

RHYC anchor watch



Cruise Report – New Years Eve Cruise

Happy New Year Roche Harbor Yacht Club. For those of you who were not able to attend, you were missed. The weather was fabulous so boating in the New Year was uneventful. What wasn't uneventful was the group that showed up to ring in the New Year, Club Cruise Style...

Several showed up early on Thursday to get the party started. This made it easy for docking on the South Break Water, in the Bremerton Marina for those boats that decided to make the trek. Boats included, Five Daughters Later, Magic Moment (which left quick on Saturday so they could get their Ski on!), Cresendo, Stargazer, and the Conundrum. The Halycon came the farthest, from the next dock over. Guests included a Karl Tussy and friend Lynette sighting, Cruise Team Mike Goodman, Robin Haley, Bill Moffet and Steve and Sandy Driscoll. Of course we had the Santa's left over to drink more helpers, Jack and Therese Gordon, Glen and Liz Dodge, Jon Edwards and Holly Palmer, John and Lynn Sipkins, Frank and Amy Sherwood, Neil and Noreen Miller and Paul and Brenda Norris.

Mexican flair was in the winter air, and margaritas to drink. Everyone on the dock was kind of cold except Noreen in her mink.



While cold it was on the outside, enchiladas being served were hot. Magic Moment had inside seating, but we all cuddled on the dock.

Tequila was the beverage of choice in establishing our remedy. For all to get ready and enjoy a good laugh in preparation for the comedy.



Midnight stuck at the Admiral and everything went in the air. Including our Cruise Captain Mike Goodman who hit the dance floor with flair.

Ay Caranba, could be heard on the dock as New Year Day Bloody Mary's were brewing. Waffles, sausage and bacon smells

as well poached eggs stewing.

The group started to ponder,
who would be the big winner?
For the upcoming crock pot cook off
that we were all going to have for dinner.

On Chicken Noodle and
on Italian Wedding Soup,
Several items in a pot,
That is sure to make a %#@

The big winner of the cook off,
Lasagna Soup with mushy noodles,
Which was gone in an instant
As all was enjoyed oodles and oodles.

Magic Moment hosted Dinner, -
to include the guitarist/comedian on the big screen.
Not a spare space on the floor was to be found,
It was a wonderful New Year scene.

As the party started to die down,
bellies full from all the variety,
People were being to think,
Crap! Back to sobriety.

Several vessels departed on Saturday Morning,
leaving the lovely sunny marina.
That would be all but a few mariners,
who decided to hang around in the cantina.



*Who made this
mess?*



Thank you again for such a wonderful cruise. All the help, laughter, football and friends was a great way to kick off a new year.

Cheers! To 2016

Robin Haley and Mike Goodman

Cruise Report – Ice Breaker Cruise

Well, how ‘bout THEM apples! After my personal call to Roger Goodell secured the correct start time for the Seahawks on our Icebreaker Cruise, I felt pretty comfortable about the Cruise. (And, if you believe THAT sentence, know that I firmly believe there’s absolutely no substitute for dumb luck. If you STILL believe what you read here, call me-I’ve got a bridge to sell). And, while watching the game from a piddly little TV screen in the hospital during most of the game, I wasn’t thinking so much of my prowess, but was hoping y’all wouldn’t hate me! But in the end, like I said, there ain’t no substitute for dumb luck! GO ‘HAWKS!

We had a full house at The Draft in Tulalip. Even if you weren’t a die-hard football fan, it’s hard not to get excited watching a game like that in a genuine sports bar with what instantly became your newest 100 best friends. Remember Superbowl 49? Remember the final play? “Oh *****”! Well, remember the final play from this year’s Icebreaker? “Oh *****”! And no, my influence in the NFL doesn’t go that deep...

From reports from my Deputy Dog Cruise Captain Linda, and my Over-dog Fleet Captains John and Lynn Sipkens, it appears all went as planned. Our reserved seats were pretty good. And with due respect to our (ahem) reputation, RHYC did exceed our beverage allowance long before our food allowance. Can we party? Oh, you betcha! Unfortunately, we were unable to squeeze in about six RHYC members, as the balance of the seats were FULL with other ‘Hawks fans. My profound apologies to all, and hope I can do a better job at communications in the future regarding events like this that require advanced reservations. But bottom line-you want to attend RHYC cruises, better speak up!

Here’s the attendee list: Linda Jung, John and Lynn Sipkens, Charles and Michelle Turbak, Steve and Michelle Nelson, Nat and Linda Collier, Doug and Gail Stewart, Jim and Karen Norton, Larry and Sally Cronin, Tom and Chris Miner, Scott Hauck and Jodie Mendes, Chris and Sandy Benson, Terra and Al Mannhalter, Neal and Noreen Millen, Bill and Nancy Foulk, and Jeff and Angie Kroeller. Photos of the guilty parties will be posted to the RHYC web site Photo Album.

Thanks to all that attended this sorta “funky” RHYC cruise. While it didn’t have much to do with RHYC’s charter, it did reaffirm my feeling that membership in RHYC is much more than just a way to have fun on the water. From personal experience, seeing our membership ANYWHERE is a pleasure and a treat. All the best for 2016, and please make best efforts to attend the upcoming RHYC cruises, starting next month at Bell Harbor! And GO ‘HAWKS!

Cruise Captains, Icebreaker 2016

Pete and Linda Jung





Commodore's Report

Amy and I began the year at the RHYC Cruise to Bremerton. The cruise included a dinner on the dock on New Year's Eve followed by an excursion to the Admiral Theater in downtown Bremerton to enjoy four great comics. Friday morning began with eggs and waffles followed by the crock pot cook off for dinner, which was won by Holly Palmer. Later that evening we concluded with fun videos on the Dodge's Magic Moment. Saturday concluded with breakfast on the dock with the group leaving for their respective home ports. The cruise was well attended and many thanks for the hard work of the cruise team Robin Haley, Mike Goodman and Bill Moffitt. They made this a fantastic event despite the COLD weather.

Amy and I both came down with the crud and unfortunately were unable to attend the Ice Breaker Cruise. I was there in spirit and thoroughly enjoyed the outcome of the Seahawks v. Vikings game from my couch at home. I would much rather have been with the club at the cruise.

Our next cruise will be the Sweethearts cruise to Bell Harbor in Seattle on February 12th through the 14th. This will be a boating cruise with hotel accommodations nearby so all should be able to attend. To reduce the cost of the cruise, there is a \$10 cruise fee with all restaurant and bar charges to be covered by the participants as you go. Please see the fleet captain's report and flyer for the latest details. The 2015 Cruise Schedule has been updated and is included in this Anchor Watch as well as on the club web site. We still have some great opportunities for members to serve as Cruise Captain's so please contact John Sipkens to volunteer.

January 31st is the deadline for the club to receive your 2015 membership dues and avoid a late fee. The club membership changed the bylaws in 2014 for an 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 our four outstations. I encourage everyone to pay their 2016 dues early and pay on line through the new club web site. If you are unable to do so, we are still accepting payment the old fashion way. If needed, please send your payments to our club treasurer Matt Hickman or Vice Commodore Lynn Sipkens.

We still have a need for new members to fill out our membership roster. I also encourage everyone 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 the Puget Sound with many fun land and water based events.

On a final note, I hope you will have time to attend the Seattle Boat Show to find some of those boating needs that you didn't know you needed but now must have. This is also an opportunity to get together with some RHYC friends and make the show a fantastic fun event. We hope to see you there.

I look forward to seeing all of you soon and wish you all the best for 2016. GO HAWKS!!!!

Respectfully Submitted,
Frank Sherwood
Commodore



Vice Commodore's Report

I would say our 2016 got off with a BIG bang!! With the venue in the Tulalip Casino at the sports bar, The Draft, we got to witness the Seahawks win! What an exciting way to start the New Year. Many thanks to Pete and Linda Jung for coming up with a great way to have our first cruise, well land cruise anyway, the Icebreaker.

Over the month of December I spent a lot of time helping members navigate the new website. The saying "change is tough" definitely fits here. Most of the issues have been getting signed on. Over the course of moving to a new website we have had several emails go out explaining the process of signing on but somehow were missed. If you have not signed on yet, please follow the following steps:

Go to www.rhyc.org

At this point your ID will be your email address. If that doesn't work try the first initial of your first name and the last name (i.e. lsipkens. Yours, not mine!)

Press over "I don't remember my password". The system will automatically send you a temporary password.

When you receive that password use it to get in at which point you should change it to a password you will remember.

If you are there to renew, simply press over the red word "renew". From there the system will walk you through the renewal process for both credit card and checks. Know that if you choose to pay by check you need to mail it us.

While in the website take the time to check it out. Our Anchor Watch is now on the website rather than being sent out by email. (I hope you've figured this out already). The benefit to this is you can review past Anchor Watches. Why you might ask, great memories. You can also use this as a quick way to look up your fellow member's addresses and phone numbers. Take the time to peruse the website, it really does have a lot to offer, not to mention the pictures from our past events. **Most important, when you see an email from RHYC, read it, these tell about cruises too.**

If you should have any further issues with log in call me, I am almost always available.

So let's now talk about growing our membership. As you know every year our budget includes a line item to grow our membership. This is how we keep our club active. We always will need new members for many reasons, but the most important one is **fun**. The more **fun** people we bring into the club the more **fun** we have doing what we love to do.....cruise! Think of what **fun** if you could introduce your adult kids to by buying a boat and joining the best cruising club on the water. Well, at least it would be easier to see them more often! Put on the proverbial thinking cap of who you know that has a boat that would enjoy our cruises. Show them how to get on our website (you should be an expert by now) and sign up.

I hope to see many of you at our Sweet Hearts cruise in February.

Regards,

Lynn Sipkens
Vice Commodore

New Members

No new members this month

New Applicants

No new applicants this month



Rear Commodore's Report

No report this month



Treasurer's Report

Thanks to everyone for your timely membership renewals, as well as your patience with our new online payment system. I'm pleased to see that many members have embraced the website and are enjoying the convenience of online renewals and event registrations, as well as online payments. If you haven't yet renewed for 2016, please feel free to call on me for assistance. We can handle checks, credit cards, and yes, even good old cash. We take it all! I'm not sure how to handle silver or gold, but I'll give it a try if that's your preference. Your timely renewals enable our club to provide awesome boating activities year-round, so please don't delay!

Respectfully,

Matt Hickman



Secretary's Report

The Ice Breaker cruise was fun and the turnout was so good they had to turn people away. We got there at a little before 10:00 and we only got in because we were with the club.

I for one had the confidence that the Seahawks would win until just the last minute. They proved me wrong and it made for an exciting time. Getting together that day made me want to get out on the water again. The cold, wind and rain has kept us on land most of the winter. The Sweetheart cruise is next and both Sally and I are looking forward to being there.

Respectfully,

Larry Cronin
Secretary



Fleet Captain's Report

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 two more events to have a leadership team for: **July 3rd Liberty Bay**, and the last boat cruise of 2016 at **Dock Street, October**. 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.

Recent events were: **Thank You to Robin and Mike and Pete And Linda Jung.**

New Year's Weekend in Bremerton was a great time enjoyed by about 20 of our members with about seven boats in attendance. Lynn and I had a great time and then went on a Cruise New Year's Morning to Gig Harbor. Last Mango is for sale and listed though Emerald Yachts in Gig Harbor. It is not an easy choice, but with a house, she is too much for me to care for. Yes, we will get a smaller boat as soon as Last Mango sells.

See Robin's great article in this issue of the Anchor Watch.

Pete and Linda Jung did a great job planning the January 10th **Ice Breaker** at the Tulalip Casino. Over thirty members signed up with 30 seats. A couple of people got sick so we only had to turn away about eight people. Moreover, Pete was worried that it would not sell out. It helped that the SEAHAWKS Wild card game against the Vikings was for that time slot. That was totally luck of the draw as the reservations had to be made weeks before it was even known if the Seahawks would make it to the play offs. Pete was in Hospital watching on a postage stamp size TV. His First Mate Linda with help from Lynn and John Sipkens collected the monies and directed the event, which the Sea Hawks kept everyone's attention to the end. Thanks to a missed Field Goal by the Vikings, GO Hawks.

Upcoming events are:

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 on the website. There is a \$10 fee for the boat, all other cost are on you. If you are not coming by boat you pay as you go at the event on Sunday or Saturday evenings.

Saint Paddy's Cruise at Des Moines Marina: March 18-20. This will be the 2nd Saint Paddy's Cruise to Des Moines lead by Chris and Sandy Benson. Look for details soon on the Website.

Annual Business Meeting at Everett will be April 15-17, Returning members Chuck and Michael Turbak jumped up and volunteered to lead this cruise and have been working hard on the planning of this event. Reservation for the Guest Dock have been made. Plan on a great event and the start of the better weather cruising. Details and sign up on the website soon.

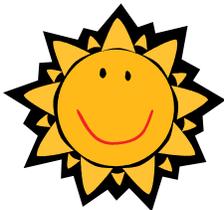
See you cruising,

John Sipkens
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Past Commodore/Trustee

No report this month.



Sunshine Report

I hope that 2016 is treating you well. There are still some members who need our prayers and support. I have heard from many of you how lucky we are to have a club like ours with so many caring people. Keep up the good work.

Peter Jung had a biopsy on his lung on Jan. 8th. The biopsy was to determine what was causing scar tissue to form on the outside of his lung. There are many reasons that this occurs including infection, allergies such as mold and a rare one caused by contact with birds. Peter has had a parrot for years and is hoping that it is not the cause. He will update us all in a letter when he finds out the next step.

Don Whatmore has started his radiation treatments five days a week for prostate cancer. It is going well and so far not any discomfort. He says that soreness does not happen until he is about half way through. His last treatment is March 10th. He also wanted me to let you know that he is planning a Celebration of Life for Carolyn but it will not occur until after his treatments. He will let us know the date and place when he has finalized the plans. Don needs all our support now in this difficult time. The best way to contact him is on the home phone because he is having trouble with his cell. He also is not checking his emails often so has missed the messages from members via email. He is going to attend the Sweetheart Cruise as a guest of Steve and Kim Oberto. It will be good to see him there.

Great news from Pam Ellard!! After years of being on the heart transplant list she finally was called and got her new heart on Jan. 11th. She is at the University of Washington hospital and is

doing well. She got the heart from a 26 year old man from Alaska. I guess young at heart will definitely apply to Pam. Finally good news from G dock at Elliott Bay. Please continue to let me know of members who would like to share what is going on in their lives. You can contact me through my email at nm47at aol dot com or call me at 425-641-5016 or 206-595-4355. See you at the Sweetheart Cruise and go Hawks!!

Noreen Millen
Sunshine Lady

Good Night Waffles

recipe submitted by Barb Helgeson



Ingredients

- 1/2 cup lukewarm water (105 degrees)
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/4 ounce active dry yeast
- 2 cups whole milk, warmed (about 105 degrees)
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, melted and cooled
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 large eggs, slightly beaten
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda

Directions

1. The night before, or at least 8 hours before baking, combine the warm water, granulated sugar and yeast.
2. Let stand 10 minutes, until foamy.
3. Stir in the warm milk, melted butter, and salt.
4. Beat in the flour until smooth.
5. Wrap bowl tightly with plastic wrap and let stand overnight on the counter.
6. Preheat waffle iron.
7. While waffle iron heats, stir the eggs, vanilla, and baking soda into the batter.
8. Follow the manufacture's directions for making waffles.





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	Now moved to Poulsbo	RHYC Business Meeting	Chuck and Michael Turback
May 4 - 8	Montlake Cut	Opening Day	Paul Bennett
May 27 - 30	Bremerton Marina	Memorial Day Cruise	Noreen & Neil Millen and Frank & Amy Sherwood
June 17 - 19	Brownsville Marina	Fathers Day Cruise	Debi and Phil Freund
TBD	TBD	On The Move Cruise	Need Cruise Captains Before or after Colors
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	Need Cruise Captains
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



Sweetheart Cruise
Feb 12-14
Bell Harbor



St. Patricks Day Cruise
March 18-20
Des Moines Marina

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