

RHYC

anchor watch




Cruise Report – Sweetheart Slider Saturday

The second event on the RHYC 2020 cruise calendar was the Sweetheart Slider Saturday gathering held in Kirkland at the Portsmouth Condominium club room. Along with the great company the attendees enjoyed a panoramic view of Lake Washington, snacks, and a strawberry margarita to start the boating conversation. For lunch, the attendees were served 4 different types of sliders to choose from; bacon cheeseburger, ham and swiss, chicken parmesan and Hawaiian caprese. Served along with the sliders was sweet kale salad, potato salad, pickle spears, veggies and chips. For dessert there were double chocolate fudge brownies, lemon bars and fresh strawberries.

After lunch and following bridge team announcements, the attendees were invited to play three rounds of digital bingo. The first round single bingo was won by Chris Miner who received a \$15 Starbucks gift card. The second round "H" bingo was won by new applicant Kelly Hanson who received a Fisheries \$25 gift card. The third round blackout game was won by Ann Wilbour who received the grand prize of an RHYC embroidered canvas boat bag.

Those in attendance were Larry, Sally and Shannon Cronin, Liz and Glen Dodge, Donna and Dennis Friedrich, Larry Gill and Shirly, Kelly Hanson, Orit, Matt and Emerson Hickman, Harry and Terry Johnson, Pete and Linda Jung, Angie and Jeff Kroeller, Judi Maier and Tom Wie, Dennis McCrear, Chris and Tom Miner, Amanda and Michelle Nelson, Kathy and Jerry Norman, Diana and Fred Power, Niki and Dennis Rampe, Susan and Rod Rombauer, Denise and David Senor, Fran and Jeff Sharp, Amy and Frank Sherwood, Ann and Craig Wilbour.

Your cruise team was Holly Palmer and Jon Edwards with grateful setup assistance from Niki and Dennis Rampe.

In summary, it was a great way to spend a winter afternoon talking and laughing with fellow RHYC members.

Holly and Jon

Deadline for next newsletter..... April 10



C Commodore Report

For many of us this has been a stressful past month. I am sure you have similar concerns regarding health and wellbeing as I have had. That being said, keeping stress to a minimum is the most important thing you can do for your nervous system which is why we boat! We will continue to have our monthly cruises and hope to see you there.

This AW has a list of bylaws changes that your board is proposing. Please read below then read through the proposed changes.

We need to clarify the wording regarding the secretary duties since the bylaws were written before we had a website.

Verna Maruska has stepped in to be our AW editor. In the bylaws there is no provision to allow us to bring on a non-board member to do this job so we are proposing changes to allow us to continue to have Verna do this or another club member who would be interested in doing this in the future.

We need to clarify some wording regarding special meetings.

The board and myself have been hard at work looking at changes that need to occur to stabilize and ensure that RHYC continues to be around for many years to come. The most important concern has been fiscal. Over the past 9 years we have been seeing a steady decline in the number of members (29% decrease since 2011). As a recreational boating club in the Puget Sound, what we are seeing is not unique to us. We maintain 4 outstations, a reciprocal, a website as well as the daily business of the club. There are costs associated with all of this and those costs are rising annually.

We are proposing that the board be able to increase dues up to 5% annually, without needing a membership vote, so that we may continue to tackle those changes as they come up but not be delayed by 6 months at a time until we have a business meeting in November or April.

We also took a hard look at our dues and our member classifications and we are proposing to remove the Senior membership designation. By doing this it will add almost \$5000 to our budget for 2021.

Finally, we will be proposing an increase in dues across the board. In the 4 years I have been on the board, we have needed to request \$5000 out of the investment fund every year in order to maintain ourselves in the black. Our investment fund, no matter how we argue it, does not exist in order to manage our monthly expenses. If it did it would be gone within a few years. The club needs to be able to manage its monthly expenses and set a budget annually with predictable income.

Please feel free to communicate with me or any of the board members if you have any questions or concerns. We will be bringing these bylaws changes up at the April business meeting.

Thanks,
Orit Hickman
Commodore



Vice Commodore Report

Spring is upon us! I'll be busy this week cleaning up and restocking Run-A-Muk for our first family weekend on the water of the year. While you are spring cleaning and making your boat ship shape, take a look at your RHYC burgee. This is a great time to replace a worn or missing burgee and make sure you can find your name tags. If you need a replacement burgee or nametag, let me know, and I will add you to the order list. Current Prices: Nametags are \$15 each, Standard Burgee \$26, Large Burgee \$36, Dingy Burgee \$23.

See you soon!
Sonja Sackett
Vice Commodore

New Applicants:

Paul & Nancy Griff
Boat Name: Lucky Dog
Homeport: Kirkland

Bob Gassen & Kelly Hassen
Boat name: Odyssey
Homeport: Shilshole Marina

Anthony & Stephanie George
Boat Name: Sol Mate
Home Port: Port Orchard

Ian Meng & Christina Larkey
Boat: Freestyle
Home Port: Elliott Bay

New Members:

Dennis & Donna Friedrich
Boat Name: Dolly's Tolly
Home Port: Camano Island



Rear Commodore Report

What it means to me

When I joined Roche Harbor Yacht Club, I saw an opportunity to boat with other people and have fun doing it. The first year's goals were met immediately, and we had a great time. The second year we became cruise captains which was a little scary as Sally and I had seen the teams put on great cruises and we didn't want to do a bad job. With a little help from other members we did ok. As long as you put a little time in on the cruise and get a team together, because you can't do it alone, it will be successful.

I am not sure if it was the fourth year or fifth, but I was approached by a past commodore (thanks Dave) and asked to be the secretary. I wasn't sure I wanted to be that involved but said yes. Why did I do this when it is so fun to just be that guy who comes to cruises and has a good time but doesn't have to do a lot? The reason is that it is my club, not just a club but the club I like and one I want to keep great, one I want to keep improving and one I want to give back to for the "good times" I have had in the past. I felt I couldn't just take.

Well the giving back wasn't the only thing that happened. I did secretarial duties for three years and Sally was the Treasurer for two years. I didn't know Publisher which we use to produce the Anchor Watch, but I learned how to do it (it was not that hard). The secretarial job only took a few hours a month. We have made more friends in the club and know the rest of our members better. I feel I have made a difference and now that I am the Rear Commodore and will be moving up in the bridge, I hope the club will see good results from me. I am getting more out of the club and you can too. If you're not sure what is involved in each position on the bridge, ask a member and

don't be afraid to jump in, because it will be more fun than you think.

The club means a lot to me and hope it does for you also.

Larry Cronin
Rear Commodore



Secretary Report

No report submitted.



Treasurer Report

We have finalized the membership renewals for the 2020 season. 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 immediately if you want the correct information published in the Roster. Reminder that you have to go into the Primary members login as that is where the roster data is prepared from just like the renewal information. You will want to change the Secondary members information so the online information is correct but make sure you change the information in the primary members profile.

The annual tax return for the RHYC was filed in early February. We are 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 4. As part of the preparation of the financial statements, our bank account with US Bank has been reconciled. You can find a copy of the financial statements on the website under the treasurer section of the Documents tab.

The financial statements and presentation of our 2020 budget will be available at the annual meeting on Saturday April 25th at 2:00 at the Sons of Norway Hall in Poulsbo. Be sure to plan on attending the annual business meeting as this is the opportunity for you to share your thoughts on the club and club operations.

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

Michelle Nelson
Treasurer



Fleet Captain Report

Wow!

Media hysteria and common sense are at odds the last few weeks! I would like to address some concerns that have come up about “meeting with groups larger than 10 people”.

We are all educated and informed adults and need to make our own decisions regarding our health. That being said, we should take normal precautions and use common sense - wash our hands and cover our mouths and noses when coughing or sneezing.

You have a greater chance of contracting (the Flu, Coronavirus, or Common Cold) in your everyday routine than at a small gathering of fellow club members. Do you go shopping at a store? Do you eat out at restaurants? Do you go shopping at the Mall or visit a Movie Theatre? Do you use public restrooms, transportation, or hold onto a handrail when using an escalator? Do you use money when purchasing items? Prevention? Please wash your hands and don't touch your mouth or eyes!

Our cruises are a gathering of a small group of people and you are bringing your own “private residence” with you. You can make the decision to visit other members on their boats or invite others onto yours. That is a personal decision and don't feel obligated if you are uncomfortable. My recommendation is to use disposable cups and forks, spoons, etc. – and empty your trash frequently! Don't let the news media scare you away from enjoying the cruises or having fun with your friendly RHYC members.

Check the website and sign up for the April Business Meeting at Poulsbo! Also keep a lookout for the soon to be posted - Memorial Day Cruise planned for Everett Marina hosted by the “Sackett's” – Both cruises are sure to include fun times and probable shenanigans!

Stay safe and happy cruising,

Dennis McCrea
Fleet Captain



Past Commodore

Not much to report from SV Salpare in La Cruz Mexico. Stuck here waiting on Longyterm Visas for Jeff and Fran and for the return of their passports. Sunny and warm but I am ready to shove off for the three week crossing. This is a very different boating scene down here and a very eclectic group of people.

Hope everyone is ready for boating season to begin. I know I will be by the time I get back.

Tom Miner
Past Commodore



RHYC was sad to learn of the passing of both Jeanette Hansen (RHYC Commodore, 1997), on June 20, 2019, and husband Ulf Hansen on December 29, 2019. Jeanette and Ulf were long time active members of the club and were very good friends of many members. They will be missed.

Continue to keep Roger Courson in your thoughts and prayers, he is home from the hospital/rehab. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery!!

Your Sunshine Guy,
Matt Hickman

A message from Ken & Julie

For over a year now, Julie has been talking and walking a bit slow. In September, she was diagnosed with ALS also known as motor neuron disease (MND) or Lou Gehrig's disease. There are two forms of the disease, limb onset and bulbar onset. The difference is whether it starts in your hands and feet or in your mouth and throat. Julie has bulbar onset. She has lost most of her ability to talk and has a hard time swallowing. I tell her she sounds a lot like the Swedish chef from Sesame Street. She has a Tobii speech assistant. She also has apps for her iPad and her cell phone, a boogie board electronic writer and also pen and paper to help her express herself. The Boogie Board electronic writer is very cute and only \$20.

She still gets around pretty well, especially on flat ground. She does fine going down stairs but I don't want her doing it alone. She needs assistance going up stairs. We have a manual transport wheelchair (4 smaller wheels) that we got from the ALS Association. She fell a couple times on one of the cruises so I sentenced her to the chair on longer distances for speed and safety. She rides and I push. She is something of a speed demon though. She goes weaving through traffic passing people left and right. Sometimes going downhill I have to run to catch up with her.

We've been going to the ALS clinic at Virginia Mason hospital in Seattle. There is nothing in Bellingham. They hold the clinic on Wednesdays. We go every other month. It is interesting how they handle it. They put you in a room for 4 hours and 8 or more doctors, nurses and therapists rotate in and out of the room. She sees a neurologist, a pulmonologist, a rehab doctor, physical therapy, occupational therapy, a speech pathologist, a nutritionist, a social worker and a few others, all without leaving the room. There is a monthly support group in Bellingham.

Julie's spirits remain good. She finds a lot to laugh at. We still give each other a bad time. We've gone on 4 cruises over the last 14 months, one on a 50 foot catamaran and 3 on larger ships. It was something Julie could do without too much effort. One cruise was to Alaska and the rest were in the Caribbean. We're trying to figure out where to go next. We're considering Cabo San Lucas and Ashland, Oregon. We may hold off for a bit until Coronavirus blows over.

There are two organizations for ALS, <http://www.alsa.org/> and <https://www.als.net/>. The ALS Association is famous for their ice bucket challenge. I'm thinking of doing it this summer. Anyone want to join me?

You can email Julie at Julie@hammerquist.us.

2020 Proposed RHYC Bylaws changes

The board is proposing the following changes to our bylaws. In order to maintain the health and longevity of the club we are proposing a change to our current membership structure as well as changes to annual dues. Annually the club is seeing increases in expenses with a net loss of members in the past 10 years (down 29% active membership since 2011). In order to keep us in the black and align us with how other clubs have structured their membership levels we are proposing the following changes: The removal of senior membership would increase our annual budget/ working capital for club expenses by about \$5000 amount without having to increase total dues as much. The ability to increase our annual dues by up to 5% without a club vote would allow us to maintain our budget.

Regarding senior membership the following bylaws changes are proposed:

Article II: Membership

Page 2 Section 2 Current wording is listed below.

The club shall have the following four (4) classes of membership.

Page 2 Section 2 Proposed changes are listed below.

The Club shall have the following three (3) classes of membership.

Page 2 Section 2B Current wording is listed below.

Page 2 Section 2B Proposed changes are listed below.

~~Section 2B Senior Membership: Senior membership may be conferred by the Board of Trustees upon an Active member who meets one of the following criteria:~~

~~Any individual member who has reached age 65 or over, has been an Active Member in good standing continuously for ten (10) years, and is a Past Commodore of RHYC. OR~~

~~Age 65 or older, has been an Active Member in good standing continuously for fifteen (15) years.~~

~~This class of membership shall be eligible to vote, may fly the Burgee and attend all Club functions. Boat ownership is not required. Senior members shall pay reduced dues equal to or half of the active dues rounder to the nearest dollar, but will pay no assessments. Qualifying members must apply to the Board of Trustees for this type of membership.~~

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Current wording: Section 2D ...An active member in good standing who has been bestowed honorary membership may return to active or senior membership by notifying the Board and paying appropriate dues and assessments.

Proposed change: Section 2D...An active member in good standing who has been bestowed honorary membership may return to active ~~or senior~~ membership by notifying the Board and paying appropriate dues and assessments.

Current wording: Section 2C- Associate Membership

Proposed change: Section 2B-Associate Membership

Current wording: Section 2D- Honorary Membership

Proposed change: Section 2C-Honorary Membership

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Current wording: Section 3B. Active to Senior—See section 2B above.

Proposed changes: ~~Section 3B. Active to Senior—See section 2B above.~~

Current wording: Section 3C Senior to Associate-See section 3, general paragraph above.

Proposed changes: ~~Section 3C Senior to Associate See section 3, general paragraph above.~~

Page 4 Section 4

Current wording: Section 4 Voting members of the Club shall be the Active and Senior Members.

Proposed changes: Section 4 Voting members of the Club shall be the Active ~~and Senior~~ Members.

Page 11 Article VII: Governance Section 3 A4:

Current wording: Section 3 A4: The committee will be comprised of a minimum of 2 Active or Senior members, one of which is a past Commodore and are not members of the board of Trustees or the investment committee.

Proposed Changes: Section 3 A4: The committee will be comprised of a minimum of 2 Active ~~or Senior~~ members, one of which is a past Commodore and are not members of the board of Trustees or the investment committee.

Page 21 Article IX: Pennants

Current wording with proposed changes are listed below:

An Active ~~or Senior~~ member shall be entitled to fly the Club Pennant on any vessel which the member is operating;...

Regarding secretary duties and role the following by laws changes are proposed:

Page 14 Article VII: Governance

Current wording: Section E2: The Secretary shall see that minutes are taken at all meetings of the Board of Trustees and general membership, transmit them to all Board Members in a timely fashion, and make them available to any member upon request.

Proposed changes: Section E2: The Secretary shall see that minutes are taken at all meetings of the Board of Trustees and general membership, transmit them to all Board Members in a timely fashion, **post approved minutes on the website**, and make them available to any member upon request.

Regarding secretary duties and the inclusion of an AW editor the following by laws changes are proposed:

Page 10 Article VII: Governance

Current wording: Section 2H: The flag officers and treasurer shall submit monthly, a written officer's report to the secretary for inclusion in the monthly newsletter.

Proposed changes: Section 2H: The flag officers and treasurer shall submit monthly, a written officer's report to the secretary **or other member appointed by the commodore**, for inclusion in the monthly newsletter.

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Current wording: Section E4-The secretary shall prepare, publish and distribute to the members the monthly RHYC Newsletter (Anchor Watch), which shall be the Official publication of the Club.

Proposed changes: Section E4-The secretary, **or other member appointed by the Commodore**, shall prepare...

Regarding general and special meetings the following by laws changes are proposed:

Page 16 Article VII: Governance Section 4-Meetings

Current wording: Section 4 E: A quorum of a general meeting shall consist of ten (10) voting members of the club and four (4) members of the Board of Trustees.

Proposed changes: Section 4E: A quorum of a general membership meeting **or a special meeting** shall consist of ten (10) voting members of the Club and four (4) members of the Board of Trustees.

Regarding increases in dues the following by laws changes are proposed:

Page 7 Article V: Application fees, dues and assessments

Current wording: Section 1: Annual membership dues rates will be established from time to time based on a recommendation by the Board of Trustees and approved by club members. These rates will be published to the membership each year on the membership renewal form and on Club Application forms.

Proposed changes: Section 1 Annual membership dues rates **may be increased up to 5% by the board to cover normal cost of doing business expenses. Any increases above and beyond this amount** will be established from time to time based on a recommendation by the Board of Trustees and approved by club members. These rates will be published to the membership each year on the membership renewal form and on Club Application forms.

WANTED

RHYC MEMBERS for the Annual Business Meeting Cruise

April 24 - 26, Port of Poulsbo Marina

Cost: \$40 per person* + \$5 per boat (Port Charge)



Howdy y'all! Here's the Plan:



Friday

6:00 Pot luck Appetizers & BYOB on Dock

Entertainment: Karaoke at the Slippery Pig Brewery

Saturday

9:00 Wrangler Breakfast on the Dock

2:00 - 4:30 Business Meeting at Sons of Norway Hall

6:00 - 8:00 Cowboy BBQ dinner at Sons of Norway Hall

8:10 Colors

Sunday

9:00 Sluys donuts & coffee on the Dock



** Business Meeting & Dinner Only - \$28*

Kids under 12 are \$15

*Go to RHYC.org to sign up for the cruise and moorage.
'We need to confirm headcount for dinner and coordinate
the moorage, so please sign up no later than April 6.*

*Your cruise hosts are Gary & Betty Greene
Contact us at 206-794-2794; 206-890-7551; gary@hood-view.com*



Roche Harbor Yacht Club

2020 Opening Day Cruise

April 29th thru May 3rd

Mountlake Cut



Start the cruising season

Rocking the weekend away!

This year's theme is "Rock Around the Dock"

No Cost Cruise

Wednesday - 12:30 - Anchoring up on the south side of the Cut

Captains - Bring A stern anchor with approximately 200 feet of line

Thursday - On your own to explore, relax, or dust off the helm

6:00 pm - Fly bridge Appetizers (*think blue skies*)

Music and Games (bring a few dollar bills to make it fun)

Friday - Take in any and all events @ SYC, Dingy cruise to Fisherman's
or just relax and enjoy

Saturday - Crew races and Boat Parade

Note: Cut closes at 9:40am to all boat traffic so get friends and family on board early!

Departure - Is on your own schedule after cut is back open Saturday.

Please make sure the crews on each side of you are aware of your anticipated departure time.



*Remember provisions for your crew, family and friends
or enjoy what Seattle has to offer. There is also a small store within walking distance.*

Event calendar: <https://www.seattleyachtclub.org/web/pages/opening-day>



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 Breaker Chowder 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 24-26	Poulsbo Marina & Sons of Norway Lodge	Business Meeting Cruise	Gary & Betty Greene
April 29 May 3	Montlake Cut	Opening Day	Jim Wagenblast Lori Booth
May 22-25	Port of Everett	Memorial Day Cruise	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 Marina	Colors Cruise	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 Cruise	Will & Karla Cain
Nov 7	TBA	Change of Bridge	Orit & Matt Hickman
Nov 26-29	Des Moines Marina	Thanksgiving Cruise	Glen & Liz Dodge
Dec 11-13	Kingston Marina	Christmas Lights Cruise	Tom & Chris Miner
Dec 31—Jan 2	TBD	New Year's Cruise	Need Cruise Capt.

Upcoming Cruises



Annual Business Meeting
Port of Poulsbo
April 24-26



Opening Day Cruise
Mountlake Cut
April 29-May 3



Memorial Day Cruise
Port of Everett
May 22-25



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