

RHYC

anchor watch



O pening Day Report –



The first Saturday in May weather can be iffy on the water especially in Seattle. This year the weather gods gave us one of the most beautiful days of the year, sunny and warm. The bridge and past commodores with their spouses were dressed to the t's. We were guests of Paul and Brenda Norris on their beautiful yacht WestRoyal for the parade through the cut. After the parade we were welcomed to the home of Gary and Shirley Cummings to dock and wait for the end of the parade before we could head back. This event was really a special treat. I have never seen so many boats on opening day! On the WestRoyal for this event were Steve and Sandy Driscoll, Frank and Amy Sherwood, Larry and Sally Cronin, John and Lynn Sipkens, Neil and Noreen Millen, Matt and Orit Hickman, Phil and Debi Freund, Dave and Mary Mehlum, Jon Edwards, Bob and Verna Maruska, Paul and Brenda Norris.

Larry Cronin
Anchor Watch Editor.

Deadline for next newsletter..... **June 25**

Cruise Report - Memorial Day Weekend

With good cruising weather 14 boats and 44 members and guests arrived at Bremerton Marina for an Animal House adventure. Friday night the wind kicked up a little but we all gathered under the tent to catch up, meet new prospective members and guests and share potluck appetizers. Kim and Steve Oberto and guests decorated the tent as a fraternity house.

The weather did not co-operate on Sat. or Sun. but we enjoyed big breakfasts prepared by Kim and her crew. Sat. afternoon was time for Frank Sherwood's special dump punch, target shooting and hole in one golf. Sally Cronin won hole in one and Joni & Billie Owens won target shooting. In the kids division we called it a tie with Soran, Dunn & Ella Sackett sharing the prizes. Everyone including the kids seemed to have fun. We also got to whale watch right in the marina. A gray whale surfaced three times right by our boats. It was exciting and there is a picture in this Anchor Watch of the whale. Sat. night was the toga party and spaghetti dinner. It was cold and some of the toga costumes were not warm. Carol French won best female costume and Phil Freund won best male costume. Honorable Mention went to Neil Millen's name tag "JULIUS GEEZER". We also had two dogs dressed up and so did the kids. After dinner some of us retired to host boats to watch movies and have popcorn. Of course Animal House was playing in one of the boats.

Sunday morning we again were treated to a fabulous breakfast cooked by Kim and crew. During the day people got to enjoy the Bremerton and Port Orchard festivals. In the afternoon we gathered for beer Pong and lemonade pong. Everyone was very competitive but in the end Larry Cronin and Greg Rice won. After games we BBQ'd hamburgers and hotdogs with onion rings and French fries with banana splits for desert. After dinner we had colors and Dunn Sackett served as junior color guard.

Monday morning was beautiful and we were served a get a way breakfast of Kim's famous cinnamon rolls, eggs and sausage. It was a beautiful cruise home.

A special thanks to Kim and Steve Oberto and their guests for all their help. We couldn't have done it without you. Also thanks to the rest of the cruise team: Frank & Amy Sherwood, Verna & Bob Maruska and Carol and Greg French. We had a lot of fun putting on the cruise and hope everyone enjoyed it.

Those attending: Jerry & Paula Baruffi, Larry & Sally Cronin, Steve & Sandy Driscoll, Greg & Carol French, Phil & Debi Freund, Bob & Verna Maruska, Andy & Maryann McDonnell, Robert & Linda Mickey and son Ryan, Neil & Noreen Millen, Steve & Kim Oberto and guests Hilary & Lance Anstice, John & Holly Smith, Marty Kuznek and Terri Peterson, Greg Rice, Diana Wang & Yuan Zhang, Jon & Sonja Sackett and children Soran, Dunn & Ella, Frank & Amy Sherwood, John & Lynn Sipkens, Randy & Galina Sweet and Steve Tomlinson and guests Joni & Billie Owens. Also Pertis & Gloria Johnson stopped by to visit.

Neil & Noreen Millen
Cruise Captains





Commodore's Report

May has been a particularly busy month for RHYC. We started off the month May 7th with opening day parade ceremonies beginning on Lake Union, through the cut and into Lake Washington. The cruise was well attended and the weather actually was a tad bit on the warm side. Absolutely made to order. A very big and heartfelt thank you to Paul and Brenda Norris for their generous donation of time, effort and use of their boat "WESTROYAL" to make this a fantastic and memorable event. Also a very special thank you to Gary and Shirley Cummings for providing us with the hospitality of their dock while the remainder of the parade went through the cut. It's always a pleasure and treat to stop by the Cummings beautiful home during the opening day event and take a brief respite from the day's trials and tribulations.

Next up was the Memorial Day Cruise to Bremerton. The weather was a little less that cooperative than for opening day, but despite the rain and wind, we had a fantastic time. A huge thank you to Neil and Noreen Millen and their fantastic crew for a great TOGA time on the docks. You could even say it was so big of an event that we had a "WHALE" of a good time. More on that in the cruise report. The weather turned beautiful for the return trip home on Monday so there was a little of everything for all participants.

The next cruise coming up is the Jimmy Buffett cruise to Brownsville, hosted by Phil and Debbie Freund, and if you've been to one of their cruises, you know what to expect. WOW!!! This should be another fantastic Roche Harbor Y/C event and if you haven't signed up, do so now while you can still get a spot. A guaranteed good time will be had by all. Hope to see you there.

Lynn has a substantial number of new members coming into the club over the next few months which is very exciting. We had two new member families join at the Bremerton Cruise and it was a pleasure to get to know them. We are making a great start on getting new members this year so please keep up the efforts in talking up the club and keeping the membership going in a positive direction. I would like to see a membership wait list by the end of my commodore year. I know we can do this and look forward to announcing this at the change of bridge dinner in November. Thank you everyone for spreading the word about what a fantastic club RHYC is and what an honor and privilege it is to be associated with this organization.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Sherwood
Commodore
See you in the "Yard"



Vice Commodore's Report

Noreen and Team produced yet another great cruise. The food was amazing all prepared onboard Maximo by Kim and Steve. It rained all three days but with lots of ingenuity, the unenclosed tent, that the Port supplies, was surrounded to keep wind and rain at bay.

I'm especially proud of all of you. We have had a huge influx of applicants to join our great club. Most have been sponsored by our members and a few have come from hearing about how much fun we are and because of our 4 outstations. If we keep up this pace we will see more new members than budgeted which is a very, very good thing. So don't quit now, we are on a roll. Check out all the new names under New Applicants. We've also added two new members during the Bremerton Cruise. So read on for those new names as well.

Debi Freund suggested we have a welcome committee. We have heard from some of our newer members that they did not feel comfortable at first. She and I talked about it and felt a welcome committee is the answer to assimilating new members into the club so that they all feel comfortable. I would ask you to give Debi a call to find out what you can do to help her out in welcoming new members. And, of course we should all be aware of new faces and reach out to them and make them welcome.

We will be having a small booth at the Shilshole Bay Marina on June 11th, 2016 from 10am to 4pm. Stop by and see us if you are in the neighborhood or send your boating friends down to talk with us. The event is called the Open Boat Weekend and National Marina Day. There are some planned activities like sailboat rides, tours of Liveaboard boats, junior sailing lessons, a boat show and a bouncy house.

I hope to see many of you at Phil & Debi Freunds Margaritaville event next month. Already many of the new applicants are signed up to be there. So come and meet them and make them feel welcome.

See you there.

Respectfully,
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.



Robert & Linda Mickey
Tacoma, WA
48' Navigator
Southern Exposure

Sponsors: Larry and Sally Cronin
Lynn Sipkens



Greg Rice and Yuan Zhang
Seattle, WA
63' President
Spirit of Koa

Sponsors: Mark & Linda Carpenter
Lynn Sipkens

New Applicants

In accordance with RHYC By-Laws the following applicants for Active Membership are being published to initiate the application process. The applicants are:

Chuck & Mary Beth Irwin
Laughin Place

Sponsors: Chris & Willow Williamson & Willard & Diane Thomas

Kevin & Tony Kohler
Eagle

Sponsors: Chris & Willow Williamson & Willard & Diane Thomas

New Applicants, continued

Jon & Sonja Sackett
Soren, Dunn & Ella
Boat name is undecided yet
Sponsors: Noreen Millen & Amy Sherwood

Joan Tomlinson & Billy Owens
White Cap
Sponsors: Noreen Millen & Lynn Sipens

Steve Tomlinson
Mudshark
Sponsors: Kenny Spiker & Bill Moffit

“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



Treasurer's Report

No report this month



Secretary's Report

This was a great Memorial Day cruise! Sure we had cold windy and showery weather but it just wouldn't be Memorial Day in the Northwest without that type of weather. Monday the clouds broke and we had a sunny day. When it came time for Togas it was a little chilly. We played a lot of games and even had a movie night. The food was great and lots of it. I was very impressed that the cruise team had a whale come to the cruise to show off right next to our party.

Respectfully,

Larry Cronin
Secretary and Anchor Watch Editor



Fleet Captain's Report

The Animal House Cruise to Bremerton was a great time, in spite of the rain and wind. Sunday afternoon the weather improved greatly. The cruise team led by the Millen's and Sherwood's did a fantastic job and a special shout out to Steve and Kim Oberto for the food.

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 one more event to have a leadership team for a possible raft up in Gig Harbor Labor Day weekend. So please step up and take this cruise on. It is work, however, it is a lot of fun and it makes RHYC a GREAT Cruising Club.

Upcoming events are:

Debbie Freund has a spectacular Father's day cruise at Brownsville planned as a Jimmy Buffet get together. Get your reservations in as you will not want to miss this event. Sign up is available on the website.

The July 3rd in Poulsbo, Liberty Bay is a low key event. Phil and Debbie will be there and will help organize a raft up, a wagon Wheel is not possible because we don't have a wagon wheel master available. Look for "Our Sweet Heart" in Liberty Bay and have a great time celebrating the birthday of our great nation.

Colors is the first weekend in August and is being led by Matt and Orit Hickman. Colors is always a great cruise.

If you have not led a cruise you need to as it is a requirement of membership. Maybe you can't do it this year but surely you can do something next year.

See you cruising,

John Sipkens
fleetcaptain@rhyc.org



Cred/Debit Card Policy Change



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

Burgees and Handbooks:

We have burgees of 3 sizes available. Take a look at your burgee and make sure it's not too sun or wind worn. If it is, let me know and I'll bring some burgees with me at the next event. The smaller Burgee is \$25 and the Large is \$35. If your burgee is too small for your boat, now is the time to move up. We also have a few Dingy burgees as well. (I'll have to get pricing for those).

By now you should have received your new roster pages. It will be our challenge next year to get them out to you much, much quicker next year. There are still the black pages at the back of the member section to add new people. I'm thinking this is the year we are going to put those to good use. Our gratitude to Liz for pulling this together and a major thank you to Kim for taking over where Liz left off when she left for Alaska.

Lynn Sipkens
Vice Commodore & Membership Chair



**TOGA's TOGA's everywhere.
Oh but it was cold!**



Alaska Flotilla

This year there are about 8 boats from the club who are traveling up in Alaska. Some are traveling together and will spend the summer moving from one anchorage to another, crabbing, shrimping and partying. The photo below shows part of the group having dinner in Ketchikan, Alaska.

Steve and Michelle Nelson, Glen and Liz Dodge, Tom and Chris Miner, Pete and Linda Jung, Willard and Diane Thomas, Jim and Cheryl Matheson, Gary and Lenore Timm.





**RHYC
FATHERS DAY
CRUISE**

JUNE 17 18 19

AT BROWNSVILLE

Make sure you have your calendars marked for this weekend of
fun and great food.

Let's turn Brownsville into a Margaritaville again.



Decorate your boat and bodies.



Friday night we will be having a Tropical Dinner at the

\$45.00

PER PERSON

PROMISE

CHILDREN UNDER 10

\$20.00

**YOU WILL GET YOUR
MONEY'S WORTH**

Brownsville Pavilion Jimmy Buffet Bar and Grill

Saturday Night, same place, same time.

Dinner ,Dancing and Jimmy Buffet Tribute act by

Sunday Breakfast

Menu and times will be posted later.



Please register on line at RHYC or send to:

Debi Freund PO Box 1825 Belfair Wa 98528

Name

Number Attending

Boat Name Length Beam

Prefer Port or Starboard Tie

Arrival Date/Estimated time



RHYC 3rd of July Event

*Please meet up with us at Liberty Bay in Poulsbo .
for the RHYC Annual Event Wagon Wheel .*

*We will be setting up the wheel starting
Saturday July 2 @ 12:00*

*If you are planning on coming please go to
the RHYC web page and sign up ASAP*

*We will need three point boats to start
the wagon so please call Phil Freund
if you are willing to take part with building
the wheel.*

*We also are looking for a few host boats to have
our 3rd of July dinner.*

(All host boats will need to do is heat up the dinners.)

*Please contact Debi Freund
if you would like to be a host boat.*

*Dinner will be provided on the 3rd and
all other meals you will be on your own.*

Phil 360-509-8013 Debi 360-509-0606

Guest are welcome \$20.00 per person

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



Father's Day Cruise
June 17—19
Brownsville Marina

July 3rd Celebration
July 2-4
Liberty Bay

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