



## Cruise Report - Sweetheart Cruise



*Sweetheart cruise/brunch 2017 at Claim Jumper, Tukwila*

The event was started with all arriving around 0900. Mimosas were in hand as we got reacquainted with friends and were entertained by watching slide shows from the Alaskan Magnificent Seven 2016 adventure, created by Pete Jung and Jim Matheson. During this social time, we also had the RHYC ships store goods out for display, and took awesome photos of the Valentine couples. Some of those photos will be in this edition of the AW and yes, they will be posted on the club's website for all to see. You should be able to download your photo from there for your own scrap book or printing. Mimosas, OJ, and water were provided with the brunch and were 'flowing' throughout the event. Those not in the mood for these sought out the \$5 Bloody Marys.

We opened the event with Commodore Lynn saying a few words, which included the introductions of the Past Commodores present, introducing Applicants Scott & Pam Cameron, Josh Nelson, and Tyler Nelson who were attending as their respective qualifying cruises and thanking the cruise team. Rear Commodore Tom Miner followed expanding on Lynn's announcements about some changes to our Outstation policies starting this year.

The business completed; Glen and Liz started the raffle drawings using the tickets every attendee was provided on arrival. These included Valentine Baskets filled with goodies: "Chocolate FantaSEA for Two" --- red wine, glasses, and a variety of Chocolate goodies. "Make Me Shine Valentine" --- a 5-gallon bucket filled with all kinds of car and boat washing stuff. "Boat Show Revisited" --- items gathered at the boat show plus chocolates. "I've got the Hots for you, Valentine" --- A variety of Hot sauces, hot candies, and chips. A good number of other items were also given out (number drawn and the recipient selected their prize) including: an anchor, three pair of rubber boots, aluminum water bottles, crabbing gloves, boxes of valentine candy, valentine cups with plush toys, and one very large 600' reel of ¾' 'stern' or 'other use' line. There were enough give aways that we ended up joining the brunch line a little late. had enough extra time to sit down and pre-test the mimosas before attendees arrived. No last-minute rushing for this group.

Deadline for next newsletter.....**March 18th**



Claim Jumper provided a fabulous buffet and we were filled to capacity on all the goodies. You could have everything from scrambled eggs, omelets, sausage, bacon, eggs benedict, clear thru salads, Mexican choices, fish, mac n cheese, prime rib, BBQ ribs, and of course desserts. That is just a sampling of the choices. If you haven't gone to Claim Jumpers for Sunday brunch, we recommend it. Manager David Dos Santos thanked us profusely and offered to have us come back any time.

As the event came to a close we presented the first mates with a long stemmed red rose to show that each of these special ladies are indeed the Valentines of the club. Those whose wives were unable to attend were sent home with a rose for their Valentine.

Attendee's included: Applicants: Scott and Pam Cameron, Tyler Nelson, Josh Nelson (sons of Steve and Michelle) Members and guests: Jerry and Paula Barruffi, Chris and Sandy Benson, Noble and Parker Crompton, Larry and Sally Cronin, Glen and Liz Dodge, Steve Driscoll, Gill and Diane Fetzner, Phil and Debra Freund, Larry Gill and guest Linda Gray, Patrick and Miriam Gill, Harry and Terri Johnson, Peter and Linda Jung and guest Janet Bumford, Al and Tara Mannhalter, Bob and Verna Maruska, Jim Matheson, Tom and Chris Miner, Steve and Michelle Nelson, Josh Nelson, Tyler Nelson, Paul and Brenda Norris, Bob and Shirley Patterson, Fred and Diana Power, Frank Sherwood, John and Lynn Sipkens, Bill Faulk and Nancy Williams. We were sorry to miss seeing Sandy Driscoll, Cheryl Matheson, Andy & Maryann McDonnell, and Amy Sherwood

A special thank you to our cruise team Al, Tara, Bob, and Shirley for a job well done.

Report by Cruise Captains – Glen and Liz Dodge



## **Commodore's Report**

I just know everyone is going to say this, but the Sweethearts cruise was a smashing success! Liz & Glen Dodge, Tara & Al Mannhalter, & Shirley & Bob Patterson did a great job of pulling in more members to this event than I think we've seen in the past couple of years. They had prizes to give away and the buffet was good. Thanks to all for a great job and venue.

The roster committee met today to put together a plan to have your roster to you by the April business meeting. We believe that is a time frame that we can meet barring any big issues. Some things are being changed up a bit but it will be mostly what you are used to seeing. You will want to read the cover letter that will come with it. There has been a change to the turnaround time for the Roche Harbor outstation. It will go from a 7 day to a 14 day turnaround. We have had members abusing the use of this outstation as well as not signing in. This change is to make it fair to everyone, allowing all to use the outstation; this is a change that was needed. Also, Rear Commodore, Tom Miner has re-written the rules to the outstation. Nothings changed it's just been bullet pointed to make it more clear as to what the rules are. Several people have mentioned their confusion to the rules, so this change should clarify it better. Please be sure to read all this information. If you have any questions I'm sure your Rear Commodore would be of help along with anyone on the bridge. Last but definitely not least, everyone please let Larry & Sally Cronin know what a good job they did on our booth



at the boat show. Hopefully many of us did see it. I felt it was the best booth of all the yacht clubs. A gorgeous picture front and center by our own Diane Fetzner that showed our wagon wheel in Gig Harbor last year. They did a great job and so did all the volunteers who manned the booth. I'm sure Sally is going to show the numbers in her report.

Thanks to everyone.  
Respectfully,

Lynn Sipkens  
Commodore



## **V**ice Commodore's Report

The middle of February means that we are almost done with the RHYC 2017 membership renewal process. Fortunately, we only have a few members that have not renewed or responded. For these few, we are forced to add a late fee to their account. I would really like to thank those of you that have renewed as I know that the process is still a bit confusing. The information you updated or provided during your renewal will be utilized for the upcoming roster book publication. Also, now that we are almost complete on the renewals, within the next week or so, I will be sending out your 2017 membership cards.

Unfortunately, we have also lost a few members during this renewal process for various reasons. This means that we all need to be diligent in keeping a lookout for prospective members that can help offset the members who have resigned this year. To help with this task, your bridge team is in the process of calling all the leads that we collected at our boat show booth. Our goal is to invite each of these leads to an upcoming cruise and to hopefully convince them that they need to join us as members.

I hope to see many of you at the St Patrick's Day Cruise being led by Chris & Sandy Benson in Des Moines.

Respectfully,

Jon Edwards  
Vice Commodore

## **N**ew Members

The Bridge has acted 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.

Chatterbox



**Joshua Nelson**

Chatterbox

Sponsors: Steve and Michelle Nelson and Tom & Chris Miner

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**Tyler & Amanda Nelson**

Chatterbox

Sponsors: Steve and Michelle Nelson and Tom & Chris Miner

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**Scott and Pam Cameron**

Emily Lynn

58' – 2000 Navigator 5300

## **N**ew Applicants

No new applicants this month



## **R**ear Commodore's Report

We are just around the corner from cruising time. The next cruise is at Des Moines Marina and the first on the water cruise of the year.

Hope everyone is planning on attending as the St Patty's cruise is always fun.

Changes are coming at our Kingston outstation. The marina contacted me last month and advised that our rent for the end tie was going to nearly double, rafting would no longer be allowed and no overhang into the fairway would be allowed. They wanted to offer us a slip, as available at a reduced rate in lieu of the end tie.

The board has decided that would not be a viable option to replace the end tie as it would only be available to members if the marina had space and it would be a slip which means many of our member's boats would not fit as the largest slip is 50 feet at Kingston.

I have advised Kingston that we wish to maintain our end tie regardless of the increase in cost. To replace the loss of the rafting option I have asked for the option of an overflow outstation. This would mean that if the outstation is full and there is space available club members would have an option of one night stay in the overflow outstation that would be paid for by the club.

This is a significant unanticipated increase in costs to the club and one that is not budgeted. Stay tuned for final resolution to this issue. It is not yet resolved but as of this time we still have the outstation at Kingston but effective immediately there is no more rafting and no overhang allowed. At this time, we do not have an agreement for an overflow outstation so don't ask the marina until that is fully agreed to by all parties.

Additionally, Bellevue Yacht Club is in the same position. They have an end tie outstation next to ours and have had the same notice by the marina. Their Rear Commodore and I have been talking and discussing possible dual use and cost sharing. I have not heard back from them yet so have no idea if that would work for them. They use it about the same as we do, 50 user days per year. Sharing the cost would decrease our costs to less than what we pay



now. We will not consider this as an option if we do not get the overflow outstation agreement in place.

I have been looking at alternative locations. Poulsbo is not an option; their docks were built under a federal grant and earmarking any space for private use is not allowed. Edmonds is interested but we would pay even more there and still have no rafting or overhang allowance. Port Ludlow is an option in the future but not until they complete their expansion. Pt. Townsend has no end tie available and the rates would not be any cheaper. The bottom line is an outstation in mid sound is a great benefit but is a costly one.

Please feel free to send me your thoughts and suggestions on this issue as it affects all members in some way.

Chris and I worked the yacht club booth at the boat show this year and had a great time. We talked to a lot of people who are interested in joining a club and many were checking us out because they had heard great things about us. Over 50 people filled out interest cards during the boat show run and we will be inviting them to join us on a cruise sometime in the coming year. The board has decided to do it again next year so if you did not join us at this year's show make sure you sign up and staff the booth next year; it is a bunch of fun. The booth was designed by Larry Cronin and it was one of the nicest looking booths there. Just the club name starts the conversation so it's not hard to get people talking and showing an interest in who we are and what we do.

See you at the next cruise.

Tom Miner



## **T**reasurer's Report

Thank you to the following Roche Harbor members who staffed the RHYC booth at the Seattle Boat Show: Andy and Mary Ann McDonald, Tom and Chris Miner, Debbie Freund, Glen and Liz Dodge, John Bureson and Cecile Hudon, Al and Tara Mannhalter, William Foulk and Nancy Williams, Matt and Orit Hickman, Frank Sherwood, Jon and Holly Edwards, Lynn Sipkins, Rick and Kelli Werth, Steve and Sandy Driscoll, Richard Firth, Harry and Teri Johnson, Gilbert and Diane Fetzner and Sally and Larry Cronin. A big thank you goes to Larry Cronin for organizing the event. It was a lot of fun talking to members and they were impressed by the value of our club, the four outstations and the cruises we put on. We talked with a lot of people and 52 people signed cards requesting we invite them to a cruise. Your board is going to call these 52 people and encourage them to come to one of our cruises in the next six months as our guest. We are confident that meeting our wonderful members will be a great inducement to encouraging these people to sign up as members.

Thanks also go to Glen and Liz Dodge, Al and Tara Mannhalter and Bob and Shirley Patterson for putting on such a fun Sweetheart Cruise. The turnout was large and it was nice to catch up with friends. It was also nice to meet Tyler and Josh Nelson and Scott and Pam Cameron who were all having their qualifying cruise.

On the financial statements, our net income is below budgeted since attrition in membership is more than we anticipated. It is vital we share our wonderful club with new members to make up for those who have dropped.





## Secretary's Report

The Boat Show was a great success. Bill and I had the opportunity to volunteer at the booth for a Friday evening and had many interested potential members complete cards and ask for follow up. People were very excited about cruise, Outstation and membership options. Larry and Sally did a great job organizing and setting up the booth. Great job for all the volunteers and team that helped make this happen! It was loads of fun!

The Sweetheart's Cruise was well-attended and wonderful time had by all. It was a great venue with excellent food and opportunity for everyone to catch up. Loved the drawings and had fun with the Photo Booth! Thank you very much to all who coordinated and volunteered! It was a fun Sunday morning.

Nancy



## Fleet Captain's Report

January 2017 started with a bang. We had a fabulous land cruise at Fisherman's Terminal hosted by the Gills, Obertos and Johnsons. February was our Sweetheart Cruise hosted by Liz and Glen Dodge and an amazing time was had by all. Check out the cruise report for details. All of our cruise locations have been set and almost all the team captains have volunteered! We still need cruise captains for the Labor Day Cruise at Port Orchard Marina. Remember as a new member you should volunteer to be on a cruise team in the first year so you are comfortable doing a cruise as team captain by the end of your second year. Also stay tuned for a NEW and fantastic location for our Change Of Bridge in November!

Have you been to Oak Harbor Marina on Whidbey Island? If you haven't it is worth the trip. The large guest moorage dock can accommodate boats up to 50 feet with patios and picnic tables. We have reciprocal moorage and Matt and I have used it both heading north and coming back. There is a large fire pit in the park with new Bocce Ball/Petanque courts! They have free bus services with nearby shopping and dining. ALSO there is 20 cents off per gallon up to the amount you pay for the first night of guest moorage! Check them out!

Orit Hickman

Fleet Captain





## **S**unshine Report

The New Year is starting out with some sad news; it is with a sad heart that I share with you that Jan LaFountaine passed away on February 4th. Mark and Jan were long time members of RHYC and Mark is a past Commodore of the club. Jan had a varied career. She worked in banking and in marketing at Disneyland. She spent many years dedicated to education, starting out as a recess teacher, and moving all the way to the Superintendent's office at both the Renton and Mercer Island School Districts. She was an avid boater, enjoyed volunteering, and spending time with her family. Jan was a wonderful wife and an amazing mother. There will be a memorial for Jan in June at Queen City Yacht Club and we will share more information as we know more. Please keep Mark in your thoughts and prayers as he walks out the days that are ahead of him.

I spoke with Mary Mehlum today and she is doing okay. Treatment is happening which is keeping her close to home, she welcomes visits and phone calls so please feel free to contact her. They will be going to Arizona March 8-31, reach out before they leave and for sure when they return. Let's remember to keep Mary in our thoughts and prayers for peace and calm to bless her as she is going through this treatment.

Please be sure to keep informed of any news that needs to be shared with all of you!

Your Sunshine Reporter,  
Verna Maruska

## **E**ditor's thoughts

VOLUNTEERING, HELPING OUT, GIVING BACK, JOINING IN THE FUN, whatever you call it, it is the backbone of what make clubs fun, great and a rewarding part of life.

Many people say they just don't have the time or they are not sure what to do but everyone wants to help out a little. Signing up to be a cruise captain for the first time is a brave jump because maybe you're not creative or don't like to cook or it just seems like a lot of work. Well, you're not alone. Contact the Fleet Captain. If the Fleet captain has picked the spot for the cruise that is the first step. The next step is to ask your fellow club members for help. We have many members who are cruise captains almost every year and what makes them successful is the team they put together. When you're at a cruise ask the people helping out and they will tell you they are having a good time and they're getting to know their fellow boaters better and are making longtime friends. The best cruise captains don't do it alone.

The best Yacht Clubs have cruises and cruises are what makes our club stand out but we couldn't do it without the volunteering, the helping out, the giving back and those who join in on the fun.

When I was at the Boat show people came up to the booth from other yacht clubs and told us they had heard how much fun our club was, and that they liked the fact we had so many cruis-



es. If you ask anyone who worked the show they will tell you that they had fun just talking about our club to the many people who stopped by.

Those of you who have joined the club recently need to run a cruise in the first two years and the best way to jump in is to join a team and see what goes on. I just finished coordinating the boat show and that is an opportunity for someone to take over for next year as the “cruise captain”. The booth has been done so there is not much work to be done for next year and I will be happy to help. See, you already have a team.

If you have an interest in being part of the Bridge and your just not sure what is involved, ask a person who has done it. Trust me, you can do it, and it is fun.

VOLUNTEERING, HELPING OUT, GIVING BACK AND JOINING IN ON THE FUN is what makes this club great!

Larry Cronin  
Anchor Watch editor

## **P**assages

*The following letter came to us from the son of one of our past members:*

My Mother, Diane Larson and Father Milton Larson were longtime members in the late 1960's, 1970's and 1980's. Dad served as Rear Commodore in 1973 and Mom once served as Secretary. It is with deep sadness to notify you of Mom's passing on December 25, 2016 @ 7:30AM. Dad has been gone since 2009 and it did not occur to me to advise the club of his passing then.

Recently, I was looking through Moms stuff and found a Roche Harbor Yacht Club Roster; it brought back many fond memories. I recall how much Me, my Sister Kim, Dad and Mom enjoyed cruising with the club. Every Summer we would to cruise up to the to the San Juan Islands of the US and Gulf Islands of Canada, with many close friends in tow. I recall fellow members, Bill Astel, Herb Hubburd, Hap Noggle, Don McClintock, Marvin Lane, Tom Monkowski and Lee Patton with deep fondness, but all members were friends to us. Mom and Dad both loved serving and being a part of such an awesome yacht club.

I was in hopes that you might post my comments as well as this obituary for your members to see. Thank you to all members for being such a big part of my past, my Sisters and that of Mom and Dad.

Sincerely,  
Steven Larson (Son).









**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](mailto: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	<b>Need Cruise Captains</b>
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





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