

RHYC

anchor watch

Cruise Report - Sweetheart Cruise



This year's Sweetheart Cruise was at Seattle Yacht Club. The event was semi-formal with a full-service plated luncheon. Tables were beautifully decorated, and each lovely lady attending was treated to a Rose and a photo with their sweetheart. SYC did not disappoint and provided a delicious preparation of entrees and desserts that we heard everyone raving about. A big thank you goes out to Steve and Michelle Nelson for sponsoring us.

At the end of the luncheon, one person at every table won the centerpiece bouquet. Photos of all the couples and the event can be found on the website and downloaded.

Your cruise team; Kroeller's, Jung's, Freund's and Benson's had a fun time putting on this event. In fact, the evening before, we had a dinner party that allowed us to put together the bouquets and chocolate gift bags in preparation for the next day's event. What an equally fun and great way for a team to pull a cruise together.

Those in attendance were; Chris and Sandy Benson, John and Kelley Burch, Noble and Parker Crompton, Larry and Sally Cronin, Kevin Davis and Jennifer, Glen and Liz Dodge, Ryan and Debra Figgins, Phil and Debi Freund, Gary and Betty Greene, Matt and Orit Hickman, Linda Jung, Jeff and Angie Kroeller, Tom Wie and Judith Maier, Bob and Verna Maruska, Neil and Noreen Millen, Tom and Chris Miner, Steve and Michelle Nelson, Jerry and Kathy Norman, Joe and Lynn Nelson, Paul and Brenda Norris, Fred and Diana Power, Roderick and Susan Rombauer, Frank and Amy Sherwood, Doug and Gail Stewart

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff and Angie Kroeller
Cruise Captains

Deadline for next newsletter.....**March 22nd**







Commodore's Report

Our first two cruises are behind us already and the Boat show has come and gone! A big shout out to Angie and Jeff Kroeller who jumped in and put together a couple of great cruise teams for the Ice Breaker and the Sweetheart Cruises and co hosted the Kingston Christmas Cruise with Chris and I in December. Wow, that's the way to support the club. Thank You!!!!

I also want to thank Bob and Verna Maruska, Neil and Noreen Millen, Paul and Brenda Norris, Frank and Amy Sherwood and Larry and Sally Cronin for volunteering to Captain our Colors Cruise to Roche Harbor in August. There may have been some alcohol involved in that decision as they were all sitting at the same table at the Sweetheart cruise.

Thanks to Dennis McRae and Victoria Adams for stepping up to Captain the October Cruise to Bremerton. There are plenty of helpers out there who have hosted a cruise in the past and all of us are willing helpers and mentors so step up and do your part to support the lifeblood of the club, our cruises.

We still need captains for Swantown in Olympia in May and for Quartermaster Harbor for July 4th.

Chris and I are going to host an International On The Move cruise in July and August, which will sandwich in our Colors cruise. Details are still being worked on but it will start in LaConner before Colors and end in Victoria BC after Colors. And best of all, it will be a no cost cruise up front as we will pay as we go for any moorage or meals we organize. Take a look at the flyer later in the newsletter and sign up early so I can make sure I have enough dock space at LaConner and at Victoria.

The boat show was a load of fun again and for those who worked our booth and told our story and recruited some new members, way to go! Thank you Jon Edwards for heading up the large task of coordinating and setting up our boat show booth. We signed up 10 new members and welcomed three of them at our Sweetheart Cruise. We also lost a few old members this year in the renewal process. As always some of our older members have moved on, have sold their boats, moved out of the area or just have decided that the club does not meet their current needs. So as in any organization, we need to keep recruiting and encouraging others of like boating mind to join us.

There is now a simple survey on our website that is short and easy to take. It is on our home page and simply asks a few questions about your interests and where you would like to see the club go. We lost a few members to Queen City Yacht club as they are expanding their benefits with a large number of virtual outstations. We have a fairly large investment fund that could be spent on a similar expense but we need to hear from you if that is the direction you want the club to go in. Please take a little time and take the survey.

I hope everyone survived the winter storm in one piece and your boat as well. Just a reminder that boat fires are very common this time of year and according to Boat US, one of the chief

causes are heaters with internal cooling fans. If the fan bearings wear out and they do, the heater will then overheat and start a fire.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our next few events. The Kingston St Patty's day cruise with our hosts the Kingston Cove Yacht Club and then our Business meeting in Gig Harbor. Both of those require an early signup to ensure your spot, as both are space challenged.

Respectfully,
Tom Miner
Commodore



Vice Commodore's Report

It was so great to see so many of you at the Sweetheart Cruise this past month. It was a lovely lunch and the cruise team did an amazing job. I am pleased to officially welcome Rod and Susan Rombauer to the club!

Their qualifying cruise was Change of Bridge in November 2018 and they received their burgee and nametags at the Sweetheart Cruise.

What a whirlwind the boat show was this year! And so far we are pleased to report that we have 10 new memberships (20 new people) to join the club! And a few are even sailboaters! (SO happy!!). Three of those couples joined us at the Sweetheart Cruise—Lynn and Joe Nelson, Kevin Davis and Jennifer Riggins and Debra and Ryon Figgins! I was so excited to meet them and can't wait to cruise with them.

The full list of new active applicants is as follows:

New Applicants

Melissa Blankenship and Blain Nelson
"Aloha Makai"

Daniel and Laurie Brewis
"Brew Crew VII"

Kevin Davis and Jennifer Riggins
"White Star"

Debra and Ryon Figgins
"Serendipity"

Andrew and Jennifer Guyler

Laurie Heilmann and Brian Robertson
“Summer Salt II”

James and JJ Miles
“Nautical Miles”

Joe and Lynn Nelson
“Ocean Suite”

Ed and Nancy Stolarik
“Nanboat”

Jeff and Debbie Willis
“Olive Oyl”

New Members



Rod and Susan Rombauer
“Blondie”

Please make sure to give them a warm welcome when you see them out at our cruises!
Can't wait to see you all in March! Matt, Emerson and myself are going to be there and we are ready to start boating again!.

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Vice Commodore
RHYC



Rear Commodore's Report

Hello RHYC! Are you gearing up for the upcoming cruising season? We have been busy getting Run-A-Muk ready to head to Kingston for the Saint Paddy's Cruise. The Sackett kids have been hard at work planning out the festive boat decor and green outfits. Keep your Irish eyes peeled for us as we pull in to port.

We have many new members that will be joining in the cruising fun in the coming months, so I thought I'd take a moment to review our Outstation protocols. If you have any questions, shoot me an email!

Roche Harbor Outstation:

The yacht club has an agreement with the marina that guarantees two slips every night for club members. Call the marina upon entering the harbor for slip assignment. First come first serve. Stay is limited to 2 nights out of any 14-day period. The Marina will track your stay so there is no longer a need to register in the log book.

Kingston Outstation:

May 1st-September 30th our outstation is 80' of side tie located on the end of dock D. Please register in the log book as soon as you arrive (lock box code is 1987). Stay is limited to 3 nights out any 7-day period. During the off season of October 1st- April 30th, please contact the port directly for directions on where to dock.

Fisherman's Bay Outstation:

This outstation is 90' of side tie plus 15' of overhang located on the east end of the South walkway dock. Rafting is mandatory up to 6 boats from dock. Please register in the log book as soon as you arrive (lock box code is 1987). Stay is limited to 2 nights out of any 7 day period.

Dockstreet Outstation:

This outstation is a 60' slip located at F 10 of Dockstreet, Foss Waterway. Please register in the log book as soon as you arrive (lock box code is 1987). Stay is limited to 2 nights out of any 7-day period.

If you visit one of our outstations and notice something that needs attention, please let me know! I plan to refresh our log books and check on the condition of our lock boxes before the April Business Meeting.

Sonja Sackett
Rear Commodore



Secretary's Report

Be sure you get on the web site and fill out the survey. We want to know what you think so we can have the best club for all members.

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Larry Cronin
Secretary



Treasurer's Report

We are finalizing the membership renewals for 2019 in preparation for the annual members book. The Roster is produced using the information that is on the RHYC website, so it is important that you review your information to make sure the information we have is correct. Have you changed your phone numbers, moved or changed boats? If you did not review your information when you renewed your membership it is important that you do that now if you want the correct information published in the book.

The annual tax return for the RHYC was filed in January 2019. We are a Social club and exempt from federal income tax as described in IRC 501(c)(7) since we are "organized for pleasure, recreation, and other non-profitable purposes." We are still required to file a tax return which is due by March 15 since our club operates on a fiscal year that goes from November 1 – October 31 each year.

The financial statements have been reconciled thru January 31 and presented to the board at our monthly meeting on February 5. As part of the preparation of the financial statements, our bank account with US Bank has been reconciled. The financial statements

will be available in addition to a presentation of our budget at the annual meeting on April 13th at 2:00 in Gig Harbor (The Academy@the Boatyard). Be sure to get signed up for the cruise portion of the weekend as soon as possible. The moorage is a bit more complicated as we will be using Arabella's and the City dock. If you are not able to come to the weekend cruise but are planning on attending the business meeting you are also able to sign up and attend the dinner that evening. The meal is being catered so we need to have a final count of meals by March 27. The cost of the meal is \$35. There is information in the cruise flyer on the website about the meal being served. Since the signup on the website is for the cruise, you must email me at treasurer@rhyc.org if you would like to attend the dinner only.

Thanks everyone. I hope to see everyone on the water soon!

Michelle Nelson - Treasurer



Fleet Captains Report

Hello and Aloha from Waikiki, yes while most of you have been having fun in the snow I am here in Hawaii, it is just something I have been doing for several years now, like some do AZ. Anyway, I have heard that the just completed Sweetheart Cruise was a great success.

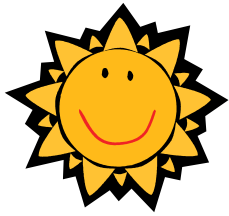
Next on our cruise schedule is the St Patrick's Day cruise at Kingston with the KCYC. I believe there is still space available and time to sign up, so go to the website and check it out. You will find the registration for the April cruise to Gig Harbor there as well.

Also, since the last Anchor Watch we have had two cruise Captain slots filled, Dennis McCrea and Victoria Adams have taken on the Columbus Day cruise in Bremerton with the assistance of the Hickman's. I am sure they would welcome any others who would like to pitch in.

Also, we now have a Cruise team in place for our Colors Cruise in August at Roach Harbor. Your cruise Captains will be Bob and Verna Maruska along with their team the Cronin's the Millen's the Norris's and the Sherwood's. The theme they have selected will a REDNECK Cruise.

That leaves just three cruises that still need Captains, the Memorial Day cruise at Swantown in May, the Fourth of July cruise at Quartermaster and The New Year's cruise, location to be determined. So again, I welcome anyone who is willing to help your club members by signing up to lead any of these cruises.

Fleet Captain
Jim Wagenblast



Sunshine Report

Alexis Olivia Nelson, welcome to the world and club! Born Jan. 9th to Amanda and Tyler Nelson and weighing in at 7lbs 4oz. All are doing well although big sister Evie isn't sure what all the fuss is about.

And congratulations to Soren Sackett on getting her driving permit. We know she will be a wonderful driver.

Everyone send good thoughts and prayers to Phil and Debbie Freund, Phil has been having some Afib issues, but the good news is they seem to be resolving it non surgically.

Some sad news to report. Former member Roger Ufkes passed away on Feb. 1 surrounded by friends and family. Our prayers and condolences to club members Tim Ufkes and Julie Santos for their loss.

Hey club members- Remember to send me good news, fun news and sad news/ Let me know when your spouse or active family members are having birthdays or anniversaries. We would love to post them.

Your Sunshine Reporter
Chris Miner



Past Commodore

I hope all of you are surviving this winter's weather. Wind and snow can take a toll on a boat as Holly and I found out a few weeks ago during a late-night wind storm. Unfortunately, during one of the 50 to 60 per hour gusts at our dock in Kirkland, our one-inch diameter starboard stern line snapped, allowing our boat to pivot in the slip and into the side of our slip mate. Our boat then proceeded to grind against the side of the other boat all night causing gel coat and fiberglass damage to both boats. The expensive lesson we learned from this episode is to rotate out our boat's high stress lines instead of relying on them year after year.

On another note, as the coordinator for this year's boat show booth, I would very much like to thank all the members that volunteered their time to setup and staff our booth. Your efforts very much contributed to making this event a rousing success in bringing in new applicants to our club.

Lastly, I would like to bring your attention to an excellent article that I ran across on the potential problems that us boaters can run into with shore power connections from upgraded electrical systems at some marinas. It was written by fellow Northwest boaters on the Waggoner Guide website with the title 'What you need to know about ELCI-protected shore power'. Link: <https://waggonerguide.com/elci-protected-shore-power/>

Respectfully,
Jon Edwards
Past Commodore



St Patricks Day Cruise

March 15 12:00pm –March 17th 5:00pm
Kingston marina

Cost is \$37 per person

Contact Glen Dodge
206 396 3960

Please do not signup non-member guests until after Feb 28 to allow members the chance to reserve one of the 40 dinner spots. after Feb 28th the signup will be opened to all.

But Please send Glen a note with any non-member guest names so I can track interest.

We will work with the Marina to allocate space for the 55' plus boats



GIG HARBOR CRUISE AND ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

APRIL 12- APRIL 14TH, 2019

Cruise Fee: \$45 Per Adult \$20 for kids 4 – 12 years old

Sign up by Wednesday March 27, 2019 at RHYC.ORG

This is our first time having the Business Meeting in Gig Harbor -we need people to sign up as early as possible. Boats will be at Arabella's and the City Dock and our functions will be at The Club@The Boatyard which is next to Skansie Park (3117 Harborview Drive)

Friday April 12 6:00 – Soup provided- BYOB and Potluck Item to Share

Saturday April 13 8:30 – 10:00 Hot Breakfast – Bring your appetites!

9:30 – 1:30 On the Docks - Harry Johnson will be providing Boat Safety Inspections again this year.

2:00-4:30 Business meeting- The Club@The Boatyard

6:00 Happy Hour and Dinner - The Club@The Boatyard

BYOB and BYO Silverware unless you want to eat with plastic!
Games (Bring \$5 if you want to join in the games-prizes)

Buffet dinner includes the following 2 entrees:

Tri Tip Served with Au Jus and Horseradish Sauce

Asparagus and Provolone Stuffed Chicken with Creamy Béarnaise

We will have a Vegetarian option so let us know if you need the modified entrée.

NOTE: If you are only attending the meeting (not the cruise) you can sign up for the dinner by contacting Michelle- you must sign up by March 27 since dinner is catered.
(michellenelson@msn.com or 253-261-8288)

Sunday April 14 9:00 Continental Breakfast

Cruise Team: Steve and Michelle Nelson steve@neltac.com 253-988-3655

michellenelson@msn.com

253-261-8288

Jeff and Fran Sharp
Tom and Chris Miner

Go to the RHYC.org to sign up for the Cruise and Moorage. We need to confirm headcount for dinner and coordinate March 27. If you have any or Michelle Nelson at the information to Come!



the moorage so please sign up by questions you can call or email Steve contact information above. More In-



Come to our RHYC Reunion!

A Blast From the Past!

Please join us for a weekend of walking back in time with past RHYC members and sharing memories of some great cruises we've had together.

We will be looking up past members that we haven't seen in a while and extending an invitation to them to join us.

Your cruise team will be digging into past Anchor Watches and photo galleries to create this fun weekend for you.

Please help us out by thinking of past RHYC friends to invite back.

Where: Brownsville Marina

Date: Friday June 7,8 and 9

Go to RHYC website to sign up ASAP

**Your cruise team: Phil and Debi Freund,
Doug and Gail Stewart, Fred and Diana Power, Dave Mehlum, and
Will and Karla Cain.**

**If you would like to be part of this great crew please give Debi a
call at 360-275-4721 or d.freund@comcast.net**





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

2019 CRUISE SCHEDULE

Date	Destination	Activity	Cruise Captains
Dec 31 - Jan 3	Bremerton Marina	New Years Cruise	Frank & Amy Sherwood
Jan 13 or 20	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	St. Patricks Cruise	Glen & Liz Dodge
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	Cruise	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
July 28-Aug 1	LaConner/Lopez/Westcott Bay	On the move cruise	Tom & Chris Miner
Aug 2-4	Roche Harbor Marina	Colors Cruise	Bob & Verna Maruska
Aug 5-8	Butchart Gardens to Victoria	On the move cruise continues	Tom & Chris Miner
Aug 30- Sep 2	Oyster Bay Bremerton	Labor Day Cruise	Dennis and Nike Rampe
Oct 11-13	Bremerton Marina	Columbus Day Cruise	Dennis McCrea & Victoria Adams
Nov 9	Tacoma Yacht Club	Change of Bridge	Tom & Chris Miner
Nov 25-27	Edmonds Marina	Thanksgiving Cruise	Glen and Liz Dodge
Dec 30-Jan 1	TBD	New Years Cruise	Need Cruise Team

Upcoming Cruises



2019 RHYC BRIDGE CONTACT INFORMATION



**March 15-17
St Patricks Day Cruise
Kingston**

**Business Meeting Cruise
April 12-14
Gig Harbor**

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