the water again, shake off the shack wacky blues and feel the wind blowing as we venture full steam ahead. Stay safe.

Mary Fitzgerald
Sailing Education Program

Environmental Awareness



SEA Day Uncertain

Together with the Safety and Education Committee, your Environmental Awareness team has been busily planning for the 2020 SEA (Safety and Environmental Awareness) Day on April 25. Together with the Department of Ecology, we plan to demonstrate the use of oil containment booms and celebrate the significant recent improvement of our Mainstation facilities for spill mitigation.

We have vendors lined up to show off the latest safety equipment and environmentally-responsible cleaning materials, together with exhibits from Olympia's Estuarium. And as I write this, blissfully ignorant oysters are quietly reposing in our pristine waters awaiting the SEA

day opportunity to tickle your tonsils when washed down with a generous glass of bubbly!

However, a wise and prudent decision of the OYC Board and Bridge has suspended all OYC events and activities until (at least) mid-April. And more recently, the CDC has recommended that no gatherings of 50 people or more be held for the next 8 weeks--that is, until mid-May. As a result, the 2020 SEA Day may well be cancelled or postponed. As we get closer to the event, we will know more and advise the membership through a poster in the clubhouse and an e-mail blast.

Meanwhile, protect your environment (immediate and otherwise) and stay safe!

John Sherman, Chair, OYC Environmental Awareness Committee



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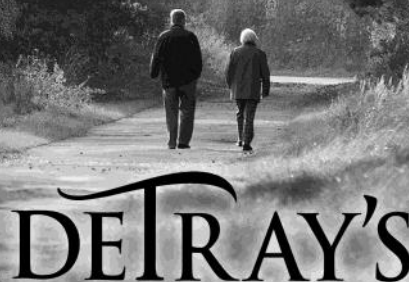
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May 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
		<div>All May activities except board meeting cancelled at this time. Will have more updates next month.</div>			Seattle Opening Day	
					Private Event	
					Spring Cleaning & Flower Planting	
3	4				7	8
Seattle Opening Day	OYC Environmental Awareness Committee Meeting	Bridge M	TGIF	South Sound Opening Day		
10	11	14	15	16		
Mother's Day	Hosting Estuarium School					
	Main Station / Clubhouse Com Mtg	Memoria Planning	Estuarium School Reception for OYC Members			
17	18	21	22	23		
	Hosting Estuarium School		Memorial Day Cruise to Island Home			
24	25	28	29	30		
Memorial Day Cruise to Island Home						
31	1				4	5
	OYC Environmental Awareness Committee Meeting	Bridge M		Specials		

June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	OYC Environmental Awareness Committee Meeting	Bridge Meeting	OYC Change of Watch/Dinner Meeting.	Local Elected Officials Reception		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Main Station / Clubhouse Com Mtg 6:00 PM		Lunch Bunch 11:30 - 12:30	Local Elected Officials Reception		
			Board of Trustees Meeting			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
						Private event
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
					4th of July Cruise to Island Home	

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