

RHYC

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Cruise Report - Change of Bridge



The annual RHYC Change of Bridge, Business Meeting and Commodore's Ball were held at Queen City Yacht Club on November 5, 2016. A total of 69 members and guests registered for the event on a cool, blustery and wet evening. The event started with social activities at 6:00 PM followed by our business meeting. Officer reports were brief with many thanks to club members for their continued support throughout the year. At the end of the business meeting the 2016 Bridge was called forward and dismissed by PC Phil Freund. Phil expressed his thanks to the Bridge for their service and dedication to the club. The 2017 Bridge was then called forward and PC Dave Mehlum did the honors of installing the new bridge.

The meeting was followed by presentation of the club awards. The cruise captains for 2016 were recognized by incoming fleet captain Orit Hickman filling in for 2016 fleet captain John Sipkens. Vice Commodore Lynn Sipkens then presented the recruiting honors to those members that sponsored new members throughout the year. Commodore Frank Sherwood then presented awards to the rubber ducky, golden shovel and screw up award recipients. While we had several worthy recipients of the screw up award during the year, Frank Sherwood was awarded the plunger from Phil Freund for some unknown reason related to the officer flag mountings at the COB event. (I was framed). The rubber ducky award went to Phil for a swim he took at Liberty

Deadline for next newsletter.....**January 20th**

Bay during the 4th of July cruise while trying to retrieve the clubs yard arm that now peacefully rests at the bottom of that fine body of water. The golden shovel award remains yet again unclaimed for another year, but is still looking for a home. I don't know if we are just better boaters or nobody's talking. After the fun and laughter of the awards presentation, a delicious dinner of prime rib and salmon was served by Chef Willie Williamson and his staff followed by glorious deserts.

After dinner, we were provided with great music by DiDi Law and Friends. Everyone danced and had a great time. The cruise was attended by the following members:

Jerry and Paula Baruffi, Chris and Sandy Benson, John Burreson and Cecile Hudon, Mark and Linda Carpenter, Sandra Carpenter, Nat and Linda Collier, Chuck and Dorothy Cooper, Larry and Sally Cronin, Bill Deibel, Glen and Liz Dodge, Steve and Sandy Driscoll, Jon Edwards and Holly Palmer, Richard and Jeanne Firth, William Foulk and Nancy Williams, Richard and Sharla Freese, Phil and Debi Freund, Patrick and Miriam Gill, Ken and Julie Hammerquist, Matt and Orit Hickman, Harry and Teri Johnson, Peter and Linda Jung, Al and Tara Mannhalter, Jim and Cheryl Matheson, Tom and Melida McGrath, Dave and Mary Mehlum, Neil and Noreen Millen, Tom and Chris Miner, Paul and Brenda Norris, Robert and Shirley Patterson, Fred and Diana Power, Greg Rice and Yuan Zhang, Frank and Amy Sherwood, Lynn Sipkens, Doug and Gail Stewart, Billy Owens and Joan Tomlinson, and Don Whatmore. Thanks to everyone!

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank and Amy Sherwood
Cruise Captains
See you in the "Yard"

Annual Awards - while many members do "memorable" or "notable" things during the year, the following we found to be of significant note.



Rubber Ducky

This goes to Phil Freund for a swim he took at Liberty Bay during the 4th of July cruise while trying to retrieve the club's yard arm that now peacefully rests in Davy Jones locker.



Screw Up Award

Our past Commodore gets this for misaligning the bridge flags at the COB. Nice work Frank Sherwood.

2016 Recruiting Honor Roll

For passing on the legacy of fun by sponsoring new members

Chris & Willow Williamson, Richard Firth
Noreen Millen, Bill Bueller, David Silver
Steve & Kim Obero, Kenny Spiker,
Keith Perry
Mike Foodman, George Austin,
Larry Cronin
Mark & Linda Carpenter,
Robin Haley & Mike Goodman
Peter & Linda Jung,
Bill Foulk & Nancy Williams
Chris & Sandy Benson
Chuck & Michael Turbak
Paul Norris, Frank & Amy Sherwood
Phil & Debi Freund, Matt & Orit Hickman
Glen & Liz Dodge

2016 Cruise Captain Honor Roll

For making the cruises so memorable

Robin Haley and Mike Goodman
Pete and Linda Jung
Bill Foulk & Nancy Williams
Chris & Sandy Benson
Chuck and Michael Turback
Paul Bennett
Noreen & Neil Millen
Frank & Amy Sherwood
Debi and Phil Freund
Matt and Orit Hickman
Chris and Willow Williamson

Your 2017 RHYC Bridge



Lynn Sipkens
Commodore



Jon Edwards
Vice Commodore



Tom Miner
Rear Commodore

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Sally Cronin
Treasurer



Nancy Williams
Secretary



Orit Hickman
Fleet Captain



Frank Sherwood
Past Commodore



Commodore's Report

Well the deed is done and I am your new Commodore. I want to say again that I am very honored to take the helm of our Club this year. Thank you for the honor.

For those of you who missed the COB you missed a fun party. The food by Willie of QCYC is always so good. Willie has a way with prime rib that is amazing. But that was not quite the highlight of the evening. Our PC Frank Sherwood took to the stage to join members of band during their second set. The lead singer Dee Dee actually stepped down and gave him the mike. Some of you may have heard him sing at some of the karaoke nights on cruises but I never have. I was impressed. Good on you Frank. Thank you to both Amy & Frank for the great party!

I would like to be sure that everyone goes onto the website and makes sure all of their profiles are correct; phone numbers, email addresses and addresses. When the website sends out the renewals on December 1st or 2nd we want to make sure you get your bill. Just remember dues are due by January 1st. Old habits and being VC during last year's renewals have made me very aware of all that can go wrong if you do not have the correct information on your profile. It so happens that your new VC is also the webmaster so you can contact him with any training you may need on the website.

I'm looking to a great year with you all this next year. I had planned to have my boat at all the cruises and moved it off the sale dock but John had a stroke about 2 weeks ago so now I'm looking for a captain that can teach me to dock it. Until then I'll be driving in unless I can catch a ride with someone. John is on the mend although he had a setback yesterday in the form of a seizure, but has since been moved back to rehab in order to continue his PT,OT & speech therapy.

I'm really looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible this next year. Happy winter boating; it's a great time to have the sound to yourself!

Respectfully,

Lynn Sipkens
Commodore

Opportunities to help your yacht club:

Every year we reach out to folks for help in areas that are not on the Bridge (well we do that too!) This year I'm running a bit late in finding help in one area and have a new one as well. As you may or may not know my husband had a stroke on October 30th and is home now recuperating and growing in strength with a bit of a way to go. But because he is improving it gives me an opportunity now to reach out to you, our membership, for your help. The following are areas in which we could use your creativity;

We need a Ships Store team (or person) to take over for Tara Mannhalter and Shirley Patterson. These two ladies and the ladies before them have always made the Ships Store a great place to shop at the cruises but Tara & Shirley have also gotten it on the website for your shopping convenience. We will still have the Ships Store at the Cruises but added the website to make it easier for not only the members to get the Club clothing but the Ships Store team in that you can order your needs online. I know that whoever takes over for these two ladies, you will be able to ask questions of them until you are on your way.

Position two is no less important but only takes up a month or two of your time. We need someone who has experience in publishing things like our Roster. Kim Nance has handled this for the last eight years but now her Real Estate business is taking over her time. Well good for her; she probably should have had a break before this! We also no longer need Liz's Access program as our website can produce the membership section. That releases Liz from a burdensome task of keeping access up to date. As members, you are now responsible to make sure all your information is current. Good for Liz, now she gets to enjoy her friends in the club. She too has worked hard every year to make this Roster come to pass.

Our goal is to get the Roster out to the membership no later than the business meeting

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.

John and Cecile Burreson
Seattle
36" Grand Banks
Polaris
Sponsors: Kim & Steve Oberto and





Vice Commodore's Report

I am sure that those of you that attended this year's Change of Bridge would agree with me that it was a fantastic event. Excellent food, great music, and dancing along with catching up with other members made for a very memorable evening. I wish to thank Amy and Frank Sherwood for the hard work in planning and putting on a fun party and for the great year of leadership that Frank provided this last year as Commodore.

With the installation of the 2017 RHYC Board of Officers, I begin my duties as your Vice Commodore. My key responsibility is club membership in terms of working with potential new members and with our existing member base renewals.

On renewals, most you with email access should have already received your first membership renewal notice. If you have not already, I strongly encourage everyone to renew their 2017 dues on our website as early as possible as it helps us pay for our outstations and other club expenses. All our renewals are handled on our website and you have the choice of paying by credit card or by printing off an invoice and sending in a check. Please note that if the annual dues are not received by our club treasurer on or before January 31st, there will be a \$50.00 late charge imposed.

On recruiting new members, we have set a goal of attracting 18 new members to RHYC this year. The only way we have a chance of meeting this goal is with your help. We all need to be on the lookout for boaters that would be a good fit for our club and try to actively recruit them. As part of this effort, Larry Cronin has spearheaded an RHYC booth at the upcoming Seattle boat show in late January. As I write this article, there are still 4 slots open for volunteers. For the price of a morning or afternoon shift, volunteers will receive boat show tickets and reduced price parking plus the satisfaction of helping potential new members to choose RHYC. Please consider helping us to fill the remaining slots by selecting 'Volunteering' from the main menu on our web site.

With the holiday season quickly approaching, I would like to wish each of you the happiest of holidays and a fantastic and safe New Year.

I look forward to another GREAT year of cruising with my fellow RHYC members.

Jon Edwards
Vice Commodore

New Applicants

No new applicants this month



Rear Commodore's Report

After serving two terms as fleet captain in years past, I was asked to step up and assume the responsibilities of Rear Commodore this year. With some reluctance, I accepted the position and look forward to a fun and trouble free year of cruising. The reluctance comes from not wanting to “enforce” the rules of outstation use or “referee” our members who encounter problems in using the outstations. I am a member of the club for the sheer joy of cruising, meeting new people and sharing boating experiences. So on that note I hope everyone will read the outstation rules and abide by them so that everyone has an equal opportunity to enjoy one of the great benefits provided by the club.

I will be looking at our reciprocal offerings to see if there are any additional clubs that would make sense for us to have an agreement with. If there are any that you would like us to pursue let me know.

Looking forward to serving on this year's Board and a great year of adventure on the water. See you at the next cruise.

Tom Miner
Rear Commodore
MV Miner's Debt



Secretary's Report

No report this month



Treasurer's Report

Many thanks go to Amy for a wonderful Change of Bridge celebration—from the beautiful centerpieces to the delicious food, it was an evening to remember. I am excited to be your treasurer this year and thank Matt Hickman for taking such good care of the books for the past two years. As Matt said at the Change of Bridge we are financially sound and received a clean bill of health from our auditors. If you have not yet signed up to staff the Roche Harbor Yacht Club booth at the Seattle Boat show, please sign up on the RHYC website. It's a great opportunity to recruit new members and you get free admission to the boat show.

It is time for membership renewals. This year the renewal process is done on the RHYC.org web site. If you pay by credit card, dues are \$309 for an active membership (\$300 dues plus \$9 credit card processing fee). If you pay by check dues are \$300. This is such a good value for our club – fun cruises, four outstations and many reciprocals. Renewals are due by January 1. There is a thirty- day grace period and a \$50 late fee will be added starting Jan 31. There is a red circle icon on the website by your name if you have not renewed. Even if you choose to send a check, you must complete the renewal process on the website.

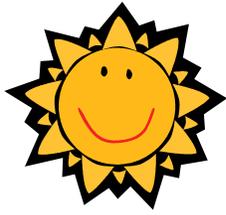
Respectfully submitted,
Sally Cronin
Treasurer



Fleet Captains Report

I am so excited to be the incoming Fleet Captain for 2017! I made it my mission to get as many cruise teams set up at Change of Bridge as possible and it was a resounding success. November was the unofficial Thanksgiving cruise at Edmonds and from what I heard it was a lumpy ride to and from but a ton of fun once tucked in safely at the marina. The New Year's Eve unofficial cruise will be at Bremerton and "hosted" by Frank and Amy Sherwood. Call Bremerton to reserve your spot at the marina. January will be the Ice Breaker Cruise hosted by the Gills, Johnsons and Obertos at Fisherman's Terminal. You can go by boat or by land and this will be a buffet lunch on Sunday January 22nd from 10am on. See our website for registration and further details. February will be our Sweetheart cruise hosted by Glen and Liz Dodge with the location TBD. I am looking for cruise captains for the Color's Cruise, Labor Day Cruise and Columbus Day Cruises. Check out the website for details on all our upcoming cruises. And contact me with any questions or volunteer opportunities!

Orit Hickman
Fleet Captain



Sunshine Report

I hope that you are all having a joyous Holiday season! We have a couple of our members that I would ask you all to keep in your thoughts and prayers. Fran Sharp's mother passed away, and Fran shared this. It says "She was surrounded by her 5 "kids" and in the arms of my dad; her husband for 61 years. Our hearts are filled with sadness but we have a lifetime of wonderful memories." Let's also keep Jan Croke in our thoughts and prayers as she has lost the love of her life this past week, Mike. We trust that each of you will feel the love and care that we have for you!

May the reason for the season be a blessing to each and every one of you during the Holiday, our fabulous members of RHYC...

Please remember to send me reports of those that could use our support with thoughts, prayers and encouraging words.

Respectfully Submitted,
Verna Maruska
Sunshine Lady



NEW YEARS EVE COMEDY SHOW – NO CRUISE FEE - DO IT YOURSELF CRUISE TO BREMERTON

JUST SO YOU KNOW: WE HAVE BEEN DOING THIS FOR THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS AND HAVE HAD
A BLAST.

CALL ME AT 503-709-0745 OR EMAIL ME AT SHERWOOD.AMY@COMCAST.NET IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

THIS IS AN UNOFFICIAL CRUISE TO SEE THE COMEDY SHOW AT THE ADMIRAL THEATER IN DOWNTOWN BREMERTON. WALKING DISTANCE FROM THE DOCK!!!
ON NEW YEARS EVE THE THEATER IS OPEN AT 7:30 FOR DINNER WITH THE SHOW STARTING AT 9:00. DRINKS AND REFRESHMENTS ARE AVAILABLE DURING THE SHOW (HENCE A GOOD REASON TO BE ON FOOT AND NOT IN A CAR). AFTER THE SHOW THERE IS DANCING AND WE CAN BRING IN THE NEW YEAR TOGETHER.

TICKET PRICES VARY DEPENDING ON YOUR SEAT. FLOOR SEATS AT TABLES OF FOUR ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$45 PER PERSON AND IT GOES DOWN FROM THERE. INEXPENSIVE FOR A NEW YEARS CELEBRATION! MAKE YOUR SEAT RESERVATIONS ON-LINE AT
ADMIRALTHEATRE.ORG

YOU WILL NEED TO MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS WITH BREMERTON MARINA

CALL 360-373-1035

WE ARE ON C-DOCK SO ASK FOR A SLIP THERE.

YOU CAN HAVE DINNER AT THE THEATER OR ONE OF THE OTHER RESTAURANTS CLOSE BY. SUGGESTIONS: BREMERTON BAR AND GRILL, ANTHONY'S, OR ONE OF THE MANY TAVERNS IN THE AREA. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BRING YOUR BOAT, THE HAMPTON INN IS CLOSE TO THE MARINA AND THE FAIRFIELD IS CLOSE BY. YOU CAN VISIT WITH US AT THE MARINA – YOU'RE WELCOME TO COME TO OUR BOAT AND HANG OUT.

CALL OR EMAIL ME IF YOU ARE COMING AND WE WILL BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR YOU.

FRANK AND AMY SHERWOOD

2017 RHYC ICEBREAKER

January 22, 2017



- Where:** Fisherman's Terminal, Seattle
Aboard Maximo, Spirit and Steel Tiger
- What:** Buffet Brunch, variety of hot & cold breakfast and brunch items
- When:** 10AM until ?
- Cost:** \$25PP, register by January 15 so we can get an count for food and drink.

**We will start with Bloody Mary's and Mimosa's aboard Steel Tiger and Spirit
Buffet Brunch served aboard Maximo
Satellite TV available for the Playoff Games**

*Space available moorage at Fisherman's's Terminal starting the week before the event.
Please Contact Ray Giometti at 206-787-3742 for availability. Terminal monitors VHF
Channel 17*

Contact the cruise team: Patrick & Miriam Gill
Harry & Teri Johnson
Steve & Kim Oberto

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, Orit Hickman at fleetcaptain@rhyc.org

2017 CRUISE SCHEDULE

Date	Destination	Activity	Cruise Captains
Dec 31 - Jan 2	Bremerton Marina	New Years Cruise	Amy and Frank Sherwood
Jan 22	Fisherman's Terminal	Ice Breaker Brunch	Gills/Johnson/Oberto
Jan 27-Feb 4	Seattle Boat Show	Boat Show Booth	Larry Cronin
Feb 12	TBD	Sweetheart Brunch	Liz and Glen Dodge
Mar 17 - 19	Des Moines Marina	St. Patricks Cruise	Chris and Sandy Benson
April 7-9	Poulsbo	RHYC Business Meeting	Dian and Fred Powers and Matt and Orit Hickman
May 6	Montlake Cut	Opening Day	Miners/Sipkens
May 26-29	Port Ludlow	Memorial Day Cruise	Holly Palmer and Jon Edwards
June 16-18	TBD	Fathers Day Cruise	Cecile and John Burreson
July 1-4	Liberty Bay	3rd of July Cruise	Miners
Aug 4-6	Roche Harbor Marina	Colors Cruise	Need Cruise Captains
Sep 1-4	Bremerton Marina	Labor Day Cruise	Need Cruise Captains
Oct 13-15	Dockstreet, Tacoma	Columbus Day Cruise	Need Cruise Captains
Nov 4	Queen City Yacht Club	Change of Bridge	Lynn and John Sipkins
Nov 23-26	Edmonds Marina	Thanksgiving Cruise	Glen and Liz Dodge

Upcoming Cruises



New Years Eve
December 31– Jan 1
Bremerton

Ice Breaker Cruise
Fishermans Terminal
January 22, 2017

Sweetheart Cruise
Feb 12

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