

RHYC

anchor watch



Cruise Report – St. Patrick's Day Cruise



The St. Patrick's Day Cruise was a huge success. The marina was great to work with and everyone got in safe and sound. We had beautiful weather and little rain.

We had a total of 16 boats and over 50 people attending the cruise with several people that came by car and/or stayed on a boat with friends. Greg and Yun Rice become new members. Welcome to the club!

We started out the weekend with a Friday night gathering in the enclosed and heated tent on the dock. We had a wonderful time sharing a great potluck. Many people came up to us and said it was the best food at a Friday night social. I guess we will have to do that more often. Actually the entire weekend was about great food. Saturday morning everyone enjoyed breakfast scrambles and fruit, making plans for the rest of the day. Members spent time doing boat projects and exploring Des Moines. Thanks to Tara Mannhalter for having the Ship Store open for a few hours.

At 3pm fun began! It was a contest that many people will not forget and will try to replicate. It was a contest created and orchestrated by Orit and Matt Hickman. The drink contest had three rounds: (1) Pouring the perfect 'Black & Tan' (2) Making a drink using Bailey's Irish Cream and secret ingredients (3) Making a drink using Jameson's Irish Whiskey and secret ingredients. There are pictures on the RHYC website of various concoctions.

The drink contest was won by the team consisting of: Millen, Maruska, Sherwood, Sipkens. There is also a picture of the winning team along with the judges on the website.

Special shout-out to our volunteer judges for the drink contest (a tough job, but somebody had to do it): Larry Cronin, Greg Rice, and David Silver.

The costume contest was won by Don Whatmore and Mary Mehlum. We already posted pictures of the event on the RHYC website and there is a nice picture of both of them in costume.

We had a great Saturday night dinner and enjoyed corned beef, cabbage, carrots, Shepard's pie, salad, soda bread and several choices of dessert. Everyone had lots to eat and enjoyed the St Patrick's food. Thanks to Chris Benson for his great cooking! After dinner we had Colors and as always touch everyone a special way.

Sunday morning, we had cinnamon rolls, muffins, and fruit to give everyone energy for the trip home.

Attendees included: Chris & Sandy Benson and guests Tim & Holly Madsen, Steve & Carrie Ackerman, Patrick & Miriam Gill, Mark & Linda Carpenter, Larry & Sally Cronin, Greg & Carol French, Larry Gill & Shirley Kankelfritz, Emerson Hickman, Matt & Orit Hickman and Morgan, Al & Tara Mannhalter, Robert & Shirley Patterson, David & Janel Silver, Harry & Teri Johnson, Pete & Linda Jung, Bob & Verna Maruska, Dave & Mary Mehlum, Neil & Noreen Millen, Frank & Amy Sherwood, Dave & Janel Silver, John & Lynn Sipkens, Paul & Brenda Norris, Steve & Kim Oberto, Don Whatmore, Vance Webster, Greg & Yun Rice and guests

Take Care,
Chris and Sandy Benson



Commodore's Report

It was a real treat to get Halcyon back on the water again after having her in the boat yard and dry dock for about a month. Just the normal annual spring tune up and of course the number of things that had gone wrong that I wasn't aware of yet, but were waiting to surprise me as we got deeper into the good weather and boating season. All is good now and she ran perfectly to the St. Patrick's day cruise at Des Moines. As a reward, I filled her up with that good, good cheap diesel at \$1.47 a gallon. I had to check the calendar as I thought I had turned into Marty McFly and gone back to the future. Wow, this helped pay for that boat yard visit. A huge thanks to Chris and Sandy Benson and their team for a GREAT St. Patrick's Day Cruise. The turnout was great, the event was a spectacular, well planned and organized with of course EXCELLENT cuisine!!!! This was an excellent example of how much fun a cruise can be for both the cruise team and for the participants as well.

Our next cruise will be a return to Poulsbo for the Annual Business Meeting. We do not have any by-laws changes or amendments to discuss, however there will be discussion regarding ideas to increase membership and of course cut expenses. We have experienced diminishing membership numbers over the past few years and we do have some ideas on how to reverse this trend and again increase the membership to our fantastic club. We will also have an overview of the new computer system and discuss the parts that work and the parts that need additional tweaking. This system is a work in process but is getting better and easier to use as we get more hands on time with it. Please just bear with us while we finish the process.

We are still in need of several cruise captains for upcoming cruises. Thanks to the Turback's (recent returning members) for taking on the Poulsbo Cruise and jumping right back into the fold with the club. Please contact John Sipkins if you are interested in leading a cruise.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Business Meeting in Poulsbo. Happy boating and we'll

see you on the water.

Respectfully Submitted,
Frank Sherwood
Commodore



Vice Commodore's Report

Looky there, the sun is out, it's getting warmer and the days are getting longer. Spring has sprung!

Many thanks, to Chris and Sandy Benson, for yet another great St. Patty's Day cruise. As always a big hit and the food was great. The Hickman's stepped up for a very fun contest for the best St. Patty's drink. Who knew there was a special way to pour beer. Great Fun.

Renewals are for the most part done and Liz Dodge is hard at work producing the 2016 book which we hope will be to us all by the time folks are taking off for the great Northern trek. I know that since she plans the same trip she is feeling the pinch of time so be patient it's coming.

As I was hard at work collecting money for renewals it hit me that folks do not know when dues are due no matter how long they've been members. Know that dues are due by December 31st every year. This year we pushed out adding the \$50 late fee because the notices went out by email rather than snail mail so that caused some confusion. It also saved the club nearly \$100 in postage. I know that may not seem like a lot but add in the man/woman hours, the paper and envelopes. We try to do all we can to keep costs down for the club and this is one way to make that happen. **So long story short, know that next years and all following years, the renewal notices will be coming out in early December. That gives you the whole month to get your check in or if you prefer to use your credit card.** This year was a bit tougher as many had not yet been on the new website. So did not know how to get on or work with it.

This website is very informative. It keeps you up to date on what cruise is next month. You can sign up for that cruise using the website by registering and even paying on line. The cruise captains use this online registration to get their counts that are needed not only for food but for the marina as well. So you will need to go online to sign up. Be sure to sign up online whether you bring your boat or not. Also the website has the latest pictures posted for the last cruise with all your friends smiling faces. You are sent a link every month that takes you to the website to be able to read the Anchor Watch. Kim continues to send out your emails for reminders to get your registration in as well as let us know the Anchor Watch is available and she does this through the website. A great big thank you to Kim Nance for continuing to do this service for the club members.

Now, my monthly reminder, we need more members! Not just any members but fun boating members. Growing our already fun club and adding more members to our cruises just add to the fun. Get the theme here? FUN! So keep those thinking caps on while you look at your other boating friends either from your dock or from other yacht clubs you belong to. Ask them to join, they are probably waiting for your invitation. No, really, they ARE!!

See you in Poulsbo in April!

Lynn Sipkens, Vice Commodore

New Applicants

No new applicants



Rear Commodore's Report

Welcome to Spring boating 2016. I am writing this on the back of my boat on a spectacular 72-degree Spring day on this 1st day in April. I am sure that this weekend's weather is not an April fool's joke and it bodes well for this year's boating season to come.

Fortunately, we have lots of locations for low cost boating destinations by utilizing our club's four outstations and reciprocal resources with other clubs. At this time, I have received renewal notices for a majority of the reciprocal clubs with whom we have ongoing agreements. The full updated listing is on our website and also at Yachtdestinations.org.

For our outstations, early season makes for easy access and open dock space. As a reminder - through May 31st up to a 3-day stay is available at all of our outstations.

Before I close, I would like to remind all you Facebook users all about a great resource to keep in touch with other club members about all things RHYC -- Our RHYC Facebook group. The group is a dedicated space where you share updates, photos or documents and message other group members. The Group is closed so that only members of the group can see posts. To find the group and request to become a member, you can search in Facebook for RHYC or select the Facebook Icon in the upper left hand corner of our RHYC website. The group is a great way to let your fellow members know about a reciprocal visit or outstation experience.

The April Business Meeting in Poulsbo is next. I hope to see you at the meeting or on the dock. Keeping it short and sweet as I need to get back to enjoying the sunshine!

Jon Edwards
Rear Commodore



Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report: Boating season is upon us! Actually, it never left us - that's what we love so much about the PNW - boating season is truly year-round. So get out there and use those outstations and reciprocals! I want to thank everyone again for their timely membership renewals, and their patience with the transition to on-line payment options. It

seems like most people paid with credit cards for the last few cruises, and I think that signals that the decision to move forward with the new website and payment system was a good move for the club. Beginning with the April business meeting cruise we will also be able to take credit cards for purchases from the Ship's Store. So get ready to melt your plastic on some cool RHYC gear!

Respectfully,

Matt Hickman



Secretary's Report

Boy, did we luck out on the St. Paddy's day cruise. The weather was great (it didn't rain and no small craft advisories) and we had a good turnout. The cruise team led by Chis and Sandy Benson were helped by Matt and Orit Hickman who served us with great food and a fun drink contest.

I saw quite a few boats fill up at the marina as I think their prices are the lowest on the sound. I personally liked the marina and look forward to going back to Des Moines.

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Respectfully,

Larry Cronin
Secretary and Anchor Watch Editor



Fleet Captain's Report

. St. Paddy's Day Weekend (March 19-21) in Des Moines was led by Chris and Sandy Benson. They did this cruise two years ago, and did a great job again this year. I heard on the dock from non members how impressed they were about the number of "Yachts" RHYC had at the event. In addition, "Colors" was impressive to the people within the marina. Des Moines had great fuel prices \$1.46 for diesel. A few of you took advantage of that opportunity to top off the tanks for the summer cruising season. April 15-17 is the business meeting cruise at the POULSBO Marina, reservations are made with a fun filled western themed with dancing cruise planned. This cruise is being led by returning members Chuck and Michael Turbak. The docks will be full and all will have a great time. Opening day weekend will have a group out on the cut with Paul Bennett as host. Memorial Day weekend is in Bremerton with Sherwood's and Millen's leading the way. Check out all 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. I said this last month and new bugs got me again. 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). 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.

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 in Liberty Bay, and Labor 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. Hint, Gig Harbor area members. The Vice Commodore is looking for a Fleet Captain for 2017, so step up, be a part of the action. Take that opportunity to make sure the club is going where you want to cruise! 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,

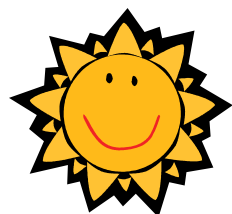
John Sipkens
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Past Commodore/Trustee

No Report this month

Respectfully,
Bob Maruska
PC/Trustee



Sunshine Report

Mary Mehlum will have a left hip replacement on March 24th at Swedish Hospital. She only plans to be in the hospital one night and then go home. It just seems amazing to me that she will go home so soon. They don't even use general anesthesia just a spinal. Mary we hope you have a speedy recovery.

Don Whatmore attended the March cruise with the Obertos. He has finished his radiation and is getting stronger. The doctors tell him that it will take about a month for the radiation to get out of his system. When he is feeling stronger he will set the date for the Celebration of Life for Carolyn. I will keep you posted.

Barb Helgeson has sold Island Mistress. It has been a bitter sweet time for her but she is happy that it sold so quickly. The new owners really got a great boat.

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 nm47@aol.com or call me at 425-641-5016 or 206-595-4355. See you at the April Cruise.

Noreen Millen
Sunshine Lady



Aloha Cruise

A few lucky people were able to get out of the rain this winter and headed for **Hawaii.**

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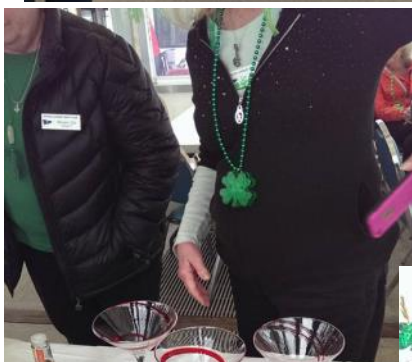
Jim & Cheryl Matheson, Robert & Janey Rath, Nat & Linda Collier, Gary & Lanore Timm, Steve and Sandy Driscoll.
Photo taken at Matheson's condo.



**Credit/Debit Card
Policy Change**



Attention Members: Beginning May 1st all purchases made on a Visa or Master Card on our web site will be subject to a 3% convenience fee.





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, DICKEY'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 DICKEY'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 c/o Chuck Turbak
PO Box 12151
Mill Creek, WA 98082-0151

COST \$35 PER PERSON

Contact Chuck Turbak at 425 260 4728 turbakgrp6@aol.com



RHYC ANIMAL HOUSE ΔTX
Memorial Day Weekend Cruise at Bremerton Marina

Brought to you by your cruise team: the Millens, the Sherwoods, the Maruskas, the Frenches, and the O'Bertos
May 27th through May 30th
Limited number of slips – sign up early!



!!!!!!Prize for the best Toga Design!!!!!!

Bring old white sheets to make your togas
Potluck hors d'oeuvres Friday
Breakfast Saturday and Sunday, continental breakfast on Monday
Spaghetti Dinner Saturday
Hamburgers for Sunday Dinner
\$35 per adult and \$20 for children 10 and under

Register on-line at rhy.org by May 15

After registering on-line, if mailing your payment send it to Noreen Millen, 18613 NE 25th St.,
Redmond, WA 98052

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 & 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 | 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 | Need Cruise Captains |
| 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



Shootout/Business
Meeting Cruise
April 15—17
Poulsbo Marina



Memorial Day Cruise
May 27—30
Bremerton Marina

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