

RHYC

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Cruise Report - Christmas Lights Cruise in Kingston



The Christmas Lights cruise to Kingston on Dec 14 - 16 was a great success. We had a total of 12 boats sign up which was far more than we anticipated. The marina was able to find room for that and more if needed. Thanks to Jeff and Angie Krohler and Tom and Chris Miner for hosting the event. Jim Wagenblast, Lori Booth with guests Ken and Sue Jacobsen and Martin and Kathy Robertson, Glen and Liz Dodge, Orit, Matt and Emerson Hickman, Steve and Sandy Driscoll, Pete and Linda Jung all braved the forecast 40 knot winds for Friday night to make the journey. Jim and Cheryl Matheson drove down to join us Friday night. There were four that cancelled due to the terrible forecast, however. The winds held off till evening and though it was a wild couple hour in the marina all were safely tied up before the winds struck. The next two days were perfectly calm even though further winds were forecast for Sunday. Saturday night at the pizza restaurant was great. They took our orders early, made up the pizza's ahead of time and when we arrived, we had our pizzas within 15 minutes. The Christmas lights did not disappoint and for those seeing them for the first time they were truly amazed. Chris and Tom's daughter, husband and grandkids all drove over and enjoyed the evening with Emerson entertaining the kids with his magic tricks. Sunday stayed calm all day and everyone beat the next storm home. We have already booked the marina for next year!



Cruise Report - Icebreaker Cruise Elliott Bay Marina

Even though this was the annual “Icebreaker” Cruise, the weather this year was beautiful and almost balmy by January standards. We gathered at the Seattle Yacht Club Elliott Bay Outstation for views of the sound, boats and a nautical feel. The theme of Chili Cook-Off did not disappoint as we have some very talented Chili chefs at RHYC. We had 13 participants so there was no shortage of Chili to sample. We also had chips and salsa, two different salads, Beer and Margaritas and of course all the Chili fixings. For football fans, we had the game going on the big screen.

We would like to thank our Chili Judges, Doug Stewart, Michelle Nelson and Chris Benson for their thoughtful and diligent analysis of all the Chili’s. Some requiring a second sample to narrow the choices down. In the end, the top three were selected.

First place went to Pete Jung, with his Road Kill chili. Second place went to Dennis McCrea and Victoria Adams and a close third place went to Gary and Betty Greene.

To change things up a bit and so all could participate, there was also a popular vote. Each cruise attendee had one ballot to place their vote and the Chili chefs could campaign all they wanted for votes. The winner of the popular vote went to Paul and Brenda Norris.

A big thank you goes out to all who prepared Chili for us to enjoy. You have some serious Chili skills.

Attendees at the event were: Jerry and Paula Baruffi, Chris and Sandy Benson, Gary and Shirley Cummings, Jon and Linda Dilloway, Steve and Sandy Driscoll, Jon Edwards and Holly Palmer, Phil and Debi Freund, Mike Goodman, Gary and Betty Greene, Matt, Orit and Emerson Hickman, Pete and Linda Jung, Jeff and Angie Kroeller, Bob and Verna Maruska, Randy and Corey McCoy, Dennis McCrea and Victoria Adams, Neil and Noreen Millen, Tom and Chris Miner, Bob Meng, Bill Moffet, Michelle Nelson, Jerry and Kathy Norman, Paul and Brenda Norris, Doug and Gail Stewart, Bill Stipek, Jim Wagenblast and Craig and Ann Wilbour.

Angie and I would like to thank our cruise team for their support and effort to put on a great event. Thanks to Chris and Sandy Benson and Noreen and Neil Millen.

We look forward to seeing you at the Sweetheart cruise in a few weeks.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jeff and Angie Kroeller







Commodore's Report

It's Membership Renewal Time! It's time to log on and pay your annual membership dues. I have included the rates for renewal for all membership types here.

Please note there is a difference in what you pay based on how you pay.

Many of you have been paying by check but sending in the credit card amount which creates issues for our treasurer, who has to send reimbursement checks to you for overpayment. The 3% is what the club has to pay for the convenience of using a credit card which you don't owe if you use a check.

2018 RHYC Renewal Rates:

	Credit card rate	Pay by check rate
• Member	\$391.40	\$380.00
• Senior	\$195.70	\$190.00
• Associate	\$103.00	\$100.00
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Save the date! Chris and I have begun the planning for the 2019 COB, which will be November 9th at the Tacoma Yacht Club large ballroom. We have reserved a block of room's at the Silver Cloud hotel on Ruston Way, which is a 5-minute drive from the club for those of you travelling from the far north. Reserve your room early, as there are a limited number of rooms. If those fill up I will see about another block.

Boat Show Time!!!! For those that have signed up to staff our booth, thank you! Stop by the booth when you visit the show and send people over there to sign up.

We are going to be sending out a short survey to all members in the next few weeks. As your board we want to move the club in a direction that best meets your needs and increases membership and participation. We need to know your thoughts on what drew you to the club, what you enjoy the most and what you think we can do better. We have a large investment fund which is there to make sure we can weather a few down years but we have more than enough to do that in the current financial situation so we want to know your thoughts on how any excess funds could be best used to improve the club experience. Please take a few minutes of your time and help us help you.

We need cruise captains for the March St Patty's day cruise to Kingston. It should be an easy one to captain. We are guests of the Kingston Cove Yacht Club for Saturday night and they are doing the meal prep and service in their clubhouse for up to 40 RHYC members. We have already reserved the slips in the marina so all there is to do is get members to sign up and organize a Friday night dockside social for those arriving Friday. Let our Fleet Captain Jim know if you can captain this one. Thank you in advance!

We had a great Christmas Cruise to Kingston in December. We had 12 boats sign up but due to

forecasted high winds we had a few back out at the last minute. As it turned out the winds were rather high Friday evening making for an interesting few hours in the marina but they held off for everyone to get there and both Saturday and Sunday the winds never developed so the cruise home was uneventful for all.

It was a great success so we will plan on doing the same again next year for a fun Christmas event.

Respectfully,
Tom Miner
Commodore



Vice Commodore's Report

Hello everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. Matt, Emerson and I spent it with family and it was really relaxing. I wanted to spend this report going through the process that each new member goes through. I thought that this would be important because we are going into the Boat Show season and many of you will be talking to perspective members. The more you know the more you can sell the club!

As a reminder we are a cruising club, so we have 4 outstations, many reciprocals and monthly club events that everyone can participate in—either by boat or by land yacht!

The process for a new member is as follows

The new member applies for membership on the website rhyc.org and pays the application fee of \$400. This fee covers the cost of getting a login on the website, burgee, nametags and roster.

I then contact them by email or phone to connect with them. I want to talk to them, ideally, get to know them and learn about them.

They then get published in the AW as a 'new active applicant'

Then they need to go on a cruise! This is their chance to meet all of us and the board's chance to meet them. This is important because the board then needs to vote on them to officially make them new members and we can't do that if we haven't met them!

I then assign pro-rata dues. For those that join us at the boat show we waive these for the first year. New members who join at the boat show only have to pay the application fee.

Once they have been voted in, they are then officially members. They will get all of their new SWAG at the next cruise they go on and a photo is taken of them with their burgee and put in the next AW so we can all welcome them officially when we meet them out on the Salish Sea!

As members it is important that we understand these steps ALL need to take place for a new member to then get their membership card and burgee. ALSO when you talk to perspective members it is important to stress that within the first 2 years of membership it is expected that they participate in a cruise as a team member then volunteer to be a cruise captain. Our strength as a club is in our active participation in our cruises. Every time I participate in a cruise, I meet new people and it strengthens my bond to this club! Hope you are all excited for the year to come and I can't wait to see you all!

Orit
Vice Commodore
RHYC

New Applicants

No new applicants this month



Rear Commodore's Report

No report this month

Sonja Sackett
Rear Commodore



Secretary's Report

No report this month

Larry Cronin
Secretary



Treasurer's Report

Hello everyone. The membership renewal process is in full swing. Dues renewal notices went out in November, a second notice in December, followed by a third and final notice in January 2019. The membership renewals are due by **January 31** and a late fee of \$50 will be assessed for renewals not received by January 31. You can pay dues either on the website or you can mail in a check. If you pay on the website there is a 3% Credit card fee that is assessed. If you choose to pay by check please mail your check to:

RHYC C/O Michelle Nelson
33650 6th Ave S. Suite 230
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There has been some confusion with people mailing in checks – remember that you only pay the dues amount -not the amount that is shown on the website which is for credit card payments. To summarize:

Regular Active Members	\$380 by check	\$391.40 by credit card
Senior Members	\$190 by check	\$195.70 by credit card
Associate Members	\$100 by check	\$103.00 by credit card

For those paying by check, your cancelled check is your receipt of payment. As many re-member from last year the Club Express system can only handle one bill amount per member-ship class so we set up the amount due by credit card payments. I handle the change in pay-ment when I receive your check but the only receipt that can be issued by the system automat-ically is for the Credit Card payment amount. Rather than send you incorrect information, we are not sending a receipt, so your cancelled check is your receipt of payment.

IMPORTANT NOTE: ***** It is really important that everyone go into their membership record and verify that the information we have on Club Express is correct. This is the oppor-tunity for you to update addresses, emails, boat and boat information in addition to telephone numbers. The information that we have online is the information that will be printed in the new roster. For those that renewed by check, many did not go into the Club express system to re-view and renew your membership – you just mailed me a check. PLEASE login to the system and verify that all the information we have for you is correct. To verify or update your infor-mation:

Go to rhyc.clubexpress.com. Click on Member Login in the upper right corner and login.

Once you have logged in, you will see your name and a down arrow in the upper right corner of the page. Highlight the down arrow and select the 2nd item – My Directory information. You can change any information that is not correct by clicking on the pencil to the right of each section.

Remember to go to the bottom of the page and SAVE your changes.

The Audit for the 2017-2018 fiscal year that ended October 31, 2018 was conducted by Steve Driscoll. The review included board minutes, expenditures, bank statements, check register, reconciliation statements, Vanguard statements, club data base, use of the website as pay-ments platform and the adequacy of the accounting system. A copy of the audit report is available so please contact me if you would like me to send you the report. A big thank you to Steve Driscoll for performing the audit! And another BIG THANK YOU to Sally Cronin for your past two years as club treasurer. The books are in great order!

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Nelson- Treasurer



Fleet Captains Report

We had eight boats and 20-25 people come to Kingston for the Christmas lights. Everyone had a wonderful time. the weather gave us a break on Saturday and Sunday. We all went out for Pizza and live Jazz at the Westside Pizza Parlor. Most people then walked through the park to take in the lights on the way back to their boats. Jeff Kroeller and Tom Miner had put the impromptu gathering together and it turned out great. Several people have commented that they would like to see it become a regular event.

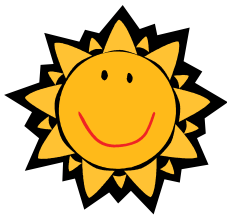
On the 13th of January we had our Ice Breaker Cruise at the Seattle Yacht Club's outstation at Elliot Bay marina. There were 40 some in attendance and were treated to some great Chili prepared by 13 cooks. Jeff and Angie Kroeller, together with their great cruise team put on a great event.

The next Cruise is the Sweetheart Cruise, set for February 17th at the Seattle Yacht Club. Jeff and Angie are your cruise captains again for this cruise. Sign ups are underway now on the website so be sure you check it out and get your reservation in.

The club is going to Kingston for our Saint Patrick's Day cruise on the 15th-17th of March. The plan is to have a dinner jointly with the Kingston Yacht Club. Their club house holds 80 people and they are going give us 40 spots for the dinner. We still need a Cruise Captain and Team. Most of the work is done so this would be a good one to jump on. I will be getting some information on the website about this.

The one last thing I have is we are still in need of several cruise captains and teams in the future so take a look at the cruise schedule on the website and see where you might be able to help out.

Jim Wagenblast
Fleet Captain



Sunshine Report

HAPPY NEW YEAR Everyone! Chris Miner here, I am the new Sunshine Reporter this year. Please help me out by letting me know if there are members who we could send our prayers and support to or give a shout out to for birthdays, retirements and other fun moments in their lives.

Please keep Jeanie Perry and her husband Keith (Sojourner) in your hearts and prayers. She has been diagnosed with breast cancer and is undergoing treatment. On the happy side, they are expecting another grandbaby in March!

Jeanie did want to remind us, to please, please get ourselves checked regularly – Men and Women.

They have decided to drop their membership for at least a year until things settle down. Hopefully, we will be welcoming them back next year.

Rumor has it that Ed and Jean Norton have sold their boat (Goldduster) and are moving ashore. We wish them all the best in their new adventures.

We hear great news that Richard Freese (Apple1) is cancer free and feeling great so let's all keep the positive thoughts flowing his way.

And then we have Glen, who somehow cracked a bone in his arm. Any mortal man would call it a fracture, but he will say it's only a sprain. He is wearing a splint and it has not slowed him down a bit.

Tyler and Amanda Nelson are expecting their second daughter on Jan. 9th and she will make the 9th member of our family to belong to the Club. Yahoo!

Debbi Freund's mother passed away last month.

Happy Birthday Soren Sackett who turned 15 this month!

Please let me know of members who would like to share what's going on in their lives. Send me a note if you or your spouse or kids are celebrating a birthday (we don't have to know which one unless you want us to) It's fun to do a shout-out.

You can contact me thru mrsmajor@hotmail.com or call me at 253-851-7100 or 253-255-7213 or catch me on Miners Debt at events or on the sea.

Your Sunshine Reporter
Chris Miner

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SWEETHEART CRUISE

Black & White

THEME

LUNCHEON

Sunday, February 17th

Seattle Yacht Club

Luncheon attire:

Black & White

or any combination thereof

Enjoy Social hour starting
at 11:30. Seating at 12:30

\$45.00 per person
Bring cash for bar scrip

Register on line for
entrée and dessert

Cruise Team: Jeff and Angie Kroeller, Chris and Sandy Benson



St Patricks Day Cruise

March 15 –17
Kingston marina

Save the Date and more detail to come





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 Wagenblast 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
June 22-23	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	Tacoma Yacht Club	Change of Bridge	Tom & Chris Miner
Nov 25 - 27	Edmonds Marina	Thanksgiving Cruise	Glen and Liz Dodge

Upcoming Cruises



Sweetheart Cruise
Feb 17
Seattle Yacht Club

March 15-17
St Patricks Day Cruise
Kingston

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