



Cruise Report - Change of Bridge

We celebrated the Change of Bridge on November 3rd at Queen City Yacht Club (QCYC) in Seattle. We had the following Past Commodores & their spouses in attendance: Phil & Debi Freund, Dave Mehlum, Frank & Amy Sherwood, Jeff & Angie Kroeller, Noreen & Neil Millen and Doug & Gail Stewart. Also in attendance were; Sandy & Chris Benson, Victoria Adams & Dennis McCrea, Karla & Will Cain, Linda & Meris Collier, Larry & Sally Cronin, Gary & Shirley Cummings, Glen Dodge, Jon Edwards & Holly Palmer, Richard & Jeanne Firth, Patrick & Miriam Gill, Larry Gill, Leslie Hanney & Randy McCoy, Matt & Orit Hickman, Teri & Harry Johnson, Tom & Chris Miner, Shirley Miner, Michelle Nelson, Jerry & Kathy Norman, Paul & Brenda Norris, Diana & Fred Power, Kiki & Dennis Rampe, Roderick & Susan Rombauer, Jonathan & Sonja Sackett, Kevin & Marie Spaulding and Galina & Randall Sweet.

Our evening's activities started in the QCYC ballroom. We had a no host bar and an appetizer table for the attendees to enjoy while they caught up with friends. Our Business meeting started at 6:30pm and we then managed to make our way through a series of votes to update the wording of our club bylaws to close out the business meeting portion of our evening. Next, Past Commodore Dave Mehlum released the current bridge officers and Frank Sherwood swore in your new bridge officers; Tom Miner as Commodore, Orit Hickman as Vice Commodore, Sonja Sackett as Rear Commodore, Jim Wagenblast as Fleet Captain, Michelle Nelson as Treasurer and Larry Cronin as Secretary.

At 7:30pm, Chef Wille served his famous prime rib at a buffet table which also featured salmon and vegetarian entrées. While we enjoyed dinner, our musical entertainment for the evening, the Seattle Jazz Quartet began to play.

After dinner we handed out awards. To our Recruiting Honor Roll we had; Glen & Liz Dodge, Sonja & Jon Sackett, Kevin & Marie Spaulding, Karl and Elaine Rafello and David Silver. For Cruise Captains; January we had David & Janel Silver, February, was Myself & Holly Palmer, March was Chris & Sandy Benson, April was Steve & Michelle Nelson, May was Pete & Linda Jung, June was Phil & Anne Marie Reunert and Matt & Orit Hickman, July was Fran & Jeff Sharp, August was Sonja & Jon Sackett, September was Phil & Deb Freund, and October was done by Steve & Kim Oberto. The Golden Shovel award had Gary & Lenore Timm and Jerry & Paula Baruffi's names added and the Rubber Ducky went home with Karla Cain.

I want to thank everyone for attending this very important and fun event. You, the members, are what make this Yacht Club work. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,
Jon Edwards
Past Commodore

Your 2019 RHYC Bridge

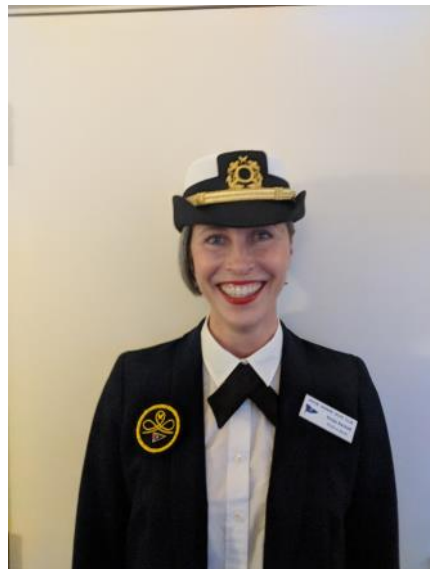
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Vice Commodore



Sonja Sackett
Rear Commodore



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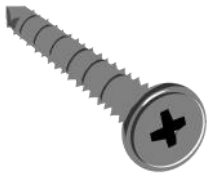
Annual Awards - while many members do “memorable” or “notable” things during the year, the following we found to be of significant note.



Rubber Ducky

Karla Cain - labor day wagon wheel – claimed the swim step moved

David Mehlum - summer cruise in Canada – leaned out to clear a line and the dinghy moved further. Claimed only his little toe got wet but the pictures proved otherwise.

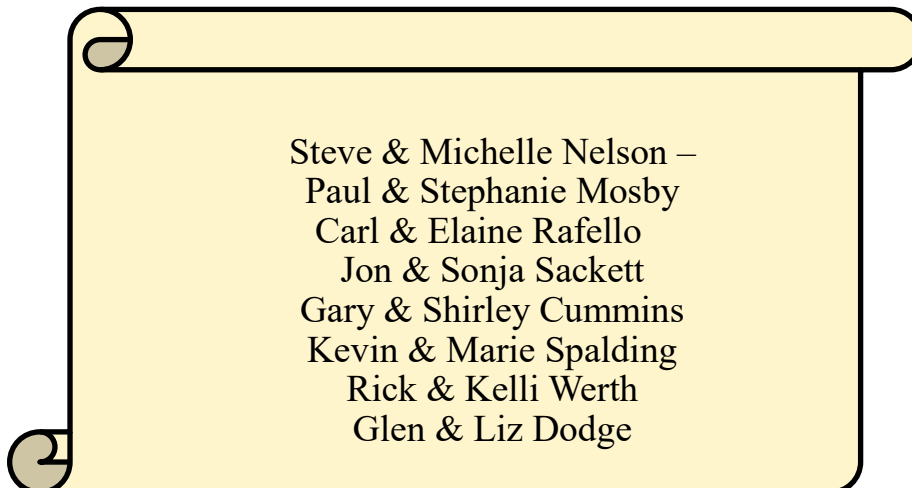


Screw Up Award

Carl Rafello - when returning from Canada decided that going through customs would take too long so went to Reid Harbor for the night. When stopping at customs the next day they asked what port he had left from so he said Reid Harbor instead of the Canadian port he had been at last. What ensued was a 2 hour dissertation on how he was in big trouble, they could take his boat, jail time was not out of the question, and whoa! The fines could be massive. At the end he promised to never let it happen again and they let him go on his merry way.

2016 Recruiting Honor Roll

For passing on the legacy of fun by sponsoring new members



2018 Cruise Captain Honor Roll

For making the cruises so memorable

Mike Goodman & Robin Haley
David & Janel Silver
Jon Edwards & Holly Palmer
Chris & Sandi Benson
Steve & Michelle Nelson
Phil & Anne Marie Reunert
Pete & Linda Jung
Matt & Orit Hickman
Jeff & Fran Sharp
Jon & Sonja Sackett
Phil & Deb Freund
Steve & Kim Oberto



Commodore's Report

As your new commodore I am looking forward to a fantastic year of boating and fun with a great club. The board is looking to you, its members for support and direction.

Support in the way of volunteering as cruise teams, staffing the boat show booth, recruiting new members and participation in cruises and other events. Direction in the form of ideas for cruise destinations, fun activities and suggestions on how to improve the club and attract and keep new members.

Our website is a work in progress. It is a very robust system and has far more capability than we are currently using. As you use it, if there are issues or concerns please let one of the board members know so we can address it. I have pledged that this board will be responsive to members concerns but we can only do that if you tell us when there is an issue. I am looking for a committee of a couple people to take on the responsibility for the website and update it, trouble shoot it and be our IT specialist go to when there are problems with the website. Let me know if this would be something you would be willing to take on.

Glen has agreed to take on the ships store for next year and resurrect it into an actual store where we have a small assortment of items in various sizes to try on and then order with appropriate club logo and member names embroidered. Stay tuned for more details on that in the near future.

Jon Edwards has agreed to take on the Boat Show booth coordination this year. This is not a difficult job if members sign up to staff the booth. It is a good time and last year you recruited 15 new members. Our goal this

year is 20 new members. The volunteer sign up page is up and running on the website. Check it out and sign up for any open spots.

Patrick Gill told me about a new App from Customs and Boarder Patrol that makes boarder crossing back into the US much simpler for boaters. Anyone can use it and it is free and easy to use. I downloaded it in a few minutes and registered my boat and Chris and I on line without any difficulty. It allows you to re-enter the US via the app without having to stop at a port of arrival. You can add people to it at any time so if you have guests you can still use it to enter unlike Nexus or other trusted traveler programs. With the other trusted traveler programs, if your guest is not a trusted traveler you must stop at a port of entry.

Check out CBP ROAM. CPB officers are recommending the use of this to avoid long waits at the customs dock as they are short staffed with no relief in sight as the issues on our southern boarder are drawing all available resources.

Pleasure Boats and Private Flyers

Small Vessel Reporting System (SVRS) is no longer in service and float plans will no longer be accepted. Boaters looking for a new, faster way to report their arrival and/or apply for a registered boater program may use the CBP ROAM app, available for free on the Apple App and Google Play stores. Boaters may also continue to report their arrival via designated telephone reporting numbers, if desired.

Pursuant to [19 CFR 4.2](#), any small vessel arriving to the United States from a foreign port or place to include any small vessel which has visited a hovering vessel or received merchandise outside the territorial sea, are required to report their arrival to CBP immediately (see 19 U.S.C. 1433

The official CBP ROAM App (formerly OARS) from U.S. Customs and Border Protection allows pleasure boaters and other eligible travelers who arrive at remote locations to report their arrival online. In addition to submitting a report of arrival, pleasure boaters who are not currently enrolled in a Trusted Traveler Program, Local Boater Option, or I-68 program who are currently required to report in person may be eligible for a video inspection

<https://appadvice.com/app/cbp-roam/1263234017>



Vice Commodore's Report

Hello RHYC members! I am so excited and honored to be your Vice Commodore for the 2018-2019 cruising year. For those of you who don't know me, I have been a member of the club for the past 5 years with my husband Matt (former treasurer) and our son Emerson. We have one of the 5 sailboats in the club and have been boating since 2009. I am really excited to be part of this board and looking forward to all the fun cruises we have planned. My job as your Vice Commodore is to address all your concerns as members. I am the Membership Chairman and I make sure potential members go through the process of becoming members as smoothly as possible. I also will address any questions you have as members. A few housekeeping things:

1. WHO do you want to receive emails or club communications? Are you getting your emails and who is the person who reads the Anchor Watch? That person needs to be made the primary member on the account if they aren't already. The club pays for 1 email per family and the primary member is the person whose email club communications will go to. Please contact me to make any changes needed to your account.
2. You should have already received your first

of 3 emails letting you know that your membership will expire at the end of December and that dues are due before then. IF you have not received this email then PLEASE contact me directly. You can pay for dues online or by check. The second email will go out in the middle of December and the last one will go out AFTER your membership has expired. DON'T wait—pay today! 3. We will be putting together the new roster early in January after all memberships have been paid for. If there are changes that you want to be reflected in the roster, then please make sure to make those changes on the website ahead of time.

Orit Hickman
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.

Please welcome Randy McCoy and Leslie Hannay as new members. Randy and Leslie's boat is Lark a 38 foot Pearson and her home port is Elliot Bay. Their qualifying cruise was Colors this past summer. They attended COB earlier this month and now have received their burgee and all membership paraphernalia! Make sure to introduce yourself the next time you see them.



New Applicants

No new applicants this month



Rear Commodore's Report

Hello! I'm looking forward to serving as your Rear Commodore this year. I have much to learn and I am excited by the challenge. Thank you to Orit Hickman for leaving her post in good order. I am fortunate to get to follow Orit up the chain as I know I will have a great start to each new position. Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have. See you on the water!

Sonja Sackett
Rear Commodore



Secretary's Report

As your Secretary this year I am also the editor of the much anticipated, heavily read, and inspiring Anchor Watch. It is your publication and you have the opportunity to contribute to make it the best. That being said, if you're at a cruise and take photos either send them to me or post them on our web site. We have listed boats for sale, award winning recipes and information that would help other boaters. So, let's make this year's editions fun to read.

Larry Cronin
Secretary



Treasurer's Report

No report this month



Fleet Captains Report

Ahoy to all my fellow RHYC members. Allow me to introduce myself, I am Jim Wagenblast your 2019 Fleet Captain.

The 2019 cruise schedule has been set and is available on the club website. There are still few cruises that have open slots for Cruise Captains please check the schedule and see if there isn't one that you would like to volunteer to help out with. Just let me know which one looks good to you and get your team together.

Our next cruise is the New Years Cruise scheduled for Dec 29th - Jan 1st at the Bremerton Marina, with your cruise Captains Frank & Amy Sherwood. Please get your registration in place on the website. Also, it may not be too early to be thinking about the Ice Breaker cruise on Jan 13th at the Elliot Bay SYC outbuilding, with cruise Captains Jeff and Angie Kroeller.

As your 2019 Fleet Captain I will do my best to assist you in any way that I can in your quest as cruise Captains and if I don't have the answer to a question, I will do my best to find it for you.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all of you.

Jim Wagenblast
Fleet Captain



Heads up on your insurance coverage

I just received my vessel insurance renewal and as with any contract I started reading the fine print. In the exclusions section I found the following wording that gave cause for concern. My policy is with Premier Marine.

Exclusion B.

Qualified Operator Requirement

We will not be liable for any loss or damage to the Insured Property, or for any liability resulting from any injury, death, third party property damage, oil spill, or hazardous substance release if the person or persons operating the insured Property are not in compliance with all government regulations and licensing requirements.

Does this mean that if I let my friend steer while I use the head and there is an accident, and my friend doesn't have their boaters card then I am not covered? My wife spells me why I nap away from the wheel house but she doesn't have a boaters card, am I covered? I spend 2 months in Canada on vacation and on day 47 I run aground, do I get a letter from the insurance company saying they won't pay because Canadian law says that a non-resident may not operate a vessel for more than 45 days without possessing a valid operators card, whether Canadian or from your state of residence but since WA. State says because I'm old I do not have to possess a card to operate a vessel I do not have one so I was not in full compliance with all Canadian Government Regulations. Ergo, we won't pay.

I have presented this question and scenarios to my agent and they have forwarded them to the insurance co. and their underwriting department. The answer I got back was.

Only thing I can say is that if the law requires that an individual be licensed by way of a boater card while operating the vessel, then any operator must hold that card. If the insured does not need one we would follow that regulation as well. Honestly, I believe it would come down to who is in command of the vessel and regulation following that individual.

So, in this case, does your spouse have a card? If not and you let them drive the boat while you're off the bridge does the above statement say the individual in command does not have the card and your insurance does not cover.

Have you read your policy and do you understand what is covered and to what level. One of our members had an engine failure and their insurance covered the \$45K at replacement cost. Unfortunately, another member had the matching engine fail and their insurance denied the claim. My insurance says they would cover an engine replacement at cash value which takes into account age and depreciation.

Be and informed consumer, don't get caught uncovered.
Glen Dodge



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* Kingston Cove Christmas Lights *
December 14-16, 2018

Come to Kingston for some Christmas Spirit and marvel at the half a million hand placed lights all over Mike Wallace Park



This is a no host cruise. Just hang with your friends, enjoy some eggnog and some holiday cheer. The lights are spectacular!

Share appetizers and cocktails Friday. Saturday night will be a party at Westside Pizza.

Contact Jeff Kroeller or Tom Miner if you have any questions. But sign up soon...space is limited.

Jeff@ 206-450-3523; Tom@ 253-225-0215



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

THIS IS AN UNOFFICIAL CRUISE TO BRING IN THE NEW YEAR AT 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. FOOD AND BEVERAGES AVAILABLE BEFORE AND DURING THE SHOW THAT STARTS AT 9:00. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, WE CAN GO TO DINNER AS A GROUP AT ANTHONY'S BEFORE THE SHOW-LET ME KNOW IF YOU'RE INTERESTED AND I'LL ADD YOU TO THE RESERVATION

TICKET PRICES VARY DEPENDING ON YOUR SEAT. FLOOR SEATS AT TABLES OF FOUR ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$48.50 PER PERSON AND IT GOES DOWN FROM THERE. DJ AND DANCING

AFTER THE COMEDY SHOW. USUALLY CHAMPAGNE IS SERVED. INEXPENSIVE FOR A NEW YEARS CELEBRATION! MAKE YOUR SEAT RESERVATIONS ON-LINE AT www.admiraltheatre.org/events/nye2019

YOU WILL NEED TO MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS WITH BREMERTON MARINA CALL 360-373-1035 or www.portofbremerton.org

NOT COMING BY 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.

Schedule

Saturday 12/29 6pm – hors d'oeuvres on host boats

Sunday 12/30 6:30pm - Potluck dinner on host boats- bring a Crockpot dinner

Monday 12/31 – Group dinner at Anthony's then off to the Admiral Theater

PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE RHYC WEBSITE SO THAT WE HAVE AN ACCURATE COUNT FOR DINNER AT ANTHONY'S

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

FRANK AND AMY SHERWOOD

SAVE THE DATE!

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January 13, 2019



Details to follow!

Elliott Bay Marina (SYC outstation)
Hosts Jeff and Angie Kroeller & Team



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, Jim Wagonblast at fleetcaptain@rhyc.org

Date	Destination	Activity	Cruise Captains
Dec 31 - Jan 3	Bremerton Marina	New Years Cruise	Frank & Amy Sherwood
Jan 13	Elliott Bay SYC outbuilding	Ice Breaker	Jeff and Angie Kroeller
17-Feb	Seattle Yacht Club	Valentines Cruise	Jeff and Angie Kroeller
Mar 15-17	Kingston (in Question)	St. Patricks Cruise	Need Cruise team
April 12-14	Gig Harbor	RHYC Business Meeting	Steve and Michelle Nelson
May 1-5	Montlake Cut	Opening Day	Jim Wagenblast
May 24-27	Olympia Swan Town	Memorial Day Cruise	Need Cruise Team
June 7-9	Brownsville	Blast from the Past	Phil and Debie Freund
June22-23	PotHoles Reservoir	Boys with their Toys	Glen, Tom, Steve
July 4-7	Quartermaster Vashon	4th of July Cruise	Need Cruise Team
Aug 2-4	Roche Harbor Marina	Colors Cruise	Need Cruise Team
Aug 30- Sep 2	Oyster Bay Bremerton	Labor Day Cruise	Dennis and Nike Rampe
Oct 11-13	Bremerton Marina	Columbus Day Cruise	Need Cruise Team
Nov 9	TBD	Change of Bridge	Tom & Chris Miner
Nov 25 - 27	Edmonds Marina	Thanksgiving Cruise	Glen and Liz Dodge

Upcoming Cruises



New Years Eve
December 31– Jan 1
Bremerton

Ice Breaker Cruise
Elliott Bay
SYC outstation
January 13, 2019

Sweetheart Cruise
Feb 17
Seattle Yacht Club

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