

RHYC

anchor watch



Cruise Report - Labor Day Weekend



Thank you to all the members, friends and family who joined the RHYC group down in Gig Harbor for a fabulous Labor Day Weekend Wagon Wheel Cruise. On Friday, the group enjoyed some light rain and then some fairly decent winds which made setting up the wheel a little challenging. But, with some nice corner boats and just one anchor re-set, the wheel came together and finished up with 19 boats looking good.

Saturday, the team had breakfast at the wheel with some excellent casseroles, sausage, fruit and the Bloody Mary's and Mimosa's served by Dick & Eva Bennison from Epiphany. At noon the RHYC-GO! Scavenger Hunt took our guests around all areas of the harbor. North, South, East and West there was knowledge to learn and fun times to share. We had people singing Happy Birthday and Christmas carols to complete strangers, we had people doing cartwheels in the park, counting the cleats on docks, and hugging/kissing fire hydrants, along with about 70 other activities. Great time and great effort by all the teams. First prize went to the team of Patrick & Miriam Gill and Harry & Teri Johnson. They even found the Golden Lantern hidden out by the Gig Harbor Lighthouse – way to go team Spirit!!

Saturday evening everyone enjoyed a fantastic Pig Roast put out by Kevin & Toni Kohler and the rest of the cruise team along with Adam Olson from Olson's Meats and Smoke House out of Enumclaw. It was a beautiful display on the back of Eagle with the pork and other sides to enjoy.

After dinner our Vice Commodore Lynn Sipkens welcomed in two boats as new members (Welcome Rick Evans & Denise Lovgren and Steve & Jen Schultz).

Thank you to Jeff & Fran Sharp on board Salpare for raising the brand new RHYC halyard up their mast so that we could enjoy colors as the evening set. A little Karaoke on board Knot Behavin' finished up the night.

Sunday started with an Omelet Bar from the cockpit's of Jen Marie, Knot Behavin' and Eagle. The wheel participants got the opportunity to build their own omelets and boil them in a bag. Topped off with some English muffins and sausage, breakfast was a hit. For lunch, Chuck & Beth Irwin on board Laughin' Place put together the hot dog bar with great sides.

The party continued with a RHYC dinghy parade. Thank you Dick and Eva Bennison for leading the group of dinghy's throughout the Harbor. Good time had by all.

Sunday night many people enjoyed dinner out at the local Gig Harbor restaurants and a small Karaoke party was held on Knot Behavin' and another on Zinger.

Labor Day morning everyone woke up to the smell of fresh oatmeal on board Epiphany where Dick & Eva Bennison provided another very nice breakfast spread. Then, the wheel started the break up.

It was great to see the people that made the trek over to Gig Harbor. The group included RHYC members: Commodore Frank & Amy Sherwood (Halcyon); Vice Commodore Lynn & John Sipkens (no boat); P/C Dave & Mary Mehlum (Panacea); Karl Tussy & Robyn Weiss (Just Right); Jeff & Fran Sharp (Salpare); Kim & Mark Nance (Big Sky); Greg & Carol French (Mystic); Patrick & Miriam Gill and Harry & Teri Johnson (Spirit); Kim & Bette Nordberg and family (Spice); Steve & Deanna Keller (Eagle Spirit); Steve & Jen Schultz (Jen Marie); Rick Evans & Denise Lovgren (Dealer's Choice); Kevin & Toni Kohler (Eagle); Chuck & Beth Irwin (Laughin' Place); Steve & Carrie Ackerman (no boat); and Chris & Willow Williamson (Knot Behavin').

Additional friends of RHYC members included: Bob & Michelle Bersin (The Office); Jim & Vicki Zink (Zinker); Barry & Marilee Chunn (Imagine); Lydia Cameron (no boat); Jordan Hale; Ryan Lantieri; Adam Olson & Katie Tinny.

Thanks again to all who participated and thank you again to our Gig Harbor Cruise Team...it was another excellent RHYC Cruise!!



Commodore's Report

The Labor Day Cruise was in Gig Harbor and our second wagon wheel cruise of the year. The cruise was hosted by Chris and Willow Williamson and was well attended with many activities, great food and good weather for the time of year. This translates to a little wind but no RAIN!!!! I'm OK with that. Vice Commodore Lynn Sipkens had the pleasure of introducing us to two new member families and there are more in the pipeline. Great job everyone in talking up our great club and bringing in new members. Chris and Willow put on a different type of scavenger hunt in Gig Harbor that was challenging, fun and actually educational as well. What a great time and congratulations to Patrick Gill and his team for a hard won victory. It will soon be time to start planning your cruise schedule for 2017 and once the RHYC schedule is published, looking for an opportunity to be a cruise captain or part of a cruise team. This is a great experience and offers you an opportunity to meet new people and have fun in the process.

As is always the case, during the summer months with busy outstation usage, we get contacted with questions and complaints about how members are using the outstations. Please review the outstation use rules in the roster or on the web site so you are familiar with the procedures at each location and please be sure to sign in when you arrive. Also make sure you check the wait

list to make sure another member is not waiting to use the outstation. The outstations are for the benefit of all members and we should make every effort to have maximum utilization at each location.

It's hard to believe that we only have one more official on the water cruise left this year. This is at Dock Street in Tacoma over the Columbus Day weekend in October. The cruise captains are Bill Faulk and Nancy Williams. Tacoma is another great venue and a great place to close out the 2016 on the water cruising season. Please sign up early to make sure you get a spot and don't miss out on any of the fun.

November 5th will be the RHYC Change of Bridge at Queen City Yacht Club. Sign up is available on the web site and the invitations will be in the mail soon. Please put this on your calendar and plan on joining the fun and comradery with fellow club members. More to come on this event soon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Sherwood
Commodore
See you in the "Yard"



Vice Commodore's Report

It's been a while since I have enjoyed a Wagon Wheel. Due to Chris Williamson's expertise we had a wonderful wagon wheel even after having endured high winds and all around nasty weather. It goes to show that with ingenuity and a little know how all things can happen. I didn't actually get to be there on my boat so I begged a ride out on the Frank Sherwood's dinghy and got to spend Saturday with a really fun group and OMG some great food. The real draw back to not being able to have my boat there (well there's many) was not being able to stick around after dark for the Karaoke. Bummer, that had to be good.

We inducted two new members at this cruise and you'll see them listed below. Unfortunately I did not have the pictures at this writing and hopefully someone sends them to our Secretary to add them to the announcement. If not, I'll be sure I get their pictures in soon.

We also have three new applicants posted this month. We have really been burning up the website with all the new applicants. I'm not going to tell you yet how many you all have managed to add to our club. You'll need to come to the Change of Bridge to see what has really transpired. You will be surprised and pleased I'm sure.

Thanks to all of you, and there are many, that have worked hard, talked about us on docks and brought in friends. You've all done a great job. When I stepped into the role of Vice

Commodore I had no idea what that entailed. It's been a busy year with a different way of getting your renewal invoices to processing and new members and applicants. Amazingly, it has been a lot of fun, hard work, almost a full time job, but fun none the less.

I'm starting now 3 months out to remind you: **DUES ARE DUE BY JANUARY 1st!!**

KNOW THAT YOUR INVOICE FOR RENEWAL WILL COME OUT ONLINE.

If you have not gotten on the website call me or Jon Edwards (the webmaster) and we will step you through how to use the website. It's easy folks. For those who do not have an internet connection or use email you will receive a paper bill in the mail. Everyone else will receive the notice by email. Please always open any mail that comes for RHYC. It's not only for billing you, it is also your way of staying in touch with what's happening and seeing pictures of your friends.

Ok, so that's the start of your reminders. I will be reminding you every month to be sure we get everyone paid before January 31st when late charges hit your bill. Not fun!

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.

Rick Evans
Gig Harbor, WA
4 Carver
Dealers Choice
Sponsors:
Chris & Willow Williamson
& Willard & Diane Thomas



New Members, cont'd

Steve & Jenifer Schultz
Gig Harbor, WA
Jen Marie
Sponsors:
Chris & Willow Williamson
& Willard & Diane Thomas



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:

Scott & Pam Cameron
58' Navigator
Sponsors:
George Austin & Lynn Sipkens

Alan & Linda Skow
36' Meridian
Sponsors:
David Silver & Jon Edwards

Chris & Lori Twomey
49' Maritimo
Sponsors:
Mike Goodman & Lynn Sipkens

“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.

ODDS & ENDS

Burgees and Handbooks:

We have burgee's of 3 sizes available. Take a look at your burgee and make sure it's not to sun or wind worn. If it is, let me know and I'll bring some burgee's 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. If you are using the small burgee for your dinghy, depending on size of dinghy it is less expensive to by the burgee dinghy at \$10.

Remember to write the new members into the blank pages at the back of the member section.

Lynn Sipkens
Vice Commodore & Membership Chair



Rear Commodore's Report

No Report this month



Treasurer's Report

No report this month



Secretary's Report

Yes, summer is coming to an end but I think we can get a few more cruises before the really cold weather hits. Great cruises and lots of fun made this year memorable.

I see people taking lots of photos on the cruises but they don't always end up in the Anchor Watch or on our web site. Everyone wants to see those pictures so when you get the time please please please, send them to me and post on the web site. This inspires others to join our cruises and our club. And they are fun to look at.

The Boat show is coming around the corner and this year we will have a booth to get more members in our great club. We will need a lot of volunteers to man the booth for parts of everyday. If you can be there all day one day that is great but if it's only a half day we would appreciate it. We will let you know how to sign up and your participation will get you in the

door.

Sally and I will be going and we will not, **I repeat, will not** buy anything this year.

Respectfully,

Larry Cronin
Secretary and Anchor Watch Editor



Fleet Captain's Report

It is THANKSGIVING in September! The 2016 cruising season is almost over and we have a lot of members to thank for making our RHYC cruises so much fun.

First our ICE BREAKER Cruise to the Tulalip Casino Sports Bar. It was a new venue and theme for our January event. Our SEA HAWKS came through for the cruise as the event was scheduled many months before the playoff schedule was known. Thanks for a great job Pete and Linda Jung.

February Sweethearts Cruise was a first ever-boating event with a Bell Harbor venue; it had a good turnout and was a lot of fun boating, so early in the season. Thanks to Bill Foulk and Nancy Williams.

Des Moines saw the club returning for St. Paddy's Cruise. A lot boats and many comments from shore walkers about how nice our boats looked. Another fine event put on by Chris and Sandy Benson.

The annual business meeting returned to Poulsbo in April. There was great weather and it made for good recruiting of new members. The event had great food, music, and dancing all weekend. The ship's store fashion show was a big hit and a laughter-filled event. Returning members Chuck and Michael Turbak volunteered for this event. THANK YOU!

PC MILLEN and Commodore Frank and Amy Sherwood organized a great Memorial Day Weekend Animal House themed cruise. A grey whale visited the marina and entertained our members by surfacing a number of times giving photo opportunities.

June was Margaretville in Brownsville complete with a Jimmy Buffett Tribute band. Debi Freund and her crew provide great food, games, and fun. Thanks P/C Phil and Debi

Needing a cruise leader for July 3rd in Poulsbo P/C Phil and Debi stepped up and made it two cruises in a row. A great wagon wheel was formed.

Fun, food, and fireworks made for a great celebration of our nation's birth.

Colors in Roche Harbor was Raiders of the Lost Burgee, Treasure Matt and Orit Hickman led this cruise, thanks for the leadership on a great event.

Chris and Willow Williamson took over the Labor Day Gig Harbor Wagon Wheel. They used new members that they had sponsored and non-member friends to do a great fun filled event complete with a whole roasted pig. Meals reached members by high-speed dinghy to each boat in the wheel. New members were given Burgees and membership cards and some non-members were recruited to join our great club.

October Fest at Dock Street is our last main event cruise for the year. Sign up on the website With Bill Foulk and Nancy Williams leading their second cruise of the year, you know it will be a great time.

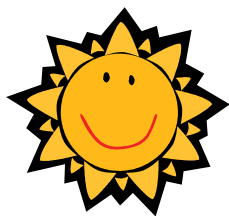
November 5 the Change of Bridge event is led by outgoing Commodore Frank and Amy Sherwood. It will be at Queen City Yacht Club. Details will be in the mail.

For Brave Souls needing to work off Thanksgiving meals look at attending the unofficial Day after and the weekend event lead by Glen Dodge at Edmonds Marina. Sign up on the website for this low-keyed event.

If you have not led a cruise you need to as it is a requirement of membership. Maybe you cannot do it this year but surely, you can do something next year. Locations and dates of the 2017 cruises are being planned now so forward your ideas to John Sipkens @ fleetcaptain@rhyc.org or Orit Hickman 2017 Fleet Captain.

See you cruising, Lynn and I will not be at October fest cruise, as that is our 11th anniversary and we are leaving the country. Therefore, we will see many of you at the Change of Bridge NOVEMBER 5.

John Sipkens
fleetcaptain@rhyc.org



Sunshine Report

No report this month

Ships Store

The Ships Store is now online!

Check out pictures of our most popular merchandise and peruse the catalog for hundreds of other items available.

There are 3 ways to purchase merchandise from the Ships Store:

1) During cruises. We bring some of our most popular merchandise to cruises so you can purchase onsite. The merchandise comes embroidered with various RHYC designs, and you can request additional embroidery (name, boat name, etc) for an additional charge.

2) Directly through the Ships Store volunteers. We take orders via phone or in person at cruises. You can pick from any merchandise on hand or from our catalog and order your custom embroidery at the same time. Your merchandise can be shipped directly to you or we can pick it up and have it for you at the next cruise.

3) Directly through our vendor, Captain Ts. To see the entire catalog of merchandise

available, go to the link on our website. When ready to order call Captain Ts and let them know you are an RHYC member. You can customize almost anything with any of the pre-approved RHYC logo designs, your name, boat name or any combination thereof.

Methods of payment include:

- 1) Cash
- 2) Check
- 3) Credit Card (a 2.75% transaction fee applies to orders taken by the Ships Store using Square)

Have Additional Questions? Contact the Ships Store Volunteers:

Tara Mannhalter 360.977.1815









Octoberfest Hits Dock Street
Roche Harbor Yacht Club Cruise
October 7-9

Arrive Friday

Happy Hour – 5-6pm

Enjoy Beer from Tacoma's Own Narrows Brewery

Dinner 6pm

Harmon Brewery Party Room – Come celebrate at a famous local brewery and great place to eat!

Following Dinner – Karaoke on the Dock – sing your favorite oompah song!

Saturday

9am-10am

Breakfast

German Apple Pancakes, Sausage and a few mimosas!

1pm – 3pm

Choose your own view of Tacoma

Tour of the LeMay Car Museum, Glass Museum or walk down the Waterway to the Seaport Museum

5pm-6pm

Happy Hour – A few Oktoberfest Game favorites!

Soft Pretzels & Cheese

Beer Courtesy of Gig Harbor's Own 7 Seas Brewery

6pm

Dinner

Bratwurst – Grilled on the Dock

Followed by special Bavarian Dessert

Following Dinner – Karaoke on the Dock – sing your favorite oompah song!

Sunday

9am – Breakfast on the Dock – Best French Vietnamese Donuts you ever tasted

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.

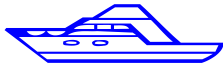
To volunteer, Please contact Fleet Captain, John Sipkens at fleetcaptain@rhyc.org



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	Debi and Phil Freund
Aug 5 - 7	Roche Harbor Marina	Colors Cruise	Matt and Orit Hickman
Sep 2 - 5	Gig Harbor Wagon Wheel	Labor Day Cruise	Chris and willow Williamson
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



Octoberfest Cruise
October 7-9
Tacoma Dock Street

Changing of the Bridge
November 5
Queen City Yacht Club

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