

# RHYC

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## **C**ruise Report – 60's Beach Party Colors Cruise 2015

Wow! Could the weather have been more perfect for a beach party! We had 18 boats with a hitchhiker (Liz) on Irish Eye's, Nate and Linda Collier drove in and some others that decided to join us at the last minute who were already in the marina. Oh and I cannot forget to mention Glen who came by dinghy! Those who came by boat were Steve & Carrie Ackerman, Matt, Orit & Emerson Hickman, Jon Edwards & Holly Palmer, Pete & Linda Jung, Neil & Noreen Millen, Bill & Judy Buller, Steve Driscoll with 2 visiting family members, Larry & Sally Cronin, Phil & Debi Freund, Chris & Sandy Benson, Frank & Amy Sherwood, Mike & Liz Hackett, Bill & Marge Hillman, Ken & Julie Hammerquist, Andy & Mary Ann McDonnell, Bob & Verna Maruska, Don & Carolyn Whatmore and of course John & Lynn Sipkens.

Steve Ackerman ran a hoola hoop contest which was won by Dave Mehlum's grandson Oliver. There was a bit of confusion because someone named Judy Buller winner, however she did drop her hoola hoop 2 seconds before Oliver. Wow, can she wiggle and good for Oliver who is apparently very competitive!! We also had a Twister game for the kids and a Duck & Ball game for the big kids run by Bill Buller.

We had the usual beach party fare of hamburgers and hot dogs, dessert was Twinkies and Hostess cupcakes just like the good ole days. When dinner was finished I had the bright idea of having Dave Mehlum's grandchildren Oliver and Sophie and Emerson Hickman throw a couple of beach balls into the crowd at the dinner tables. Even though I **shouted** for everyone to hold

onto their drinks some did not pay attention. Please note the picture here of Larry Cronin who was one who did not listen and showed his amazing good sportsmanship by allowing me to take this picture! Sorry Larry, my bad!



Following dinner and dessert (and embarrassment) everyone got into their dinghy's for the dinghy parade to the gas dock for Colors. The members of the bridge were all present with Commodore Bob, Vice Commodore Frank, Rear Commodore Glen, Treasurer Matt, Fleet Captain Jon and me, Secretary Lynn. Just before the American Flag was lowered the canon went off and I nearly fell over even though I knew the darn thing was going to be set off! As the bridge was stepping away from the edge at the end of the ceremony Rear Commodore Glen ran forward and jumped in! Yeah Glen!!

This was a fun weekend and I'm grateful to all who came and helped make Colors 2015 a success. I have a big thank you for our team Steve and Carrie Ackerman, Bill & Judy Buller and Mike & Liz Hackett, two newer members who were willing to step up and experience how much fun leading a cruise can be. Thanks to all of you, you made this a great weekend.

Respectfully,  
Lynn & John Sipkens  
Cruise Captains



## **C**ommodore's Report

We had a very fun and eventful couple of weeks cruising in the San Juans this year. The crabbing was excellent in Hunter Bay but the wind and anchoring were a bit of a problem. I highly recommend that you avoid having to break up a raft and drop your anchor in high winds after midnight. All's well that ends well as the saying goes.

John and Lynn did a great job as cruise captains for the colors cruise at Roche Harbor and it is always an honor for the Bridge to participate in the evening colors ceremony. We had an excellent turn out and it was nice to catch up with many club members during the weekend events.

Congratulations to Richard and Mary Jeanne Firth on becoming new members of RHYC at the cruise. Please see the new members section for a great photo of our newest members. Thanks to Bill Buller and Kim Nance for sponsoring them.

I can't believe we only have two more on the water cruises left this year. My how time flies! Our Labor Day cruise to Pleasant Harbor is a bit of a cruise but with the three day weekend and a promise from the forecasters for good weather I encourage you to make the trip. Please see the updated cruise flyer in this AW for the updated agenda.

Our final on the water cruise will be the Oktoberfest Cruise lead by cruise captain Phil & Debi Freund at Brownsville. Phil and Debi have a great cruise planned and we always have a fun time at Brownsville. Please be sure to sign up early to help the cruise team plan a successful event.

Our recruiting efforts continue to go well with new members joining at almost every cruise. Membership is the key to our continued success and ability to provide outstations and other benefits of club membership. Please keep up your recruiting efforts.

I hope to see you all at the Labor Day Cruise. Be safe and enjoy life on the water!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bob Maruska  
Commodore



## **ice Commodore's Report**

We just completed a two week cruise in the San Juan Islands and I can't think of a time when we had better cruising. Most days were warm to hot, a little wind (this is good for those of us that don't put up sails) and most of all, we didn't see any fog. All in all, it was exceptional. The Colors cruise was wonderful except for the Bridge again not being allowed to take the annual plunge off the dock (new marina liability concerns with the exception that your name is Glen Dodge.) Special thanks to cruise captains John and Lynn Sipkins and team members Steve and Carrie Ackerman and Bill and Judy Buller for the fun "60's Style Beach Party Cruise". This brought back many memories of games and events we did in the past. Who knew we had so many talented hula hoop experts in the club. I certainly would NOT be included in that number. I must say the games on Saturday were very competitive and I saw some fierce matches fought right to the bitter end. Many thanks to all the club members that made the trip to enjoy the cruise and share some fun

The club received a new member application during the colors cruise. Please see the New Applicants section for introduction of Scott Hauck and Jodie Mendes who have applied for associate membership and will be eligible for a membership upon approval by your board of

officers. You may have already met Scott as he was at Roche Harbor regarding involvement with Hampton Yacht Group and he came over to introduce himself, meet the members and make application to our fine club.

As a reminder to the membership at large, once a member has resigned their membership at RHYC, they are to discontinue flying our club burgee on their boat. While cruising the San Juan's this summer, we came across two former members that had left the club a number of years ago and were still flying the club burgee. In doing so, they are representing themselves as being associated with our club, having the privileges of membership i.e.: usage of outstations and reciprocal privileges at other yacht clubs and generally enjoying the benefits that we share as club members, however, without paying any dues. If you see someone at one of our outstations, or at a reciprocal club's moorage flying our burgee that you are not familiar with, certainly feel free to look them up in your club roster and / or ask them if they are current active members of RHYC. If the answer is no, please let one of the bridge members know in order for us to deal with this accordingly.

I have a number of inquiries regarding potential membership in the club that I am following up on and continue to look for opportunities to grow our numbers. Please continue to look for opportunities to share news and to invite fellow boaters to submit an application. If you would like to have additional informational flyers about the club or an application, send me an email and I will send them your way.

If you need any help with the application process please don't hesitate to contact me. If you are a sponsor of a new applicant, it would be great to send a quick email to me when the application has been submitted by mail so we can follow up on it as soon as possible.

I hope to see many of you at the Labor Day cruise at Pleasant Harbor as this is a fun event with all of the renovation and new additions that have been completed at the marina. We will look forward to seeing you there.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Frank Sherwood  
Vice Commodore

## **N**ew Members

The Bridge has taken action and the following have progressed from published applicant to active membership. Please help congratulate and welcome our newest Active Members:

### **Inducted at Roche Harbor — 60's Beach Party Colors Cruise**

Richard and Mary Jeanne Firth  
Seattle, WA  
1992 52' Ocean Alexander  
"THE MERRY GENIE"  
Sponsors: Bill Buller and  
Kim Nance



We welcome Richard & Mary Jeanne and we look forward to you becoming an active cruise member and sharing boating fun with us for the remainder of this year and in the many years to come.

### **Welcome to the Club**

## **New Applicants**

In accordance with RHYC Bylaws the following applicants for Associate Membership are being published to initiate the application process. The applicants are as follows:

Scott Hauck and Jodie Mendes  
Seattle, WA  
Sponsors: Jon Edwards and  
Frank Sherwood

"Effective with this notification, applicants start their 90 day window to attend a cruise or club event, after which the bridge will vote on their membership. Please make a point to meet, greet, and get to know our new applicants when they attend their qualifying cruise. Also, sponsors please assist the applicants to complete their qualifying cruise ASAP.



## **Rear Commodore's Report**

No report at this time.

Respectfully,  
Glen Dodge,  
Rear Commodore



## **T**reasurer's Report

"It was great seeing so many club members at Colors, especially the new members! Club finances remain strong. Get out there and use those reciprocals and outstations!"

Thanks  
Matt Hickman, Treasurer



## **S**ecretary's Report

As usual our latest cruise was great fun. We had the opportunity to invite two of our newer members to be on our team. I've talked about doing this many times. When we have our new members join us in putting on a cruise it helps them to see how easy it is and what it takes to make it happen. I believe we can make a cruise as simple or as extravagant as we choose when we volunteer to act as the Cruise Captain. I chose to make this one easy. I wanted Liz & Mike Hackett to know it doesn't take huge efforts to please our members.

You are all so open and appreciative of all that the Cruise Captains do. If you have signed up to be Cruise Captains through the rest of this year and next be sure to include in your team some new members. It will not only make it easier to understand the process but it also will help them to get to know many of our members so much easier.

Thank you to all of you who came and to my team Steve & Carrie Ackerman, Bill & Judy Buller and of course Mike & Liz Hackett.

Respectfully,  
Lynn Sipkens  
Secretary



## **F**leet Captain's Report

Holly and I have just returned from our relaxing summer cruise to the San Juans which included the really fun, Roche Harbor - 60's Beach Party Colors cruise put on by Cruise Captains John and Lynn Sipkens and their cruise team. A big thank you to this team for another special cruise for RHYC!



Our next cruise will be held in Pleasant Harbor on Labor Day weekend (Sept 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>). Holly and I will be your cruise captains for this event with cruise team assistance from Mehlum's and the Maruska's. On Saturday, we have planned mid-afternoon fun with competition skeet shooting and a pool party followed by a last of the season crab derby and chili contest on Sunday. Please refer to the included flyer for more information and attend if you can.

Our last official water cruise will be a Oktoberfest theme hosted by Deb and Phil Freund at Brownsville marina on Oct 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>. For lots of beer and great food, please put this cruise on your calendar. The flyer for this event is included in this newsletter. Have fun, and I'll hope to see you at the next cruise.

Jon Edwards  
2015 Fleet Captain  
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**P**ast Commodore/Trustee

This month I am pleased to submit the following report.

Nominating Committee Report

### **Officer Nominations**

We are pleased to submit for your consideration the following Candidates for your 2016 RHYC Board of Trustees, as voted by your Nominating Committee.

### **Elective Positions:**

Commodore: Frank Sherwood  
Vice Commodore: Lynn Sipkens  
Rear Commodore: Jon Edwards  
Secretary: Larry Cronin  
Treasurer: Matt Hickman

Fleet Captain: John Sipkens, by appointment  
PC/Trustee: Bob Maruska, by succession

In accordance with the By-Laws, Article VII, Section 6, the membership will not be mailed a Ballot and these Nominees shall be declared duly elected if no other nominees are submitted to the Chairman by October 7, 2015. If members wish to nominate any additional nominees, they

are required to submit the nomination by that date and include signatures of at least 10% (14) of our active membership in good standing. Only then can a candidate be added to the ballot. If nominations in addition to the Nominating Committee's current list are received, the committee will prepare a ballot for submission to the membership. The election results will be announced at the Change of Bridge business meeting.

I wish to thank members of the committee for their efforts and guidance, and officers and members who helped the recruiting of candidates.

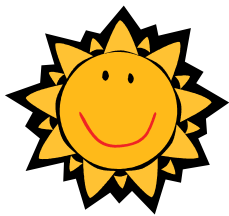
Nominating Committee:

Dave Mehlum-Chairman

Phil Freund

Steve Driscoll

Sincerely,  
Dave Mehlum,  
Past Commodore



## **S**unshine Report

It was great to see Amy Sherwood out on the water with us this August, she is doing better and her back healing nicely, we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. It was also great to see Don & Carolyn at Colors in Roche Harbor, let's keep both of them in our prayers and they continue to with their treatments and trust for total restoration of health to them.

John Sipkens had to return from the islands early due to an intense headache, we are glad he made it to the hospital in time and they were able to take care of the aneurism that he was having. He is home from the hospital recuperating, let's keep him in our thoughts and prayers for complete healing and strength.

We also need to keep Barb Helgeson in our prayers, the lost of Gordy has left a big void for her. His "Celebration of Life" is August 23, 2015 at 3:00 pm at the Newcastle Golf Club.

Please remember to send me reports of those that could use our support with thoughts, prayers and encouraging words.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Verna Maruska,  
Sunshine Lady



## Odds & Ends

**Burpees and Handbooks:** If you sell your boat, do not leave the burgee or club handbook on board. If you resign from the club, remember your burgee may not be displayed on the open water. You may return it to the club or perhaps frame it for your den or office room wall. It's unfortunate but we've heard about non-members and non-member boats out there cruising under the RHYC colors.

**Burgee Sales:** If you need a new burgee to spruce up your boat for the cruising season, please contact me or see me at an upcoming cruise and get a new one.

Frank Sherwood  
Vice Commodore & Membership Chair

### 60's Beach Party Colors Cruise 2015



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## PLEASE ATTEND THE "SUMMER TO FALL"

### LABOR DAY CRUISE

**SEPTEMBER 4 -7 , 2015**



#### PLEASANT HARBOR MARINA

##### FRIDAY:

**6:30pm—PIZZA APPETIZERS ON THE DOCK- PROVIDED BY CLUB**

##### SATURDAY:

**9:30 - Breakfast on the dock**

**1:00 - RHYC Laser Skeet Shooting Tournament—** On upper dock close to pool area entrance

**2:00-5:00 - POOLSIDE PARTY!! - Bring your suit if it is warm**

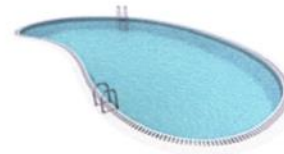
We will be serving DUNCH (<http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=Dunch>) **about 4:00**



**Grilled Flank Steak**

**PLEASE BRING A SIDE OR SALAD TO SHARE**

**Dessert will be served back on the dock**



##### SUNDAY:

**8:45-9:30 - GRAB & CRAB (super simple) BREAKFAST ON THE DOCK**

**9:00 - 3:00 CRAB DERBY !!** Rules will be provided

**COUNT 'EM—WEIGH 'EM—COOK 'EM—EAT 'EM!**

**PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED AT DINNER**



**6:30pm-CHILI COOK-OFF - On the Dock**

**PLEASE BRING A POT OF YOUR BEST CHILI TO SHARE!**

**CORNBREAD & BUTTER WILL BE PROVIDED**

**Local band at the new Pleasant Harbor Pub Sunday Night**



**MONDAY:** 9:30 - Breakfast on the dock— Labor Day getaway

**ADULTS \$25 per person / Children 8-12 \$10 per person / Under 8 FREE**

**PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP IF YOU WILL ATTEND!!**

**Please email us at [hollyandjon@hotmail.com](mailto:hollyandjon@hotmail.com)**

**Let us know how many adults/children and boat length/beam**

**Please send payment to: Jon Edwards**

**109 2nd St S #425, Kirkland, WA 98033**



\$35.00

CRUISE CAPTAINS PHIL AND DEBI FREUND  
PLEASE SIGN UP ASAP AT 360-275-4721 OR  
D.FREUND@COMCAST.NET  
SEND TO RHYC PO BOX 1825 BELFAIR WA 98528



**LOT'S OF BEER AND GREAT FOOD  
MENUE WILL BE POSTED SOON**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Size \_\_\_\_\_

# of People \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign up to be a part of our cruise team \_\_\_\_\_





# ROCHE HARBOR YACHT CLUB

## 2015 SCHEDULE

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 take a look at the schedule and see where you can help out!

Contact Fleet Captain, Jon Edwards at 425-241-6801 or email at [fleetcaptain@rhyc.org](mailto:fleetcaptain@rhyc.org).

Date	Location	Activity	Cruise Teams
Dec 31-Jan 1	Everett Yacht Club	New Year's Eve Party	**Unofficial do-it-yourself cruise. **Unofficial Cruise Captain: Richard Freese
Jan 11	Shenanigans, Tacoma	Icebreaker Brunch	Cruise Captains - Sally and Larry Cronin
Feb 15	Downtown Kirkland	Sweetheart Lunch	Cruise Captains - Holly Palmer and Jon Edwards
Mar 20-22	Poulsbo Marina	St. Patrick's Cruise	Cruise Captains - Chris and Tom Miner
April 10-11	Dockstreet, Tacoma	Daffodil Festival	**Unofficial Cruise Captains: Fran and Jeff Sharp
April 17-19	12 St (North) Marina, Everett	Business Meeting	Robin Haley and Mike Goodman
May 1-4	Montlake Cut	Opening Day	Cruise Captains - Liz and Glen Dodge
May 22-25	Port Hudson Marina, Port Townsend	Memorial Day Cruise	Holly Palmer and Jon Edwards
June 19-21	Port Ludlow	Father's Day Cruise	Cruise Captains - Noreen and Neal Millen
TBD	TBD	On-The-Move	**Unofficial do-it-yourself cruise. Need Cruise Captain to somewhat organize venue, dates. Dates can change to accommodate the Cruise Captain's desires and venue. Before/after Colors is fine, or perhaps some totally different time of year.
July 2-4	Liberty Bay	3rd of July Cruise	Cruise Captains - Paula and Jerry Baruffi
July 31 - Aug 2	Roche Harbor Marina, San Juan Island	Colors Cruise	Cruise Captains: Lynn and John Sipkens
Sept 4-7	Pleasant Harbor Marina	Labor Day Cruise	Holly Palmer and Jon Edwards
Oct 9-12	Brownsville Marina	Columbus Day Cruise	Cruise Captains - Debi and Phill Freund
Nov 14th	Queen City Yacht Club	Change of Bridge	Cruise Captains: Bob and Verna Maruska
Nov 27-29	Edmonds Marina, Edmonds	Thanksgiving Cruise	**Unofficial do-it-yourself cruise. Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, 26 Nov, 2015. Cruise Captains - Liz and Glen Dodge.

# Upcoming Cruises



Labor Day Cruise  
September 4-7  
Pleasant Harbor

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Oktoberfest Cruise  
October 9 - October 11  
Brownsville Marina

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Change of Bridge  
& Annual Meeting  
November 14<sup>th</sup>  
Queen City Yacht Club

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