



## Commodore

Captain Walter Scheffer  
First Mate Catherine Scheffer  
M/V *Rob Roy*



Autumn has arrived and brings an end to our long-range cruising. We welcome back those who voyaged to Alaska, the Broughtons, Desolation Sound and all points north and again to OYC. With the success of the Commodore's Cruise, we have more mariners than ever venturing north. Whether you ventured north or not, voyaging on your boat is the point, no matter how short or long that journey may have been.

We are now entering our "winter" season, which brings out the social side of the club. We enjoyed the Labor Day Cruise and Foofaraw and a thank you to all who participated and brought us those events.

In September, we will have enjoyed Oktoberfest at Island Home and look forward to the Commodore's Ball in October. The Commodore's Ball, I am told, is a secret event, the details not to be disclosed to me until it actually occurs. I will, however, do my best to remain unaware of the event, which my wife assures me is entirely possible. Thereafter, we will have a Halloween Party at Island Home in spite of no announcement on the club calendar. Look for the cruise on Halloween weekend, October 28th or so. Flyers and announcements will be forthcoming.

For all of these events, your participation in either the running of the function or just your attendance is appreciated. Please look for announcements and take part. Your participation and attendance at these club functions gives to all of us what we looked for when we joined, so we hope to see you there.

Commodore Walt Scheffer  
First Mate Catherine  
M/V *Rob Roy*



## Vice Commodore

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



I had never attended FOOFARAW, the annual Armed Services Appreciation Day that Olympia Yacht Club has been participating in for at least the past 50 years with the Olympia Chamber of Commerce, until this year. Club members volunteer to take their boats out to Island Home with as many service members as they can handle for a day of recreation, good food and drink to thank our fellow citizens for the service they are providing our country.

I traveled on Bob Job's boat, a 48-foot Meridian, built in 1977, that Bob and his wife Joy have owned for at least 30 years. Bob has participated in FOOFARAW for perhaps as many years as the event has been held, although this might be a slight exaggeration. There were many interesting people on board, but I especially noticed and talked to David, a 21-year-old Master Sargent in the Army, home town of El Paso, Texas. After we arrived at Island Home, and the amazing lunch had been served, I wan-

dered north on the east facing beach of Island Home, where a couple of young service personnel had decided to go swimming. A number of us, including David, walked further north to the rope-tire swing, where everyone decided the tide was just too far out to make any kind of jump into the Puget Sound a sensible decision. Maybe a half dozen soldiers sat on the beach and started to ask me questions about the water we were looking at, the southern-most reaches of the Puget Sound. I explained how the most recent ice age, some 10,000 years ago, had carved out the waterways, leaving land where the soil was strong enough to resist the ice's advance and water where the resistance crumbled. It was clear that none of them had heard about this occurrence before and I felt honored and humbled to have the opportunity to explain it.

FOOFARAW is a great event that I will participate in from this day forward.

Vice Commodore Bill Sloane

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*S/V Endless Summer*



### Left:    FOOFARAW

Fog delayed the departure from OYC but the boats came out in convoy. Even though they all arrived to Island Home at once, the 45 boats were docked in just over an hour.

— Photo from Rick Taylor



## Rear Commodore

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



### Hello Everyone!!

Rear Commodore Graf here. Sad to see summer coming to an end, but we are a club of boaters who laugh in the face of cold, wet, miserable weather and enjoy boating year 'round. Right? Even with the weather turning, we hope to still see you out on or near the water. I know our kids are really looking forward to the Halloween cruise! Hope there are several other boys and ghouls out there for them to hang out with.

The first dinner meeting of the season has come and gone. Happy to say that it was a complete success! (Maybe it's just me, but I'm sure I would have heard something by now if it wasn't.) We had 152 people in attendance, which made it cozy and slowed down the buffet, but all in all, it was a great evening. We are hopeful that you continue to attend and enjoy the other

menus, which we worked on with Bayview.

I would also like to give thanks to one of my many mentors, Chris Cheney, for reminding me that Orcas are dolphins, not whales. I saw neither on the Commodore's cruise. I still stick with my belief that whales are mythical creatures. I know Mr. Cheney has another opinion but I will leave that to him to provide to you.

My last piece of business is to thank you all for your support for Jen and I in our role on the bridge. Trying to remember so many names and pair them with the correct faces has been challenging, but everyone has been very patient with us, and we appreciate it. Thank you!

Marty Graf  
Rear Commodore  
M/V *William West*



**Left: Foofaraw** crowd at Island Home as the Colors were raised

— Photo from Rick Taylor



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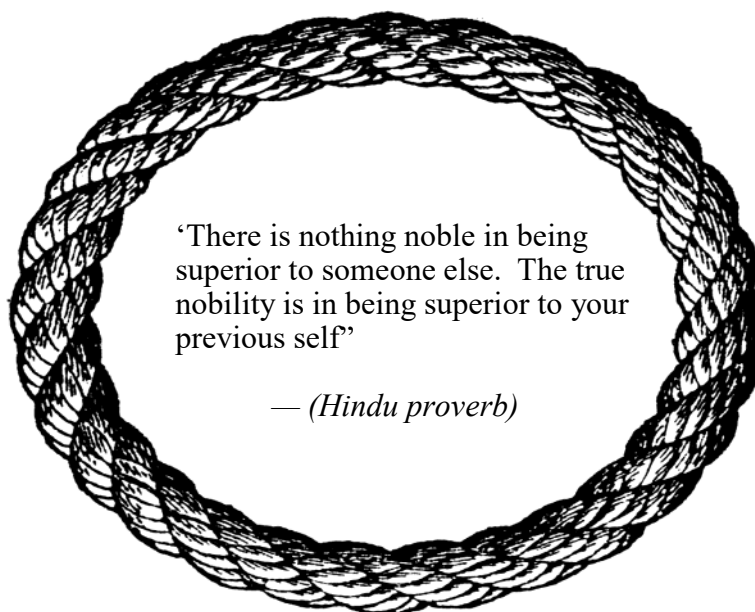
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## Fleet Captain Power

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



### Ahoy OYC !

I recall mentioning summer was over, and already we've enjoyed three more boating events. The Labor Day cruise was a great time. I'll leave the sailing stories to the Fleet Captain Sail to tell. I still haven't figured out

who you have to pay to get a seat on the judges' panel to sample, um.....I mean choose the best of the delectable grilled meats first. Many thanks to all the chefs! No sooner had we docked in our slip, and it was time for Foofaraw, the weather committee did an outstanding job of showing us just how varied it can be on waters in the South Sound. The morning fog lasted just long enough to make the trip to Island Home feel like we'd experienced two different cruises in one. The OYC Captains did an outstanding job getting everyone to and from the Island safely. To round out the month of September, we celebrated Oktoberfest. As I am submitting this article pre-cruise I will just say it was a great time and maybe we should've elected for more durable eye protection.

### Next up—Halloween Cruise October 28 to 30.

I've already started thinking about this event and would love to hear your ideas. While wasting an hour or two



Pumpkin racing

perusing the old World Wide Web I came across the image below, among others.....does anyone have a lead on getting ahold of some giant pumpkins? Anyway, come out to the Island for a fun spooky

time. We'll carve some pumpkins, decorate our boats and pass out some candy to the little spooks! Bring your kids, your grandkids.....heck, bring the neighbor's kids, with parental permission of course!



Fleet Captain Jesse Mitchell "Mitch"  
First Mate AnneMarie Murdock  
M/V Release



## Fleet Captain Sail

Fleet Captain Mark Welpman  
First Mate Annette Welpman  
S/V Cygnet



### Aloha!

The days are getting shorter, kids are back in school. Summer is officially over... But that's no reason to be sad. That means it's now TGIF Season. Mark your calendars for October 28. It's the Second TGIF of the season. Pizza, salad, beer, wine and don't forget the ice cream. Live music,

good friends and fun. All for the low, low price of six bucks, what a deal?

A Quick thanks to all of you who showed up to work our September TGIF. Your hard work and smiles are always appreciated. It was great to see many of our veteran crew coming back and especially some new faces. For all of you who haven't served. I just wanted you to know what a fun group of people the TGIF Crew are. TGIF is a fun and easy way to get your CSP Hours. In a few weeks, I will be sending out emails inviting you to join our awesome TGIF Crew. We like to split TGIF into two shifts, so everyone gets a chance to enjoy TGIF. If you haven't served, I encourage you to come give us a try.



Annette and I would like to thank you for allowing us to be your Fleet Captain Sail for a second year. We love serving this club and all of you we're now honored to call our friends. Some of you have become family. Thank you so much!

If any of you would like to contact me, please email me at [FCS.OYC.Mark@outlook.com](mailto:FCS.OYC.Mark@outlook.com) or call my cell phone at 503 -765-8088.

See you on the water!

Your friendly neighborhood Fleet Captain Sail.

Mark & Annette Welpman  
S/V Cygnet



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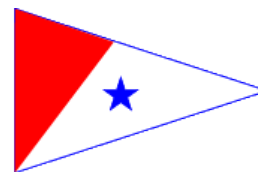
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### WE WANT YOU!

#### Join a Committee Become a Committee Chair



The OYC is only as good as the effort that we put into it. The major factor that keeps our Club as an organization that we can all be proud of is the individual contributions that each of us makes. Our Club functions at its best through the committee process. We are currently recruiting for several committee chair positions.

**Main Station Committee:** The current chair is going cruising beginning in December. This is the time to step up to work with him to accomplish a beneficial transition.

**Moorage Master:** This critical position is also open. The current Moorage Master is dedicated to helping you make a smooth transition.

**OYC Historian:** You get to be the published author that you always dreamed of with a monthly column in the Beachcomber.

All of our committees can use new members. It's a great way to learn about how OYC functions and the way we keep OYC shipshape. And you earn CSP hours.

**Interested?** Contact the current chair or a Board member for more information.



Please consider stepping up into a leadership position in your club.

The Board of Trustees meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Club House. Minutes of the meetings are posted on the bulletin board.

**The next scheduled BOT meeting is on October 12.**

### TGIF

Thank Goodness it's **Friday!**

Good food  
Good times  
Good music



**October 28th, 2016**

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Pizza etc..... 6:00 PM

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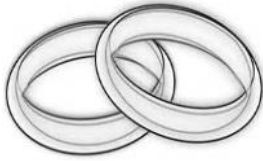


**Fleet Surgeon**  
Richard Hurst, M.D ("Rich")



## Rings

It is not unusual for these columns to start from a question on the docks – this one may be a little far afield, but hey!



The dangers of wedding rings! I actually have a friend who is a retired OB-Gyn surgeon, a sailor, who got his wedding ring caught on a lifeline stanchion and literally had his ring finger ripped off when he fell the other way. He had surgery that removed the whole finger down into the hand leaving a functional hand, short one finger. Main problem with that is the extra finger when he puts on gloves.

Electrical work on boats pose another problem with rings. Gold and silver are super conductors, so always take off rings while around the battery and other wiring that can pack large amperages. You could short out a terminal and weld your ring to your finger. And that's just DC. AC wouldn't be pretty either.

If you mash your finger, the ring becomes a tourniquet and might have to be cut off. At the very least, an uncomfortable string maneuver might be needed.

So here comes silicone rings in various colors to match your outfits. Non-conductive, at \$2.50 each (may be cheaper if they really catch on), they can be cut off no worries. Lose it down the head, no worries. Garbage disposal, no worries. Oops, is that Matt Klue I see behind me! Worries.

**Get your Flu Shots.**

**Womens' Interclub Council**  
Kim Shann, Representative



## LADIES OF OYC:

Short notice for our luncheon date, October 6, 2016 at Poulsbo Yacht Club, but here are the details:

Program will be quite interesting, with speakers, Bill and Judy Newblom presenting slide presentation about lighthouses, focusing on the US Lighthouse Society and the New Dungeness Light Station located in Sequim.

Please call Kim Shann for reservations, and a ride. 491-3786.

Our November luncheon will be at Everett Yacht Club on November 10th, 2016. No information for the program yet, But still keep in mind to attend.

Thanks,  
Kim Shann OYC WIC REP

## Island Home

Earl Hughes, Chair



Wow it's October already, I sure hope we all had fun this summer. Did you get to use the Island? What a wonderful place to just sit back and let the world go by.

We are working on a plan to improve the WIFI on the docks for your enjoyment. There were some problems with the electrical on the docks and in the club house. It was fixed in September and all's well now. Thank you George for overseeing this.

Not much else to report at this time. Remember the Island will be open all winter for your boating pleasure. No reservations needed.

Earl Hughes  
Island Home Chair  
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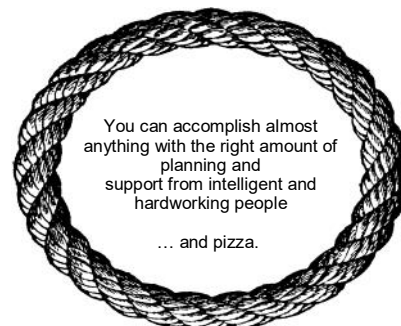
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**Quartermaster**

Margaret Snyder, Chair



Those who stopped by the Quartermaster Store at the September dinner meeting were pleasantly surprised by all the new items for sale! If you didn't make it in, be sure to stop by at the October meeting.

We have warmer items such as hoodies, sweatshirts with both full zip and quarter zip, vests with hoods, and lots of long-sleeved shirts. New at the October meeting will be women's Eddie Bauer long-sleeved tees in a variety of colors! In the men's department we have dress shirts, long-sleeved tees, jackets and more.

Please let us know if there is something you would like us to stock or special order for you. If you have a clothing item you would like embroidered with an OYC logo we would be happy to take it in for you. Our cost is \$8.00 per item.



Keep in mind Christmas is just around the corner, and with no dinner meeting in December, November will be your last chance to buy something for that special someone!

Quartermasters: Margaret Snyder and Judy Ball

**Club Service Program**

PC Les Thompson, Chair



Greetings members.

I hope your fall is going well. Many of you have completed your hours..... congratulations. The next report will be posted at the October dinner meeting. The report will reflect most, if not all, of the Foofaraw hours for skippers and the others who worked in the galley. Thanks to Foofaraw chair Chris for the most awesome job in getting the hours to me so fast; I appreciate the hard work and for all the time it takes to do that job, reflected in the hours posted.

There are still many opportunities to get hours, especially with the Commodores Ball, cruises and the Christmas party as well as Main Station and Island Home care. Contact any chair or the bridge or caretakers to help.

See you on the dock or at an event.

PC Les Thompson  
CSP guru  
MV *EcstaSea*

**Lunch Bunch  
October 12th**

Join us for lunch bunch.....Wednesday, October 12th

**What's cooking?**

Back by popular demand....

Grown-Up-Mac-Cheese, with bacon. Also with a nod to health - green salad and since one cannot start holiday eating too soon, pumpkin pie.

All of this for the low, low price of six dollars.

As always we welcome anyone who would like to join us for the fun of serving up this delicious meal.

We have openings on the prep crew for this event. No experience required, just a pleasant nature and clean hands. It really is fun. Please join us.

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**Clubhouse**

Michelle Aguilar-Wells, Chair

Dear Members,

Hope you had a great summer and beginning of Fall. The rain feels good to me.

Work continues on the clubhouse projects. The goal is to have everything completed by the week before the Commodores Ball. The Committee is on board and our major work will be taking place the week of the 19<sup>th</sup> of September and the week of October 3<sup>rd</sup>. All work schedules are in place and materials on order. If all goes well much of it will be completed by the next dinner meeting. Please be patient if you run into construction or partially completed projects. The ladies' room will be out of commission for a few days once or twice in the upcoming month.

Be well.....

Michelle Aguilar-Wells, Clubhouse Chair  
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# Labor Day 2016

Photos from Mike Contris





**Main Station**

Rick Antles, Chair

**Moorage Report**

Bridget Shreve, Moorage Master



This month's Main Station Committee (MSC) focused on plans for repairs to the OYC main entry pier and the power boat grid. The Dinghy Dock is up and running and already due for a flotation upgrade, which is in the works. The improvements to the OYC moorage basin Wi-Fi are coming along.

We discussed safety in the light of Richard Erwin's tragic passing. One thought was to think of a way to better use what we have. Considering someone holding onto a ladder, but unable to climb from the water: we discussed equipping ladders with a short line attached to one side of the ladder and a carabiner or some such device on the end of the line to pass under the victim's arms and around the other side of the ladder securing the victim to the dock or the boat. When you fall into the water and see a new OYC aluminum ladder, don't think that you have to swim around the finger pier to get to the ladder; instead, swim between the floats under the dock straight to the ladder. Though not ideal, there is room under the dock for someone to swim between floats.

There is continuing concern about folks that haven't completed their Open Slip and Boat House Inspections or Re-Inspections. As of September 14, there were about 69 folks that have not yet passed their inspection; of those, about 7 have never had an initial inspection. Please connect with the Inspection Crews ASAP to avoid fines starting on November 1, 2016. Many of the Re-Inspection issues may be clarified with an email conversation with Jerry Budelman; please contact him at [jblkb@comcast.net](mailto:jblkb@comcast.net) to finish this up.



If a member has work already scheduled for completion this calendar year and this work falls after October 31, 2016 and member can provide evidence of this to the MSC such as a contract/agreement with a contractor, the fine will be held so long as the work is done and inspected by December 31.

Finally, the Main Station Committee is looking for members to join and help maintain and upgrade the marina; the committee is also looking for a new chair. Come to **the next Main Station Committee meeting on October 6 at 6 p.m.** to find out what you can do to help and earn CSP hours too. Feel free to contact me sooner if you are looking for CSP hours. Greg and the Clubhouse Chair are also good resources for CSP hours.

Thanks,  
Rick Antles [rantes@gmail.com](mailto:rantes@gmail.com)  
S/V *White Raven*  
Main Station Committee Chair through Dec. 31, 2016

Main Station Committee, [mscofoyc@gmail.com](mailto:mscofoyc@gmail.com)

**FIRE PREVENTION CHECKLIST****Due by Sept. 30th**

The form is in the Beachcomber or can be downloaded.

I will also have some forms in the clubhouse.

This is an annual requirement. Fines start in October for those forms not turned in.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Bridget Shreve  
Moorage Master  
(360) 561-3289

**Using the OYC Wood Shop**

When Bill Fuller donated his shop to the club he started something that as far as I know is the only one of its kind at any yacht club - a fully equipped wood shop for the exclusive use of its members. It is so great to be able to work on the boat with a real shop close at hand. Included are an enormous assortment of fasteners and hardware that members are free to use.



This freedom to take and use what you want has limits. We expect some things to go missing: drill bits are an example. When most of the clamps disappeared we replaced them thanks to Harbor Freight, pencils seem to go away as fast as we replenish them, and safety glasses have disappeared. Now the Skil saw has gone missing (the case is still there) -- we ask that whoever has removed the saw or other such tools to please bring them back!

Jack Behrend

# OLYMPIA YACHT CLUB

2016

## FIRE PREVENTION CHECKLIST

This check list is our insurance carrier's recommendations for OYC fire prevention and is **required to be completed and submitted to the OYC moorage master annually by September 30**. Any member (vessel) obtaining moorage at OYC (except reciprocal visitors) after Sept 30, shall complete and submit the checklist within **15 days** of arrival.

**The fire prevention check list will only work with your full and active participation.**

As a member, mooring my vessel at and/or boathouse at Olympia Yacht Club main station facilities, I am certifying I have completed or had someone acting on my behalf complete the fire prevention checklist and am in compliance with the following requirements or will correct any deficiencies within five working days from the date completing check list. Mark an **X** for each item checked, **N/A** if item does not apply. All items must be indicated with an X or N/A.

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1. I have inspected my boats to dock pedestal AC electrical system including boathouse if applicable:
    - ☐ a. My AC electrical power cord is a weatherproof power cord, minimum 12 gauge for 20 AMP, 10 gauge for 30 AMP service, with a ground, is not cracked or chafed and is free of visible defects.
    - ☐ b. AC power cord is dedicated from the pedestal to the vessel with respective size marine twist lock plugs.
    - ☐ c. AC plugs have been checked for signs of burning/melting or other defects and replaced as needed. (no 15 amp convenience receptacles are directly attached to the shore power cord between the pedestal to vessel)
    - ☐ d. AC cords passing through boathouse walls have permanently installed non-metallic chafe protection.
    - ☐ e. The AC plug connected to the vessel is secured by a locking ring.
  - ☐ 2. Make sure electrical heaters are plugged directly to permanent receptacles. No extension cords.
  - ☐ 3. AC heater cords are not tightly coiled or bundled. (it will cause them to get very hot)
  - ☐ 4. No reflective type heat lamps are being used on the vessel.
  - ☐ 5. No AC heat devices (heat lamps) with spring-type clip hangers are used on the vessel.
  - ☐ 6. Hot water heaters are not energized when vessel is unattended.
  - ☐ 7. No thermostat controlled electric heaters are being used in gas engine enclosures or tank area.
  - ☐ 8. No unprotected light bulbs are being used in machinery and tank spaces.
  - ☐ 9. No visible fuel leaks or seeping exist on engines, fuel lines or fuel tanks.
  - ☐ 10. If the vessel has LP tanks, the valves are closed when the vessel is unattended.
  - ☐ 11. Dual range electric heaters (800/1500 watts) are only set on the low range when unattended.
  - ☐ 12. No AC electric heaters above 1500 watts are being used when the vessel is unattended.
  - ☐ 13. All AC heaters are placed to insure no flammable materials may come in contact with heater.
  - ☐ 14. All shore power and heater cords and plugs are not hot to the touch when under a service load.
  - ☐ 15. All vessel fire extinguishers are proper USCG size & type, inspected annually and serviced as required
  - ☐ 16. Boat houses will have a (5) five pound ABC fire extinguisher inspected annually and serviced as required.
  - ☐ 17. No containers with material emitting flammable or toxic fumes may be stored in dock boxes or boat houses.

**I certify that the inspection was completed in compliance with the above standards.**

OYC Member \_\_\_\_\_ Date Inspected \_\_\_\_\_

Slip # \_\_\_\_\_ or Boat house # \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_

Person doing inspection (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_





We were tested in many unexpected ways this year. But what a great group of people our membership is! By all accounts the 54th FOOFARAW was a great success and very important to me, I heard virtually no complaints from our skippers!

You have heard about so many boats dropping out, more than 15. The last one 30 hours before the event. Amazingly, without begging and in many cases not even asking, others stepped up, and as mentioned before, mostly first-timers and brand new members. Fantastic! You also may have heard that the Chamber, our partner, had a personnel change. That was worrisome, because there are so many moving pieces to the event and so much to do in the final hours before departure. Much to our amazement and joy, our new partner, Kyrstal Barkus, must have been born with FOOFARAW DNA. She did an amazing job, and under trying circumstances. At 8 p.m. the night before, our 300 RSVPs dropped to 271. We awoke to heavy fog -- my worst nightmare, as we haven't needed a fog ops plan since before I joined OYC. You know, the weather is always great for our event, except when it isn't.

At 0745 we heard a bus cancelled or got lost or who knows. Guests were arriving very late, presumably due to the fog. PC Jerry Budleman, Master Navigator Gary Ball and the fine gentleman Rick Panowicz all stepped up to be fog lead boats. But where were our guests? Many skippers called in asking "&%\$\$()^ is going on? I had no answer. We were short-handed top side as PC George Smith intercepted guests wandering in and got them on boats, and I had two radios and a cellphone going crazy. Normally, the Chamber crew doing the check-in packs up and leaves by 0800, so they can get to the island for their next jobs. I was outside at the table next to Greg's office, so I could hear the radios; we were coordinating the fog operations when, at 0820, a group of guests arrived. The parking lots were full, and they had to find alternative spots! That's when we realized the inside clubhouse crew had packed up and left for IH! Thank God George was still there. The last guest arrived at 0837!...having driven from Bangor. Patrick Richmond had agreed to wait for me on The Other Woman, as we kept my boat in reserve if needed. We followed George out, as the last two boats, a good

45 minutes after the first departures. The outbound trip went well but a bit slower than normal, and 45 boats plugged up the entrance to IH. The most amazing, especially under fire, couple I know, Rick and Patti Taylor, were stupendous as the Dock Masters. Rick put to shame JFK air traffic arrival controllers famous for rapid fire, unflappable, concise communications. Helped with a new higher power radio, it was amazing. The Taylors had 3 radio-equipped "Dock Valets" to assist in docking and also climbed on boats to greet and help rafters. I called ahead to hold the opening ceremonies, so all could attend. We were about 40 minutes behind schedule.

All of us were treated to a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem by our very own Nancy and Ed Stolarik, Janet Yeager and Terry Anderson. Unbelievably outstanding and cool.

Not to be outdone in perfection and class, Cindy "Madam Force" Smith and her crew prepared and served as good a meal as you will ever have on this Earth! Thank you guys for making this such a great event. Of course we are very indebted to the Chehalis Tribe for the incredible salmon feed. And it was all topped off by Dene Hartman's Army of cookie ladies. I felt very privileged that this year, I actually got a few extra cookies and didn't have to whine or snivel.

All our guests had a wonderful time as did our members. It turned out to be as good as it gets even with the initial hassles and frustrations.

Dick Binns is to be thanked for coordinating our PR efforts. It can only enhance the OYC public image.

It is in no way a gratuitous statement when I say "This has to be the most outstanding group of volunteers in existence". I have had many experiences with volunteer organizations and grassroots operations, and the OYC is head and shoulders above them all. Thank you, thank you everyone. It is a wonderful feeling and honor chairing this event. And thank you PC Bob "Obie Won" Job for having my back and guidance.



# Foofaraw 2016

Photos from Mike Contris





Our OYC sponsored high school team has been competing this summer, and for the second year in a row, won the McCurdy Cup in Seattle. Congrats to our team for their hard work at practice!

Our young sailors this summer have had so much fun, we now have almost 50 middle and high school sailors signed up for this fall's interscholastic team practices and regattas. Thanks to our Coach Sarah Hanavan and her instructors for the increase in interest. However, at this time, our club does not have regular access to the type of boats that are sailed competitively in the interscholastic regattas. Fortunately, we have six used boats promised to us by Sail Sand Point for purchase in the spring. However, to make this purchase possible, we will need assistance, so we will be holding a fund-raising dinner and auction November 12. Additional information about this gala dinner and auction is detailed below.

Capt. Mary Fitzgerald  
Chair of Juniors Program  
Olympia Yacht Club  
Adult Basic Keelboat sailing Lead Instructor

## Save the Dates!!!

### Adult Basic Keelboat Classes

Instructor: Capt. Mary Fitzgerald and OYC and South Sound Sailing Society Volunteers

#### October 9 and 16

10 am to 3pm

Cost: \$189.00

This is an introductory class to keelboat sailing for the inexperienced. We will cover rigging, knots, points of sail, sail trim, finding the wind and give each student time to learn the various roles that a skipper and crew fill to successfully sail in all types of wind and weather. We will also cover rules of the road and use navigation aids for safely traveling from our moorage slips in and out of the harbor for our outings. This a great beginning class for anyone who has the dream of someday owning their own boat and cruising in Puget Sound's Salish Sea.

We will incorporate some classroom instruction with on the water practice using the Olympia Yacht Clubs J24 sailboat and OYC and SSSS members' boats. All these boats will be different, so you can gain experience on a variety of boats.

Registration is through Olympia Parks and Recreation. Please contact them at 360-753-8380



### Docking Basics

Instructor — Capt. Ace Spragg of the NW Maritime Center in Port Townsend

#### October 8

Classroom Session 9 am to 12:30 pm

Cost: \$25.00

One-on-one instruction on your boat. 2 slots available

Please Contact Mary Fitzgerald at 360-754-1516 for more info and registration.

Cost: \$50.00 per hour

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Every boater's nightmare is a difficult docking situation due to winds, currents, tides or just the pressure of the people watching. Skippers can be injured or ill and first mates or crew may need to step in and take the helm. Learn the basics of docking in the classroom first and then take those basics out on the water for practice. Capt. Ace Spragg has taught hundreds of novice and experienced boaters how to dock their vessels with no-nonsense and encouraging instruction. If you or your first mate would like to learn how to dock with more confidence, then this class is for you. This class will also include information on how to safely tie your boat up at docks using cleat knots and spring lines. There is a method to the Madness!

## **NW Interscholastic Sailing Association Regatta in Olympia at Swantown Marina Sponsored by the Olympia High School Sailing Team**

**October 22 and 23rd**

We will host approximately 160 high school sailors from Portland to Orcas Island and all points in between. Please come to the upper parking lot at Swantown Marina to watch the races and support our sailors.

## **OYC High School Sailing Team Gala and Dinner Auction!**

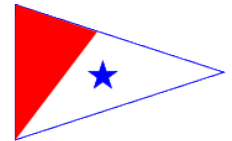
**Theme: Boats, Beer and Barbeque!**

Guest speaker and Local author **Jim Lynch** will speak about his latest book **Before the Wind**

**November 12, at the OYC Club House**

We do not currently own the type of boats that are sailed competitively in the interscholastic regattas. This results in us not being able to compete in some regattas when there aren't enough boats to charter from other clubs. Proceeds from this dinner and auction will help us purchase a fleet of Flying Juniors (FJs) for our Sailing Team. We are planning on buying six four-year-old boats from Sail Sand Point's program. Our Goal for the dinner and auction is to raise \$15,000 toward the purchase price of these boats.

Please put this date on your calendar and invite your family, friends, sailors and other boating enthusiasts to come support us. Help us create enthusiastic, responsible boaters in the South Sound area through the Olympia High School Sailing Team, sponsored by the Olympia Yacht Club.





## *Olympia Yacht Club Commodore's Ball*

*Under the Sea*

*Come celebrate our Commodore Walt and Catherine Schefter*

*Saturday October 22, 2016*

*Cocktails & appetizers 6pm*

*Dinner at 7:30pm*

*Roasted prime rib or Baked salmon*

*Dancing with the Funaddicts*

*\$40.00 per person*

*Please RSVP by October 17<sup>th</sup> with your dinner choices*

*360 705-3767*

*Formal/Semi-formal*



# Olympia Yacht Club Halloween Cruise & Spookfest!

## Schedule of events:

### Friday night:

6:00 PM - Happy hour with beer & wine provided. Cruisers: Bring an appetizer to share!

### Saturday:

2:00 PM – Pumpkin Carving! Let's see some creativity and if you have some favorite carving tools please bring them along.

5:00 PM – Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Mac-N-Cheese provided! Please bring a pot luck dish if you like.

6:00 PM – Dusk. Trick Or Treating on the dock, we'd love to see some decorated boats.

### Sunday:

9:30 AM – Breakfast, Bacon and Coffee.....If you survived the night Muah-ah-ha-ha!

Cost: \$10.00\*

\*Call the OYC reservation line @ 705-3767 and let us know how many of you will be coming to the island. We'd especially like to know how many and which ages of children!

If you have questions or would like to help with the cruise, contact Ghoul **Mitch** at **360-951-5880**.

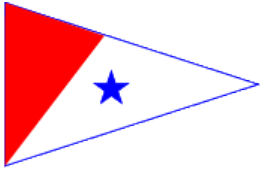






# 2016 Special People's Cruise

**Sunday December 4th** The OYC will host the annual Special People's Cruise, an event you will not want to miss. This is the day when OYC welcomes more than 100 developmentally disabled guests to our clubhouse for a spectacular, heartwarming community event.



Approximately 25 OYC skippers and boats treat our guests to a holiday cruise along the Port of Olympia waterfront, where they are entertained by Santa and Mrs. Claus – who, coincidentally, also happen to be out enjoying a day on the water. As the boats cruise out beyond the Anthony's Hearthfire Restaurant, Santa is on the VHF radio talking to our guests and spreading Christmas joy.

When our guests return to the OYC clubhouse, members treat them to homemade cookies and beverages. Later, when Santa and Mrs. Claus join the festivities at the clubhouse upon their return from their waterfront cruise, each guest can get their picture taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus. The clubhouse is filled with smiles and laughter as our members mingle with the guests and carry on lively conversations.

As our guests depart, they are each given colorful gift bags filled with an assortment of items donated by OYC members. The gift bags, a picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and the excitement of their boat ride are things our guests will remember long after they leave the clubhouse. And the joy and happiness that they experienced will easily rub off on each and every OYC member who contributes to making this day into the popular community event that it is.

I strongly encourage all new members to participate in some fashion, because this is a very personally rewarding event and it takes a lot of members to make it a success. I look forward to seeing the many other members who have helped out in the past or those who may join us this year for the first time. Because there are so many ways that you can help, this has become a family event for many of our members.



Please contact Curtis Dahlgren once you've cleared your calendar for this special event on Sunday, December 4, 2016. Curtis can be reached at [sailgullharbor@gmail.com](mailto:sailgullharbor@gmail.com) or by phone at 360-236-8221 (H) or 360-789-5264 (C).

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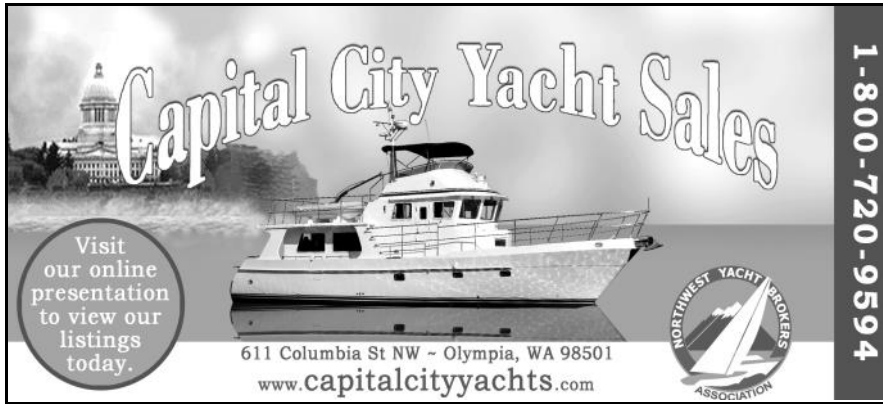


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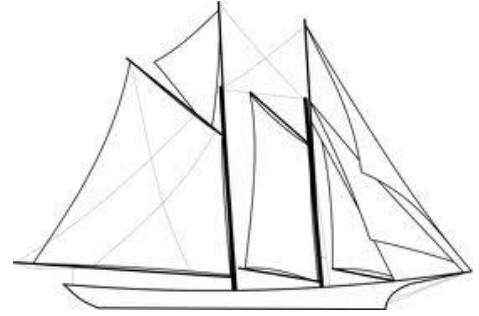
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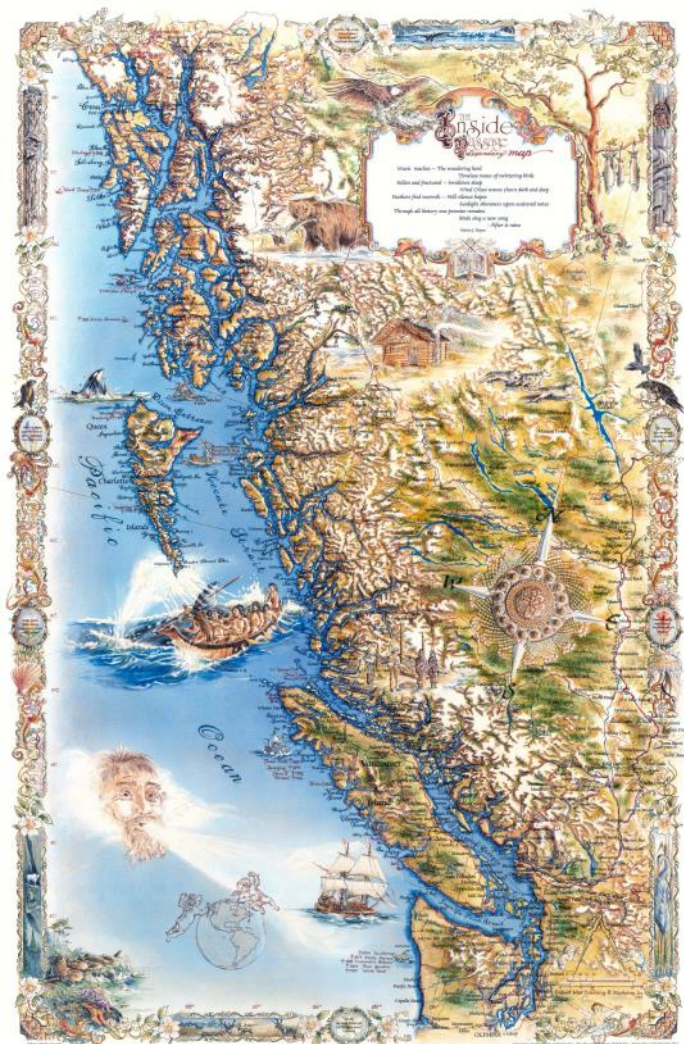
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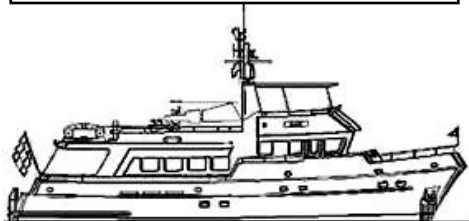
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						<b>1</b> Queen City Com- modores Ball
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Clubhouse Mtg. Island Home Mtg. Junior Sailing Mtg.	<b>4</b> Bridge Meeting  Gov't. Affairs Mtg.	<b>5</b> Dinner Meeting	<b>6</b> Main Station Mtg.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Columbus Day	<b>11</b> South Sound Sailing Mtg.	<b>12</b> Lunch Bunch  Board Mtg.	<b>13</b> Women's Auxiliary Mtg.	<b>14</b> Bremerton JO Ball	<b>15</b> Bremerton JO Ball
<b>16</b> Bremerton JO Ball	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Long Range Plan- ning Mtg.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Olympia Commo- dore's Ball
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Everett JO Ball TGIF Halloween Cruise	<b>29</b> Everett JO Ball Halloween Cruise
<b>30</b> Everett JO Ball Halloween Cruise	<b>31</b> Halloween	<b>Notes:</b>				

November 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> Bridge Meeting  Gov't Affairs Mtg.	<b>2</b> Dinner Meeting	<b>3</b> Mains Station Meet- ing	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Maydenbauer Com- modore's Ball
<b>6</b> Daylight Saving Time Ends	<b>7</b> Clubhouse Meeting Island Home Mtg. Junior Sailing Mtg.	<b>8</b> Election Day  South Sound Sailing Mtg.	<b>9</b> Lunch Bunch  Board Meeting	<b>10</b> Womens Auxilliary Mtg.	<b>11</b> Veterans' Day	<b>12</b> Tyee Commodore's Ball  Junior Sailing Gala Fundraiser
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  Long Range Planning Mtg.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Apple Cup game	<b>24</b> Thanksgiving Day	<b>25</b> TGIF	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Notes:</b>		

Join us for dinner  
Wednesday, October 5th

## MENU

- **Baked Salmon with blueberry balsamic glaze and:**
  - Rice pilaf
  - Grilled asparagus
  - Mixed greens with cranberries, grape tomatoes, almonds and balsamic vinaigrette
  - Focaccia bread with butter
  - Pumpkin Pie with whipped cream



## October Dinner Meeting October 5th

Membership Meeting dinners are held on the first Wednesday of each month except August and December

**\$24.00** per person with reservation

**Reservations must be made by 12 Noon on the Monday before the Wednesday dinner**

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


**CALL 360 705-3767**

Social Hour: 6:00 P.M

Dinner: 7:00 P.M

Meeting: 8:00 P.M

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