



Cruise Report - Gig Harbor Business Meeting

After a warm and dry March, April decided to snub Spring and return to cool and wet weather. Regardless, many of our intrepid members made the jaunt to the lovely bay of Gig Harbor. The weekend cruise started early with several boats meeting up at the City Dock in Gig Harbor on Wednesday and Thursday to secure space for part of our fleet. Moorage was a little more challenging as Arabella's Marina couldn't fit all of the RHYC boats so we had about half of the boats staying at Arabella's with assigned slips and the other half at the City Dock with a combination of side and Med tie. 28 boats signed up for the cruise but we had 24 boats and 49 members and guests arrive. The members included Chris and Sandy Benson, Bob Buckley, Linda and guest Meris Collier, Larry and Sally Cronin, Gary and Shirley Cummings, Kevin Davis and Jennifer Riggins, Glen and Liz Dodge, Steve and Sandy Driscoll, Jon Edwards and Holly Palmer, Greg and Carol French, Andrew and Jennifer Guyler, Jeff and Angie Kroeller, Dennis McCrea and Victoria Adams, Jim and Cheryl Matheson, Neil and Noreen Millen, Tom and Chris Miner, Steve and Michelle Nelson, Linda and Pete Jung, Roderick and Susan Rombauer, Jeff and Fran Sharp, Frank and Amy Sherwood, Gary and Lenore Timm, James and Vicki Zink and new active applicants on their qualifying cruise Keith and Kathy Hallman and Laurie Heilmann and Brian Robertson.

Our first event was a Friday night Potluck at the Arabella's clubhouse. Lots of delicious options were prepared by our members. Luckily the rain held off so that we could also use the deck (a bit chilly but at least dry during our event). Saturday morning we returned for a breakfast of pancakes, sausage, hard boiled eggs, fruit, coffee and juices. After breakfast people were on their own to explore Gig Harbor and its Croatian roots with many businesses providing discounts to our group for the weekend. Harry Johnson and Dennis Kinch provided Vessel Safety Checks for eight of the boats in attendance. This is a wonderful service Harry has provided for many years and we appreciate his time on this very valuable service. We also want to thank Dennis for donating his time to help Harry.

The business meeting was held at The Academy@the boatyard in Gig Harbor. It's a nice facility and worked well for our meeting and dinner. Commodore Tom Miner ran an efficient meeting with reports from the various bridge members. New Members Joe and Lyn Nelson and Andrew and Jennifer Guyler received their burgees, books and nametags as our newest members! New Active Applicants James and JJ Miles, Ed and Nancy Stolarik, Keith and Kathy Hallman and Laurie Heilmann and Brian Robertson were introduced to the members. After the meeting it was off to Arabella's dock for a renaming of Andrew and Jennifer Guyler's new sailboat "Shadowfax" and Steve and Michelle Nelson's new(er) powerboat "Nelsea". Unfortunately, (possibly due to the Guyler's sailboat not quite having all of its' previous name removed)..... the boating gods gave us a downpour of rain and wind during the ceremony performed by our Commodore Tom Miner but even with all the rain we had a great time renaming boats (the champagne helped!).

The evening dinner was held at the Academy, catered by Essence of the Thyme from Port Orchard and we feasted on Tri Tip Steak, Stuffed Chicken, Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad and Rolls. Following dinner, we had Desserts and 2 vigorous games of Left Right Center to end the evening. RHYC members get quite excited about games where the prize is money! Several members joined us for Saturday including members Tyler and Amanda Nelson (and their two baby daughters Evie and Lexi), Allen and Sue Boudreaux, Bob and Verna Maruska, Paul and Brenda Norris, Will Cain, Phil and Debi Freund, and guests Molly Peterson, June Benoit, and Dean and Christine Shannon. Thanks Debi for opening the ships store again this weekend with some new RHYC Clothing!

Our final event of the weekend was continental breakfast – we split breakfast so the people on the City dock could go to Magic Moment (thanks to Glen and Liz Dodge). The rest met in Arabella's clubhouse and had breakfast and said goodbye until next cruise! Thanks to Fran and Jeff Sharp and Tom and Chris Miner – the best cruise team ever! Thanks Glen and Liz for all the help with moorage/etc. Also, many thanks to all who helped out during the weekend with setup, cleanup and teardown- it takes a village and our RHYC Village are always there to help!

Steve and Michelle Nelson



Commodore's Report

Thanks to everyone who came to the April Business Meeting. I thought it was well attended and I received many nice complements to the board for the manner in which we ran the meeting and for the information we shared.

The venue for the meeting worked out very well with the exception of having boats at two separate marinas, the City dock and Arabella's. We have been told that if we want to hold the meeting there again that we will be able to reserve the city dock ahead of time and if so we can get everyone on that dock. Thanks to Glen, Bob, Steve and Kevin for bringing their boats down early and holding dock space.

A big thank you to Steve and Michelle and Jeff and Fran for being part of the Cruise Team. Michelle is amazing. For those that claim to be too busy to join a cruise team, keep in mind that this was tax season, Michelle is a CPA, and on top of that she is the club treasurer.

As reported at the meeting the survey gave us many good ideas and suggestions regarding the website, future cruises and use of the investment fund. I did not have answers for all those suggestions at the meeting, but I will be reporting in this and future Anchor Watch newsletters on what the board is doing to address many of those suggestions and concerns. Thank you to the 67 members who took the time to fill out the survey.

Website. Kevin Davis who joined the club at the boat show has volunteered to take on the job of Webmaster. Jon, our current web master will work with Kevin on the transition and the board will get with Kevin and give him a wish list of items to address. That includes a way to

allow members to post photos. That is currently an option we can allow with an administrator review prior to the photo going public. Not that anyone would post inappropriate photos. By the way, you can already add a photo of you or your boat to the roster section of the website. See the attached step by step directions if you would like to add a photo.

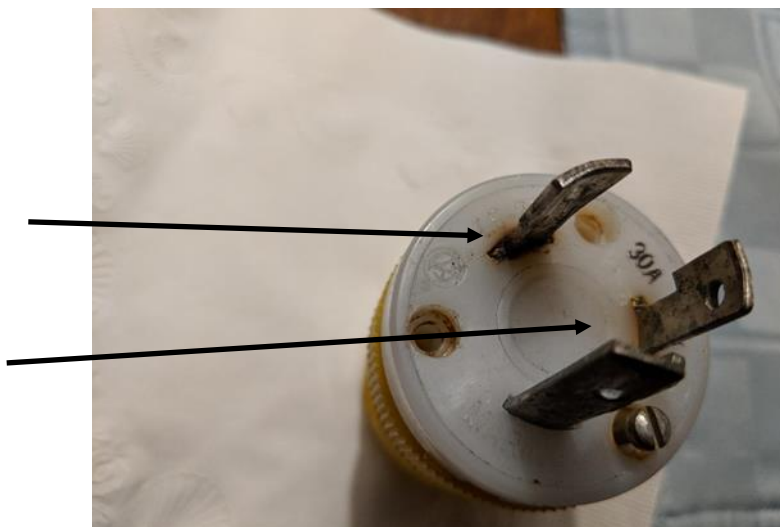
Thanks to Glen there is now a forum section on the website. I just added a section on Electrical issues on boats and I see someone posted a question on next years schedule. This is a great new addition so jump on board, start a thread, share information, share your summer plans and other fun or educational stuff with the rest of us.

Don't forget you can join our facebook page and post photos of your great adventures and share your summer plans there as well. It is a closed member only page so you have to request to join and someone on the board will approve your joining it.

We will begin looking for an additional virtual outstation that we pay for on an as used basis only. We will look at our current budget and see what that will look like but remember, if we bring on more new members our budget increases so we can do more without having to use any of our investment funds. We will generate a proposal and send it out to membership hopefully in the very near future. It all depends on finding a marina that is willing and able to have us, the cost and the club's available funds. Remember, the board can never spend more than \$5,000 of the investment fund in any fiscal year, without membership approval. Our investment committee thinks that if we limit any use of that fund to the annual, investment interest earned, maintaining the current principal, we should have a decent amount of money to use towards an additional outstation if needed and maintain our current investment value. Feel free to weigh in on the website forum. Be nice.

Electrical power cord warning.

I went to plug into the pedestal at Arabella's this past weekend with my 30 amp plug. This is what I saw.



Not much, just some minor brown scorching on the middle and upper prongs.
Decided I needed to take it apart and clean the contacts and maybe peel back the wire to cut out any corrosion.
This is what I found.



Melted, bubbled up plastic around two wire connectors and two wires fused together, meaning there was lots of heat at some point leading to total failure in the near future.

Make sure you are checking your shore power cord every time you use it and keep the prongs clean of corrosion. If you see burning of any kind the cord got too hot and needs to be replaced. Corrosion is insidious in our saltwater environment. Only use heat shrink connectors when wiring new connections and only use proper sized, tinned, marine grade wiring. Shortcuts and doing it cheap when it involves electrical is not an option on a boat. For good information on Electrical connections visit Pacific Yacht Systems. They have a great series of you tube videos on everything electrical. <https://www.pysystems.ca/>

Adding a member photo to the roster
Sign in to the website
Click on your name at the top right
An option box opens
Click on “My directory Listing”
Scroll down to Biography
Click on pencil icon on right side
Scroll to bottom “Photo”
Click on “Select new photo”
Select favorite photo from your computer files

Tom Miner
RHYC Commodore



Vice Commodore's Report

I am so excited that the days are longer, and the weather is beginning to improve! That means boating season is almost here!! I am so sorry to have missed so many of you at the April Business Meeting, but I am happy to hear that it was a fun and successful cruise. Two members received their burgees at the meeting: Jennifer and Andrew Guyler and Joe and Lynn Nelson. Four new active applicants attended this cruise as their qualifying cruise and they are now new members so please welcome them! Keith and Kathy Hallman, Laurie Heilman and Bryan Roberston, James and JJ Miles and Ed and Nancy Stolarik. And I am also happy to welcome John Stone and Sharon Lindsteadt as new active applicants. Their boat is R Precious Stone which is a Horizon 64. Now that boating season is upon us remember to talk up the club to people on the docks, invite them to a cruise and continue to recruit new members. New members keep the cruises fun and engaging!

Orit Hickman
Vice Commodore
RHYC

New Applicants

John Stone and Sharon Lindsteadt
m/v R Precious Stone

New Members

Jennifer and Andrew Guyler
s/v Shadow Fax





Joe and Lynn Nelson
m/v Ocean Suite



Laurie Heilmann and Brian Robertson
m/v Summer Salt II

James and JJ Miles
m/v Nautical miles

Ed and Nancy Stolarik
m/v Nanboat

Keith and Kathleen Hallman
m/v Sea Cairn



Rear Commodore's Report

For the second year in a row we were unable to bring Run-A-Muk down for the RHYC Annual Business Meeting. While I missed out on much of the weekends socializing, I was lucky enough to run in to new members, Nancy & Ed Stolarik, who kindly invited me to join them for lunch. I truly enjoyed getting to know them and I'm excited to see them on future cruises.

Cruising season is upon us and I'm busy making sure that our current outstation information is up to date on RHYC.org and the outstations themselves are ready and waiting for you. Paul Bennett graciously spent some time with me on the phone, sharing his experience in setting up virtual outstations for QCYC. I'm excited by what I learned from Paul and I believe that RHYC and its members could greatly benefit from Paul's virtual outstation model. I have started early discussions with Port Ludlow and hope to have more information for you in the next Anchor Watch. Stay tuned!

Thank you to Commodore Tom Miner for organizing an informative Annual Business Meeting, to the members who travelled to participate by lending an engaged ear and asking thoughtful questions, and to the cruise team for hosting a very successful cruise on two docks no less!

Sonja Sackett
Rear Commodore



Secretary's Report

No report this month



Treasurer's Report

The financial statements have been reconciled thru March 31, 2019 and presented to the board at our monthly meeting on April 2, 2019. As part of the preparation of the financial statements, our bank account with US Bank has been reconciled thru March.

The Budget and Financial Statements were presented to the members along with our operating budget at the annual meeting on April 13th at 2:00 in Gig Harbor. As I explained at the meeting, all of the financial statements are available for your review on the website. To access them you need to login to the website, click on the link for Documents, Board of Trustees. Treasurer and there you will find all of the financials I have posted to date. I have the yearend financials from October 31, 2018 versus 2017 in addition to the monthly statements thru March 2019. I have also posted the annual audit report and the Tax return for the year ended October 31, 2018. I am posting the financial statements on the website each month so please review them and contact me with questions you might have about the Club's

income and expenses. I can be reached via email using my club email address of treasurer at rhyc.org.

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

Michelle Nelson - Treasurer



Fleet Captains Report

Ahoy, all fellow members of the RHYC. The April business meeting cruise to Gig Harbor was a great success. Thanks to yet another great Cruise team led by Steve and Michele Nelson.

Next up is Opening Day on the Montlake cut May 1st - 5th. Come out and enjoy the crew races on Sat. morning and then the Boat Parade in the afternoon. Hopefully the weather will cooperate. Then a little later in May we have our Memorial Day Cruise to Swantown in Olympia. There is still time to sign up, but it is getting short. The marina is still holding some slips. You need to get on the website and register and also call the marina directly no later than May 3rd to get your slip. Also, for those of you who have already registered, the cruise team has added the possibility of golf on Sunday. Your cruise captain has asked that if you are interested in this option, that you contact her directly at annmariemcleod@msn.com by May 10th and she will arrange tee times for you.

The RHYC Reunion- **A BLAST FROM THE PAST** comes up on June 7th-9th, at Brownsville Marina; please sign up on the website and come out to share your stories and memories of your past years with the club. New members this is a chance for you to start making cruise memories of your own.

Also in June there is the 2019 Potholes Cruise (boys with their toys) June 21st-23rd.

The last item I have is the 4th of July cruise (which we still need a cruise team for) in Burton Bay, Quartermaster Harbor.

We have a full summer and fall of other cruise adventures coming up as well. There will be further information on all these events to come. The cruise calendar is also posted on the website for dates of all future cruises.

Hope to see many of you on Opening Day and in Swantown for the Memorial Day cruises in May.

Fleet Captain
Jim Wagenblast

Did someone lose a dingy?









Cruise to the Capital

Memorial Weekend with RHYC

May 24-27th

Host Committee: Jeff & Debbie Willis, Paul & Stephanie Mosby, & Kraig & Ann Marie McLeod
Marina Reservation: Please call and make your reservation directly with the Swantown Olympia Marina #360-528-8049 Questions: email annmariemcleod@msn.com

Friday, Check-In

Potluck –

6:00 pm Happy Hour Bring your favorite beverage

7:00 pm Bring a heavy appetizer to share for 8

Saturday,

8:00-10:00 Hot Breakfast, Fruit & Juice

Saturday activities involve a variety of sites to enjoy in Olympia!

8:00 – 12:00 Farmers Market – Walk to the farmers market and enjoy the local artisans.

1:00-4:00 Pub & Wine Crawl – Enjoy the local watering holes in Olympia. **Map will be provided.**

1:00-5:00 Take a Tour of the Capital, Enjoy the Hands on Children Museum, or Visit Exit

Puzzles *Escape Room. Details to Follow*

6:00 BBQ at the Marina.

Enjoy a Memorial Weekend BBQ with your RHYC friends and family member

- Brat's and Burgers Bar
- Salads
- Dessert

Sunday, Breakfast

8:00 – 10:00 Bagels, Fruit, Juice

Golf is an option today

If we make T times ahead

email Ann Marie at annmariemcleod@msn.com by May 10th
if you have an interest. Target T time 10:30 at a nearby course

Sunday Afternoon Lawn Games – Watermelon, Ice Cream

12:00-3:00

- Giant Jenga
- Lawn Yatzee
- Bean Bag Throw

Sunday Dinner on your Own! Let us know if you would like to join us at the Oyster house and we will expand the reservation. **Add'l restaurants will be provided**

- Olympia Oyster House, 320 4th Ave W, #360-753-7000
- Pizza La Gitana, 518 Capital Way, #360-753-2929
- Tippy Piano Bar, 514 Capitol Way S. #360-915-7181

Monday – Bon Voyage. Safe Travels to everyone and we look forward to cruising with you in 2019!

****Please share your favorite photos from the weekend with annmariemcleod@msn.com



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**





RHYC Cruise to the Pot Holes



Is your small boat ready to go, have you greased the trailer wheels, have you asked your spouse's permission, HOW FULL IS THE COOLER, did you find a tow behind water toy, do you have your sun screen, if your going early are your clubs ready, if you like comfort - have you purchased your blowup mattress, does it fit in your tent with the other 3,

The place is **Mardon Resort**
8198 Hwy 262 SE, Othello, WA. 99344

June 21 – 23, 2019

Pot Holes is kind of a unique body of water that in the north half is spotted with sand dunes that may have 6' or 6" of water around them. We are going in June because it is the best chance of being deeper.

We have reserved a few tent sites that hold 2 tents and 6 people each. A few Motor home sites that hold 1 unit each with as many people that fit into it, hopefully comfortably. As people sign up, we will allocate these appropriately and if needed hopefully find other spots. Because of the variables, the cruise fee will not cover the campsites which will be left to be covered by the group of occupants of each site. Do you have a large tent that might fit a small group?

Even if you do not have a small boat, don't fret we should have space in those that are coming, so sign up if you are interested. I am aware of at least 2 ski boats that are going in addition to Inflatables.

Our target is to have a community dinner on Saturday night and a community breakfast on Sunday morning. To cover this and reserve your spot we are assigning a cruise fee of \$15.

We have reserved the campsites for Friday and Saturday nights and look forward to all arriving by Friday Night. We will plan to spend the whole of Saturday out in the dunes and also until noon on Sunday.

We have also reserved space Wednesday and Thursday for some that are coming early. Please indicate if you want to be included in this group. We are planning on playing Golf down the street on Thursday morning and running out to investigate the lake in the afternoon to be ready for the group's arrival on Friday.

Keep monitoring the RHYC website for signup posting, which will happen soon. We will attempt to have enough questions for you to answer to make initial placement in the available spaces including letting you indicate a group of people you might be planning to occupy a tent or site with.

Questions, contact Glen Dodge by email or phone at the numbers listed on the website. If I don't answer try Tom Miner too.



**COLORS CRUISE
AUGUST 2~4, 2019
EVERYTHING REDNECK**

Friday Evening: Potluck with redneck themed food(pigs in a blanket, pickled pigs feet, bbq ribs, etc.

Saturday AM: Spam w/maple syrup, scrambled eggs, pancakes, OJ, Tang, Mermosas

Saturday afternoon: Games on the Barge – Toilet seat toss; Blindfolded Dingy race; Dart Game; Bowling (There will be prizes for the winners of all games)

Saturday Eve: TBD waiting for Caterer to return to America....
Costume Contest – please come dressed for dinner in your best Redneck outfit, be creative okay.

Sunday AM: Dounuts & OJ (Tang)

Price: TBD waiting on caterer approx: \$25/\$30 per person





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	
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



Opening Day
Montlake cut
May 1-5

May 24-27
Memorial Weekend Cruise
Olympia

June 7-9
Blast from the Past Cruise
Brownsville

June 22-23
Pot Holes Adventure
Othello

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