

RHYC

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Cruise Report - Colors Cruise



For those of you who couldn't attend The Colors Cruise this month, all I can say is you missed a good one! For all of you that did attend, we thank you, for making this a really wonderful and memorable event! It was a great turn out with 26 boats, and unfortunately a few that had to cancel.

Brian and Linda Scott flew in from Arizona to be your Cruise Captains, and were joined by a wonderful cruise team of Dan and Raye Lohse and Vaughn and Jill Weedman. We would like to extend a special "Thank you" to original team members, Art and Noreen Stipans, who had to cancel, but were kind enough to donate those awesome bug zappers, that come in handy for those bees, that always seem to find us out in the middle of nowhere! We would also like to thank Patrick and Miriam Gill for stepping in to help out with food preparations, and rolling up those awesome chocolate Rolo cigars! And last but not least, a special thank you to Emerson Hickman, for all those "extra little things" that needed to be done, that we often forget about.

Raye Lohse really set the stage for a beautiful atmosphere, and went above and beyond decorating the party tent, for transporting us to a "Night in Havana". With lively Cuban music in the background, our fun weekend began with Friday night Happy Hour, and a Cuban inspired

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appetizer contest! I have to say this was the BEST happy hour and appetizer event I can remember in a long time! Homemade Mojitos were served, as well as Cuba Libras, by two of the best bartenders around....Dan Lohse and Brian Scott. The appetizers were top notch, as everyone really brought their game to the table! I might as well say, it was a culinary smorgasbord of truly inspired Cuban style food. Everyone did a fantastic job, well done to each and every one of you!

The crab races were a fun time on Saturday afternoon, as Cruise Captain Brian Scott created "The Roche Harbor Downs" with the help of Emerson Hickman for providing some the fastest and funniest crabs ever, for an exciting crab race. We never even made it to the dominos. There's always next time!

Saturday night's event was so fun, as everyone dressed up for a "Night in Havana", and got their Rico Sauv   on! The women looked beautiful and the guys were so handsome! It was a look that complimented everyone and just added to the fun atmosphere. A beautiful Paella dinner was catered by a local Friday Harbor company, called "Paellas San Juan". They are located in Friday harbor, and can be found at the Saturday Farmers Market, serving up various paella dishes. Please check them out if you're in Friday Harbor. They arrived early to set up, as half the fun was watching them create this tasty and appealing paella dish.

Later that evening, at the Colors ceremony, we proudly presented some of our current Bridge members, Commodore Lynn Sipkins, Treasurer Sally Cronin and Fleet Captain Orit Hickman, as well as past Commodores and Bridge members, Frank Sherwood, Phil Freund, Larry Cronin, and Rear Commodore Tom Miner. Those that jumped into the frigid waters, were Phil Freund, Tom Miner and Orit Hickman. That's always a kick in the bucket; way to go everyone! Afterwards, prizes were presented for best appetizer; Patrick Gill took 1st Place for his Cuban inspired pizza, and Brenda Norris for Best Cuban apparel. It was too hard to choose as everyone looked great and all the food was outstanding. Raffle prizes were handed out, as well as a stainless-steel crab pot, donated by Neil and Noreen Millen, for that we thank you.

Until the next fun cruise event, signing off in the heat of the desert Southwest,

Your Cruise Captains, Brian and Linda Scott
"Goin Coastal"



Commodore's Report

We've just come off our Roche Harbor cruise led by Brian and Linda Scott. What a great time and what great costumes for Havana Nights. The cruise team of Dan and Raye Lohse, Vaughn and Jill Weedman. Originally the team included Art & Noreen Stipan. So, in their place they sent the bug zappers for the raffle. Oh, and a comment I really need to make is the unbelievable decorating style and talent of Raye Lohse. The entire tent felt as though we were right in the middle of a Havana Night. Great job Raye, wow!

The weather was absolutely perfect the whole weekend. John and I flew in on Kenmore Air and got to make a check to my Bucket List. It was so exciting taking off from the middle of hundreds of boats in Lake Union. We stayed aboard "Our Sweetheart" for the weekend and got to take the trip home with them. I've never been on a boat that runs at 20knts. What fun. Big thanks to Phil and Debi Freund for their hospitality.

Coming up next month is the Labor Day Cruise. The Board is leading this cruise and have decided to have a no charge cruise this time. We will not be providing food instead giving you plenty of time to go to all the activities of the Blackberry Festival taking place a short foot ferry ride over to the Bremerton marina's boardwalk. Also, lots happening in Port Orchard, so plenty of places for great food and entertainment. We will meet up every evening for a themed Happy Hour with Pot Luck Hors d'oeuvres and BYOB. We will have that opportunity to share what we did that day. You will arrive at the marina and be docked by some of your cruise team. More information on that later. October will find us in Gig Harbor and then of course COB in November. Please put these cruises on your calendars

If you haven't done so, and you are out cruising and using the outstations, be sure to double check your rules. Tom Minor, your Vice Commodore has made them easier to read and understand so that there can be no confusion on those rules. There has been a question as to being able to stay longer if no one is there. Know the answer is no because most likely someone is coming in behind you.

Anyway, I hope everyone is having a fabulous summer with all the sunshine and good boating.

I'll see you next month!

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Sipkens
Commodore



Vice Commodore's Report

No report this month

New Members

No new members

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:

Marily and Rick Rementeria
Boat Name: Sherlock Holmes
51 foot Kadey Krogen
Sponsors: Tom Miner and Steve Nelson

Phil Sensabaugh and Nancy Vittor
Boat Name: Nepenthe
40 foot North Pacific Yachts
Sponsors: Gary and Lenore Timm

Effective with this notification, applicants begin their period to attend a qualifying 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 applicants when they attend their qualifying cruise.



Rear Commodore Report

It has been great summer on the boat. We did not get to do our big trip because of my Dad's passing in June but we have been exploring places we have not been in a couple years closer here to home. It is the first year in many that we have not crossed north into Canada. We have spent a week before colors re-exploring the San Juan Islands and a week post colors continuing that exploration. Other than too many boats in my anchorages, we have had a truly relaxing summer on the boat. That all changes next week when we get the grandkids.

Colors, what a great cruise put together by a great Cruise Team led by Brian and Linda Scott, assisted by Vaughn and Jill Weedman and Dan and Raye Lohse. The Cuban themed cruise was a huge hit. A special thanks to Dan and Raye who stepped up to help mentor new cruise captains. Dan and Raye have always done their share of heavy lifting, leading cruises in the

past but are still willing to lend a hand wherever its needed and that's what makes this club so great. The Cuban themed decorations were amazing thanks to Raye. We need our experienced members to step up and help make that first cruise less intimidating.

We signed up two new members on the spot during the cruise because we were having too much fun. Thanks to Dan we had a pile of brochures available and he was selling hard. We need new members to keep this club active and viable so wear your RHYC paraphernalia and talk up the club this summer when your hanging out at the docks, using the outstations or cruising with friends.

I have not heard directly from anyone of any problems at the outstations so I am hoping the rewrite of the rules has made it easier to understand and use the outstations and has led to less conflict.

I have heard third hand of other club issues and there is not much the board can do if we are not contacted directly by the concerned member. If there is something that needs to be addressed, please, please, please, contact someone on the board and I can assure you we will address it. You can always contact me if you cannot reach one of the other very busy board members and I will make sure the appropriate board member addresses it. I am retired so I might be easier to reach than the others who are doing their best to juggle jobs, life and the business of the club. I just have grandkids occasionally and a honey do list to keep me busy.

On another note entirely. The screw up award has been around for quite some time and as a reminder, though it is not highly coveted, when earned for a legitimate screw up it can and has been proudly accepted by the perpetrators who fess up to their inattention to detail or good boating skills. Legitimate screw-ups are those things that are due to lapses in good boating skills that sooner or later all of us may fall victim to. Failure to disconnect the power cord as you depart the dock, puncturing someone's inflatable dinghy, (that would be me), leaving the drain plug out as you launch the fishing boat, pumping the head during a raft up, losing your tow behind and not knowing it or wrapping a crab pot in your prop. Simply being absent minded like we all are as we grow older or things that are truly beyond your control should not be legitimate nominees for the award. In my opinion.

See you at the Labor Day Cruise in Port Orchard.

Tom Miner

Rear Commodore



Treasurer's Report

The Colors cruise was amazing. Many thanks go to Linda Scott and her cruise team for a fantastic weekend. The decorations transported us to Cuba and the pael-la was delicious. Afterwards Larry and I stayed on in Roche Harbor for a few more days and ended up in Port Townsend on our way back.

Financially we have had a trying year. We lost more members than expected and our new

members did not equal those that we lost. Our outstation expenses have been increasing over time. Luckily, we have a very healthy investment fund which we will tap into this year. Getting new members is key to a financially healthy club. We have so much to offer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Cronin

Treasurer



Secretary's Report

No report this month

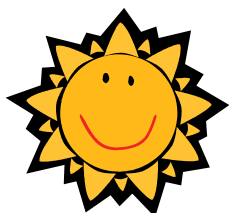


Fleet Captain's Report

Well with the cruising season in full swing the member of RHYC are travelling all over the Puget Sound and Canada! Matt, Emerson, Sage and myself went out on Silk for about 2 weeks of cruising most of which was spent up in Canada. We made it as far north as Thetis Island then slowly wound our way down south to meet up with the club at Roche Harbor for the Colors Cruise. Our time in Canada was magical--except for the drama of our first stern tie in Princess Cove on Wallace Island. We did leave a driftwood sign at the cabin on the island and after not sleeping the night before because of 15-25 knot gusts we felt we earned a place in the cabin. I just learned that there is a similar place up in the Octopus Islands up in Desolation sound and now have that on my bucket list. The Colors Cruise was absolutely amazing!! Great fun with themed apps, and dinner, crab races and everyone got into the mood with music and dress! The cruise team did an incredible job (see the cruise report for details). After the Colors Cruise we left early Sunday morning to make our way down south and hit a wall of fog! We sailed in fog from 9 am until 4 pm and we were with 1/4 mile visibility for 6 hours of the trip in which we saw no land during that time while crossing the Straits. Needless to say it was an interesting and actually a fun experience. We were only armed with a GPS and AIS app-- and actually the AIS app helped us identify other club boats who were ahead of us on the Straits. I got to use our high powered radio for the first time to hail M/V Georgina and Joel was able to give me an accurate description of the pea soup we were heading into. While we couldn't see anyone on the Straits it was comforting to know that other club members were crossing while we were. Turns out we were 1 of many RHYC boats who had similar experiences crossing from the islands back into the lower part of Washington over the next week. Now that we are back in Seattle we are continuing to sail as much as possible and getting ready for the Labor Day cruise in Port Orchard which should prove to be a fun time with themed appetizers, raffles and the Blackberry Festival across in Bremerton! Hope to see you out on the water! And if you are interested in going

out for a sail then feel free to contact me via email. We would love to take you out!

Orit
RHYC Fleet Captain



Sunshine Report

Greetings to all of you wonderful RHYC Members,

We got to see many of you out there on the water and we did have a fabulous Havana Colors Cruise in Roche Harbor. There were some that weren't able to make it out or we didn't get to see this summer and we need to keep them in our thoughts and prayers as they continue treatment and restore their health; Don Whatmore, Chris Williamson, Mary Mehlum, and Andy McDonnell.

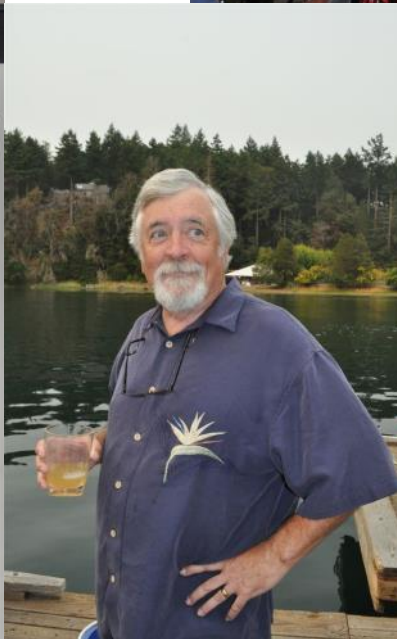
My hope in writing for the Sunshine report is to keep us posted on our members and lets us know when thoughts, prayers and words of encouragement are needed. I am sure that I may have missed some, please forgive if I have.

Also, please keep me honest and up-to-date on anything you would like to have shared.

Thanks, and look forward to seeing you in Port Orchard in a few weeks.

Verna Maruska
Your Sunshine Reporter









Inspired by Seattle

Please join your RHYC Bridge Members as they welcome you to Port Orchard for our Labor Day Cruise “Inspired by Seattle.”

Each night we will get together on one or more host boats for appetizers at 6pm.

Friday night’s theme is Seahawks (football season is just around the corner)

Saturday night’s appetizer should include something coffee flavored or coffee inspired

Sunday’s appetizer should have a nautical theme

During the day feel free to explore Port Orchard, take the free foot ferry to the Blackberry Festival in Port Orchard or hang with your fellow RHYC members.

There will be raffles for fun and exciting prizes!

We will get together nightly for colors.

This is a NO COST cruise. You are responsible for your moorage, of course.



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FORMAL INVITATIONS COMING SOON.

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	Port Ludlow	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	The Bridge
Oct 13-15	Arabellas Landing	Columbus Day Cruise	Nancy Williams and Bill Fouk
Nov 4	Des Moines Sheraton	Change of Bridge	Lynn and John Sipkins
Nov 23-26	Edmonds Marina	Thanksgiving Cruise	Glen and Liz Dodge

Upcoming Cruises



Labor Day Cruise
Port Orchard
Sept 1-4

Columbus Day Cruise
Gig Harbor
Oct 13-15

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