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RHYC anchor watch

Cruise Report - New Year's Eve

New Year's 2017 was in full swing at the Bremerton Marina. Those who braved the cold, rain and wind were the following: Neal and Noreen Millen, Frank and Amy Sherwood, Greg and Carol French, Steve and Sandi Driscoll, Robin Haley and Mike Goodman, Bill Moffett and his lady friend from California, Cathy Alisauskas and Bill and Susan Mangan from Silverdale joined in the fun. Millenia was the main host boat for football, snacks and fun! Admiral Theater, as usual put on a great comedy show with live music to follow. Perfect way to end 2017!

Robin Haley & Mike Goodman

Cruise Report - Ice Breaker

The RHYC January kick-off "Icebreaker" Cruise was a fabulous brunch at Pikes Market at the Red Cedar and Sage, Sunday January 14th. The food was over the top with crab benedict and a delicious buffet of breakfast meats, eggs, French toast, banana foster and fruit, and the staff were most attentive.

Roche Harbor Members showed up in force, with 55 in attendance, and fun was the rule of the day. We were blessed with splendid weather (especially for January) with a sparkling sunny Sunday that topped out at 64 degrees, and the window enhanced venue added to the joy of winter sunshine. The rosemary mimosas were also a great hit.

The event was co-hosted by David and Janel Silver and newer members Dennis and Niki Rampe and they were able to rustle up about 20 raffle prizes that made the grand finale exciting and well, ok, cost break-even for the event. Prior to the raffle, Commodore Jon Edwards gave a nice welcome to the attendees and the membership welcomed new members Jerry & Kelley Burch and we were able to meet and greet Dennis McCrae and Victoria Adams who became members at the COB. Greg Rice also introduced potential new member Greg Cook. After the event ended, many members took advantage of the lovely day and enjoyed the market and downtown Seattle. Thanks go out to all that participated from your hosts, and from the Bridge.

Deadline for next newsletter.....**February 21st**

ATTENDEES:
Jerry & Paula Baruffi, Jerry & Kelley Burch, Noble & Parker Crompton, Larry & Sally Cronin, Glen & Liz Dodge, Steve & Sandy Driscoll, Jon Edwards & Holly Palmer, Greg & Carol French, Arnold & Gail Haberstroh, Ken Hammerquist, Matt & Orit Hickman, Peter & Linda Jung, Jeff & Angie Kroeller, Bob & Verna Maruska, Dennis McCrea & Victoria Adams w/ friend Greg Cook, Neil & Noreen Millen, Paul & Brenda Norris, Steve & Kim Oberto, Billy Owens & Joan Tomlinson, Dennis & Niki Rampe, Rick & Marily Rementeria, Gregory Rice & Yuan Zhang, Jon & Sonja Sackett, David & Janel Silver, Willard & Diane Thomas, Steve Tomlinson & Laurie Eisenhart, Don Whatmore, Chris & Willow Williamson,

Your Cruise Team
Janel & David Silver, Niki & Dennis Rampe

Dennis McCrea & Victoria Adams

Jerry & Kelley Burch

Commodore's Report

Happy New Year fellow RHYC Members! Our 2018 cruising year begun with last weekend's Ice Breaker cruise at the Red Cedar & Sage restaurant at Pike Place Market. The cruise was extremely well attended with both old and new members and a few guests. A big thank you to Janel and David Silver as well as Niki and Dennis Rampe for hosting this fun event.
Our next event will be our Sweetheart cruise on Sunday afternoon Feb 18th in downtown Kirkland. Holly and I will be hosting this cruise which is set up as a Taco Bar and Margarita afternoon social. The open room venue allows for plenty of opportunity for interaction with your fellow boaters. Also, the venue location in Kirkland is boat friendly with the Kirkland public docks just a few blocks away. Please refer to the included flyer for more information and sign up on our RHYC website.

I would like to thank you those members who renewed their membership early for this year as it really with our budget planning efforts. Unfortunately, we did have a renewal email reminder issue that affected about 60 of our members this year. This issue was traced to the method we used last year to handle checks received for renewals. I wish to apologize to those members that were affected by this problem. Your Bridge team has put in place new procedures to prevent automatic emails from going out and we also changed our procedure for handling checks for renewals to prevent this issue from occurring in the future.

As we start this new year, your bridge team is getting ready to publish this year's roster book. Please remember to log in to our RHYC.org website and update your profile with your current contact information. You can find and edit your profile after logging into the site by hovering over your name in the upper right-hand corner of the page and selecting 'Profile'. You can then update your 'contact information' as well as the 'additional member data entries'. As this is our only source of information for our roster as well as contacting you about club activities, we need to make sure that your information is as current as possible. In closing, I hope you had some time to attend this year's Seattle Boat Show. The RHYC booth at the show looked great and those of us who staffed the booth this year had a great time talking to the attendees that stopped by. This booth gives us all a fun opportunity to volunteer to staff the booth and help introduce attendees to the benefits of joining RHYC. If you were unable to volunteer for this year, please consider next year's show and volunteer early for a slot!

I wish you a very good 2018 as members of the Roche Harbor Yacht Club. Enjoy boating and remain safe.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jon Edwards
Commodore

Vice Commodore's Report

Happy New Year RHYC! Looking forward to a great year of boating and were getting off to a great start with renewals coming in at a good pace. As of February 6th, we have 168 members. Of those 156 have renewed their membership by paying their 2018 dues. We still have 12 members who have not responded to any of the three notices that have been sent out reminding all of the need to renew. So, if you have not yet paid your dues you have until Feb 28th to make the payment and avoid a $50.00 late fee.

I need to make an apology on behalf of the Board. Our automated billing renewal system and payment process has been a frustration for many of you and I. Initially we had 60 members who did not get the original email notification telling them that it was time to renew. That was partly our fault and partly the system administrator's fault. I sent out a blast email to those folks but when they tried to pay the website told them that they did not owe anything and could not pay. Shortly after that the system problem was fixed and they suddenly received multiple automated system emails advising them they were late and owed late fees.

The second issue was a system problem that we cannot fix. There are three types of membership. Active, Senior and Associate with different associated rates for dues. There are two ways to pay, credit card and check. The credit card rate has 3% credit card fee added to the dues rate to help pay for the clubs costs for the credit card convenience. The problem starts when you pay by check and receive your receipt. The system does not seem to care how you pay, just that you paid and sends you a receipt for the full amount plus the CC fee. So members who paid $380.00 got receipts for $394.40. You can imagine that not being able to pay when told you need to pay, paying and getting a receipt for a different value and or getting multiple notices that you are overdue when in fact you have already paid would be frustrating. It is frustrating to me having to take all those calls and I understand the confusion and frustration.

In response the Board has agreed to turn off the on-line billing feature for now. The Vice Commodore will send out a group email to those still owing dues for 2018. Our treasurer will then send out receipts with accurate amounts reflected, once she receives your check payment. The Vice Commodore will edit the emails going out to reflect the appropriate amount you owe based on the type of membership you are listed under.

Another issue occurred with people who are 65 and making the assumption that they can pay the Senior rate of $190.00. Per our bylaws, Senior membership requires a vote of the board to approve a written request for Senior status. You must be 65 and have been a member for 15 years of continuous membership. Or if you were a past Commodore and age 65 with 10 years of continuous membership you would qualify for Senior status. Be patient with us, we are trying very hard to fix the website and its problems. I appreciate your continued support of the club and its board members.

It is with sadness that I report several longtime members have chosen to not renew their membership;
~Ed and Misti Allison dropped due to health reasons, preventing them from using their boat. They joined in 1987
~Chuck and Dorothy Cooper. They are no longer able to utilize the club benefits. They joined in 1983
~Dan and Raye Lohse. They have submitted a letter indicating their intent to not renew their membership. They will be missed as long time active members. They joined in 1994.

I am still in search of a Fleet Captain for 2019 when I become Commodore. I will be asking in the coming months so if you have any interest at all give me a call or drop me an email.

I want to shout out a job well done to all those who worked the clubs booth at the Seattle Boats Show and especially to Larry Cronin who set it up and organized it. We were able to sign up 15 new members as a result. That is far beyond our estimates hoping to sign up 5 new members was our goal.

Thank you to all who renewed their dues in a timely manner. It makes my job so much easier if I don't have to call and pester fellow club members to pay up.

Tom Miner
Vice Commodore

New Applicants

David and Denise Senor
Boat: Puffin / 38 Island Packet
Home Port: Tacoma

Bill and Marcia Stipek
Boat: Freestyle / 60 Ocean Alexander
Home Port: Seattle

Brad and Marsha Baker
Boat: Leisure Lee / 50" Bayliner
Home Port: Gig Harbor

Judith Maier and Thomas Wie
Boat: Charade / 58 Hatteras
Home Port: Tacoma

Kent and Peggy McKellar
Boat: Ceilidh / 61 Cooper
Home Port: Sequim

Gary and Betty Green
Dream Catcher/ 58 Ocean Alexander
Home Port: Port Ludlow

Craig and Ann Wilbour
Boat: Shot 8
Home port: Bellevue

Jerry and Kathy Norman
Boat: Black Opal / 41 Grand Banks
Home Port / LaConner

Randy McKoy and Leslie Hannay
Boat:Lark 38 Pearson
Home Port: Seattle

Bob Buckley
Boat: Seaking / 32 Searay
Homeport Day Island

Joe and Kristi Bettis
Boat: MerSea / 58' Navigator
Home port Anacortes

Karl and Elaine Rafello
Boat: Gratitude / 58 Sonship
Home Port: Horsehead Bay
Sponsors Steve and Michelle Nelson

Johnathan and Melanie Ross
Boat: Lively / 40 Grand Banks
Home Port: Everett

Dick Hannah and Sandy Wagner Hannah
Boat: True North / 68 Ocean Alexander
Home Port: Portland Oregon

Kraig and Ann Marie McLeod
Winters, California
Boat; 61' Ocean Alexander, Name; Stillwater
Sponsors, Glen and Liz Dodge, Paul and Stephanie Mosby

Sunshine Report

Please keep Kelley and Jerry Burch in your thoughts and prayers as they mourn the passing of Kelley's mom.

Rear Commodore's report

Hello fellow RHYC members! It is amazing to think that we are already in 2018! Despite the cold and some wet days, our outstations are still seeing usage which is wonderful. There are so many lovely reasons to visit our outstations during the offseason. In Kingston during the holidays the marina was decorated with an amazing light display. Check out the Port of Kingston website for details on events throughout the year. A few reminders about outstation use:

During the winter season (October 1st-April 30th) the Port of Kingston has use of our outstation as it sees fit. That means that if you come into the marina please call ahead to the marina office to confirm that our slip is available. If it is not, the marina office will put you in a slip and the club will pay for it. IF you do get placed at our slip, you still need to sign in to our sign-in sheets. And NO RAFTING is allowed at the Port of Kingston.

At Dockstreet, in Tacoma, our code for the box is ALSO our code for the door that leads down to our outstation from the street level. For those who have never been to our outstation it is in a PRIME location, right near the Glass Museum. Tacoma is so much fun to visit now! There are tons of amazing restaurants and shops within a short walk from the marina. Also El Gaucho has a van that will pick up marina visitors to bring to their restaurant!

As a member of RHYC, it is your responsibility to make sure that you sign into the book that is located at each of our outstations. This is the only way the club is able to track usage. If we do not have an accurate count of member usage, it is hard to justify having an outstation at all. PLEASE remember to do this.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about our outstations!

Orit Hickman
Rear commodore

Treasurer's Report

The first cruise of the year was so much fun! It was great to see everyone. Many thanks to David and Janelle Silver and Dennis and Nikki Rampe for organizing it.

The audit for the 2016-2017 fiscal year was conducted on Dec. 1 by Steve Driscoll and Doug Stewart. The review included Board minutes, expenditures, bank statements, check register, reconciliation statements, Vanguard statements, club data base, use of the website as a payments platform and the adequacy of the accounting system. A copy of the audit report is available. Please contact me if you would like me to send you the report. Thank you so much to Steve and Doug for performing the audit.

The membership renewal process is in full swing. While we have received many renewals, we are still waiting to hear from some of you. At the Change of Bridge the membership voted to increase active dues by $80 to cover Club expenses which have been rising in recent years. Our club is still an outstanding value. Be sure to use our four outstations and many reciprocals as much of your dues pays for them. Our new dues are below:

Category	**2016-2017Dues**	**Increase**	**2017-2018 Dues**
Regular Active	$300	$80	$380
Senior	$150	$40	$190
Associate	$95	$5	$100

Dues renewal notices went out in November and were due by January 31. There will be a $50 late fee assessed for dues postmarked after February 28th. 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

The boat show starts January 26 and RHYC will have a great booth. There are still a few openings for volunteers to take a shift at the boat show. Volunteers get free admittance to the boat show. This year we are offering an offer of no 2018 dues for new members who sign up by February 5 and pay their application fee by that date. If you know people who are interested in RHYC, have them stop by our booth and sign up. Many thanks to Larry Cronin for organizing our participation.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Cronin
Treasurer

Fleet Captains Report

2018 started out with a Bang at the **Bremerton New Years Eve Comedy Extravaganza**. Thank you so much to Robin Haley and Mike Goodman leading the charge and you can see their report somewhere close to this.

At the same time Richard and Sharla Freese attended the last New Year's event to be held in the long standing Everett Yacht Club facility. Many of our members will remember past years of enjoyment but the Port of Everett is getting ready to make changes and the building has to go. Best of luck to the Everett Yacht Club on their new endeavors.

Then came the **January Ice Breaker Cruise at the Red Cedars Restaurant**. If you weren't there, you'll just have to go on your own to see what great food and fun we had. My only problem was that I picked the wrong raffle tickets. My thanks to Janel & David Silver who led the charge with the great help of Niki & Dennis Rampe. We met new members, potential members, and conversed with the rest of our freinds too. I heard talk of buying new boats, buying new outboards, and many comments about cruising ideas for 2018 and beyond. Look for the full report to really find out what fun our cruises are.

Are you ready for a Margarita Sunday? Get ready to join us in Kirkland at the Portsmith Condominium Club Room for the **2018 Sweetheart Cruise**. Your cruise team, Holly Palmer & Jon Edwards have plans to fill you with good food and comradery after you walk the waterfront and peruse the downtown Kirkland shops outside the front door. The event starts at noon, so you don't have to end your beauty sleep too soon. Look at the flyer here in the AW or on the website while being one of the first 70 people that can get online to sign up. For those of you that can get the boat running there are a few side tie spots on the east side of the main wharf that might be available by March following construction improvements and do have power available.

March is getting closer and that means the first official boat cruise. **Saint Patty's Day in Des Moines** is the Port of Call. Get your Green on and join your cruise team led by Sandy & Chris Benson with the valiant help of Greg & Carol French and Orit & Matt Hickman for a Corned Beef feast. I happen to know there is a competition that you won't want to miss and the judging positions are very coveted. I heard negotiations taking place at the Ice Breaker for filling one position so get in line. In your planning to attend don't forget that Des Moines has one of the lowest fuel prices. The link is available on the website to sign up now.

Now is also the time to consider helping out the Club with one of best jobs available. Tom Miner is now looking for my replacement for 2019. As the incoming Fleet Captain, by starting now you have the pleasure of selecting the new 2019 cruise locations and putting your own spin on the fun that you will lead us to. Please contact Tom at vicecommodore@rhyc.org to discuss your willingness to be the Cruise Leader aficionado for 2019.

Please contact me anytime with questions or ideas about our cruises at fleetcaptain@rhyc.org

Finally, a personal note – Liz and I were able to attend the celebration of life for Mary Mehlum

and along with many of our members supported Dave and his family through their grief while relishing our relationships with Mary. This was one of the most beautiful celebrations I have been party to and you would have enjoyed Mary's grandkids telling us their favorite moments with grandma, the readings, and the moving operatic voice of Mary's daughter, Kristen as she sang Ave Maria, there wasn't a dry eye. Dave, we wish you and your family well and please know we miss Mary.

Glen Dodge
RHYC Fleet Captain

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 ?	Red Cedar and Sage	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	Pete & Linda Jung
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

Upcoming Cruises

Sweetheart Brunch

February 18th

Kirkland

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St. Patrick's Cruise

Mar 16- 18

Des Moines Marina

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RHYC Business Meeting

April 13 - 15

Poulsbo

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RHYC

Please attend the:

Sweetheart Fiesta!

PLEASE REGISTER ON THE WEBSITE BY FEBRUARY 12TH!

In Downtown Kirkland

Sunday February 18th - 12:00 to 4:00

Cruise Captains: Holly Palmer and Jon Edwards

Cost: $25 per person

Featuring a panoramic view of Lake Washington at:
Portsmith Condominium Clubroom
108 2nd Ave S
Kirkland, WA 98033

Please Note: Overnight docking is available only 1 to 2 blocks away at the Kirkland Marinas - limited slips with power. For more information: http://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/parks/Permits_and_Reservations/Kirkland_Marina_Dock.htm

Serving:

Taco / Taco Salad Bar with Strawberry Margaritas, Corona, Strawberry Lemonade and Sweetheart Dessert!

Please Register on the website ASAP – Limited to the first 70

We will email a map to the club room for registrants - please follow those directions or you might have a hard time finding it :)

St. Patrick's Cruise 2018

Des Moines Marina March 16-18

Cruise Captains: Chris & Sandy Benson

SCHEDULE

Friday	6:00pm	Arrival and Potluck (In warm outside tent area)
Saturday	9:30am	Breakfast
		Rest of day is free time, lunch on your own and catching up with friends.
	6:00pm	Irish Dinner with Corn Beef & Cabbage, Shepherds Pie and all the trimmings.
Sunday	9:30am	Breakfast
		Departure on your own schedule

Cruise Fee: $30 per person (children under 12 $10)

Sign up by March 2nd online or send check to:

RHYC c/o Sandy Benson

24204 13th Place So.

Des Moines, WA 98198

Questions or information call 206-595-8728

Moorage slips have been reserved and you will be assigned a slip. On approach to harbor call channel 68 for slip assignment

Annual

St. Patrick's Drink Contest

Matt & Orit Hickman