

# RHYC

## anchor watch



### Cruise Report – Sweetheart Cruise

Our inaugural Sweetheart's Cruise to Bell Harbor was a great success. A really fun time had by all. We had a total of 13 boats for the blustery weekend in Seattle. We appreciate all that challenged a bit of a wind on Friday to make the trip up.

Everyone enjoyed a fun Friday night of dinner and karaoke at the Hook and Plow at the Marriott by the marina. We love all the singers that participated and those that hung out to cheer them on! I believe we broke their sales record for food and drink.

A great spread of breakfast treats from Schwartz Brothers Bakery and mimosa's on the dock Saturday morning before a nice day in the city. A nice sunny morning to visit and share a nice scone is a good way to start the day. A little on the cool side but everyone stepped out and enjoyed the morning.

Saturday was a free day for folks to enjoy the city with shopping, Great Wheel rides, Pike Place Market and much more. We gathered Saturday night on a few boats moving the happy hour indoors. Thank you to all that opened up their boats for guests, appetizers and maybe a few shots of rum to warm up the evening!

Dinner at Anthony's was a fun success. We had over 40 people attend and share a great meal and a few laughs. Thank you to those that drove in as well. It was fun to get to visit with all.

Sunday morning was some very fast departures as the wind was picking up, but we gathered up a nice crew to have a tasty breakfast at Paddy Coyne's on Pier 70. A nice warm Irish breakfast to send us all home on a safe journey!

Thank you very much to all the participants! We had a great time visiting friends and meeting many new ones! It was our first cruise with RHYC and just a wonderful experience. We look forward to our next one at Dock Street this October!!

Take Care,

Bill & Nancy





## **C**ommodore's Report

This year's Sweethearts cruise was extra special as it constituted our first on the water cruise which usually doesn't occur until our St. Paddy Cruise in March. The cruise was hosted by Bill Foulk and Nancy Williams. What a great event and we even had good weather, by February standards. The cruise started with happy hour at Paddy Coyne's on Friday evening, followed by breakfast on the dock Saturday morning with treats from Fabulous Schwartz Brothers Bakery Products followed by dinner at Anthony's Saturday evening. Sunday morning had us back at Paddy Coyne's for brunch and the conclusion of a fantastic cruise.

As we move through the year and make our plans for our summer cruises, please consider offering to be a cruise captain for one of our fantastic RHYC Club Cruises. John Sipkins has done a fantastic job in finding volunteers to fill the majority of the cruises, but I'm sure he would entertain any help offered in order to make this one of the best cruising years ever for our club. If you get a call asking you to step up and lead a cruise, please give it serious consideration and think of it as part of your membership participation. It is a fantastic way to meet new members, engage with current members and show your creative side. Plus, it's just a lot of fun. We have a reputation for great cruise events that are the result of our members stepping up to participate.

As you know, we went to a computerized on line system this past year and it has taken us all a while to get accustomed to utilizing its many functions. Please be patient and allow us the opportunity to work out the bugs and ensure that this system works to the satisfaction of the membership. It will take a little time, but we are getting there. As will any change, it will take some time to get accustomed to how things work, however I'm confident that in the long run,

we will be much happier and more comfortable in its utilization the more we work with the system. I have Halcyon in the boat yard in Gig Harbor getting her ready for another great cruising year with RHYC. She will be ready for her first club cruise in March to Des Moines for our St. Paddy's cruise. I spent last weekend washing off a winters worth of dirt and was amazed at the beautiful boat that was hiding under all that crud. I believe I picked up at least another 3 knots of cruise speed after getting rid of all the excess weight. We can't wait to attend our first club cruise by boat in 2016. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Thank you to all of the members who submitted their membership dues by January 31<sup>st</sup>. We still have some members that have yet to complete membership renewal process for 2016. Unfortunately, this year as has been the practice over the last 2 years, those that do not pay by January 31<sup>st</sup> are subject to a \$50.00 late charge. 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 outstations.

We still have opportunities for new members to fill out our membership roster. I encourage everyone to continue their strong recruiting effort by talking with your boating friends and dock mates about the great group at RHYC and recommend that they consider applying for membership in the club. There is 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 events, both afloat and by land.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Frank Sherwood  
Commodore



## Vice Commodore's Report

We are at the end of our renewal period for Roche Harbor Yacht Club. This has been a time of learning not only for me but you, our members. "They" say change is tough but I think we have some of the smartest folks around. We have extended the time to renew without hitting anybody with a late fee because of the confusion of the website. We are actually down to only 9 people who have not renewed. I'm so proud of everyone hanging in there with me while learning the new website yourselves right alongside me.

The biggest problem I have found during this time is folks not reading their emails that come in from the club. Every email that comes to you from the club is to your benefit. You will not receive any advertisements just information that you need to know as a member. You will receive notices regarding cruises, the Anchor Watch and of course renewal. This website isn't all that hard to use once you get past the first big hump.

In fact signing up for the cruises is quick and easy and you can use a credit card or send a check, but be sure to sign up on line. The cruise captains use the list to get their counts for food and moorage. If you don't sign up you may not have a slip to put your boat into or even possibly not enough food for everyone. Even if you decide to come at the last minute or are expected to be there due to your position on the board or duties, please just take the time to sign up. When you do, be sure to read everything on that page. You may have a cruise captain that is a little skittish about using the website. When that happens, the Fleet Captain will put it on the site but advise that you need to sign up directly with that particular cruise captain. If you do not receive an automatic confirmation for the cruise be sure to check in with the cruise captain.

We have a couple new members coming in over the next couple of months but we need more. Most of us belong to other yacht clubs. Look to those members who you believe will benefit from our cruising club. I think sometime we think that we shouldn't ask. Don't let that stop you. Your friends don't know about our monthly cruises that add fun to their boating life. You know who is fun to hang out with, who are great boaters and who you know you would love to introduce to you cruising friends. Bring 'em on, we want them! If I could get my daughter and her husband to buy a boat I would have them signed up.....still working on them buying something bigger than canoes and kayaks! So think about your kids and adult grandkids.

Bill & Nancy did a great job at the Sweethearts cruise. It was a little different than years past with an actually cruise by boat instead of just a restaurant. They had a lot of boats show up, impressive!

I hope to see many of you at the St Patrick's Day Cruise being led by Chris & Sandy Benson to Des Moines.

Regards,

Lynn Sipkens  
Vice Commodore

## **N**ew 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.



Chuck & Michaela Turbak  
Of Mill Creek  
1991 30' Power Boat  
Semper Fi

## New Applicants

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

**Gregory Rice & Yuan Zhang  
Of Seattle  
“Spirit of Koa”  
65’ President Power Boat  
Sponsors: Mark & Linda Carpenter**

“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 this month

Jon Edwards  
Rear Commodore



### Treasurer's Report

No Report this month

Respectfully,

Matt Hickman



### Secretary's Report

The weather for the Sweetheart Cruise started out in typical Seattle winter weather with wind.

In fact, Small Craft Advisories. Sally and I went down to the boat and hoped the wind would die down and decided not to go. Later in the afternoon I was going to take a nap when the wind stopped. We said let's go for it and headed out within minutes. The rest of the weekend was just rainy and we were glad we were able to make it to Bell Harbor. On Saturday when I go up to take the dogs for their walk the Olympics had the sun and a fresh dusting of snow which was beautiful. It makes you appreciate the northwest.

It was fun to be right on the waterfront and see our friends. Our cruise captains had to do small quick work to find a place for dinner on Friday as the old venue double booked. We had two great dinners at the Marriott and Anthony's. This was our first time at Bell Harbor and we will be coming back. We had planned on doing the Ferris wheel but the weather said no.

Respectfully,

Larry Cronin  
Secretary and Anchor Watch Editor



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

The year is off to a great start with a lot of fun planned for the remainder of the year. Thanks to Bill Foulk and Nancy Williams for doing the first Boating Sweetheart Cruise. In spite of predicted high winds, it was a great success. Next up is St. Paddy's Day Weekend (March 18-20) in Des Moines led by Chris and Sandy Benson. They did this cruise two years ago, and are back again! Des Moines has great fuel prices so it might be a good time to top off the tanks for the summer cruising season. April 15-17 is the business meeting cruise at the POULSBO Marina, reservations have been made with a fun filled western themed with dancing planned. This cruise is being led by returning members Chuck and Michael Turbak. Check out both of these cruises on the RHYC.ORG website and sign up.

We continue to learn about the website sign up process and have worked out most of the bugs. The most important thing is to read all emails from the club. If you have a problem please contact me by phone or email. ([fleetcaptain@rhyc.org](mailto:fleetcaptain@rhyc.org)) it is important to sign up for cruises and keep the cruise team updated on last minute changes as unexpected attendees may cause logistical issues and sometimes we have a limit to the number of attendees or boat space and may have a wait list so that cancellation is important. Please cancel if needed and do not just do a no show.

Kudu's to those of you who volunteer to lead the many cruises each year. We have a number of members who do many cruises and some of you have never done a cruise. One of the membership requirements is to lead and or help with cruises. We still need to fill July 3<sup>rd</sup> in Liberty Bay, and Memorial Day Weekend which is scheduled for Gig Harbor as a raft up or Wagon Wheel. The location may be moved if that gives us a cruise team. However, we have many members who live in the greater Gig Harbor area.

Planning for 2017 Cruising season is underway; if you have suggestions or want to sponsor a cruise in 2017 please contact me.



See you cruising,

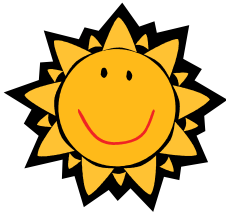
John Sipkens  
fleetcaptain@rhyc.org



## **P**ast Commodore/Trustee

No Report this month

Respectfully,  
Bob Maruska  
PC/Trustee



## **S**unshine Report

It was nice to see Don Whatmore at the Valentine's Cruise. He came with the Obertos on Maximo. He is half way through his radiation treatment for prostate cancer and is doing well. He is planning to attend the March cruise so we look forward to seeing him again.

Peter Jung also attended the Valentine's cruise. The biopsy on the scar tissue forming on the outside of his lung showed that it is not caused by environmental causes so the bird gets a reprieve. They are still determining treatment so I will keep you posted.

Mike Croke has been in the hospital and had his other leg amputated due to complications of diabetes. He has been in frail health the past year with infections and circulatory issues. The amputation was of course the last resort. Please keep Mike and Jan in your prayers and thoughts. They can use our support.

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 March Cruise.

Noreen Millen  
Sunshine Lady







**St. Patrick's Cruise 2016**  
**Des Moines Marina**  
**March 18-20**



**Cruise Captains: Chris & Sandy Benson**

**SCHEDULE**

Friday	6:00pm	Arrival and Potluck (In warm outside tent area)
Saturday	9:30am	Hot Irish 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: \$25 per person (children under 12 \$10)**

Sign up by March 5th online or send check to:  
RHYC c/o Sandy Benson  
24204 13th Place So.  
Des Moines, WA 98198

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

Questions or information call 206-595-8728

**Best Decorated  
Irish Outfit**

**Best Irish  
Drink Contest**





## SHOOTOUT AT THE POULSBO SALOON

*Cruise Captains Chuck & Michael Turbak*

**APRIL 15 - 17 2016**

*RHYC BUSINESS MEETING AT POULSBO MARINA*

*DIG OUT YOUR CRAZY ROY ROGERS/DALE EVANS GET UPS FOR A WESTERN THROWBACK - NO MECHANICAL BULL - BUT SQUARE DANCING, DICKY'S BBQ, PRIZES FOR BEST BELT BUCKLE (REAL COWBOYS CALL IT A LURE), BEST SHIRT/BLOUSE, BEST HAT/BONNET, BEST BOOTS AND UGLIEST SHIRT/GETUP.*

**APRIL 15** - ARRIVE AT MARINA - JOHN SIPKENS IS THE DOCK MASTER - CONTACT HIM ON CHANNEL #68

**1800** ON THE PARTY BARGE - BRING AN APPETISER AND BYOL

**APRIL 16 0900** BREAKFAST ON THE BARGE

*BUSINESS MEETING AT THE SON'S OF NORWAY*

**1400 to 1600** BUSINESS MEETING

**1600 to 1700** "Spring Fashion Show" by the ship's store

**1800** DINNER - Catered by DICKY'S BBQ

**1930 TO 2130** SQUARE DANCING WITH A **CALLER/INSTRUCTOR**

THREE STRING BAND "**POSSUM CARVERS**" FROM PORT TOWNSEND

THIS WILL BE SIMPLE COUNTRY SQUARE DANCING - WITH INSTRUCTION

**APRIL 17 0900** BREAKFAST ON THE BARGE

**Sign up by April 1, 2016** either on line or send check to;

RHYC % Chuck Turbak  
PO Box 12151  
Mill Creek, WA 98082-0151

COST \$35 PER PERSON

Contact Chuck Turbak at 425 260 4728 [turbakgrp6@aol.com](mailto:turbakgrp6@aol.com)



# 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](mailto: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 & Nancy Williams
Mar 18 - 20	Des Moines Marina	St. Patricks Cruise	Chris and Sandy Benson
April 15 - 17	12th St (north) Marina, Everett	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	<b>Need Cruise Captains Before or after Colors</b>
July 1-4	Liberty Bay	3rd of July Cruise	<b>Need Cruise Captains</b>
Aug 5 - 7	Roche Harbor Marina	Colors Cruise	Matt and Orit Hickman
Sep 2 - 5	Gig Harbor Wagon Wheel	Labor Day Cruise	<b>Need Cruise Captains</b>
Oct 7 - 9	Dockstreet, Tacoma	Columbus Day Cruise	Bill Foulk & Nancy Williams
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



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



Business  
Cruise & Meeting  
April 15-17  
Poulsbo Marina



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