



# The Compass Rose

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# A Note From Our Commodore

Hello BYC-

Welcome to a new season of boating in the PNW. Your 2018 Bridge is at work executing against the cruise schedule that already has included Kingston, Bremerton and this past week end in South Sound at Dock Street Marina. A big thank you to Pete and Judy Naclerio for being fabulous hosts. BYC spirit was on display as were 13 of our boats and fellow members along with a beautiful display by Mother Nature for our return to our respective home moorage locations. Fleet Captain Sandy Dupleich and Will brought back Portofino to a new moorage at Elliott Bay Marina joining a growing list of BYC members who have decided to move on to the salt water. I look forward to many sunset cocktail cruises as well as crabbing with our many members now at EBM.

Our first Dock Party of the new season, hosted by the BYC Bridge, is coming up on Friday April 6<sup>th</sup> at Newport Yacht Basin. Our 2018 Vice Commodore, Jim Hess is working behind the scenes to ensure our facilities and supplies are ready to go. A flyer and email were sent last week with our opening theme and how you can help make the event memorable. For Mary and me, BYC is all about making great memories and friends through the club. This coming July marks our 12<sup>th</sup> year with BYC and we expect to be here for 12 more!

Mark Rinker, our 2018 Rear Commodore, has also been doing the work of the position including the creation and sending of Reciprocal Moorage letters to each of the

yacht clubs where we enjoy reciprocal mooring and clubhouse privileges. The Rear Commodore is primarily responsible for our membership as well as growing BYC. I am also happy to report that Matt and Katie Zamejtis-Brown, their daughter Madison and son Owen, after joining us as guests at Dock Street this past week end have decided to join the Club. Please see Mark's section for additional information on what has been happening with our membership and his ideas and plans to grow the Club.

Our two remaining Bridge positions are holdovers from the 2017 Bridge. I want to thank both Travis Hover, Secretary and Marti Rinker, Treasurer for remaining in service to the Club for the 2018 season.

At our first 2018 Bridge meeting we addressed the need for a BYC business meeting. The Bridge decided that the Club is running smoothly, and we did not have any pressing issues that required a vote by the Membership. Instead the Bridge collectively decided to forgo a formal meeting and to just distribute our 2018 operating plan and budget by mid-April. Should any member wish to discuss this decision or if you have an issue that you think should be decided by either the Bridge or the Membership more broadly, please let me know.

Mary and I look forward to representing BYC at the SYC Opening Day breakfast and Commissioning ceremony during Opening Day week end. Last time I looked we had 7 boats already registered for the Log Boom. Based on conversations at Dock Street, I know there will be many more members



Upcoming cruise events include Blake Island (April 20-22) and LaConner (May 18-20) – the first an annual favorite, and the second a first time ever destination for the Club. Look for more information on these upcoming events in the weeks ahead and in Sandy's report.

See you on the water.

*Joe*



## A Note From Our Vice Commodore

Hello Fellow Boaters-

Spring has sprung and the Bellevue Yacht Club certainly took advantage of the weather as evidenced by the great participation at our March 23rd cruise to the Dock Street Marina in Tacoma. For those of you who have never been to this marina, you will find it to be a very modern facility with friendly personnel. They even delivered a Sunday newspaper which was a nice touch. There is no shortage of attractions and restaurants (and pubs) within easy walking distance. What I was not counting on, however, was to go home Sunday afternoon with the "Pink Fender" displayed upon the rail of the "Riches to Rags". Tom and Liz were anxious to unload the lady from the "Dog House", so when they heard from my cruising buddy Bob (Bonni had the flu)

that I had sort of accidentally fallen into my boat Friday night with a well coordinated tuck and roll, they took this opportunity to unload her onto me, with ceremony, at the Saturday evening barbecue feed. Knowing that no matter how hard I protested, I was not going to weasel out of accepting the prize, even though in my mind the fall was not a worthy enough event, I decided to tell a story which WAS worthy of receiving the lady that until now I had shared with no one. When I first purchased my Uniflite about 4 years ago, I did what all new boat owners do, I went about fixing as many things on her as I could find. One irritant the previous owner had told me about was that the shower bilge reservoir was on a slope so that the pump did not fully extract all of the soapy shower water. I looked over the situation and (too quickly in hind sight) figured out an easy solution. I would simply drill a 1/4 inch hole from the higher shower reservoir into the main bilge reservoir below so that whatever soapy water did not get pumped out would simply flow into the main bilge which pumps out automatically from time to time due to small leaks around the rudder assemblies. In my brilliant mind I even figured a little soapy water would be good to have in the main bilge! When I drilled the hole, I was rather impressed as to how thick the bottom of the shower reservoir was, but after all, she was a Uniflite. When I completed the drilling, I was curious as to why water was squirting up about 6 inches out of the hole that I had drilled into the lower



bilge. When I noticed daylight in the hole, it instantly occurred to me that I had not drilled a hole into the main bilge, but had stupidly, stupidly, stupidly, drilled a hole through the hull of my own boat! I quickly temporarily plugged the hole with a 1/4 wooden dowel and decided then and there that no one needed to know what I had done.....until now. Mark Rinker of course had to rub sand in my wounded pride and ask me if I then drilled another hole in the hull to drain out the new water. Look out people, I will be closely watching for a new deserving recipient for the Pink Fender!

On a more positive note, our first dock party of the year is April 6th at the Newport Yacht Basin Association dinghy dock at 6PM. A flyer has been posted to our website with details. The theme for the party, which will be hosted by your bridge officers, is "Potato Extravaganza! Bonni and I recently had the pleasure of tasting Commodore Joe Filoseta's grilled potato recipe and thence the theme for our first dock party was quickly determined! Details on what attendees are to bring to the party are in the flyer. Please do not forget to register on the website so that we can plan accordingly. I will be contacting some of you individually to help fill in the blanks for hosting future dock parties. For those of you that are new to BYC, the first Friday of the month is designated for a dock party unless otherwise noted.

Happy Boating!

*Jim*



## A Note From Our Rear Commodore

Hello BYC'rs-

I am happy to be a part of the 2018 Bridge. My goals are simple; to maintain and to grow our membership, with input and a little help from each of you. Many years ago, I joined a social fraternity that used some basic recruiting techniques to keep our membership growing. In short, the idea was simple: Every man, recruit a man. It was culture and expected to be a member in good standing. Some people were naturally better at it than others, but the fact that everyone TRIED to open the door to a new member made the whole group more approachable, and as a result it was the largest international fraternity in both locations and membership. Simple idea, very effective.

When applied to the BYC, the criteria is similar. It doesn't matter what kind of boat you have, if you are young, old, an old salt or a newbie, BYC is a friendly cruising oriented social club that wants you to join us for the pure fun of boating and friendship. Everyone knows someone else that is into boating. Maybe they think that "Yacht Clubs" are stuffy organizations that don't apply to average Joe boaters. Take a moment to tell them about how belonging to BYC has enhanced your experiences on the water and ask them to join us for a cruise or a dock party. ***Its that simple.***

Aside from making sure they know the details of Who What Where and When - there isn't anything to 'sell' other than yourself and your experiences. Send them a link to our

calendar of events and ask them to pick one, then make a point to coordinate and help them attend. I did this last week and we have a new family joining BYC as a result. Welcome to Matt and Katie Zamejtis-Brown, their daughter Madison and son Owen. Easy peezy lemon squeezy once they met all the great folks at our Tacoma cruise!

Also I'd like to encourage everyone to support our current members by reaching out to each other, posting to our Facebook page, planning in advance for event attendance, etc. A little coordination from everyone to make sure everyone is included goes a long ways to a vibrant club. I think we are off to an excellent start for 2018...lets build the momentum by each person doing a little something to add to our course and speed. Its always great to see BYC'rs hanging out on vacation, at boat shows, or headed off on cruises after our weekends are done.

I am open to any other ideas for recruitment or retention of current members that you may have. Feel free to email me at [markrinker1963@gmail.com](mailto:markrinker1963@gmail.com) or chat me up at the next cruise.

Regards,

*Mark*



## A Note From Our Fleet Captian

Hello BYC-

What a great start to the 2018 cruising season! We had 7 boats signed up for our Kingston cruise in **January** with our annual chili cook-off as the highlight of the weekend (I think I'm still full from all of the great chili!). We also got to find out which of our members was more artistically talented when we played a rousing game of Pictionary. Try asking Mark Rinker what this is a drawing of:



**February** brought an unusually sunny weekend in Bremerton. It was a small turnout but a very fun and relaxing weekend. We also welcomed new members Nick and Katherina Denissen to the club. Nick and Katherina are fairly new to boating but not new to adventures on the water. They've already ventured up to the Canadian Gulf islands and the San Juans in the short time they've owned their Sea Ray. They attended our March Cruise to Tacoma so please make sure to introduce yourself and welcome them to BYC at an upcoming cruise!

We returned to Tacoma and the Dock Street Marina in **March** after a long hiatus. We had a record number of

boats registered – 14 members and one prospective member. *15 boats* in March!! It seems that the club is anxious to get out on the water.



We have a great cruise schedule for this year. We're returning to some favorite marinas such as Blake Island, Port Ludlow and Roche Harbor and we're also trying out some new locations such as La Conner, Anacortes and Liberty Bay for our first-ever salt-water wagon wheel.

If you enjoy cruising with your BYC friends and want to support the club, please consider signing up to host for an upcoming cruise. We are still seeking hosts for the following cruises:

Blake Island – April 20-22

La Conner – May 18-20

Thank you to those who have already signed up to host later this season!!

Looking forward to seeing our friends out on the water.

*Sandy*



## An Update From Our Treasurer

Fellow Boaters-

I wanted to take a moment to update the club on our budget status for 2017 and outlook for 2018. At the beginning of 2017, BYC negotiated a Moorage Credit System with the Port of Kingston (POK) in exchange for the dedicated side tie as the POK was in the process of raising our moorage rates substantially. The newly negotiated contract decreased our previous annual spend by \$4,620. We are happy to report that we operated within our 2017 budget and carried a surplus into 2018.

*Marti*

**Amazon Update**  
\$\$\$ Earned Year-to-Date  
**\$86.38**

# Club Happenings



Event	Date	Host
Potato Extravaganza Dock Party	April 6th	Bridge
Blake Island	April 20th-22nd	<b><u>NEED HOST</u></b>
Opening Day	May 5th	--
La Conner	July 21st-23rd	<b><u>NEED HOST</u></b>
Sausage Fest Dock Party	June 1st	Filoseta / DeYoung

## Current Fuel Prices (as of 4/1)



Location	Diesel	Fuel
Des Moines	\$2.70	\$3.40
Edmonds	\$3.35	\$3.96
Kingston	\$2.90	\$3.65
Morrison's	\$3.79	\$4.59
Seattle Boat Co	\$3.59	\$4.49



# 2018 BYC Bridge



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Next Cruise is Blake Island April 20th-22nd!  
See you all there!!