



OLYMPIA YACHT CLUB

November 2020



Commodore

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



Ahoy OYC!

Well we had our second dinner meeting on October 7th to which I was in competition with both the Vice Presidential and Washington Governor debates. I don't think I stood a chance but it was very nice to chat and virtually hang out with some of mem-

bers located outside the Pacific North West who would normally not be able to attend a dinner meeting. Being provided a bit of advance warning about these I chose to host the meeting from home. I even managed to buy a new US Flag for this and the pledge of allegiance which PC Mike Phillips led at the correct agenda point this time. I believe a few of us are still suffering from the technical challenges with this whole virtual thing.

For the next dinner meeting on November 4th I will strive to send more email blasts with the dinner link. In fact, I've already created the Zoom meeting and here's the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3329528881>. I do realize this is the day after the Presidential Election and hope there will be nothing happening in the news to push me to second or third fiddle again.

The virtual Oktoberfest was an overwhelming success, the efforts our membership and Fleet Captain Power Kristalene Stormer put into this was nothing less than outstanding and all the creative food photos on the OYC Facebook page looked wayyyyyyyyyy delicious!

Being a part of the Board Of Trustees has been very

exciting for me and a challenge for all of us. In particular Secretary Melissa Ashcraft and Treasurer Holli Howatson have been pushing the business of the club into the future. We now have a mechanism for online voting, payments and many other processes. Also, we have gained quite a few new members of the past few months. I look forward to having a mass swearing in ceremony at our next in person dinner meeting, fingers crossed we get to the point we can do this sooner rather than later.

The other business item I'd like to inform you about is the status of the Sea Scouts. After much work and conferring with the Community and Government Affairs Committee the Board of Trustees voted to rescind our offer to host their program to which I am very disappointed. I very much believed in this program and had high hopes of having another mechanism to bring in more youth to our club. It boiled down to us not being able to find a way to execute this in a manner that would be within the limits of our by-laws.....anyone up for a re-write?

On the good news front Meg VanSchoorl has stepped up to Chair the CGAC, I'm sure she will excel at this and the CGAC will do nothing but thrive under her tenure.

I am typing this article on the very date that would have been the OYC Commodore's Ball. This is just another reminder of all the fun social events we have lost and continue to lose due to COVID-19. Our club is officially closed through the end of the year but your Bridge has come up with some new ideas which I'll briefly mention here. First, I tried to come up with a way to have the Lighted Ships Pa-

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Vice Commodore

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



Greetings OYCers!

I write this article for the November Beachcomber as the winds howl outside and rain pelts the windows. A quick look at the calendar reminds me of that famous

Columbus Day Storm back in 1962, almost 58 years to the day. And, yes, I do indeed remember it! Thankfully, Jackie and I did a weather check before leaving for Island Home yesterday and decided to stay in Olympia! Ain't weather and wind aps great?!

Moving to something a bit more peaceful, I found the following poem that I would like to share with you.

Vice Commodore Danny and Jackie Wrye

MV Sea Chalet

SAM

*When Sam goes back in memory, It is to where the sea
Breaks on the shingle, emerald-green In white foam, endlessly;
He says—with small brown eye on mine— "I used to keep awake,
And lean from my window in the moon, Watching those billows break.*

*And half a million tiny hands, and eyes, like sparks of frost,
Would dance and come tumbling into the moon, On every breaker tossed.
And all across from star to star, I've seen the watery sea,
With not a single ship in sight, Just ocean there, and me;*

*And heard my father snore... And once, As sure as I'm alive,
Out of those wallowing, moon-flecked waves I saw a mermaid dive;
Head and shoulder above the wave, Plain as now I see you.
Combing her hair, now back, now front, Her two eyes peeping through;*

*Calling me, SAM!—quietlike—SAM!... But me... I never went,
Making believe I kind of thought 'Twas someone else she meant...
Wonderful lovely there she sat, Singing the night away,
All in the solitudinous sea Of that there lonely bay."*

*"P'raps," and he'd smooth his hairless mouth, "P'raps, if 'twere now, my son,
P'raps, if I heard a voice say, SAM!... Morning would find me gone."*

Walter De La Mare (1873-1956)

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rade (even thought about doing the 2 nights as used to be the practice). With consultation of the BOT, Fleet Surgeon and membership input it was decided this could not be accomplished within all social distancing guidelines. At the same time we have been in discussions with Masonry Café and are currently planning to have some type of drive through Christmas event. VC Danny Wrye is deep in the planning

and more information will be coming out. I've also started planning to conduct our January Dinner Meeting in a similar fashion, the BOT approved the purchase of an FM transmitter (similar to drive-in theaters) for use in these events....more to follow, "Adapt and Overcome!"

See You on the Dinghy Soon,

Commodore Mitch and First Mate Anne Marie



Rear Commodore

Captain Judy Setina
First Mate Chris Welch
M/V *Andiamo*



Happy Fall OYC'ers

Fall is quickly passing by and the holidays are nearly here! November, is known as a special time for thankfulness. Giving thanks for all of our blessings, our families and our friends. Also,

for being so thankful that the unexpected challenges of 2020 will soon pass and we will start a new brighter 2021.

On a happy note, your Bridge has been working very hard to find fun things to do to keep us together. Octoberfest and Halloween and now we are looking forward to having more fun events.

Ok, so let's get creative! Your Bridge is planning to have a "Drive Thru" Dinner Meeting soon! We have a great caterer with a catering truck, so let's use it! Our members will be able to "Drive Thru" our OYC parking lot and pick up our boxed dinners of Masonry Café's Famous Pot Roast.

After picking up our boxed dinners, more fun, we can either stay in our cars, go down to our boats or we can go to our homes to enjoy our meals. We will be broadcasting the dinner meeting over both an FM radio channel and also on Zoom. If you are not already on the permanent dinner list, please call our Reservation Hotline at 360-705-3767, to reserve your meal. Stay tuned, we will have more information coming soon!

For now, our Monthly "Zoom" Dinner Meetings will continue to be held at 6:00 pm, on the first Wednesday of each month. I have to admit that the last October Dinner meeting was a little bit of a bomb! Even though we are all totally awesome, who could compete with the Presidential Debate?

Please join us at the Dinner Meetings, it's a really a great way to keep in touch and enjoy our club members. Watch for your email with our monthly OYC "Zoom" link.

Your Bridge is continuing to look forward to planning more Fun Future Events!

See you all out on the Water, Docks, Parking Lot or on "Zoom".

Rear Commodore Judy Setina
Captain Chris Welch
M/V *Andiamo*



"Oscar" a cat that served on 3 warships, one German, two British, all sank in action. The cat survived each sinking, floating away on wooden planks to rescue. The cat was known as "Unsinkable Sam".

One of the most famous cats of WWII was originally named Oscar but ended up named Unsinkable Sam.

He was of only 116 survivors of the German pocket battleship *Bismarck* finding a new home in the British ship *HMS Cossack*. The *Cossack* went down five months later but Oscar made it to Gibraltar and joined *HMS Ark Royal*.

Ark Royal was torpedoed within a couple months and again Oscar, now Unsinkable Sam, survived.

Superstitious sailors assigned Unsinkable Sam to shore duty in Gibraltar for the duration. He retired in chasing mice in the Home for Sailors in the UK after the war.

You can see his picture in the British National Maritime Museum, Greenwich.



Fleet Captain Sail

Captain Lenora Tanaka
M/V SEA LIFE



Hello to all my fellow members and friends:

I hope you are all enjoying your time on the water and on land. I have been busy with the preparation for our big Halloween event

coming in just a few short weeks. The awards and trophies have been ordered and I promise you they are absolutely worth competing for. I am looking forward to seeing the pumpkins, decorated boats and costumes on the docks. So please set a few hours aside and make this Halloween one to remember at OYC.

A huge shout out to Robert, our main station caretaker, for adding the Halloween lights and decorations to the main walkway thru the gate. Please be sure to thank him, when you see him, for giving us a more festive and fun environment in all the hum drum COVID times we are experiencing. No doubt about it, I am all for fun and good spirit.

As I promised, I was going to update you on the USCG Masters Captain License Course I completed last month. It was a good experience and I am so glad I did it. I recommend everyone do it when the busy schedule of life allows.

The course is 7 days for a six pack. After submitting an application, fee (\$900.00), and your hours behind the helm log... you must pass a physical & drug screen. You must also obtain a First Aid/CPR card and a TWIC card. On the last day, you take four final exams in each category (Charting, Navigation, Rules of the Road, and Deck General, which includes tying critical knots). Upon completion, the license allows up to 6 paying passengers to board your vessel.

Then 2 additional days for the Master Captain's License (which allows 12 paying passengers and a host of other things, like an FCC Radio License and Towing endorsement).

It was not only an eye-opening experience, but It really teaches very useful and even critical information needed. At any level, when piloting a vessel on the water, which includes dinghies, kayaks, and canoes. The "Stand on" and "Give way" Vessel is the new terminology (changed 10 years ago) from the "Right of Way" we used to know. The saying goes, "Turn to Port, Go to Court." If unsure, each vessel should al-

ways turn to Starboard, hence pulling apart rather than into each other. In the end, it is about safety first on the water, so we all arrive back to port happy.

A great find I recently had at the Orlando Airport, that I can recommend with enthusiasm, is a book titled The Salish Sea, Jewel of the Pacific Northwest by Audrey DeLella Benedict, Cloud Ridge Naturalists & Joseph Gaydos, SeaDoc Society (ADB, CRN, & JG). It is obvious they poured their heart and soul into this true gem. Besides the stunning color photos throughout, I was so excited to find out the history of our backyard.

I already knew the Salish Sea encompasses 3 bodies of water: The Strait of Juan de Fuca, the Puget Sound, and the Strait of Georgia. What I didn't know is how the Strait of San Juan de Fuca got its name. Do you know? Well, for those of you who don't, and being the Fleet Captain Sail, I was proud to learn it was named after the sailor who discovered it. Of course, isn't that always the story?

Well this one is different. After "Juan de Fuca's orders from the Spanish crown were explicit-finish the charting of the Pacific coastline north of Mexico....the Greek-born pilot and mariner sailed a lateen-rigged caravel, which was the fastest and best sailing vessel of its day in 1592, with a unique sailing design that allowed It to head into the wind with a shallow keel that made it highly maneuverable in coastal waters." (ADB, CRN, & JG). As most names come as quick as the discovery, this one did not. It took two centuries for the Strait of Juan de Fuca to be named by its first and rightful exploring sailor, Juan de Fuca. A story I have only brushed upon, but a very interesting read for sure.

I wish you all the best as we roll into the holiday season. Thanksgiving is always a time of year I feel even more blessed to have all of you, my OYC family. May it be fun and memorable for each of you. In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you all on the docks soon.

Happy Cruising,

Fleet Captain Sail Lenora Tanaka

MV Sea Life



Fleet Captain Power

Captain Ron Stormer
First Mate Kristalene Stormer
M/V Rendezvous Deux



(no report)

Junior Membership

Lenora Tanaka chair



The committee just had its 3rd zoom meeting, Sunday October 4th at 4pm.

It was very productive and with 2 meetings a month, things are moving along at a quick pace.

We are planning to get the final write-up and submission to the Board for approval by the December meeting. If all goes well, we hope to launch the new plan early January 2021.

Our next Zoom meeting is Sunday October 25th at 3pm.

I want to thank everyone who has been so supportive in this exciting and worthwhile endeavor. These kids deserve a great opportunity and our club needs them.

They are, without a doubt, our future growth and success. We must do everything we can to nurture that.

Thank you again,
Lenora Tanaka, Chair
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Board of Trustees

Bill Wilmovsky, Chair
M/V True North



The leaves are falling, and the wind is blowing. It must be October in Washington. Olympia Yacht Club is preparing for the change of seasons.

You will see that we are hard at work on the entrance to the docks. Having reviewed it while it was in the process of deconstruction, it was necessary. The amount of rot in the

beam area was extensive. I am sure the new entry will be a great improvement and much safer. We apologize for the temporary inconvenience.

The board has decided to pay off the remaining loans to our members who so generously provided funds for the new parking lot. We have the opportunity to pay off these loans from our operating account. The pay off will give us \$16,000 in savings to the club over two years. The board wishes to thank all of the members who so generously stepped up to help the club.

It is with regret that I must inform you that we have expelled a member. Mr. Bruce Andrews was expelled from OYC for repeated violations of the rule 3b in the moorage agreement. This is not a step the board takes without regret, but repeated violations

must have consequences.

Social members who have also achieved Life Membership status will now notice some changes. We will begin to charge these members a portion of the assessment charge that all other members pay. In November, these members will be charged 25% of the current assessment charge. These members will still be responsible for ten hours of CSP unless they have reached the age of 85. Then, the CSP expectation shall be five hours per year.

On a brighter note, we would like to welcome two new members to the OYC family. The new members are Shawn and Peta Hoonam and Bob and Diana Bergland. Shawn is the brother of longtime member, Brian Hoonan. The Bergland's are previously demitted members who have come back to us.

We need a new Clubhouse Committee Chair. The duties include the scheduling of the Clubhouse, equipment upkeep and replacement, and rental oversight. Please consider this position. It is a commitment to the smooth operation of your Club.

Thank you,
Bill Wilmovsky
Go Dawgs!



This is about our money:

Generally speaking, each membership type pays either dues, reserves and moorage; or reserves and moorage; or just reserves; or just dues; and every membership type either works or pays for their CSP hour requirement (except for Cruising Members who are not required to work CSP hours or pay reserves). We collect these amounts from all of us and sort them into either our operations account or our reserve account, with dues and moorage going to operations, and reserves, CSP and initiation fees going to the reserve account.

Since purchasing the two parcels that make up the LLC parking lot, we have been paying the annual loan amount each year out of our reserves. We have also been paying many of our capital expenses out of reserves, making it difficult for our reserves to grow at the rate that will be required to fund significant capital expenses in the coming years (i.e., dock replacements). It seemed we could do better for ourselves.

At the October 14 Board of Trustees meeting the Board agreed that instead of continuing to take money out of our reserves we instead look to our operations accounts to fund expenses, capital or otherwise. Part of this proposal includes paying off the LLC loans by December 1 which would save the Club about \$16,000 in interest payments. Paying off the loans out of our operations account would leave adequate funding (and we invoice ourselves every month), and allow us not only to hold on to what we have in reserves today but, along with paying other capital expenses out of operations, our reserves

would also start to grow at an accelerated rate.

This is about our members:

Members who are continuous Active Members for 20 or more years, and who have attained the age of 65, may apply to the Board for Life Member status which conveys on them not only the honorific of "Life Member" but allows them to stop paying dues, though all other requirements and benefits of Active Membership remain. For the last eight to ten years, our Life Members who no longer have a boat, upon application to the Board have been granted a status not named in our Bylaws: Social Life Member. This designation allows Social Life members to remain members of OYC without paying anything, but they also couldn't run for office or be a Committee Chairperson, and sometimes couldn't vote and sometimes had a CSP requirement, and sometimes not.

At the October Board meeting, it was proposed and adopted that Life Members without a boat will: a) pay 25% of our then-current reserve assessment (\$24.32 per month today); b) have the same CSP requirement as Social Members (10 hours for a two-person membership and 5 hours for a solo membership); c) simply be called Life Members; and d) have all of the privileges of Life Members with boats.

I hope that by the time the Beachcomber is published, I will have had an opportunity to contact each of the currently designated "Social Life" members and let them know of this change. While it is possible that one or more of them will choose to demit rather than to pay the 25% reserve assessment, I'm hopeful that they will see the value in this change and remain with OYC for the rest of their lives.



Those ochre sea stars found from northern California to British Columbia (including our own Island Home) come in three colors and science doesn't know why. Studies by various universities find some evidence that diet does it: eat mostly barnacles and you turn purple. Eat more mollusks and you go brown or orange. Other scientists are trying to link sunlight or salinity to color.

Purple seems to be the "go to" color. When an orange star loses an arm, it often grows back purple.

Main Station

Bill Hamaker and Jim Howatson, Co-chairs



We all know that Robert will try to help anyone in need, but also remember that he is employed by OYC to perform specific tasks under the direction of the Main Station Committee, and is not a man Friday for members. The caretaker is not the quartermaster or any other position that has a board or committee in place to handle specific tasks, so please use your member directory to find the correct committee chairman if you need something or are having problems.

If you find anything at the main station that needs repair or attention, please direct all concerns to the Co-Chairs Bill Hamaker or Jim Howatson. On another note, please don't bother the BOT before contacting the Co-Chairs first. There is a chain-of-command procedure in place and it should be followed. If your concern is not addressed to your satisfaction within a reasonable period of time and follow-up, then and only then should you go to the BOT.

We have had a couple of incidents where trailers have been left overnight in the main parking lot in violation of club rules. In the future, if we can't get in contact with the owner, we will start towing them, as well as vehicles without a club sticker displayed. We have also been placing notices under windshield wipers on illegally parked vehicles in the LLC parking lot, informing the owner they will be towed if they repeat the practice. Also, for those who don't know, we are now using the gravel parking lot behind Bayview for the sailors class room and therefore that parking area is no longer available to contractors, so the rules will need adjusting and for the time being, contractors are diverted to the LLC parking area.

The dumpster area was cleaned up and is now reorganized so the unit will no longer be emptied on Tuesday, but whenever it needs to be. As an aside, please use the recycle bins provided and remember there is no glass recycling in Olympia. Remember to breakdown cardboard before placing it into the receptacle.

In spite of the temporary lock down in effect, we continue to have maintenance issues around the clubhouse and boat basin. There are many projects that can be worked on by one or two persons and still comply with the parameters established by the Gover-

nor.

You may have noticed that the long awaited boardwalk project has begun, after months of applications to various state and federal agencies we finally succeeded in gathering all the necessary permits. The temporary detour should be removed in 3-4 weeks. For now we are asking all marina traffic to go through the fenced compound and restroom access through the patio gate.



Soon we will be installing a key pad electronic lock on the man gate from the boardwalk to the compound area. It will be a two (2)-sided lock requiring you enter the code coming and going.

Jim Howatson has been working on our annual budget for next year and has included new finger piers for the 600 dock and a new float at the end of the 400 dock. We discussed the possibility of initiating stern ties for the 600 dock to allow more room between boats, but experienced a lot of push back on that one.

The Main Station Committee has been meeting on Thursday mornings at 0900 with Robert and all are welcome to attend. The meeting is generally held outside so social distancing is possible.

Jim and I have started a new program whereas when Robert is off duty we will be taking the work phone calls.

Please contact the Main Station Co-Chairmen, Bill Hamaker (360-481-1879, turbosteam@aol.com) or Jim Howatson (253-318-0547, jrhowatson@gmail.com) for any concerns you may have for the committee.



Why so long?

Got my flu shot already, so why don't we have a COVID shot yet? We hear about a number of reputable companies already in Phase 3 trials and that means they have given their vaccine to about 30,000 people and another 30,000 people have received a placebo. Phase 1 and 2 involve other animals and just a few humans to check for bad reactions. The Phase 3 patients now need to wait a month before they get their booster second shot. About half have received their 2nd dose so not all the data can start accruing.

Remember, this is a vaccine, not a treatment. It is a preventative. In other words, you get the vaccine and then you have to wait to see if it is effective. Unlike animal studies where you can then inoculate them with the disease after vaccination to see if they are now immune, we just have to wait to see. You can't ethically send all those who received injections to a COVID party especially since half of them have not been given the good stuff. So you wait. The incidence of COVID is still pretty low and the chance of infection if you are being careful is pretty low. And so you wait. Eventually, a few who were injected – hopefully from the placebo group – will get the disease and if the immunized don't – aha proof it worked. But wait, almost no vaccine is 100% effective. The flu shot 35-60% depending on the year. We may therefore see COVID in the immunized group - only fewer cases and of less severity. So you wait for the data to come in and be analyzed for statistical significance.

But wait. Safety is paramount. Your vaccine has to be safe. Take the case in England where one of the immunized subjects developed transverse myelitis, a very rare but potentially devastating paralyzing complication that is known to follow viral infections. Since immunization mimics the body's reaction to actual vi-

ral infection, was it due to the vaccine or just a random coincidence? Will there be more? Luckily, the patient is recovering. Safety, safety, wait, wait.

When the data has accrued, the FDA will look it over. Actually, they will scrutinize it with a fine tooth comb. Not like the FAA that delegates to the company, they will look at every case and look for any manipulation of the data that smacks of impropriety. They will put a full court press on to get it done, but expect at least several weeks for that approval. They will not brook any politics in the approval process. None! Nada! Meanwhile, the drug maker will start making hundreds of millions of doses that then have to be distributed around the world and into your healthcare community. Your guess is as good as mine on the timeline even with the military flying the vaccine around. And so you wait.

And we won't know if it lasts 1 year, 2 years or more? Which one will work the best? Are there any hidden side effects that will show up when millions are vaccinated, not just thousands? Will enough people trust the vaccine to get us to "herd immunity?"

POTUS received an *experimental treatment*, not a vaccine for COVID. You can't get it at your local pharmacy. It is a biologic that contains several kinds of monoclonal antibodies designed to lower the number of viral particles and *hopefully* result in a lesser case with no adverse reactions. The government gave Regeneron's manufacturer 400 million dollars to develop it and guaranteed to *buy* all it made. Now they have requested an emergency release for the promising, but not proven, therapy.

I'm a great believer in modern medicine. I have so much confidence, I've even made a fully refundable trip reservation for *next* September! As they say on the infomercials "but wait!"

Club Service Program

PC Les Thompson, Chair



Greetings all! I hope you are all well and doing fine in these trying times. Well here we are at almost the end of the year as far as CSP goes. Credits have been applied to the members accounts and the recent report is posted in the clubhouse. The credit hours have been recorded in the social event column of the report. There is still time for some of you to get hours in before the end of the year. The committees as well as the mainstation and Island home will have projects etc for the opportunity to get some hours in. Social events are being tweaked by the Bridge to allow participation via virtual etc. They will provide the details.

The treasurer will begin billing for this year in January. As of now no changes are being made for CSP in 2021. It will remain 24 hours per year at \$30 per hour. If changes need to be made that will be determined late in 2021 so please try to get started early to get your hours in. Thank you all for patience and understanding while the BOT works out many details surrounding covid-19.

See you on the docks or boat with mask of course.

PC Les Thompson

CSP guru

MV/EcstaSea

Island Home

Earl Hughes, Chair



Now that the calendar says we in the fall and winter mode visits to the Island have slowed way down.

The children play equipment has become unsafe to use and there for it is closed off. The kids really liked playing

on it. We are in the processes of finding a replacement unit.

Remember the Island is open year around.

Always be sure to keep the water on the outside of your boat 😊😊😊

Earl Hughes

Island Home Chair

MV Lady Bee II

Little known fact that ferrets were more popular than cats on many 18th Century ships. Both cats and dogs had been used to fight disease-carrying, cargo-eating rats, but ferrets had advantages.

Dogs barked and often could not squeeze into small spaces after rats.

Cats squeezed well when they wanted to, but often didn't feel like it. Ferrets killed rats for the sport and their personalities were always "game on!" When given a choice rats would not board a ship with ferret smell. Would you? European ferrets are related to the polecat.



We asked the membership for their favorite ports south of Anacortes, in the San Juans, and in Canada. The consensus is: we can't agree on anything.

Of the nineteen correspondents we had nine different ports south of Anacortes with Poulsbo getting four votes followed by Gig Harbor with three, and Eagle Island and Blake Island with two each. Katie Hurley liked Bell Harbor for all the activities, while Gene Coakley liked Blake Island for the views of all the activity five miles away.

Folks picked eleven different destinations in the San Juans. Four crews chose Roche Harbor followed by three for different spots on Sucia Island. Friday Harbor, and Prevost Harbor picked up two votes each. John Sherman liked Fisherman's Bay despite the distance and difficult entry. The Taylors liked Rosario for what it used to be.

Canada is apparently too big to get any consensus on. People named sixteen different harbors with only Ladysmith, Ganges, Sydney and Echo Bay getting more than one vote. Others getting votes included McIntosh Bay (Gary & Judy Ball), Nanaimo (Hamakers), Salt Springs (Wyres), Otter Bay (Aguilar-Wells) and Grace Harbor (Hutchinsons).

If you are a gourmet, follow Joe and Charlene Levesque around. They do Langley for ice cream and pizza, Kingston so they can ferry to Edmonds for dinner, Garrison Bay for oysters, and Sydney for mincemeat pie. If you want a free shower follow Kluh Maru to Harmony Island's waterfall shower.

Surprisingly the bonus question found only four crews who had seen Jimmy Buffet live. (We are not counting Matt Mills who said he had been to a buffet.) (No, he didn't.) (OK, he has been to a buffet, but he didn't say THAT.) The Sloanes and Dunnings have seen Jimmy once, the Levesques twice, but the real Parrotheads of the OYC are Dianne and Rich Hurst who lost count after their third concert.

Speaking of food, the Wyres said they had never seen Jimmy Buffet live but they did eat a cheeseburger in paradise once. We didn't need a poll to know that most of the club has been to Margaritaville too

Membership
Dennis Royal



To all OYC members, I'd like for you all to welcome new member Shawn & Peta Hoonan. Shawn is the brother to Brian Hoonan, along time OYC member. Also we have a returning members Bob & Diane Berglund

Welcome aboard

Dennis Royal membership chair

Sailing Education Program

Curtis Dahlgren, Chair



Catching Up with the Sailing Education Program

FAMILIAR FACES GOING PLACES – the Green Team/Partnerships and Keeping on Keeping on

Due to Covid -19, our program has had to bend itself pretzel-like to adhere to rules, keep everyone safe and get our students out on the water. We would like to share with you information that may make our program more real to you and put names on familiar faces on the docks.

Partially due Covid causing cancellation of so many different outdoor sports and our wonderful Coaching Staff, we have an abundance of sailors this fall for practices. Over 75 students, over four race teams, are signed up, and we have a waiting list for the first time!

We are able to run four teams this fall because a few of our coaches from the summer stayed home and didn't go to college in person because of the virus. We have four active teams :

Opti Green Team for the youngest (10-12 year old) and most novice sailors.

The "Green Team" is our newest group of sailors. When you see a sailor sit on the edge of an 8' Opti Pram and the boat hardly moves, doesn't tip at all, you know we have some light weight sailors. What they lack in body weight doesn't deny their enthusiasm and commitment to practice and become better sailors! They show up twice per week in all types of weather and wind to increase their skills and be part of our new team.

Opti Race Team (10-13) our more advanced opti sailors - Opti racing is enjoyed world-wide by young sailors. Our fleet of Optis are aging, but still vibrant when these young sailors take to the water. Single-handed boats, the mistakes they make on the water are their own as these boat respond quickly . Opti sailing is not for everyone, no crew positions here. You do it all.

Junior Varsity(12-15) Middle and first year high school; and Varsity (14-18) High School students

Our Junior varsity and varsity teams are sailing both in our double handed boats and our Laser boats (single handed 14' boats). All of our teams are doing

their best to remain Covid aware in our programs boathouse and walking on docks and ramps. Sails, rudders, and tillers for the bigger boats are being kept in the boats so we don't create bottlenecks of sailors at the boat house doorways or on the docks. All of our sailors are practicing every week in all types of weather through mid-November. They will be back in March after some time off for the holidays and when our afternoon light allows afterschool sailing again.

Our coaches this year have really made the difference in being able to remain upbeat and positive during this trying time. Here are some short Biographies for a few of our staff this year. I will do a few more next month.

Niki Alden (no photo)

New Full-time Assistant Coach – Nicki graduated from Western Washington University with a Marine Science Degree. She was a sailing team captain and sailor there and has become a leader in our program by assisting Sarah and helping with everything from repairs to outreach for fundraising. Welcome Niki; you are a gem!

Elena Gonick, Oly High Grad 2016

Elena started with us in high school when our team had only 6 sailors participating. She has instructed for us for over 5 years and is a graduate of Tufts University with a Science Degree. She is coaching part time for us this fall and then leaves for Montana to teach skiing this winter before pursuing a Science Career. Our students love Elena and she has become a mentor and role model for many of our students, especially our young female sailors.



Owen Timms, Oly High Grad 2019

Owen is ranked as one of the top youth sailors in the Northwest and an inspiration to all of our young sailors. He is a sophomore at George Washington University and is coaching part time for us this fall while he takes his classes online.



Kevin Hicks, Oly High Grad 2019

Kevin is a sophomore at Western Washington University and has instructed with us for 3 years.

Kevin has participated in scouting programs and achieved Eagle Scout status.



Evan Krug, Oly High grad 2019

Evan has instructed with us for 3 years and loves to fly plane. He is a sophomore at Central Washington University and is studying aviation.



Can you tell? Oly high has had the largest number of sailors graduate from our program and go onto bigger and better things. We will introduce you to more of our staff next month.

Meanwhile, we just finished our cookie dough sale this year and are going to do wreath and Christmas tree sales as well. If you didn't attend our dinner auctions in the past, or purchase wreaths or trees from us, please let us know if you would like to purchase those for the holidays by contacting:

<https://supporters-of-olympia-community-sailing.myshopify.com/>

We will also be selling face masks with the new Niki McClure Logo on this site.

The other part of our sailing program at OYC involves getting adults out on the water too. We had a slow start this past



summer sailing season due to Covid. We have been trying to catch up this fall. Our adult sailing classes have had many setbacks, due to no wind, and too much wind with rain. I have been juggling make up classes over and over again. But even as we approach our rainy season, I still have enthusiastic sailors. I would also like to let you know we are hoping to partner with the South Sound Sailing Society (SSSS) in a program they are designing to get adult sailors out racing with SSSS members. It will act as a bridge for our adult students who don't own boats, but still want to get out on the water. We are hoping it will start with the Island Series of races, including some Zoom-type classes and create and maintain some new interest in both our programs. Thanks to SSSS for following through on this.

Lastly, thanks to all our members for their support in these trying times. We will be sending out a letter in November explaining our cancellation of our annual dinner auction, and a request for donations. Save a little something in your holiday gift giving for our program; Please!

Despite this year's challenges, OYC remains committed to being a leader in providing safe and dynamic sailing instruction and boating programs in the Olympia area. Stay positive and stay safe!

Mary Fitzgerald – Committee member for the OYC Sailing Education Program



Community & Government Affairs

Meg VanSchoorl Chair



First off, a round of applause and deep appreciation to Myra Downing, who just stepped down as CGAC Chair, for her years of committee leadership, vision, and tenacity!

The CGAC is going strong in 2020 and we are taking a team approach to tackling our responsibilities, including: Community Grants (Don Sloma); downtown core leadership and revitalization (Rick Panowicz); connections to the Recreational Boaters Association of Washington and other external groups (Steve Finney); external communications (Marianne Partlow); internal communications (Steve Finney); Capitol Lake-Deschutes Estuary Management Plan EIS (Meg VanSchoorl/Jack DeMeyer/Jim Lengenfelder); and BOT liaison (Mitch Mitchell).

I want to focus this month on Community Grants. 2020 marks the second year that OYC has awarded grants to local nonprofit organizations for projects, activities and events that align with OYC interests and values. Preference is given to those that relate to water, boating or the aquatic environment, and secondarily, to those that improve the social fabric of our community. The BOT initiated the Grants to strengthen OYC's connections with people and causes outside our Club and to build a greater positive awareness of OYC in the community. We rely on OYC members to market the availability of OYC Community Grants to relevant organizations.

Here are the six organizations and purposes awarded \$7,000 in total grants by OYC in 2020. Thanks to Holli Howatson, OYC Treasurer, for the quick turnaround of the checks!

Grantee	Amount	Use
South Sound Maritime Heritage Association	\$1,000	For Harbor Days Lite 202, update website and create materials for the Maritime Heritage Walking Tour.
Olympia Area Rowing (OAR)	\$1,000	Purchase hand-held and base radios to reduce safety risks by ensuring ongoing communication capability.
Safe Kids Thurston County	\$1,000	Purchase US Coast Guard-approved youth lifejackets loaned at public swim areas and boat launches in Thurston County. Sponsor calendar page in 2021 Safe Kids Calendar.
Thurston County Food Bank	\$1,000	Purchase food for increased demand due to COVID impacts.
Olympia Downtown Alliance	\$1,000	Contribute to "Broken Window Fund" to reimburse downtown business and property owners for replacement windows.
Thurston County COVID-19 Response Fund	\$2,000	Contribute to Fund co-managed by Community Foundation of South Puget Sound/Thurston County United Way that makes grants to organizations that serve people disproportionately affected by COVID-19.

We require grantees to provide OYC visibility to their stakeholders and to the broader community through social media, printed materials, communications and other means. Here are some of these acknowledgements we received in 2020:

- **Thank you from Olympia Downtown Association** <https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:825f5710-a876-4c46-abc6-4172b39ba086>
- **Thank you from United Way** <https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:fca0e1b6-4e9e-4bfa-86ae-a95541dc594c>

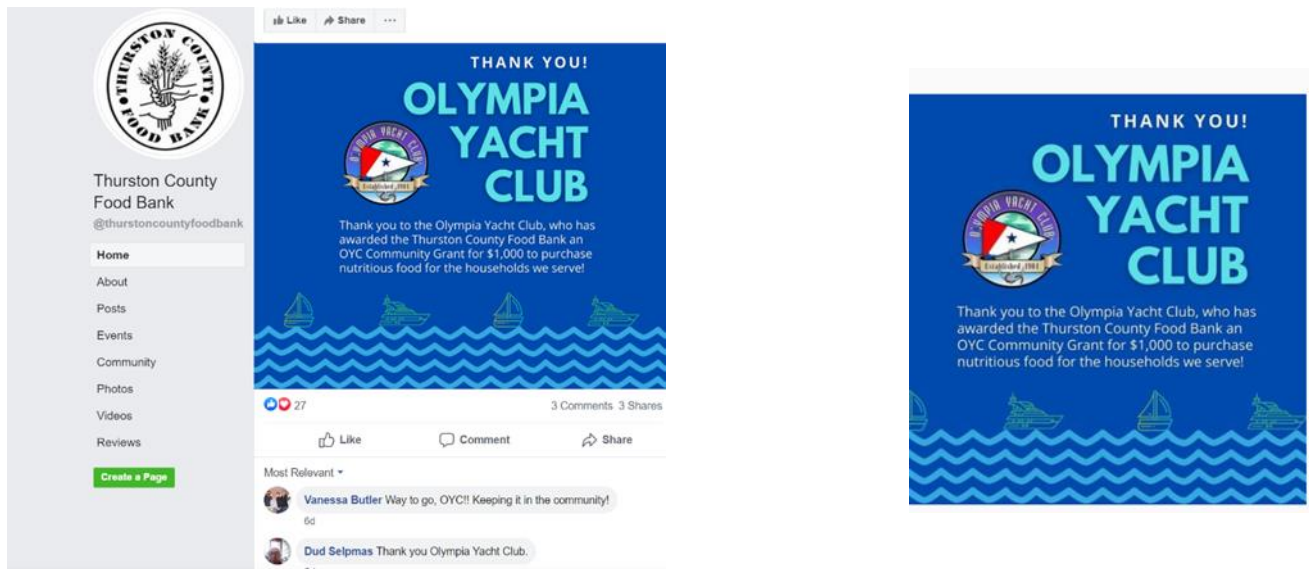
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- Sponsor Logos from Harbor Days 2020 Website



- FB and Instagram posts by Food Bank





Take the Pledge to “Give ‘em Space”

A New Approach to Help Orcas Survive

Unless you’ve been hiding in your bilge for the past 20 years, you’re surely aware of the fight of our [Southern Resident Orcas](#) to survive extinction. After reaching a peak population of 98 individuals in 1995, their numbers have since declined to 72.

September 2020 offered a glimmer of hope, however, with two calves born and one female still pregnant at the end of the month.

There is a very real possibility that Orcas may be “loved to extinction” by commercial whale-watching companies and the unwitting attention (or inattention) of recreational boaters. **As recreational boaters, we have a unique responsibility to help them survive.**

Orcas need space to forage and rear their young. Coming too close risks separating calves from their mothers, disrupting feeding activity, and injuring individual whales. And noise pollution from vessels (motors, depth sounders) can prevent Southern Resident Orcas from using echolocation to catch prey.

A new program launched in October encourages recreational boaters to “take the pledge” and help protect resident Orca populations. Please click the link below, check it out, and add your name to the list of individu-



als and recreational boaters who have signed-up to help the Orca survive: <https://www.givethemspace.org/> It’s free, easy, and just might help!

Basically, your agreement is **stop watching southern residents** and “Give Them Space” to rear their young. The new recommendation (and your voluntary commitment) is to **stay at least 1,000 yards (about 1/2 nautical mile) from Orca pods**. The current federal and state distancing regulations of 200 and 300 yards, respectively, are simply not enough to avoid disturbing Orca behavior through vessel noise.

Another website, <https://www.bewhalewise.org/> provides guidelines for vessel operators when Orca are

present, with links to federal, state, and Canadian regulations regarding Orcas and other marine wildlife. It also provides a method to report violations online.

Best practices when encountering Orca are:

- Maintain a distance of 1,000 yards from Orca pods
- Slow down to 7 knots or less when within 1,000 yards of Orca pods
- Turn off fish-finders and depth sounders
- If orcas approach within 300 yards, place engine in neutral (if it is safe to do so) and allow the Orcas to pass
- Observe voluntary (US) and mandatory (Canada) “No-Go” zones
- Stay on the **OFFSHORE** side of whales when travelling close to shore
- Fly the **Whale Warning Flag** in the presence of large marine mammals to alert other boaters to be “whale wise”

The voluntary “no-go” zone in the US extends ¼ mile



offshore of the west coast of San Juan Island between Cattle Point and Mitchell Bay, with a ½ mile zone off of Lime Kiln Park. Map [here](#).

There are two mandatory “no-go” zones in Canada: one near Pender Island and one near Saturna Island. Map [here](#).

The [Whale Warning Flag](#) is available from [Fisheries Supply](#) or Pettit Marine in Olympia.

Regulations regarding licensing commercial whale-watching in Washington State are currently under review; information and public comment opportunities [here](#) and [here](#).

And while we were busy examining our collective navels while stuck in the San Juans this year, Canada released new [2020 Orca protections](#). Hopefully, we’ll be free to observe them next summer!

John Sherman, Chair, OYC Environmental Awareness Committee

SV Grendel



A HAUNTED HALLOWEEN AND THE CAULDRON OF FUN!

Saturday, October 31, 2020

The moon has awakened with the sleep of the sun,
The light has broken and the spell has begun!
When the tombs creek open and the witches take flight,
We all gather in the dark of night.

I call upon you October 31st at 2pm, when the fun will begin,
So bring out your creativity and you may win.

The boats decorated and Trick or Treaters in costumes galore,
On a mysterious, exciting, and fun night ashore.

2-3pm ZOOM PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST:

3:15pm BOAT DECORATING AND ADULT COSTUME CONTEST:

4-6pm TRICK OR Treating On The Docks with KIDS COSTUME CONTEST:

7-7:30pm ZOOM WICKED WITCHES & WARLOCKS CAULDRON DANCE:

A Two Part Meaning of Fun: Part 1.The Dance: & Part 2.The Cauldron:



Questions? Comments? Please email your Fleet Captain Sail, Lenora Tanaka, Famof52011@Hotmail.com



A HAUNTED HALLOWEEN AND THE CAULDRON OF FUN! REGISTRATION for Saturday, October 31, 2020

NAME: _____ Slip# _____ ADULT / CHILD ENTRY _____

Please Print

Please circle one above

Please check the events you are registering for:

_____ 2-3pm Pumpkin Carving Contest on Zoom, judging at 3pm

_____ 3pm Boat Decorating and/or _____ Adult Costume Contest, judging at
3:15p live on the docks

_____ Yes, I will have a caldron/bowl of manufacturer sealed candy on the dock
for the trick or treaters as I social distance 8-10 ft from them.

_____ 4-6pm Kids Trick or Treating on the docks & Costume Contest, Judging
decision after finish at 6pm

_____ 7pm Zoom, Wicked Witches & Warlocks Cauldron Dance (please circle one) Judging at
7:15p

_____ Best Cauldron Entry, Judged at 7:25pm

_____ Cauldron Brew with Best Bartender recipe ready to share, judging at 7:30p



Quartermaster

Margaret Snyder & Judy Ball, Co-Chairs



BURGEE SALE SUCCESS!

Our burgee sale was a great success thanks to all those who responded! Judy and I appreciate those of you who needed burgees and took the time to come down to the club and save us around 25 single trips!

We are now using a credit card reader to bill items in the quartermaster. This Intuit reader works with Holli's Quickbooks and streamlines her paperwork. It's quick to use and your Quartermaster purchases will show up on your credit card statements.

Margaret and Judy

Women's Interclub Council

Kim Shann, Representative



As we are in the 9th month of this Covid19, I believe we can see the end of the tunnel; so to speak.

Keeping in touch with other women groups of the Grand 14, and talking with our W.I.C. (women's interclub council) President, Willa Conrad, all the yacht clubs are holding tight on no meetings, or gatherings or luncheons for the rest of this year 2020.

Everyone follow the guide lines, stay safe. We WILL get thru this.

Kim Shann WIC REP for OYC

OYC Website Ron Morsette

We are looking for someone who could help with the archiving of old content for the OYC website. This would require some basic computer skills to download files for storage and CSP hours would be provided.

For more information please contact Ron Morsette (rmorsette@gmail.com), or call 360-790-2002.

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.

Beachcomber

J Grady editor



Hi all, I note that some of the club member ads have been running for more than a year. I am going to institute a policy of requiring an updated request every **6 months**, so we can keep the ads fresh. There are several ads currently over that time. Pls send in a request if you'd like the ad to continue to run.

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J Grady
Beachcomber Editor



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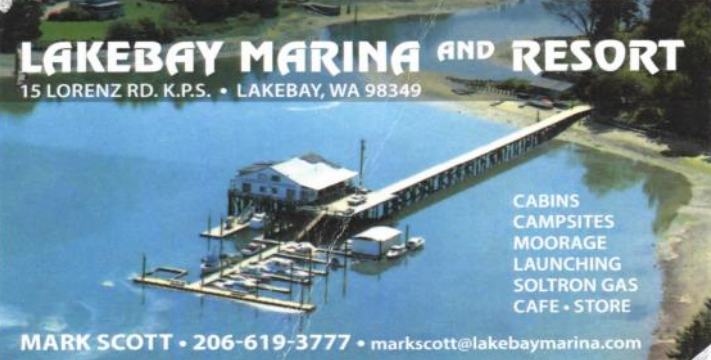


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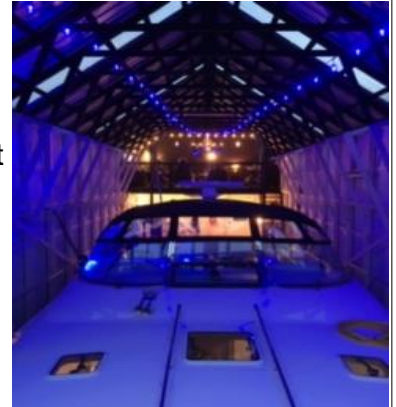
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Jimmy Buffet fans are known as parrot-heads but the parrots' association with the sea goes way back.

Columbus brought Queen Isabella two parrots from his first voyage.

Henry VIII had a parrot a Hampton Court that learned to call the boat-taxis to court whether they were needed or not.

Pirates liked parrots but mostly for profit. They sold well in Europe and later North America.

Martha Washington (George's squeeze) had a parrot named (wait for it...) Polly, and Dolly Madison (President's wife, not the bakery wench) saved two parrots from the White House when the Brits burned it in the War of 1812.

Fourteen US Presidents have had some member of the parrot-parakeet family in the White House. There has to be either a lesson or a joke there.

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