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RHYC anchor watch

Cruise Report - Change of Bridge

We celebrated the Change of Bridge on November 4th at the Sheraton 4Points hotel in Des Moines, Washington. We had the following Past Commodores & their spouses in attendance: Nat & Linda Colllier, Liz & Glen Dodge, Steve & Sandy Driscoll, Phil & Debi Freund, Bob & Verna Maruska, Dave & Mary Mehlum, Frank & Amy Sherwood, and Doug & Gail Stewart. Also in attendance were; Chris & Sandy Benson, Will & Karla Cain, Noble & Parkerr Cromptom, Larry & Sally Cronin, Jon Edwards & Holly Palmer, Richard & Jeanne Firth, Bill Foulk & Nancy Williams, Larry Gill & Shirley Kankelfritz, Patrick & Miriam Gill, Matt & Orit Hickman, Harry & Teri Johnson, Dennis McCrea, Tom & Chris Miner, Paul & Brenda Norris, Steve & Kim Oberto, Joel & Georgina Peterson, Fred & Diana Power, Rick & Marily Rementeria, Phil & Anne Marie Reunert, Greg Rice & Yuan Zhang, Ty Rice, Jon & Sonja Sackett, Jeff & Fran Sharp, John & Lynn Sipkens and Kevin & Marie Spaulding.

Our beautiful evening started in the ballroom. We had a no host bar for the attendees to go to while waiting for the festivities to begin and even some cocktail table to cozy up to while they caught up with friends. Our Business meeting started at 6:30pm. We managed to get a vote through to raise our yearly dues by $80 to help balance the yearly budget. Phil Freund released the current bridge officers and Frank Sherwood swore in your new bridge officers; Jon Edwards as Commodore, Tom Miner as Vice Commodore, Orit Hickman as Rear Commodore, Glen Dodge as Fleet Captain, Sally Cronin as Treasurer and Sonja Sackett as Secretary.

Deadline for next newsletter.....**January 20th**

Dinner was served at 7:15pm and choices were Surf & Turf, Eggplant Cannelloni and Chicken Chardonnay. I hear the Eggplant Cannelloni was delicious. After dinner we handed out awards.

To our Recruiting Honor Roll we had; Chris & Sandy Benson, Richard Firth, Tom Miner, Sally & Larry Cronin Will & Karla as well as Dave Silver. For Cruise Captains; January we had Patrick Gill, Steve & Kim Oberto & Harry Johnson, February, was Liz & Glen Dodge, March was Chris & Sandy Benson, April was Fred & Diana Power, May was Jon & Holly, June was John & Cece Burreson, July was Tom & Chris Miner, August was Brian & Linda Scott, September was done by your Board, and October was done by Bill & Nancy. The Golden Shovel found a new home with Diane Thomas and the Rubber Ducky went home with Glen Dodge.

We had music by DJ Mike Fisher who did an amazing job entertaining our attendees. There were some dancers, some singers who surprised me, (Bill & Nancy!) and a lot of folks just catching up.

I want to thank everyone for attending this very important and fun event. You, the members, are what make this Yacht Club work. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

Lynn Sipkens
Past Commodore

Annual Awards - while many members do "memorable" or "notable" things during the year, the following we found to be of significant note.

Rubber Ducky Screw Up Award

Glen Dodge will be keeping the Rubber Ducky cozy until the next Change of Bridge. Glen was the closest to taking an accidental swim without actually falling in. So where he did not quite earn the honor, he is willing to be Rubber Ducky's companion until November 2018.

Golden Shovel Award

Diane Thomas was awarded the Rubber Ducky for striking a well marked and previously identified rock as she left the dock in Bamfield, on the West Coast of Vancouver Island last summer. The rock took out their prop and prop shaft putting them on the hard for a week.

2017 Cruise Captains

Amy & Frank Sherwood
Patrick Gill,
Steve & Kim Oberto
Harry Johnson
Liz & Glen Dodge
Chris & Sandy Benson
Fred & Diana Power
Matt & Orit Hickman
Jon & Holly Edwards
John & CeCe Burreson
Tom & Chris Miner
Brian & Linda Scott
Bill Foulk & Nancy Williams
Lynn & John Sipkins

2017 Recruiting Honor Roll

Chris & Sandy Benson
Richard Firth
Tom Miner
Sally & Larry Cronin
Will & Karla Cain
Dave Silver
Matt & Orit Hickman

Your 2018 RHYC Bridge

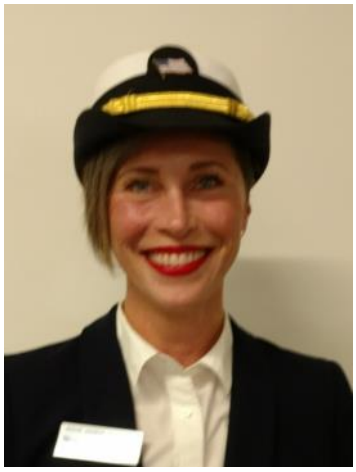
Jon Edwards
Commodore

Tom Miner
Vice Commodore

Orit Hickman
Rear Commodore

2018 Bridge

Sally Cronin
Treasurer



Sonja Sackett
Secretary

Glen Dodge
Fleet Captain

Lynn Sipkens
Past Commodore

Commodore's Report

What a great Change of Bridge event we had at the 4-points Sheraton. Past Commodore Lynn and her party planer helper Debi Freund put on a wonderful evening. The location was a break from past years but turned out to be simply a great facility for this event with a large meeting room, excellent food and service with a bonus of a room for the evening just an elevator ride away. Holly and I sincerely appreciate all the hard work that went into making this a special evening. Many thanks to all those members that attended and to those who were there in spirit.

With the installation of officers, I begin my duties as your Commodore. It is truly an honor to serve the members of this club as your Commodore. I would like to thank all the members that made my duties as Vice Commodore successful. Our cruises and membership efforts in 2017 were excellent. RHYC is blessed to have such a great group of members.
A very special thanks to the outgoing bridge members, Past Commodore/Trustee Frank Sherwood and Secretary Nancy Williams for their hard work on behalf of the club. On that note, I would like to also thank bridge member Sally Cronin for continuing to serve in her position as Treasurer, Tom Miner for stepping up to serve as Vice Commodore, Orit Hickman as Rear Commodore, Glen Dodge retuning as Fleet Captain and Sonja Sackett as our new club Secretary. I am looking forward to working with the new Bridge on another fun and successful year.

I would also like to give a special thank you to Larry Cronin for his hard work and dedication in producing our Anchor watch newsletter for the last 2 years. He has now returned that responsibility to our club Secretary Sonja Sackett.

We have just kicked off our 2018 membership renewal process. You should be receiving your membership renewal email notices soon and I am encouraging everyone to renew online as early as possible as it helps the Bridge to evaluate the options for balancing our budget. At the recent Change of Bridge business meeting, a motion was made and approved by the attending members to raise the amount of our club dues to cover our club expenses for such things as our rising outstations payments. Even with these dues increases, RHYC membership is still a remarkable value for our boating community.

As we begin 2018, I also encourage you to talk with your boating friends and dock mates about the great group at RHYC and consider applying for membership in the club. There is currently no waiting list for applicants and by applying early they will be able to enjoy a full cruising season of club benefits. RHYC is the premier cruising club in Puget Sound with many fun land and water based events.

Speaking of RHYC events, Glen Dodge has recently posted the 2018 cruise schedule on our website. Please review this schedule for cruises to attend and open opportunities to volunteer as a cruise captains. Hosting can be a very fun activity which is why Holly and I have served as cruise captains multiple times over the last few years. If you have not volunteered recently, please consider taking one of these opportunities to give back to your fellow club members. I know that Glen will be glad to help in any way to make your hosting successful.
Another opportunity to volunteer is for our RHYC booth at the 2018 Boat Show. You can volunteer on our web site for any open time slots. Besides getting free boat show tickets, you get the pleasure of talking to other boaters at the show about our great club. Both Holly and I thoroughly enjoyed our experience in volunteering for this duty at this last year's show so please take advantage of this opportunity.

Lastly, with the holiday season in full swing, I would like to wish each of you the happiest of holidays and a super New Year. I hope to see you at the New Year's Eve celebration or Ice Breaker cruise in January. I look forward to another great year for RHYC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jon Edwards
Commodore

New Members

The Bridge has taken action and the following applicants have progressed from published applicant to active membership. It is with great pleasure that we introduce our new members. Please take the time to meet them at future cruises and make them feel welcome.

Dennis McCrae and Victoria Adams
Burien Washington
Boat name Kona,
26 foot Bayliner
Sponsors: Ken and Julie Hammerquist and Matt and Orit Hickman

Vice Commodore's Report

Thank you for entrusting me with the position of Vice Commodore for the 2018 boating season. I look forward to a busy and fun filled year of boating fun. I need your help, as does the rest of the board. It was with great hesitancy that we voted to raise our dues but with our membership staying static at about 130 members for the last several years and our expenses increasing, we simply do not have enough funds to meet the financial obligations of the club. If we want to keep our four great outstations and maintain the club at its current great status we need to make sure we have adequate operating funds. One way we can do that is by recruiting and getting our numbers back up to 150 to 160 members. It's my job to encourage recruitment and to bring in more members. I challenge each of you to take a handful of our brochures and next time you are at a dock, recruit. Talk to your neighbors, find those new boaters who have kids or are new to boating and encourage them to join our club. Fly your burgee and wear our club attire. People always ask what the burgee on my ball cap represents so it's a good way to start a conversation. If we get enough new members we may be able to reduce the dues back to a lower rate.

I need a fleet captain for when I am commodore in 2019. According to our by laws the Fleet captain is named by the Vice Commodore a year prior to assuming to role of Commodore. That is so the incoming fleet captain is involved in setting up the cruise schedule for their year of service. If you have interest in being my fleet captain let me know. I did it twice and found it to be a fun and not overly complicated role to fill.
Now for some old business. At the COB I was asked to include in the next Anchor watch the Outstation use numbers.

The first number is the number of nights the outstation was used the second the number of members who used the outstation. I reported in error at the meeting. The numbers I reported for Roche OS were in fact the numbers for the Lopez outstation. I do not yet have access to the actual sign in logs for Roche this year but as soon as we have them we will update this chart.

Name	2017	2016
Roche Harbor	?	93 by 48 members
Lopez Island	46 by 30 members	47 by 28 members
Kingston	53 by 33 members	56 by 40 members
Dock Street	32 by 18 members	63 by 36 members
RH Overflow	10 nights	
Dock Street Overflow	1 night	

Tom Miner
Rear Commodore

New Applicants

No New Applicants

Rear Commodore's Report

Hello everyone! I am thankful and excited to be your new Rear Commodore. I have enjoyed being both a part of this club as a member and on the board last year as your Fleet Captain. I plan to work very closely with Tom Miner to learn about this position and then work hard to both maintain our outstations and keep you informed of any issues we might have. Tom did such a great job on changing our by-laws to make outstation etiquette and rules clearer that I am just going to make sure to enforce those rules and help you understand them if needed. Please feel to email me with any questions and concerns and I look forward to serving you this season.

Orit Hickman
Rear Commodore

Secretary's Report

A fateful day it was, when during our last minute mooring in Poulsbo in 2016, we found ourselves mixed in the middle of an official RHYC cruise. What could have been an awkward placement (the Harbor Master suggested to us it was) was made memorable by the graciousness of all the RHYC members that we met (you couldn't escape us). We were invited to join in the festivities, our children were asked questions and given donuts, and a 30 year old dingy motor was brought back to life (at the hands of some old salty dogs). For weeks after, our impressionable children asked us to join RHYC. We succumbed to the pressure and we thank our lucky stars that we did. The friendships that we are fostering, the knowledge we have been bestowed and three kids who can not wait for the next cruise, make it the best boating investment we have made to date. With a busy young family, it can be difficult for us to make as many of the cruises as we would like to. In between, we look forward to catching up with fellow members and club activities by perusing our monthly Anchor Watch. I'm honored to be your Secretary for 2018 and hope that this AW brings you as much joy and information as it brings me.

Sonja Sackett

Treasurer's Report

The Change of Bridge was a memorable event. Lynn Sipkins and Debi Freund did an amazing job. Everyone looked fantastic. The music and food were great.
The evening started with the business meeting. During my presentation, I discussed the need for a dues increase as the club had a loss in FY 16/17 as well as the previous two years. A $50 increase for active members was recommended by the board and this proposed increase was published in the October dinghy watch at least ten days before the meeting.

During the discussion, Glen Dodge amended the recommendation to be an eighty-dollar increase for active members. A $50 increase would still have the club operating at a loss whereas an $80 increase would show a projected break even for the club. There was a vote to amend the motion from $50 to $80 and the vote passed. Tom Miner made a motion to increase active dues by $80 and Orit Hickman seconded the motion. The membership voted to increase active dues by $80.
Our new dues are below:

Category	Current Dues	Increase	Recommended Dues
Regular Active	$300	$80	$380
Senior	$150	$40	$190
Associate	$95	$5	$100

Dues renewal notices will go out November 15 and are due by January 31. There will be a $50 late fee assessed for dues postmarked after January 31. You can pay dues either on the website or you can send a check payable to RHYC. If you pay on the website a 3% credit card fee will be assessed. If you pay by check, please send your check to
RHYC
c/o Sally Cronin
14955 SE 66th Street
Bellevue, WA 98006

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Cronin
Treasurer

Fleet Captains Report

Let the CRUISING begin

We have a new year of Cruises that are being planned and are looking for a bunch of great current and potential members to join us for the fun. The Cruise Captains are making plans to present you with entertainment, good food, and a chance to relax. Your job, should you choose to accept is to mark your calendar with the dates outlined in the new 2018 Cruise Schedule which is posted on the RHYC.ORG website.

The first event of the new year is actually the night before the New Year begins. Robin Haley and Mike Goodman are hoping you will join them with a cruise or a drive to the Bremerton waterfront for a New Years Comedy Celebration. They have put instructions on their Cruise Flyer to let you know how and where to sign up. Robin is also collecting names to put together a group dinner. What can be more fun than a live Comedy Show in a warm theatre with good friends and a variety of spirits. Please signup soon and contact Robin & Mike with any questions you may have.
The next event is only a few weeks later on January 14th with an event hosted by David & Janel Silver. So far, they have kept their cruise event a secret but if you've noticed their rubber duckie collection or seen David without his shorts on, you can guess that something exciting is in store. I have entered the cruise on the website but please note that the $ .99 fee is a joke and updates will be added soon. You can still sign up to show interest but don't pay at this time.
To wrap up the January calendar we can join the Seattle Boat Show crew and show potential new members the quality of our club and what good times can be had. There are a few slots left to sign up for and promote our club but of course don't forget to enjoy the rest of the show while you're there. Sorry, contrary to popular rumor, working the booth does not give you a 50% discount on all your purchases at the show.

Finally, we arrive at the business portion of my presentation. Cruises are what they are because a number of good members sign up to be Cruise Captains. I still have your spot available to sign you and your team up to entertain the rest of us, of course we will help where we can when you tell us what to do. Available cruises needing a leader are **Memorial Day at Port Townsend** and **4th of July at Poulsbo**. These will be great events at great places with your help so don't wait, call your friendly Fleet Captain at 2 oh 6 three 96 thirty-nine 60 or send a note to fleetcaptain@rhyc.org.
We have also received a suggestion to have a moving cruise. In the past it has worked best to lead or follow the Colors Cruise. For a week or so choosing 3 or 4 gathering points, easily accessible, in the Salish Sea to lead a parade of boats too is all it needs. If you have an interest in spear heading such a cruise let me know and I can offer info on similar events and options that have worked in the past. From there the choice of places and times are yours to choose as a supreme leader.
Club Cruises are the life of RHYC and Liz and I are looking forward to joining you at these great events

Glen Dodge – Fleet Captain 2018

Roche Harbor Yacht Club

We have some great cruises planned and hope that you join the fun!
We need Cruise Captains and helpers. If you have not been a cruise captain in the past 2 years, please look at the schedule below and see where you can help out.
To volunteer, Please contact Fleet Captain, GlenDodge at fleetcaptain@rhyc.org

Date	Destination	Activity	Cruise Captains
Dec 29 - Jan 1	Bremerton Marina	New Years Cruise	Robin Haley and Mike Goodman
Jan ?	TBD	Ice Breaker Brunch	David & Janel Silver
18-Feb	Kirkland	Sweetheart Brunch	Jon Edwards & Holly Palmer
Mar 16- 18	Des Moines Marina	St. Patrick's Cruise	Chris and Sandy Benson
April 13 - 15	Poulsbo	RHYC Business Meeting	Steve, Michelle, Tyler, Amanda, Josh - Nelson
May 2 - 6	Montlake Cut	Opening Day	Phil & Anne Marie Runeirt
May 25 - 28	Point Hudson	Memorial Day Cruise	**Need Cruise Captains**
June 17 - 19	Port Ludlow	Fathers Day Cruise	Matt & Orit Hickman
July 1-4	Liberty Bay	3rd of July Cruise	**Need Cruise Captains**
TBD	TBD	On The Move Cruise before or after Colors	**Need Cruise Captains**
Aug 3 - 5	Roche Harbor Marina	Colors Cruise	Jon & Sonja Sackett
Aug 31 - Sept 3	Penrose Point State Park Wagon Wheel	Labor Day Cruise	Phil & Deb Fruend
Oct 5 - 7	Dock Street, Tacoma	Columbus Day Cruise	Steve & Kim Oberto
3-Nov	TBD	Change of Bridge	Jon Edwards & Holly Palmer
Nov 21 - 25	TBD	Thanksgiving Cruise	Glen and Liz Dodge
Dec 29 - Jan 1 2019	TBD	New Years Cruise	TBD

Sunshine Report

Welcome Evelyn June Nelson as the newest member of RHYC...

Evie (pronounced E V) was born at 11am on November 20th, weighing in at 9lbs 14 oz.

This little boater is the Daughter of Tyler and Amanda Nelson, Granddaughter of Steve and Michelle Nelson, Grand Niece of Chris and Tom Miner. Congratulations to the Nelson family!

You've been invited to The Everett Yacht Club's New Years Event!

Richard & Sharla Freese received a call from the Everett Yacht Club to announce that they have lost their lease on the waterfront building and so this year is the last year for their big New Years Eve party. Richard & Sharla have signed up and would like to have other RHYC members join in the fun for dinner, dancing, and a Champagne midnight. If you are interested, reservations can be made by calling EYC, Katrina Bergson, 425-346-5205 to sing up and pay the $80/person fee. You may also call Richard at 509-787-5515 to let them know to look for you. Another option is to buy an ocean racer and sign up for both the RHYC and EYC New Years parties so you can race back and forth.

Upcoming Cruises

New Yeats Eve
Comedy Event

Sunday, December 31

9PM – 12AM
Bremerton

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Ice Breaker Cruise
January 14, 2018

Details coming soon

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2018 Seattle Boat Show
January 26-February 4
Seattle

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RHYC

Unofficial Cruise

NEW YEARS EVE
COMEDY EVENT

SO, WHAT'S GOING ON?

Official **NO FEE** cruise, so the theme is:

GO WITH THE FLOW and MAKE Reservations on YOUR OWN!

Come Friday or Saturday! Plan to bring stuff to share, pot-luck for one night, football and FUN. Sunday dinner TBD (to be decided). **RSVP** to me and our RHYC Website to register.

Robin Haley 206-200-1259 or **rghaley@gmail.com**

Reservations details on your own:

Bremerton admiral theater

Sunday, December 31st 9PM – 12AM

Floor $46.00 or Balcony$31.00 tickets on-line https://www.admiraltheatre.org/events/nyecomedy

BREMERTON MARINA MOORAGE

(360) 373-1035 www.**Portofbremerton.org**

Not coming by Boat – Hampton Inn or Fair Field

Yes, it will be here before you know it. The Seattle Boat Show is a great opportunity for our club to meet potential new members. It's a great time to share your love and enjoyment of our club and get more members to join.

We will have our booth set up with brochures, information, candy and enthusiastic members to greet and encourage other boaters to join in the fun and camaraderie.

We need you to sign up for a part of a day. The sign-up page is on our web site under "volunteering". We have openings, and this is a great way to participate in our club and make it better. If you have problems signing up, give me a call and I will sign you up.

Did I mention that you get free admission tickets? You're going anyway, so stay a little later or get there a little earlier.

Larry Cronin

Additional Photos—Commodore's Ball
November 2017