

RHYC

anchor watch

Cruise Report - Ice Breaker



The Icebreaker cruise was held at the Port of Seattle, Fishermans Terminal Dock 9 on Sunday, January 22. The cruise team of Kim and Steve Oberto, Teri and Harry Johnson and Miriam and Patrick Gill hosted the extensive brunch, scavenger hunt and lunch on-board “Maximo”, “Steel Tiger” and “Spirit”. Also sharing moorage were Brian and Linda Scott on “Going Coastal”.

The showery and cool morning started with Bloody Mary’s and Mimosa’s aboard Steel Tiger and then the 54 attendees, including Joan Tomlinson and Billy Owens and son Manny, Paul and Brenda Norris, Orit and Matt Hickman, Frank and Amy Sherwood, Vaughn and Jill Weedman, Peter and Linda Jung, Bob and Verna Maruska, Steve Driscoll, Mike Goodman and Robin Haley, Harry and Teri Johnson, Lynn and John Sipkens, Scott Hauck and Jodie Mendes, Jon Edwards and Holly Palmer, Noble and Parker Compton, John Bureson and Cecile Hudon, Phil and Debbie Freund, Tom and Chris Miner, Larry and Sally Cronin, Glen Dodge, Nat and Linda Collier, Gregory Rice and Yuan Zhang, Patrick and Miriam Gill, Don Whatmore, Dan and Raye Lohse, Brian and Linda Scott, and Steve and Kim Oberto enjoyed an extensive brunch buffet aboard Maximo.

Following the buffet, six teams participated in a photo scavenger hunt around Fisherman’s

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Terminal, which included oyster shooters and sharing a beer at the Highliner Pub, hugging an octopus and finding other arcane facts about Fisherman's Terminal, not normally a cruising destination for pleasure craft. The Weedman and Scott team won, but just barely. The judging committee listened to various judging protests, but the decisions were final. Verna Maruska arranged a tour of the tower at the terminal, and after climbing the spiral staircases we were rewarded with great views of fishing fleet. Prizes were awarded to the teams and then the survivors watched the NFL divisional playoffs until it was time for another extensive buffet lunch served aboard Maximo, including ribs, chicken and prime rib.

The satiated participants staggered down the dock, with weight watchers budgets blown and full stomachs while the cruise team prepared to depart Fishermen's Terminal the next morning.



Commodore's Report

Here we are in January and about to have our first cruise of the year. I don't know about you but I feel like it was a long very dry winter. No, I'm not talking about rain, we had plenty of that! I'm talking about boating.

The best thing about January is getting together with all our friends at our Ice Breaker Cruise. This year the Ice Breaker is at Fisherman's Terminal in Seattle, on the water on some of our member's boats. But the best part is seeing everyone again on the water!

By the time you read this we will have already gotten together, shared our events of a very wet and cold winter. Renewed friendships of those we didn't get to see over the winter and starting to plan the cruises we will do and the places we will go.

We should be done with our renewals for 2017. If you haven't paid your renewal dues you probably should get with your Vice Commodore, Jon Edwards right away. If you are having any trouble getting on the website, again call Jon. While on the website be sure to update your profile. Be sure that you've double checked your phone numbers and address. This year our roster will be printed directly from our website, it's up to you to make sure your information for that roster is correct. Again, if you have any trouble give Jon a call.

See you at the Ice Breaker!

Lynn Sipkens
Commodore



Vice Commodore's Report

Happy New Year RHYC! Welcome to another year of fantastic boating experiences with RHYC. We certainly had a good start with our January Ice breaker cruise. My sincere thanks go to cruise captain Patrick Gil and

his cruise team from the Steel Tiger, Maximo and Spirit who all put on a extremely enjoyable day of RHYC socializing and great food. There's nothing better than checking in with good friends after the long winter break.

Holly and I just put in our volunteer hours at the staffing of the RHYC booth at the Seattle boat show this last weekend. It was a great experience for us talking with potential new members about our great club. Larry and Sally Cronin did a fantastic job in putting together a great looking booth. It was lots of fun when the visitors to the booth kept trying to figure out where the booth's backdrop picture was taken in Roche Harbor – we had to burst their bubble and tell them it was a picture of last year's Labor Day wagon wheel cruise to Gig harbor. The rest of the bridge members and I hope that we will see many new members come out of the conversations that have occurred during the boat show run.

While we hope to get new members through this year's Boat show event, I need to remind all members that it is our job to be constantly on the lookout for potential members wherever we can find them, on the docks, in the locks or on a cruise. To keep a balanced budget, we need about 16 new members just about every year. Unfortunately, this number does not grow our club roster as, as in years past, we have had several members resign this year because they have sold their boat, moved, traveling out of the country, lost a loved one or just decided to quit boating. To continue to grow our club we all need to pound the pavement and constantly be on the lookout this year for potential members to keep our club sound.

Respectfully,

Jon Edwards
Vice Commodore

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:

Joshua Nelson

Chatterbox

Sponsors: Steve and Michelle Nelson and Tom & Chris Miner

Tyler & Amanda Nelson

Chatterbox

Sponsors: Steve and Michelle Nelson and Tom & Chris Miner

Effective this notification of applicants starts 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.

New Members

No new members this month



Rear Commodore's Report

Looking at our outstation signup sheets causes me to question how well we are doing in using those sign up sheets. I have to wonder if we are consistently signing in when we use an outstation, as there are several months with little or no sign up for Roche and Lopez.

It is important that we sign up when using our outstations so we can have an accurate accounting of how they are being used and to determine if they are a good value for the club.

I also have to question the need for the Overflow Outstation at Roche Harbor as only 4 people signed up or indicated that they used the overflow option all of last year. That is a cost that is difficult to budget for since there is no way to anticipate how many members will use that option.

Currently the Dock Street Outstation in Tacoma had the most use with 62 user days. Followed by Kingston with 52 then Roche with 46 and Lopez with 45.

There is a change in the outstation rules that was proposed and approved by the 2017 board that is in regards to the Roche Harbor Outstation. The change says that any member can use the outstation for 2 days out of any 14 consecutive days, which is a change from any 7 consecutive days.

That only applies to the Roche Harbor Outstation; all the others remain 2 to 3 days out of any 7 consecutive days depending on the time of the year and the outstation in question.

After reviewing the rules for outstation and overflow outstation use I found them redundant and confusing. I had several other members read the rules and they too found them cumbersome and confusing. When I asked three different past commodores for their interpretation of the rules I got three different answers.

In an effort to simplify the rules, make them easier to understand and follow I have drafted a rewrite of the rules into a bulleted step-by-step process and removed any redundant sections. I have made every effort to not change the intent or end result of how the outstations and overflow outstations are used. The change is simply in how it reads. The rewritten rules will appear in the next edition of the member's roster book. Please read them before using the outstations. If there are any questions or confusion as a result of the redraft please contact me and I will endeavor to explain. Hopefully it is fully self-explanatory the way it is now written.

Here is the breakdown of outstation use for 2016.

Dock Street	62 user days by 19 members (12 months worth of data)
Kingston	52 user days by 31 members (12 months worth of data)

Fishermen's	45 user days by 26 members (three months worth of data)
Roche Harbor	46 user days by 24 members (three months worth of data)
Roche Harbor OFOS	4 user days / \$638.00 cost to club
Wait List	14 members used the Roche Wait list

Breakdown for outstation use in 2015

Dock Street	33 user days by 23 members
Kingston	57 user days estimated (no departure dates available)
Fishermen's	74 user days estimated (arrival and departure dates were the same day in multiple entry's)
Roche Harbor OS	96 user days (12 months worth of data)
Roche Harbor OFOS	11 user days
Wait list use	56 members used the wait list

In reviewing the last two years of outstation registration forms it is nearly impossible to determine our actual usage. Several members documented they departed the outstation on the same day they signed into the outstation. Members used the outstation wait list to sign in and it does not ask for a departure date so there were many that had no departure dates to determine length of stay. Always give both arrival and departure dates and include the year please. I had to assume all the forms I got were in fact for 2016.

I also noted that there were several departures later than noon, several as late as 7 or 8pm. Departure time on your estimated date of departure is noon per the rules at all of our outstations, no later.

I was talking to a prospective new member about outstations and reciprocals. He asked a question, what is the difference. Never thought about that, seemed like a silly question until you realize that what we take for granted as long time club members and users of those benefits may not be quite as clear to a new member.

So what is an outstation and how does it differ from a reciprocal.

Outstations are funded by a Yacht club for the exclusive use of its club members. No other club or non-club boater can use that moorage slip or facility. It is free to use for that clubs members. Many other clubs have outstations and our members may not use those facilities. We have the four outstations that I listed above that are ours to use exclusively.

A Reciprocal is a mooring space that other clubs provide to visiting boaters from other participating yacht clubs. Since we do not own a clubhouse or dock space our reciprocal is located at the Bremerton Marina. RHYC pays the Bremerton Marina based on use by other clubs. **RHYC members may not use that space in Bremerton.** However, our members can use the reciprocal offerings of 77 different yacht clubs. The actual details of the available space can be found both in the new member roster book but also on the website under **RHYC Reciprocal Clubs**. Clicking on the flag gives you details about the club and how to find and use their reciprocal offering. This is a great benefit with potentially free moorage located all around the Salish Sea and as far south as California, west to Hawaii and north to Alaska and BC.

Your dues are used to pay for the lease of space for the four outstations and the Bremerton reciprocal offering. Without Bremerton RHYC members would not have any reciprocal offerings from other clubs to use. Don't abuse the reciprocal privilege, represent our club in the best light when using the other clubs reciprocal facilities and never attempt to utilize their

outstations as it reflects poorly on our club. We have lost reciprocal privilege of a few clubs in the past and once lost are very hard to get back.

See you at the next cruise.
Tom Miner



Treasurer's Report

Thanks to the Gills, Johnsons and Obertos for a wonderful Ice Breaker cruise. The food and drinks were delicious and it was nice to see so many members there.

Membership dues are being sent in and I have processed all checks I have received through January 22. Be sure and send your dues in before the late fees start accruing on Feb.1.

I want to thank our members for volunteering their time to host the Roche Harbor Yacht Club booth at the Seattle Boat Show. All volunteer slots are full! I want to thank Larry Cronin for coordinating our presence at the boat show. Hopefully we will attract many new members.



Secretary's Report

January is a great time to begin the cruising season and check out the Seattle Boat Show! Larry and Sally Cronin did a wonderful job setting up the booth and coordinating all of the shifts for coverage. Thank you very much! The booth looks great and the show has loads to offer for everyone! Hope everyone gets a chance to stop by the booth and support the club!!

Bill and I are looking forward to the Sweetheart's Cruise in February at Claim Jumpers in Tukwila. It will be a fun morning to catch up with everyone and enjoy a great meal. Hope to see you all there!



Fleet Captains Report

No report this month





*Sweetheart Cruise –
2017*

February 12th

*Claim Jumper – 5901 S. 180th
Tukwila*

*Come join us, please RSVP to Glen and Liz – Glend@cascadecolumbia.com
and on RHYC.org with reservation and number attending. We have reserved a
section for 75 members, guests, and potential applicants; but we need to
hear from you as soon as possible in order to anchor your space.*

*We will start the festivities at 9:00 am with beverage service, conversation,
and announcements.*

*Special offers – Unlimited Mimosas and water included with buffet.
\$5 Margaritas, Bloody Mary's & Screwdrivers*

Brunch buffet targeted to start at 10:00 am

*Enjoy a wide variety of Claim Jumper Classics including: an Omelet Bar •
Carving Station • Pastas & Pizzas • South of the Border Specialties •
American Favorites • Traditional Breakfast Items • Homemade Desserts*

*For all of this good cheer the cruise fee is only
\$8 per person (to RHYC) on the condition that you
agree to add the brunch cost of \$25 per person
to your restaurant/beverage tab.*

*We haven't had a \$25 brunch charge in a
very long time. Please take advantage,
we are looking forward to seeing you there.*





St. Patrick's Cruise 2017
Des Moines Marina
March 10-12



Cruise Captains: Chris & Sandy Benson

SCHEDULE

Friday	6:00pm	Arrival and Potluck (In warm outside tent area)
Saturday	9:30am	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 February 27th 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

Special Games/Contests
Matt & Orit Hickman
(more information to come later)



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
12-Feb	Claim Jumpers	Sweetheart Brunch	Liz and Glen Dodge
Mar 10 - 12	Des Moines Marina	St. Patrick's 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	Pleasant Harbor	Memorial Day Cruise	Holly Palmer and Jon Ed- wards
June 16-18	Edmonds Marina	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	Brian and Linda Scott
Sep 1-4	Port Orchard Marina	Labor Day Cruise	Need Cruise Captains
Oct 13-15	Arabellas Landing	Columbus Day Cruise	Nancy Williams and Bill Fouk
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



Sweetheart Cruise
Feb 12
Claim Jumper

St. Patrick's Day Cruise
Mar 10-12

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