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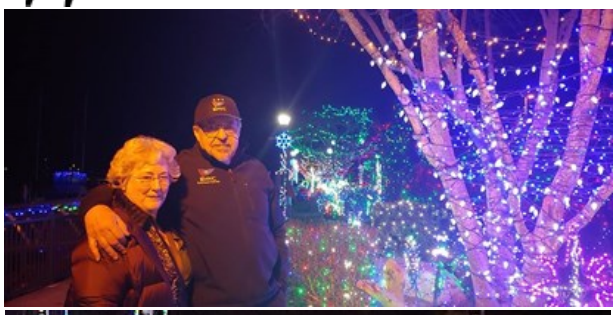
RHYC anchor watch



Cruise Report – Christmas Cruise 2019

Once again Kingston's Christmas Lights did not fail to amaze us. The marina staff and its volunteer team do an outstanding job of decorating the park with thousands of intricate light designs. The weather gods cooperated giving us calm wind and no rain. There were 10 boats that attended the cruise with 28 members showing up for pizza on Saturday night. We are doing it again next year so put it on your calendars now, it is a fun, laid back inexpensive cruise.

Those in attendance by boat, Glen and Liz Dodge, Daniel and Lurie Brewis on Friday, Sandy and Steve Driscoll, Jon and Holly Edwards, Debi and Phillip Freund, Linda and Pete Jung, Angie and Jeff Kroeller, Chris and Tom Miner, Lenore and Gary Timm and Lori Booth and Jim Wagenblast. Those attending by car, JJ and James Miles, Dennis McCrea and Victoria Adams, Pete and Linda Jung's Daughter Katie and her family Luke and Rosie, and Steve and Sandy's daughter Kathy.

Thanks,
Tom Miner

Deadline for next newsletter…… February 15

Commodore Report

Hello everyone! Even though it is January and it is SO cold, I am already thinking about our summer cruising plans. This is the month of the boat show, when we pick up the latest Ports and Passes and look for outgoing tides in the month of July to plan when is the best day to head north. For you power boaters, this may not be as much of a thing, but when you only cruise at 6.5 knots (with 0 current against you) any little bit of current helps. It was probably about 3 years ago when Matt and Emerson took Sage (dog), and Silk (boat) up north to Friday Harbor. They left Elliot Bay around 4:30am and cruised north with the outgoing tide. As they got pushed through Admiralty Head, Matt was sending me regular texts…9 knots, 10 knots, 11 knots, 13 knots!!! The speed with which he flew through into Juan de Fuca was amazing! The tide continued to push them north the rest of the way. They made it up to Friday Harbor in 9 hours—a full 2 hours faster than Matt had thought. I was sorry that I had missed the trip but was happy to hear the stories. This is what boating is all about…the stories! I hope to see you all at the boat show towards the end of this month and of course at our awesome cruises all year long!

Orit Hickman
Commodore

Vice Commodore Report

It's member recruiting season! We need your help to add some new folks into our membership to cruise with this summer. The Seattle Boat Show is just a couple weeks away and that means we have a membership deal to offer. New Members, signing up at the Boat Show, will receive half off their membership dues for 2020. So spread the word and have your boating buddies come visit us at our Seattle Boat Show booth.

We are working on finishing up membership renewals and preparing to publish our membership directory. The invoice for membership dues can only be found under the primary members account. At the time of my writing this, we still have 30 members who have yet to renew. If you want to pay online, the primary member will need to log on to do it. You can also mail a check to Michelle Nelson if you prefer. Online payments and checks mailed to Michelle must be received by January 31st or a $50 late fee will be added to your account. Please reach out to me if you need help with renewing. You can call/text me at 425-239-5946 or email me at vicecommodore@rhyc.org

While you are in the system to pay dues, please check and update your contact info in your member profile. It's especially important to update your mailing address, phone numbers and email addresses or add them if any info is missing. Don't forget to print your 2020 membership card as well. You must present the current years membership card to outstations when asked.

See you soon,
Sonja Sackett
Vice Commodore

New Applicant:
Robert McArthur and Marty Lawrence, M/V Alice

No new members at this time

Rear Commodore Report

As your rear commodore it is my responsibility to manage your outstations and reciprocal yacht clubs. I have contacted all our reciprocals and informed them who our bridge members are and that we want to continue our relationship. In your roster you have a list of these clubs and if you go online to Yachtdestinations.org you can see everyone we have a relationship with. Being able to use another clubs guest moorage is a real plus for each of us and if you haven't used them, you're not getting the full benefit of membership.

Our outstations are; Roche Harbor, Tacoma's D Street, Fisherman's Bay on Lopez and Kingston. Due to a much tighter budget this year we are eliminating the overflow moorage. Since Roche Harbor now allows for two boats each day, we can have more boats benefiting from the virtual moorage. In the past when one large boat was in our dedicated slip that was the only boat that could benefit other then the overflow boat. In Kingston we will be able to raft at our dock space which they did not allow last year. We can also raft at Fishermen's Bay on Lopez Island.

We are trying to improve our options and when our budget improves, we can make changes.
Please have your membership cards with you and fly your RHYC Burgee.

Larry Cronin
Rear Commodore

Secretary Report

No report submitted.

Treasurer Report

Hello everyone. The membership renewal process is in full swing. Dues renewal notices went out in November followed by a second notice in December. There will be a third and final notice sent out in January. 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 which includes a 3% fee for Credit Card processing or you can mail a check. If you choose to pay by check, your check needs to be received by January 31 to avoid the late fee.

Please mail your check to:

RHYC C/O Michelle Nelson
33650 6th Ave S. Suite 230
Federal Way, WA 98003

The dues are as follows:

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

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 opportunity 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 review 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 information: 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. All members need to login and correct the information. The system has a separate membership record for the primary and secondary members so changing it in one profile does not change it in the other. Please change both records.

The Audit for the 2018-2019 fiscal year that ended October 31, 2019 was conducted by Steve Driscoll and Glen Dodge. The review included board minutes, expenditures, bank statements, check register, reconciliation statements, Vanguard statements, club data base, use of the website as payments platform and the adequacy of the accounting system. A big thank you to Steve and Glen for performing the required audit!

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Nelson- Treasurer

Fleet Captain Report

The Thanksgiving and Christmas Lights cruises were well attended and a fun time was had by all! Thanks to everyone that made this a great cruising year and I'm looking forward to 2020 with new adventures and destinations. Please check out our website and sign up for the Icebreaker Cruise and Sweetheart Cruise if you haven't already!

I'm still looking for a Cruise team for the Father's Day cruise at Port Ludlow, and we could use a few volunteers to help with upcoming cruises later this year.

Now that winter weather has curtailed some of our cruising days, I would like to update you on a few procedures for Canadian and US Customs that will make your border crossings less stressful. I know there are members heading to Alaska, and quite a few will be crossing into Canada after the Colors Cruise in August.

For those of you not familiar, if your boat is over 30 Feet in length (which is most of us), you are required to register and purchase a "Private Vessel Decal" Yearly - for re-entering the US from Canada.
Decals are stickers that are placed on all private aircraft and private vessels (30 feet or more in length) as proof that the User Fee for entry into the U.S. has been paid for the calendar year. Any arriving vessel or aircraft that does not have an annual decal will be required to pay the non-refundable User Fee and complete an application, which will be forwarded to the processing center. The application will be processed, and a decal will be mailed from the processing center. A decal expires on December 31st of its issue year. A new decal is issued whenever the decal is renewed.

Here is a link to the Government site where you can Register, apply for the Decal, and Pay. The Decal will be mailed to you and must be affixed to your boat. https://dtops.cbp.dhs.gov/main/#%20 I would also highly recommend you apply for a Nexus Card ($50) to expedite your entry into Canada. Nexus is good for 5 years and is good at airports, Automobile Border Crossings, and Marine Ports of Entry.
"The NEXUS program allows pre-screened travelers expedited processing when entering the United States and Canada. Program members use dedicated processing lanes at designated northern border ports of entry, NEXUS kiosks when entering Canada by air and Global Entry kiosks when entering the United States via Canadian Pre-clearance airports. NEXUS members also receive expedited processing at marine reporting locations."

Next newsletter I will update you on the CBP Roam App and how it can impact your travel returning to the US from Canada.

Dennis McCrea
Fleet Captain

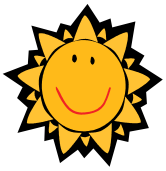
Past Commodore

As immediate past Commodore, I am now responsible for the nomination committee. That means I need to find members who are willing to step up and assume the role of Rear Commodore, Secretary and Treasurer for the 2021 cruising year.

Per our bylaws, for the good of the club, and for continuity of the club leadership, it is understood there shall be a succession from Rear Commodore to Vice Commodore to Commodore, and that the nominations for Commodore and Vice Commodore will be automatically implemented by the nominating committee. Further, it is expected that the person accepting nomination to Rear Commodore will accept the commitment prior to being voted into office.

So I am starting now, I need anyone who is interested in helping to run the business of the club to give me a call or track me down on a cruise to let me know of your interest in serving a great organization. Your term would start next November so please think about it and give it serious consideration. Only those who have served a year on the board in the past are eligible for consideration as Rear Commodore.

Tom Miner
Past Commodore



Sunshine Report

Pete Jung reports the passing of his brother Dave Thomson on November 26th, 2019. Dave passed from natural causes comfortably in his sleep surrounded by his children in San Diego. Dave joined Linda and Pete for many cruises here in the PNW, most recently during their venture north to AK in 2013. Dave was a retired Naval Aviator, and thoroughly enjoyed his time aboard RENDEZVOUS, and his association with many welcoming fellow RHYC members. He will be missed by all of us.

Verna Maruska reports that Olivia passed on December 6th, 2019, following complications associated with treatment for leukemia causing diabetes and developing ketoacidosis: “The emergency vet was so kind and tried all he could to turn the corner for Olivia, he called early Saturday morning we got to say our goodbyes and send her off knowing we made the best decision on her behalf.” She was such a sweet girl and loved boating with RHYC, and specifically she loved her spot on the Millens’ couch.” We will all miss Olivia.

Also, please keep Roger and Susan Courson in your thoughts and prayers. Roger is in the hospital in ICU due to complications of the flu, he is in serious condition

Your Sunshine Man,
Matt Hickman

SEATTLE BOAT SHOW | JAN24-FEB01 | 2020
CENTURYLINK FIELD & EVENT CENTER + SOUTH LAKE UNION

RHYC Booth at the Boat Show

Please volunteer to staff our booth at the show by going to the 'Volunteering' section of our website and click on an open time slot!
https://rhyc.clubexpress.com/

Yes, it's time again for the great Seattle Boat Show and RHYC will again be sponsoring a booth to meet and educate attendees about the benefits of becoming members of our great club. In years past, the boat show has been one of our best sources for new members. This has largely been due to the efforts of our members who have volunteered their time to talk to the boat show attendees about RHYC. I am sure that all the past volunteers would agree that it was a totally rewarding experience to meet and talk with fellow boaters about joining RHYC. If you have already volunteered for this year's show, thank you! If you have not, we still have several time slots available for you to do so by selecting the 'Volunteering' section of our RHYC website. All volunteers will receive boats show tickets, so this becomes an excellent opportunity to see the show and help to convince boat show attendee to become new members of our club.

Respectfully submitted,
Jon Edwards
Past Commodore

ROCHE HARBOR YACHT CLUB

SOUP & CHOWDER COOK OFF!

Adults- $20 16 & Under- $10

COCKTAIL HOUR - 1PM

Cocktails, Mocktails, and Appetizers will be served.

COOK OFF! - 2PM

Show off your culinary skills and whip up a batch of your famous Soup or Chowder!

We will be voting for our favorite soups and chowders and prizes will be handed out to our 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners!

DESSERT

Sweet Treats, Coffee, and Hot Cocoa will be served.

SIGN UP FOR THIS EVENT ON THE RHYC WEBSITE

WHEN: SATURDAY, JANUARY, 18TH 2020

WHERE: SEATTLE YACHT CLUB OUTSATION- ELLIOT BAY

2601 W MARINA PL, SEATTLE, WA 98199

YOUR CRUISE TEAM: TYLER, AMANDA, AND JOSH NELSON

CALL/TEXT 253-549-3443 OR AMANDA.NELSON823@OUTLOOK.COM

RHYC

Please attend our RHYC:

Sweetheart Slider Saturday!

Join us for an afternoon of conversation, group games and prizes. We will be serving a twist on Sliders with salads and sides, Strawberry Margaritas and Dessert!

In Downtown Kirkland

Saturday February 15h - 12:00 to 4:00

Cost: $30 per person

Featuring a panoramic view of Lake Washington :

Portsmith Condominium Clubroom
108 2nd Ave S
Kirkland, WA 98033

Please Note: If you wish to attend by boat, overnight docking is available - only 1 to 2 blocks away at the Kirkland Marinas - limited slips with power. For more information:

http://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/parks/Permits_and_Reservations/Kirkland_Marina_Dock.htm

Please Register on the website ASAP – Space limited to the first 50

We will email a map to the club room for registrants

PLEASE REGISTER ON THE WEBSITE BY FEBRUARY 10TH!

We need Cruise Captains and assistants.
If you have not been a cruise captain in the past 2-3 years, contact Fleet Captain 2020 Dennis McCrea at fleetcaptain@rhyc.org to volunteer

Roche Harbor Yacht Club
2020 Cruise Schedule

Date	***Location***	***Activity***	***Cruise Captains***
January 18	Elliott Bay/ Seattle Yacht Club Outstation	Ice BreakerChowder And Soup Cook-off	Tyler & Amanda Nelson Steve & Michelle Nelson
February 15	Portsmith Condominiums Kirkland, WA	Sweetheart Brunch	Jon & Holly Edwards
March 13-15	Port Orchard	St Patrick's Day Cruise	Randy McCoy & Leslie Hannay
April 13-15	Poulsbo Marina & Sons of Norway Lodge	Business Meeting Cruise	Gary & Betty Greene
May 4-6	Montlake Cut	Opening Day	Jim Wagenblast Lori Booth
May 25-28	Port of Everett	Memorial Day	Jon & Sonja Sackett
June 19-21	Port Ludlow	Father's Day Cruise	Need Cruise Captain
July 3-5	Liberty Bay Poulsbo	4th of July Wagon Wheel	Ryon & Deb Figgins
TBD	TBD	On the Move/Progressive Cruise	
July 31—Aug 2	Roche Harbor	Colors	Jerry & Kathy Norman / Co-hosts Joe & Lynn Nelson
Sept 4 –7	Pemrose Point State Park	Labor Day Cruise - Wagon Wheel	Andrew & Jennifer Guyler (need cruise team)
Oct 9-12	Arabella's Landing Gig Harbor Guest Dock	Columbus Day	Will & Karla Cain
Nov 7	TBA	Change of Bridge/	Orit & Matt Hickman
Nov 26-29	Edmonds Marina	Thanksgiving Cruise	Glen & Liz Dodge
Dec 11-13	Kingston Marina	Christmas Lights	Tom & Chris Miner
Dec 31	TBD	New Year's Eve	Need Cruise Capt.

Upcoming Cruises

Icebreaker Brunch

Seattle Yacht Club OS
Elliot Bay Marina
January 18

Sweetheart Slider Saturday

Portsmith Condiminums
Kirkland, WA
February 15

St. Patricks Day

Port Orchard
March 13-15

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Ship's Store

We Need a Volunteer to step up for SHIP'S STORE……..
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