

RHYC

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Cruise Report - Sweetheart Cruise

The second event of 2018 was the Sweetheart Fiesta held on Sunday February 18th at the Portsmouth Condominium Club Room in Kirkland with a great view of Lake Washington. We had a great day with quite the variety of weather – some snow, some hail, some sun, and lots and lots of wind! A huge thank you to all of you who attended!

Attending the event were: Liz & Glen Dodge, Paula & Jerry Baruffi, Fred & Diana Power, Sandy & Chris Benson, Chris & Tom Miner, Angie & Jeff Kroeller, Bob Buckley, Kelley & Jerry Burch, Sally & Larry Cronin, Sandy & Steve Driscoll, Betty & Gary Greene, Orit & Matt & Emerson Hickman, Peggy & Kent McKellar, Kathy & Jerry Norman, Melanie & Jonathan Ross, Denise & David Senor, Ann & Craig Wilbour, Judith Maier & Tom Wie, Victoria Adams & Tom McCrea, and Holly Palmer & Jon Edwards.

The number of “boats” on their qualifying cruise almost outnumbered (score 8:12) the already active members! It was great meeting all these new people and introducing them to our club. People mingled and visited while enjoying a Mexican buffet where each person could make their own version of a taco, burrito bowl, nachos, or whatever they could come up with from beef, shredded chicken, cilantro lime rice, black beans, refried beans, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, sour cream, guacamole, salsa & hot sauces, a variety of types and sizes of tortillas, and corn chips. Dessert was a skewer of strawberries, marshmallow and brownie bite with dark chocolate swirled over. Beverages of strawberry or regular margaritas, strawberry lemonade, beer and water were on hand throughout.

A roaring game of bingo was then enjoyed with the winners being: Angie Kroeller for the single bingo, Gary Greene for the double bingo, and Bob Buckley for the picture frame game. All were rewarded with small amazon gift cards. There was also a guessing game for how much candy was in the candy jar – with three people tying for the closest number – so we had to have a final draw by the commodore of those three names and the lucky winner of the candy and a small gift card was Tom Wie! Everyone seemed ready to be done with the winter weather and get back to boating. The next cruise is the St. Patrick’s Cruise in Des Moines on the weekend of March 16th-18th.

Holly Palmer & Jon Edwards





Commodore's Report

Holly and I just had the pleasure of hosting the Sweetheart Lunch cruise in Kirkland. One of the things that made this cruise special, was that it served as the qualifying cruise for eight new applicants/couples that joined RHYC at or right before the Settle boat show. The attendance was a 60/40 mix of experienced members to new applicants. The clubroom served as a great venue for meeting and talking with these new potential members as well as catching up with old RHYC friends. While not all the new applicants were able to attend this event, I would very much like to offer a hearty welcome to all our new applicants for 2018 and hope that we can meet you soon on an upcoming cruise to start the next step in your membership. As an aside, I would again like to thank this year's boat show volunteers for their time investment that helped lead to this influx of new members.

As we start our boating season with our next cruise to Des Moines in March, I would like to remind our members, and especially our new members, about the availability of RHYC branded clothing from Captain T's. To get an idea on what is available and the RHYC logo choices, please check out the 'Ships Store' menu item on our website. To please an order, simply call Captains T's at 360.452.6549 and let them know what combination of clothing and logo you would like.

On a completely different subject, the Board is continuing to look at ways to improve our website and other solutions to provide better information to our members. To assist the board in this effort, we are looking for volunteers for a special committee to review, propose, implement and provide support for new information solutions for the benefit of our membership. The committee will report to the board for approval and funding. If you feel that you could add value to this committee, I would like to ask you to send an email to commo-dore@rhy.org to get involved. We greatly need member's participation in making any effort a success, so please volunteer a little of your time to help this team.

We can't wait to attend our first club cruise by boat in 2018. We are looking forward to seeing everyone on the dock in Des Moines!

Respectfully submitted,
Jon Edwards





Vice Commodore's Report

We did great this year with renewals and recruiting new members. We lost a number of members this year due to members aging out of boating, selling their boat or moving out of the area. Only a couple dropped because they were not using their membership and only one because of the dues increase.

We need members and so I urge you to recruit at your marinas or while dockside on one of your adventures. Carry some brochures and see if your marina will allow you to leave some on the front desk and at your boatyard where people have to bring their boats for service. Wear your RHYC shirts and hats and advertise. You can go onto the website into our on line store and order anything in the catalog and have our logo added to it. Jackets, hats and shirts.

Our website is only as good as the information in it. I encourage you go into the website and check out what we have on file for you. You can add a lot of information in including photos of you and or your boat for the roster. If nothing else, please ensure the emails we have for you are current and the phones are the ones you are going to answer. We found a number of people who did not get the renewal notices because they were going to just one of you and that one of you did not read or deleted the emails and did not tell the check writer about the dues being due. Make sure the email on record is the one that you want RHYC news and information to come to.

I have new burgees and we will have the new rosters printed and out by the business meeting.

I still have not found anyone willing to step up and join the bridge as our Fleet Captain for 2019. Glen is doing a great job of greasing the skids for next year so your job would be to find cruise teams and make sure our cruises in 2019 are as fun as they can be. It's a good job, I did it twice and so has Glen. You want to get to know people in the club and have a say in how the club works, step up and help me make 2019 the best it can be.

We have one new applicant that signed up during the boat show. Per our bylaws they are now published below.

Tom Miner
Vice Commodore

New Members

No new members to report

New Applicants

Jon and Karlynn Elliott
Boat: 2014, 26' Cobalt, Boat Name: Grateful
Home Port: Seattle



Rear Commodore's Report

Hello RHYC! Hope everyone is gearing up for this upcoming cruising season. A couple of reminders. We are finalizing our contract with the Port of Kingston for this upcoming season. Our official season with them starts May 1st and goes through September 30th. If you come into the Port of Kingston any time outside of these dates, you must contact the Port directly so that they may direct you to an available slip or to our outstation, if it is open. It is CRUCIAL that you remember to sign in to our sign in books at ALL of our outstations. The club has no other way to keep track of membership use.

A member asked me a really important question that I believe bears answering to the entire membership. He asked me why the club went to a seasonal agreement with the Port of Kingston? He was concerned because the membership voted to have a dues increase at this past Change of Bridge so why can't the outstation be covered with the dues increase. The reason for a dues increase has been discussed prior to this AW but as a reminder, the club's expenses have continued to increase in the past few years AND there has been a significant drop in membership numbers since the economic downturn. The club only makes money through dues and we can only make our budget if we have enough members to pay them. That being said, at least one year ago the Port of Kingston approached us with a significant increase in the cost of our outstation. We did not want to lose the outstation altogether but the club could not afford to pay the monthly increase so we struck a deal with Kingston—we pay for and keep the outstation during the cruising season and they bill us for usage by our members during the off season. At the heart of this, there are two important issues—we need enough members paying dues to cover our costs AND we need members to make sure they are accounting for their outstation usage by signing into our log in books.

Over time the marinas are going to increase how much they charge us for the outstations we occupy. Their costs go up over time, so they have to account for that. As a club we have to be able to monitor outstation usage so that we can justify the expenses. Please feel free to contact me directly at rearcommodore@rhyc.org with any and all questions and concerns. See you on the water!

Orit Hickman
Rear Commodore





Treasurer's Report

It was great to see old friends and new applicants at the Sweetheart cruise in Kirkland. A big shout out goes to Jon Edwards and Holly Palmer for organizing such a fun event. The tacos were delicious as was the strawberry dessert.

The boat show was a tremendous success for RHYC. Thanks to Larry Cronin for organizing the many wonderful volunteers who worked the booth. We were able to sign up fifteen new applicants – eight of whom went to the Sweetheart cruise as their qualifying cruise. The club is in good financial shape. Even with the loss of some members during the renewal process, our new applicants and the dues increase are leading me to project, we will end the year with a slight profit. I'd be happy to share the financial statements. If you would like me to email them to you just let me know.

I can't wait for the on the water cruising to begin. Our cruises are so much fun and what could be more fun than cruising with other RHYC members. Hope to see you on the water.

Sincerely,

Sally Cronin
Treasurer





Fleet Captain's Report

Our second cruise of the year is in the books, The Sweethearts got together and decided that a perfect land cruise was the solution to the alternative of the 45 knot winds that showed up on cruise day. From the Portsmouth Club room windows we could see the whitecaps on the lake that made us happy to be warm and dry with good friends. The Sweetheart Cruise was a great success and allowed Margarita conversations in small and large groups. Your Cruise team, Holly and Jon, provided a full burrito bar followed by guessing games and some techno marvel initiated numerical paper marking with prizes. Please help me thank Holly Palmer and Jon Edwards for their efforts and read their full report for the attendees list.

Our next Cruise has its sights set on the Des Moines Marina on March 16 to 18th and this time we hope you don't forget your boat. Chris and Sandy Benson along with their cruise team have made plans to entertain and feed us. I'm not quite sure but I think Chris put the 70 lbs. of Corned Beef in the slow cooker last week when he got home from the Sweetheart Cruise. The Marina has a tight pattern, so we need your signup as soon as possible so the boat positions can be plotted to maximize attendance. While we met 8 of our new applicants at the last cruise we hope to meet more on this one. For those not sure if their vessel is ready we want you to join us also, come for the day, come for the weekend by using local hotels or conning your friends into a berth. The heated dock tent will keep us all comfortable while we enjoy ourselves. I know I repeat myself, but the fuel prices can't be beat.

My final Cruise suggestion for this edition is to invite you to the April Business Meeting Cruise in Poulsbo on the April 14th weekend. The Nelson Clan has volunteered to put on the show and has assured us that Poulsbo will receive us with open arms. We have reserved rooms at the dock and at the Sons of Norway Lodge to protect us if the weather isn't as perfect as I predict. Along with food and good times, there are a couple of events planned:
-Harry Johnson has offered to bring a team to do 2018 vessel checks for those that will pre-register with him. You may have already seen an email with instructions for contacting Harry, or try formrtiger@msn.com to do it now.
-The Nobletech rep is scheduled to give a talk about their navigation software and who knows what else.

Sign up on the website for either or both of these cruises or give me a call if you need help Now a request for help. Our July 4th fireworks cruise to Poulsbo still needs a leader to volunteer to coordinate the fun. The target is to tie all of the boats up together in the Bay by the formation of a wagon wheel or the equally effective Figure 11. I will provide you with instructions on the format and let you make your plans to entertain the group. This year the fireworks which are actually on the 3rd, fall on a Tuesday which creates an extra long weekend but by breaking up on the morning of the 4th you can be back in your slip or in front of another community for a second set of fireworks. Please call or email me to let me know your interest.

Glen Dodge,
RHYC Fleet Captain



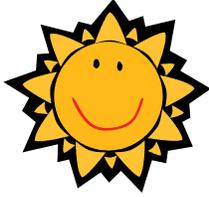
Past Commodore's Report

After two long years of my being a boat mechanic, boat repair of just about anything that came up the Last Mango is finally sold. I've cried so many tears because I will no longer be able to take the Mango to our cruises or just being on the water. We will continue to try to make to the cruises when the locations are such that John can make the walk from car to meeting place.

We haven't been able to make it to the Ice Breaker or Sweethearts cruise, but we will be in Des Moines for the St Patty's day cruise!
I've missed you all and can't wait to see you in March!

Lynn Sipkens
Past Commodore





Sunshine Report

Hi, my name is Linda Jung and I am your Sunshine Reporter this year. I hope that 2018 is treating you well! There are some members who need our prayers and support. I heard from many of you at the January Brunch, how lucky we are to have a club like ours with so many caring folks. I know that many of you attended Mary Mehlum's service on Jan. 13th, and it was beautiful in many ways. Please keep David and his family in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

It was great to see Don Whatmore at the Ice Breaker Brunch! Thanks Glen and Liz Dodge for your efforts to get Don to join in the fun and great food. It looked like he had a good time seeing everyone as well. Hope to see more of you Don!

Sally Cronin informed me that Larry's Dad passed away in December and the celebration of life was in late January. God Bless and please pass along your good thoughts to Larry. Little Evie Nelson who joined Tyler and Amanda Nelson's family in November is almost 3 months old now....can't wait to meet her on the dock soon!

Emerson Hickman, Matt and Orit's son, celebrated his Bar Mitzvah in November and rumor has it that he was quite the rock star. I hope that you all will congratulate Emerson on his big accomplishment when you see him on the docks! Congrats Emerson!

Gary and Lenore Timm welcomed a new member to their family at Christmastime....a new puppy named Ms. Charlie. Cutest puppy ever and I hear she is ready for cruising and fishing!

Just a quick update on Nat Collier's fight with prostate cancer. Bottom line: he's doing amazingly well for someone with metastatic prostate cancer and lesions throughout his bones. Nat and Linda made 4 trips to Germany since August for Lutetium radiation infusions. This treatment is in the clinical trial phase in the US, but according to the German doc, the US is in the dark ages when it comes to nuclear medicine. Just last week Nat went again, this time being told he was to get an even more effective but risky radiation infusion using an Alpha particle. But the drug, manufactured in Tennessee, missed the plane! So he was given the Lutetium treatment to hold him steady until mid-May. So frustrating when terminally ill patients cannot get proven medicine in the US! Only 70 men in the world have received the Alpha particle; but it has proven effective in actually reducing metastatic prostate cancerous lesions. Nat fights pain and weakness...he needs regular red blood cell transfusions because the radiation also interferes with bone marrow...but the Colliers remain confident. They look forward to seeing many of you on the water this spring and summer. Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers. They mean the world to them!

Please let me know of members who would like to share what is going on in their lives. I love to celebrate birthdays too so if you want it posted, let me know. You can contact me through my email at linda.jung814@gmail.com or call me at 858-449-4407 or a visit to Spirit Bear on the dock.

Your Sunshine Reporter,
Linda Jung

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, GlenDodge at fleetcaptain@rhyc.org

Date	Destination	Activity	Cruise Captains
Dec 29 - Jan 1	Bremerton Marina	New Years Cruise	Robin Haley and Mike Goodman
Jan ?	Red Cedar and Sage	Ice Breaker Brunch	David & Janel Silver
18-Feb	Kirkland	Sweetheart Brunch	Jon Edwards & Holly Palmer
Mar 16- 18	Des Moines Marina	St. Patrick's Cruise	Chris and Sandy Benson
April 13 - 15	Poulsbo	RHYC Business Meeting	Steve, Michelle, Tyler, Amanda, Josh - Nelson
May 2 - 6	Montlake Cut	Opening Day	Phil & Anne Marie Runeirt
May 25 - 28	Point Hudson	Memorial Day Cruise	Pete & Linda Jung
June 17 - 19	Port Ludlow	Fathers Day Cruise	Matt & Orit Hickman
July 1-4	Liberty Bay	3rd of July Cruise	Need Cruise Captains
TBD	TBD	On The Move Cruise before or after Colors	Need Cruise Captains
Aug 3 - 5	Roche Harbor Marina	Colors Cruise	Jon & Sonja Sackett
Aug 31 - Sept 3	Penrose Point State Park Wagon Wheel	Labor Day Cruise	Phil & Deb Freund
Oct 5 - 7	Dock Street, Tacoma	Columbus Day Cruise	Steve & Kim Oberto
3-Nov	TBD	Change of Bridge	Jon Edwards & Holly Palmer
Nov 21 - 25	TBD	Thanksgiving Cruise	Glen and Liz Dodge
Dec 29 - Jan 1 2019	TBD	New Years Cruise	TBD

St. Patrick's Cruise 2018
Des Moines Marina March 16-18
Cruise Captains: Chris & Sandy Benson

SCHEDULE

Friday	6:00pm	Arrival and Potluck (In warm outside tent area)
Saturday	9:30am	Breakfast
		Rest of day is free time, lunch on your own and catching up with friends.
	6:00pm	Irish Dinner with Corn Beef & Cabbage, Shepherds Pie and all the trimmings.
Sunday	9:30am	Breakfast
		Departure on your own schedule

Cruise Fee: \$30 per person (children under 12 \$10)

Sign up by March 2nd online or send check to:

RHYC c/o Sandy Benson

24204 13th Place So.

Des Moines, WA 98198

Questions or information call 206-595-8728

Moorage slips have been reserved and you will be assigned a slip. On approach to harbor call channel 68 for slip assignment

Annual
St. Patrick's Drink Contest
Matt & Orit Hickman

