

RHYC *anchor watch*



Cruise Report – Change of Bridge 2015



The annual RHYC Change of Bridge, Business Meeting and Commodores Ball were held at Queen City Yacht Club on November 14, 2015. A total of 90 members and guests registered for the event on a cool and rainy evening. The event started with social activities at 6 PM followed by our business meeting. Officer reports were brief with many thanks to club members for their continued support throughout the year. At the end of the business meeting the 2015 Bridge was called forward and dismissed from service by PC Phil Freund. Phil expressed his thanks to the Bridge for their service and dedication to the club. The 2016 Bridge was then called forward and PC Dave Mehlum did the honors of installing the new bridge. There being no additional new business, the meeting was adjourned.

Following the business meeting a delicious dinner of prime rib and salmon was served by Chef Willie Williamson and his staff. As dinner was winding down and desert was being prepared, the club awards were presented. The cruise captains for 2015 were recognized by Fleet Captain Jon Edwards. Vice Commodore Frank Sherwood then presented the recruiting honors to those members that sponsored new members throughout the year. Commodore Bob Maruska then presented awards to the Rubber Ducky, Golden Shovel, and Screw Up Award recipients. While we had several worthy recipients of the Screw Up Award during the year, Jeff Kroeller was

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presented the plunger of honor from Ty Rice for his adventures with a log on their trip into Canada. We also noted that the list of recipients for 2016 has already started with a power cord and dock departure incident at Roche Harbor. I am sure Jeff will be looking to quickly pass on the honors so remember to be careful or be quiet!

After the fun and laughter of the awards presentation, we were entertained by the music of The Tropics. The first dance was in honor of our new Commodore and first lady with the Bridge joining in shortly thereafter. Once again the band provided great music and we danced the rest of the evening away.

The cruise was attended by the following members: Ed and Misti Allison, Paula and Jerry Baruffi, Paul and Shauna Bennett, Chris and Sandy Benson, Todd and Kristen Carden, Pete Clark and guest Janet Blakley, Nat and Linda Collier, Chuck and Dorothy Cooper, Larry and Sally Cronin, Glen and Liz Dodge, Steve and Sandy Driscoll, Jon Edwards and Holly Palmer, Ted and Shirley Elder, Richard and Jeanne Firth, Bill Faulk and Nancy Williams, Richard and Sharla Freese, Phil and Debi Freund, Larry Gill and Shirley Kankelfritz, Patrick and Miriam Gill, Ken and Julie Hammerquist, Matt and Orit Hickman, Harry and Teri Johnson, Jeff and Angie Kroeller, David and Diane Lewis, Dan and Raye Lohse, Bob and Verna Maruska, Jim and Cheryl Matheson, Dave and Mary Mehlum, Neil and Noreen Millen, Tom and Chris Miner, Paul and Brenda Norris, Fred and Diana Powers, Phil and Anne Marie Reunert, Ty Rice, Jeff and Fran Sharp, Frank and Amy Sherwood, Lynn and John Sipkens with guest Joanne Bosworth, Doug and Gail Stewart, Art and Noreen Stipan, Randy and Galina Sweet, Vaughn and Jill Weedman, Rick and Kelli Werth.

Congratulations to the 2016 Bridge of Roche Harbor Yacht Club and best wishes for another successful year!

Special Thanks were also presented for jobs well done to:

Roster Chair – Kim Nance and Liz Dodge
Ships Store – Mary Mehlum
Anchor Watch – Verna Maruska
Audit chair – Steve Driscoll
Web Development – Jon Edwards and Ken Hammerquist

With completion of this event the 2015 year has drawn to a close.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob & Verna Maruska
Cruise Captains

Annual Awards — while many members do ‘memorable’ or ‘noteable’ things during the year, the following we found to be of significant note.



Rubber Ducky

Member who took an unplanned swim on a club cruise. Mike Goodman took the plunge at the Poulsbo cruise along with his two dogs. Sorry Mike.



Screw Up Award

Member who had an unplanned encounter with an object in the water or any other incident of note. Jeff and Angie Kroeller for their unplanned meeting with a submerged log traveling at 20 knots on their trip in Canada. The good news was that it happened close to a marina with repair facilities so they only spent a day on the lard getting things repaired!

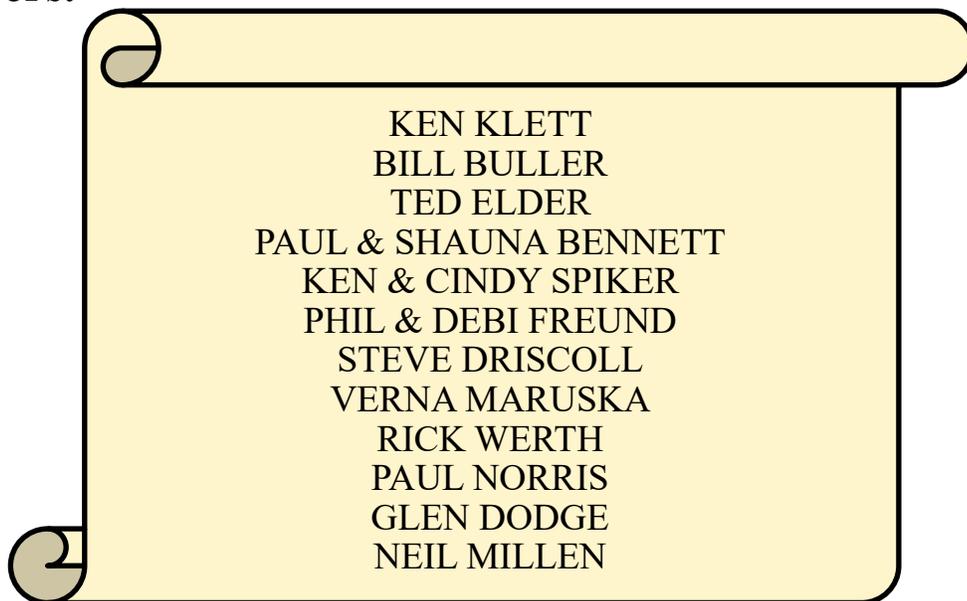


Golden Shovel

Member who had the unfortunate experience of finding the ground with the bottom of their boat. Either we had some very cautious/lucky boaters in 2015 or everyone kept their lips sealed (maybe a payoff was involved) as no one fessed up to claim this award this year.

2015 Recruiting Honor Roll

For passing on the legacy of fun by sponsoring new members.



2015Cruise Captain Honor Roll For making the cruises so memorable.

GLEN & LIZ DODGE
RIGLEN & LIZ DODGE
RICHARD & SHARLA FREESE
SALLY & LARRY CRONIN
JON EDWARDS & HOLLY PALMER
CHRIS & TOM MINER
FRAN & JEFF SHARP
CHARD & SHARLA FREESE



Commodore's Report

The Change of Bridge was a wonderful event! Past Commodore Bob and First Lady Verna put on a fabulous evening. Amy and I sincerely appreciate everything. Many thanks to all those members that attended and to those who were there in spirit. Excellent food and music and just to remind us that we do live in the Great Northwest, lots and lots of rain and wind. What the heck, better in the fall and winter than in the spring and summer!!!

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 your Vice Commodore successful. Our cruises and membership efforts in 2015 were excellent. RHYC is truly blessed to have such a great group of members.

A very special thanks to the outgoing bridge members, Past Commodore/Trustee Dave Mehlum and Rear Commodore Glen Dodge for their hard work on behalf of the club. On that note, I would like to also thank Bridge member Matt Hickman for continuing to serve in his respective position, Lynn Sipkens for stepping up to serve as Vice Commodore, Jon Edwards as Rear Commodore, John Sipkens as Fleet Captain and Larry Cronin as our Secretary. I am looking forward to working with the new Bridge on another fun and successful year.

You should be receiving your membership renewal notices soon and I am encouraging everyone to send in their 2016 dues early as it helps the Bridge to evaluate the options for balancing our budget. Please remember that the club membership approved a bylaws change for the assessment of a late fee for dues received after January 31st. Our membership dues are used primarily to pay for our outstations and we want to ensure that club members continue to enjoy

the benefits of your four outstations.

John Sipkens is working diligently to firm up the 2016 cruise schedule so please check out the updated schedule on our new web site as there are some changes from the previous version. There are some excellent opportunities for members to volunteer to be cruise captains and members of a team. If you are able to help with a cruise, please get in contact with John. Mike Goodman and Robin Haley are setting the bar high this year with a fantastic cruise to Bremerton to include numerous events and a night at the Admiral Theater for a FANTASTIC comedy show and many, many other exciting events. We'll be there and hope to see many of you as well.

As we begin 2016, I 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.

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 and Ice Breaker cruise in January.

I look forward to another great year for RHYC

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Sherwood
Commodore



Vice Commodore's Report

The Change of Bridge was a wonderful event with great food, entertainment and friends. Bob and Verna have most likely taken a big sigh of relief to have passed the wand to Frank Sherwood, stepping back and letting someone else take the helm. I'm quite sure Frank is up to the job and look forward to working with everyone on this year's bridge.

Speaking of finding more new members we need to all keep an eye out for those boaters that have shown the love of the sea that we all have. Those boaters that need a club like ours. A true cruising club is who we are. We actually use our boats. Go figure! Those are the folks we would like to see join with us. We want people who will actively attend our cruises, who step up and do their part in making an already great cruising club even better. We want younger members who will keep our club fresh and active. We want the type of members who believe in safe boating and good times. I honestly can't think of any age that doesn't fit with who we are; serious boaters. So put on your proverbial thinking cap. Do you or have you belonged to other yacht clubs? How many of your friends in those clubs would love an opportunity to use their boats every month on great cruises with great friends. They don't have to give up their current club; they can join us for the cruising.

John and I have belonged to several different yacht clubs as we moved up and down the sound. (I still struggle with calling it the Salish Sea, sorry!) Anyway, most of those clubs really were social clubs only using their boats four or five times a year, if that. What attracted us to RHYC is the fact that we use our boats all year round. We especially love cruising in the winter. It's so easy to get into reciprocals, outstations and parks because there are so few boaters on the water in the winter. This is the one place in the entirety of the US that you can boat year round because the weather is usually not too extreme. I cruised on Chesapeake Bay for a couple years, which gives you plenty of places to gunk hole (not as many as here, but plenty). The problem with that area is everyone takes their boats out of the water in September and re-splashes them in June. It seemed such a waste of a perfectly good boat.

So long story short, we all know people who love to boat, or are thinking of buying a boat, or think they may want to learn to boat. That is where we look. We love to surround ourselves with people we enjoy. Look to our kids, our friends or even our acquaintances that would make great boating buddies.

Your mission, should you decide to accept it, is to keep your eyes and ears open for those folks you know who would make our yacht club even better. Our club survives on people. Bring us the people.

I hope many of you are joining us in December for the New Year's Eve that Robin Haley and Mike Goodman are putting together. Whether you come by boat or drive in and stay at the hotel it will be a good time.

I look forward to seeing you then.

Regards,
Lynn Sipkens
Vice Commodore

New Members

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

Larry Gill and Shirley Kankelfritz
Seattle, WA
36' Silverton
"Tara"
Sponsors: Steve Driscoll and Frank
Sherwood





Rear Commodore's Report

Our recent great COB celebration has opened another year of RHYC cruising fun. It seems like just yesterday that I started as your Fleet Captain, and started my plea for cruise captains. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you that volunteered this last year to be cruise captains and cruise teams. You made our cruising events extremely memorable for me and your fellow cruisers.

For this next year, I will be taking over the reins from Glen Dodge as your Rear Commodore. In this role, I am responsible for our outstations and club reciprocals. I truly consider both to be extremely valuable resources for our club and I pledge to continue the lineage of past Rear Commodores in managing and maintaining these resources. I welcome any feedback you wish to offer on issues, comments or recommendations for both of these resources, just send me an email at rearcommodore@rhyc.org.

As a reminder, besides our printed club roster book, you can also get information on our outstations and club reciprocals on our RHYC website. The site 'Club Reciprocals' menu choice, will display detailed information about the reciprocals including moorage, directions, local amenities and host yacht club contact information. If you are logged in to the site, the 'Outstations' web menu choice will allow you to access the club rules and procedures for each of our locations. If you have not done so already, please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with these online information sources.

Happy holidays, and I hope to see you at one of the upcoming cruises.

Jon Edwards
Rear Commodore



Treasurer's Report

No Report



Secretary's Report

Well, the Change of the Bridge cruise was, as usual, a great event. The Queen City Yacht club did a great job with the food.

As I start this new year as your Secretary, I find I have to sharpen my skills in putting the Anchor Watch newsletter together, so please have

patience while I learn Publisher. With all the super cruises we have lined up so far, I will have many stories to write about.

Respectfully,
Larry Cronin
Secretary



Fleet Captain's Report

The Change of Bridge was a great time, fun, music, dancing and food. Great job, Verna and Bob.

As Fleet Captain, one of my jobs is to find Cruise Captains to put on the great monthly events that so many in our club enjoy. So far the response for Volunteers has been good. I just need THREE more events to have a leadership team for: Everett Annual Business meeting, Memorial Day weekend in Bremerton, and July 3rd Liberty Bay, SO please step up and take one of these cruises on. It is work, however, it is a lot of fun and it makes RHYC a GREAT Cruising Club.

Upcoming events are:

New Year's Weekend in Bremerton. It starts on December 31st and ends Saturday January 2nd, 2016. The details are on the website or contact Robin Haley.

January 10th Pete and Linda Jung have an Ice Breaker planned at the Tulalip Casino. I think that we might take the Motor Home up Saturday afternoon and stay the night at the RV park onsite. I think they call it Land Cruising or Camping. Of course, there is a luxury hotel on site that might be a nice get away, Look for details on the website.

Sweet Hearts Cruise is February 12 to 14 with a boat trip to Bell Harbor and the meeting will be on Sunday morning at Paddy Coyne's Pier 70, on the Seattle waterfront. By sea or by land it will be a fun filled event. Boaters make your boat reservations directly with Bell Harbor and the event will assign the slip. Event sign up will be up soon on the website.

See you cruising,

John Sipkens
fleetcaptain@rhy.org



Past Commodore/Trustee

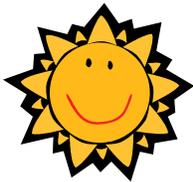
Congratulations to our new Commodore Frank Sherwood and first lady Amy. May your time as Commodore be as fulfilling as mine has been in 2015. I am confident the club is in good hands with the new Bridge and they will all be working very hard to promote the club next year. I hope that all of the membership will lend their support to continue the

great cruising club RHYC has become in the Northwest.

I would like to give special thanks to the membership for allowing me to serve you as Commodore for 2015. I also would like to thank the 2015 Bridge members; Frank Sherwood (VC), Glen Dodge (RC), Matt Hickman (T), Lynn Sipkens (S) and Jon Edwards (FC) and Dave Mehlum (PC/T) for all their support throughout the year.

Last but certainly not least, I want to thank all those that have volunteered their time, skills and service to the club. As a volunteer organization, our success depends on all of you to ensure our success. Whether it was actively recruiting new members, serving as cruise captains or cruise team members, and those participating in our cruise events, your efforts are sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Maruska
PC/Trustee



Sunshine Report

It is with deep sorrow to tell you that on Dec. 7th Carolyn Whatmore passed away peacefully after a long battle with cancer. She was an active member of RHYC since 2003. She served as first Lady and was on many cruise teams including hosting New Year's Day festivities on the Emerald I every year at Everett. She was one of our best cheerleaders and she & Don sponsored many new members into the club. Besides club activities she loved watching her granddaughter in gymnastics competitions, watching or going to NASCAR races and cheering on her Seahawks. She was a wonderful friend and she will be missed. Don wants to thank all of you who have supported Carolyn during her fight. But it is hard for those left behind. Don & Carolyn had been married for 37 years and her passing has left a huge hole in his heart. I would like to encourage all of you to continue to support Don during this very difficult time. At this time, we don't know any details of a Celebration of Life. As we hear more, we will let you all know.



This year I will be doing the Sunshine Report for the Anchor Watch. It is a column that allows members to let other members know what is going on in their lives. It can be notices of illnesses, updates on ongoing illnesses or members who are going through a difficult time and would like support from other RHYC members. It can also be announcements of special occasions in your life like an anniversary, birthday or birth announcements of children or grandchildren.

Please let me know if you have something that you would like posted in this column. I can be reached at nm47@aol.com or 425-641-5016.

Noreen Millen

Sunshine Lady

CHANGE OF THE BRIDGE





RHYC – New Year Celebration

Cruise and Comedy Show

December 31st – January 2nd

Bremerton Marina – Moorage Location
South Breakwater Guest Dock

Thursday Event: Dinner on Dock presented to you by RHYC. Followed by Admiral Theater Seating Arrangements and Cocktails for comedy show and then Laugh in the New Year with a Champagne Toast and Dancing.

Friday Event: Breakfast al a nummy! Followed by New Year Day Foot Ball Games, on select Host Boats, and afternoon Crock Pot Cook Off. Brain Teaser Trivia for evening activities. Prizes will be awarded for a variety of things.

Saturday Event: Continental Breakfast and send off.

Menu to be out Shortly... You don't want to miss out!!!!

ONLY 4 Floor Seats available at \$60.00 pp
Contact Robin Haley today to get your seat! 206-200-1259 or
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2016 RHYC ICEBREAKER BRUNCH

January 10, 2016

10:00 AM-???

This year's Icebreaker Brunch is going to be somewhat "different". The event will be held in the Tulalip Casino's ***The Draft***, and timed to view the 2016 NFL Wild Card playoff games. ***The Draft*** is the Casino's sports bar, which has not one, but TWO giant TV screens, one at each end of the bar. The bar seats 100 persons, 50 facing each TV, grouped around various settees and tables. But...it's not a private venue. That means we'll have to share the space with some of the flat earth society (non-RHYC members). On the other hand, we'll have no-host food (pub food, reasonable and good), and a no-host bar, and no cruise fee.

Unfortunately, it's unknown at this time who will be playing! Of course, high hopes hold out that the Seattle Seahawks will play at 10:05 on Sunday morning, but who knows?

Come early and make a weekend out of it. Or pop in and say Hi to your fellow RHYC members, stay for a beer (or two), have some Naked Fries, or my personal favorite, a Gut Buster 1/3-pound hot dog served with The Draft's pig candy jalapeno jam, grilled onions, and roasted garlic mayonnaise. Burp...

The food's real good, very inexpensive, the beer's cold, the opportunities to excel at the adjacent craps tables or other games of chance are excellent, and the company will be fine as always.

Some URLs to ponder:

<http://www.tulalipresortcasino.com/Dining/TheDraft>

<http://www.tulalipresortcasino.com/Dining/MenuTheDraft>

<http://www.tulalipresortcasino.com/Gaming/Poker>

<http://www.tulalipresortcasino.com/Resort>

Reservations: Not required. However, to ensure The Draft has sufficient wait staff on hand, it would be appreciated if you would respond to Pete and Linda Jung by phone at (425-377-6392), or via email at lin-da.jung813@gmail.com with an indication of how many will attend, so we can alert The Draft ahead of time.

Again, no cruise fee, all food is pay-as-you-go, all drinks are no-host, and the rest of the Casino's adventures are available for your pleasure, either before or after the event. Come early, stay late, and enjoy.



Sweetheart Cruise

Friday, February 12th – Monday, February 15th

Bring your Sweetheart and join us for a fun weekend at Bell Harbor!!

All of C and Charter Dock are reserved for RHYC
(Please make sure to call Bell Harbor to make your reservation)
The Docking plan will be posted at a later date

If you can't come up by boat – the Marriot across the street has great room rates and valet parking available.

Friday, February 12th

6pm – 11pm – Paddy Coyne's

Happy Hour-The Restaurant is opening their bar for our group event!

Karaoke for Members and Friends!! Drive or Boat up!! Sing, listen, dance and enjoy!!

Saturday, February 13th

9am – Breakfast on the Dock – Fabulous Schwartz Brothers Bakery Products and more!!

Lunch on your own

5pm – Happy Hour Gathering on the Dock

6pm – Dinner at Anthony's

Sunday, February 14th

10am – Breakfast and Annual Meeting at Paddy Coyne's

For those that must depart on Sunday – Bon Voyage!!

For those that can stay through the Monday "Holiday" – we will link up for spontaneous commoving activities!!

Total Cost for the Cruise \$10/boat – All restaurants and bar activities are pay as you go.

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, John Sipkens at fleetcaptain@rhyc.org

2016 CRUISE SCHEDULE

Date	Destination	Activity	Cruise Captains
Dec 31 - Jan 3	Bremerton Marina	New Years Cruise	Robin Haley and Mike Goodman
Jan 10	Tulalip Casino Marysville	Ice Breaker Brunch	Pete and Linda Jung
Feb 12 - 14	Bell Harbor	Sweetheart Brunch	Bill Foulk
Mar 18 - 20	Des Moines Marina	St. Patricks Cruise	Chris and Sandy Benson
April 15 - 17	Everett Marina	RHYC Business Meeting	Need Cruise Captains
May 4 - 8	Montlake Cut	Opening Day	Paul Bennett
May 27 - 30	Bremerton Marina	Memorial Day Cruise	Need Cruise Captains
June 17 - 19	Brownsville Marina	Fathers Day Cruise	Debi and Phil Freund
July 1-4	Liberty Bay	3rd of July Cruise	Need Cruise Captains
Aug 5 - 7	Roche Harbor Marina	Colors Cruise	Matt and Orit Hickman
Sep 2 - 5	Gig Harbor Wagon Wheel	Labor Day Cruise	Steve and Carrie Ackerman
Oct 7 - 9	Dockstreet, Tacoma	Columbus Day Cruise	Noreen and Neil Millen
Nov 5	Queen City Yacht Club	Change of Bridge	Frank and Amy Sherwood
Nov 25 - 27	Edmonds Marina	Thanksgiving Cruise	Glen and Liz Dodge

Upcoming Cruises



New Year's Eve
December 31—Jan 2
Bremerton

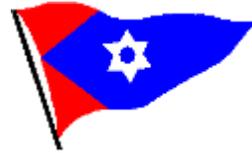


Ice Breaker Cruise
Jan 10
Tulalip Casino
Marysville



Feb 12-14
Bell Harbor

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