

RHYC

anchor watch



Cruise Report – Ice Breaker Cruise

The first cruise of the 2015 year was held at CI Shenanigans in Tacoma on Sunday, January 11th. There was no ice in sight but there was plenty of fog. Inside was nice and warm and we had a private room upstairs.

Attending were Nat and Linda Collier, Larry and Sally Cronin, Kelli Conley, Glen Dodge, Jon Edwards and Holly Palmer, Bill Foulk, Jack and Terese Gordon, Peter and Linda Jung, Al and Tara Mannhalter, Bob and Verna Maruska, Dave and Mary Mehlum, Ralph Newell, Robert and Shirley Patterson, Frank Sherwood, John and Lynn Sipkens, Lois Timmons and Rick Werth.

After mingling and have drinks upstairs, we went downstairs and had an amazing brunch. Everything from omelets to crepes to seafood to lunch fare. It was nice to catch up with everyone and we look forward to the Sweetheart Cruise brunch.







New Year's Eve Winter Wonderland Ball

The New Year's Eve Winter Wonderland Ball with the Everett Yacht Club was a great way to ring in 2015. This year's decorations transformed the room into a perfect Winter Wonderland.

The food was delicious, starting with the Crostini with Lobster spread, bacon wrapped scallops, and Veggie spring ball appetizers. Your choice of Caesar or Spinach salad served at your table. Buffet style Prime Rib or Lemon Salmon with Rosemary roasted Red Potatoes, Tomato Vodka Tortellini, Roasted House Blend Vegetables, and assorted rolls. Dessert choices were Marion berry Cobbler and Chocolate Mousse, again, served at your table. The whole meal was catered by the Cabbage Patch Restaurant in Snohomish, if you get a chance stop in and check them out, you won't be sorry. A no host bar along with live music and dancing with Big Dog Revue were followed by silly party hats and noise makers for the midnight champagne toast.

Roche Harbor Yacht Club was a small but mighty group and as always Everett Yacht Club was a gracious host, we always felt welcome. Members attending, Richard & Sharla Freese and Commodore Bob & Verna Maruska.

Richard & Sharla Freese – cruise captains





C ommodore's Report

Verna and I started off the New Year attending the Everett Yacht Club's celebration event representing RHYC. It was an excellent event with a delicious dinner topped off by a very talented band. Richard and Sharla Freese joined us as RHYC Cruise Captains. We have attended this event in the past and I can say that this one had the best food and band of them all. It was a special evening enjoyed by all.

The Ice Breaker cruise at C.I. Shenanigans in Tacoma was well attended and it was good to see long time and new members in attendance. Special thanks to Sally and Larry Cronin for volunteering to be Cruise Captains for this event. They did an excellent job with the change in venue and setting everything in place in a short period of time. The food was excellent as usual and the social time spent catching up with our RHYC friends was great. Mary Mehlum set up the ship's store and presented us with an opportunity to look at some new RHYC apparel items and custom embroidery for them. It's not too early to start thinking about those things that you may need for the cruising season so please contact Mary or Tara Exe to place an order through the ship's store.

Our next cruise event, the Sweetheart Brunch is coming up fast on February 16th. We have decided to make a change in the venue to try to reduce the cost for attending members and to secure a private room for our activities. Please see the Fleet Captain's report and flyer for the latest details. Thanks to our Fleet Captain, Jon Edwards, for responding to input from members about cruise events. The 2015 Cruise Schedule has been updated and is included in this Anchor Watch. We still have some excellent opportunities for members to serve as Cruise Captains so please contact Jon to volunteer.

January 31st is the deadline for the club to receive your 2015 membership dues and avoid a late fee. The club membership approved a bylaws change in 2014 for assessment of a late fee for dues received after January 31st. Our membership dues are used primarily to pay for our outstations and we want to ensure that club members continue to enjoy the benefits of our four outstations. I encourage everyone to send in their 2015 dues early as it helps the Bridge develop our budget for the year.

We still have a need for new members to fill out our membership roster. I also encourage everyone to talk with your boating friends and dock mates about the great group at RHYC and consider applying for membership in the club. There is currently no waiting list for applicants and by applying early they will be able to enjoy a full cruising season of club benefits. RHYC is the premier cruising club in Puget Sound with many fun land and water based events.

As I write this report, I am still recovering from the incredible Seahawks come back. Allot to be said about believing in each other and the strength of a team not to mention a bit of luck and blessings from above. Now it is on to the Super Bowl for another amazing game. Whether you are a fan or not it is wonderful to see the support and enthusiasm throughout the Northwest. GO HAWKS!

In closing, I hope you will have some time to attend the Seattle Boat Show to find some of those boating gadgets (or a new boat) that you didn't know you needed but now can't live without. This is also an opportunity to get together with some RHYC friends and make the show a fun event. We hope to see you there.

I look forward to seeing all of you soon and best wishes for 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Maruska
Commodore



Vice Commodore Report

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season and are ready to enjoy a fun filled 2015 with our Yachting Friends at RHYC. Just as a reminder, what I like to call 2nd Christmas, the Seattle Boat Show is coming up and Amy and I look forward to seeing those that will be attending at the show. I'm always amazed at how many people we run into at the show from both Oregon and Washington that we haven't seen in years. It's almost like a giant homecoming. With the holidays now behind us, it's time to look forward to the New Year and to participate in the many club sponsored events.

The Ice Breaker cruise was a great success at Shenanigans. For those that were not able to attend, the venue is exceptional and the food was delicious. Many thanks to our cruise captains Larry and Sally Cronin for putting together this fantastic event. GREAT JOB !!!!! I want to take this opportunity to share with you the year end 2014 results for our club membership:

Active	126
Senior	19
Associate	17
<u>Honorary</u>	<u>8</u>
Total	171

As of January 13, 38 members have not submitted their renewal dues. I have sent e-mail to those we are showing as not paid as a reminder and also to ensure that if payment had been made, it was properly credited towards their membership dues. The board has implemented a \$50.00 late charge for any dues payment that is received after 1/31/15, so if there is any doubt of your payment being received, please let us know prior to the end of January.

We have one published applicant family, Bryan & Cheryl Stone who just need to make their qualifying cruise to become full members of our club. Their next opportunity will be the sweethearts cruise scheduled for Feb. 15 at Ivar's on Lake Union. We hope to see many of you there to welcome our newest member family.

To that end, we need to redouble our efforts to go out and solicit new and prospective members to the BEST Club on Puget Sound. Please take every opportunity to let people know what a great group we are, how much fun we have and what we have to offer as a club. If you need any help with the application process, please don't hesitate to let me know. If you are a sponsor of a new applicant, it would be fine to advise me by e-mail so that when the application is submitted by mail, we can follow up on it as quickly as possible.

Thank you everyone for your continued participation and I'm looking forward to servicing as your Vice Commodore in 2015. See you in "the yard".

Frank Sherwood
Vice Commodore

New Members

None this time.

New Applicants

None at this time.

Odds and Ends

Nothing at this time.



Rear Commodore Report

While this supposed to be Ski Season, I am actually noticing that at 55 degrees and sunny we should all be thinking about our next boat trip. I have been receiving a steady flow of reciprocal yacht club renewal notifications which means they are ready to visit with you. Although I did not receive any notes last year I will ask again that anytime possible please send me a note after you have visited a club and tell me your thoughts of that visit. Also, a similar notes about your stays at our Outstations would be appreciated. If by some chance I am so inundated with emails I'll let you know.

I have been asked again whether we should consider pursuing a new agreement for reciprocity with the Poulsbo Yacht Club. I will admit to not have the previous pleasure of visiting their club in favor of better access to town from the city docks. Please send me a note with any thoughts.

The Boat Show! The Boat Show! The Boat Show starts on the 23rd

I had a great time seeing our friends at the Ice Breaker cruise in Tacoma and look forward to seeing you again for the Sweetheart Cruise to Kirkland on February 15th. As long as the WIND holds off it might be fun to actually arrive by BOAT.

Glen Dodge
Rear Commodore



Treasurer's Report

No Report



Secretary Report

It was great seeing the folks that came to the Ice Breaker Cruise at Shenanigans in Tacoma. We only have a couple of months we don't cruise but it seems like forever when we don't.

John and I are supposed to be with our friends/RHYC members that go to Arizona every year but instead we have bought a house right here in Washington State. It's hard to believe after having lived on board for 10 years. Our lives have been wonderful living on the but are realizing as we get older it gets colder during the winter! Huh, go figure. So deciding we could not completely give up the water we bought a house on a lake. John is going to have to wait for a couple of months of heat to cruise by motor home until next winter. Poor guy, he's missing the sun.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the February Sweethearts Cruise and for our cruising season to begin. I would like to make a suggestion for those captaining cruises, grab new member couples and ask them to be a member of your team. This will show them how easy and fun it is to captain and cruise and hopefully encourage them to take one on.

Lynn Sipkens
Secretary



Fleet Captains Report

Welcome to the 2015 RHYC cruising season! The boat show is just around the corner and it is just the thing to get us all to catch that craving for being on the water. To satisfy this craving, we have a great series of cruises planned for this season with plenty of opportunities for you to volunteer to be cruise captains. The cruise schedule is now set and it is included in this newsletter so please review and transfer the dates to your personal calendars.

I would very much like to thank Larry and Sally Cronin for hosting our first event, the Ice Breaker brunch at CI Shenanigans. While it was a good event, we did receive feedback on the per person cost. Our next event will be the Sweetheart Lunch on Sunday Feb 15th. We are going to try something different in an effort to keep costs down and still have a great event. So we will move the event to a room in downtown Kirkland. It promises great views of lake Washington combined with a taco bar and strawberry margarita lunch. It will be a good opportunity to meet and talk with your RHYC friends in a private and warm room. You will also have the option of taking your boat to the Kirkland public marina on Saturday or Sunday. Holly and I will be your cruise hosts for this lunch. Please refer to the flyer in this anchor watch for more information and send your RSVP as soon as possible.

Our March cruise will be to Poulsbo on March 20th. As we currently do not have any cruise captains, we may need to make this a no host cruise. There is still time, so please consider volunteering to host for this fun location.

In April, we have our business meeting in the Everett marina and again, at the risk of sounding like a broken record, we need cruise captains.

Lastly, I would like to thank Debi and Phil Freund who have volunteered as cruise captains for the October cruise to Brownsville.

More information on upcoming cruises will follow in the next report and please remember that your club needs you!

Jon Edwards, Fleet Captain fleetcaptain@rhyc.org 425-241-6801



Past Commodore/Trustee

Happy New Year! This year promises to be another year full of fun and activities in the Roche Harbor Yacht Club. The club is in good hands with Commodore Bob Maruska at the helm. He has a great team assisting him this year.

I want to encourage you to participate in the cruises as you are able. We have many locations upcoming and the events are always fun. Also I hope you will step forward and participate as a cruise captain or part of a team. This will surely enhance your enjoyment of the club and allow you to better know your fellow members.

We wish you a successful 2015 and a safe year whether on the water or on land.

Respectfully,
Dave Mehlum
Past Commodore

Ship Store Report

No report

Sunshine Report

No report.

A SPECIAL REQUEST

Cinderella Ball

Date: Sunday, April 26th

Time: 1-4pm

Location: Tacoma Yacht Club

The Cinderella Ball is a formal ball that provides an opportunity for young women and men of special needs to experience a unique event of style and glamour. This is a co-sponsored event with Metro Parks Specialized and Adaptive Recreation. We are in need of clothing donations for young men and women from teen to adult. This would include gowns, cocktail dresses, bridesmaids' dresses, etc. for ladies and sports coats, tuxes, shirts, ties, slacks, etc. for men. If you may have anything that you may not have use for any longer or looking for a good use for these items, please contact us. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated!!

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Cordially invites you to the annual:

Sweetheart Lunch

In Downtown Kirkland

Sunday February 15th at 11:30 a.m.

Cruise Captains: Holly Palmer and Jon Edwards



Cost: \$20 per person

PORTSMITH CLUBROOM

108 2nd Avenue South
Kirkland, WA 98033

Featuring a panoramic view of Lake Washington

*Serving: Taco Del Mar-Taco Bar with Strawberry Margaritas,
Corona, Strawberry Lemonade and Sweetheart
Dessert*

Please R.S.V.P. ASAP (limited to the first 50) to:

hollyandjon@hotmail.com (we will collect at the door) or

Send a check to:

Jon Edwards
109 2nd St S, APT 435
Kirkland, WA 98033

We will email a map to the room in reply to your RSVP

Note: You can travel by boat and stay at the Kirkland public marina. First come first served. 30A Power is available. Club room is 2 blocks away.

THE BARKLEY BOOGIE

What the heck is that?

Well, it's an unofficial RHYC cruise around the southwest end of Vancouver Island northbound to Barkley Sound and beyond.

When are the Loonie-Toons doing THAT trip?

Dunno. Still too early to tell. Earliest seems to be right after Memorial Day. Latest seems to be sometime in late July or early August.

When are the Toons coming home?

Dunno that either. Minimum time for such a venture is around two (2) to three (3) weeks. Maximum duration can be as long as you can get away with. Heck, I may never come home!

Who's going?

Anybody that qualifies as a Toon, with or without a boat that floats. Some under power, some praying for wind so they can sail. That pretty much means anybody that wants to come along! There are plans afloat for some of us to head north around with the big boats (berths available), some to drive over the top of Vancouver Island (seats available), some towing small fishing boats, and all to meet up with the afloat group on the west side.

Who's leading this goat-rope?

Nobody. This is very definitely a do-it-yourself trip. However, Pete Jung (**Head Toon**) has volunteered to get the ball rolling regarding who wants to go, where they want to visit, when they want to leave and return, etc. Please email Pete (linda.jung813@gmail.com) or call (425-377-6392) if you're interested in being added to the BARKLEY BOOGIE email list for further information.

Why would one go west-around Vancouver Island?

Because we can! The longest open water passage is approximately 90nm from Victoria to Ucluelet. From there on, it's protected, flat water similar to the Inside Passage to AK. Once around, that puts you into Barkley Sound, with at least a bozillion islands to explore, and easy access for shore-side passengers and accommodations at Ucluelet. Sights to see in Barkley Sound include the Steam Train out of Port Alberni up to a steam powered sawmill in the mountains. The Broken Islands. Salmon. Halibut.

Where else will the Boogie go?

Anywhere it pleases! Tofino, Clayoquot Sound, Hot Springs Cove, Nootka Sound, etc. You tell me!

Where will the land-based group settle?

Again, anywhere they want too! There are plenty of B&Bs near Ucluelet and Tofino, lots of motels, some fancy-pants homes for rent, whatever. Once we settle on a schedule and itinerary, everybody's on their own for reservations.

Be there or be square! Should I warn the Canadians?

Pete



ROCHE HARBOR YACHT CLUB

2015 SCHEDULE

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 take a look at the schedule and see where you can help out!

Contact Fleet Captain, Jon Edwards at 425-241-6801 or email at fleetcaptain@rhyc.org.



Date	Location	Activity	Cruise Teams
Dec 31-Jan 1	Everett Yacht Club	New Year's Eve Party	**Unofficial do-it-yourself cruise. **Unofficial Cruise Captain: Richard Freese
Jan 11	Shenanigans, Tacoma	Icebreaker Brunch	Cruise Captains - Sally and Larry Cronin
Feb 15	Downtown Kirkland	Sweetheart Lunch	Cruise Captains - Holly Palmer and Jon Edwards
Mar 20-22	Poulsbo Marina	St. Patrick's Cruise	Need Cruise Captain and Cruise Team
April 10-11	Dockstreet, Tacoma	Dafodil Festival	**Unofficial Cruise Captains: Fran and Jeff Sharp
April 17-19	12 St (North) Marina, Everett	Business Meeting	Need Cruise Captain and Cruise Team
May 1-4	Montlake Cut	Opening Day	Need Cruise Captain to anchor the raft in the Cut
May 22-25	Port Hudson Marina, Port Townsend	Memorial Day Cruise	Need Cruise Captain and Cruise Team
June 20-23	Port Ludlow	Father's Day Cruise	Need Cruise Captain and Cruise Team.
TBD	TBD	On-The-Move	**Unofficial do-it-yourself cruise. Need Cruise Captain to some organize venue, dates. Dates can change to accommodate the Captain's desires and venue. Before/after Colors is fine, or be totally different time of year.
July 2-4	Liberty Bay	4th of July Cruise	Wagonwheel. Need Cruise Captain and Cruise Team
July 31 - Aug 2	Roche Harbor Marina, San Juan Island	Colors Cruise	Cruise Captains: Dave and Mary Meisinger
Sept 4-7	Plesant Harbor Marina	Labor Day Cruise	Need Cruise Captain and Cruise Team
Oct 9-12	Brownsville Marina	Columbus Day Cruise	Cruise Captains - Debi and Phill Freund
TBD	TBD	Change of Bridge	Cruise Captains: Bob and Verna Maruska
Nov 27-29	Edmonds Marina, Edmonds	Thanksgiving Cruise	**Unofficial do-it-yourself cruise. Thanksgiving Day is Thursday 2015. Need a Cruise Captain to coordinate with Port of Edmu reservations are do-it-yourself.

Upcoming Cruises



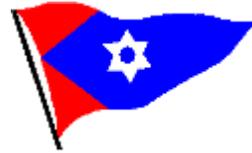
February 15th
Kirkland



Poulsbo Marina
March 20-22

Membership Meeting
April 17-19
Everett Marina

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