

# RHYC *anchor watch*



## **C**ruise Report – Sweetheart Lunch

The second event of 2015 was held on Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup> at the Portsmouth Condominium Club Room in Kirkland. We had a beautiful day with a great view of Lake Washington. A huge thank you to all of you who attended!

Attending the event were: John & Lynn Sipkens, Liz & Glen Dodge, Jerry & Paula Baruffi, Harry & Teri Johnson, Frank Sherwood, Parker & Noble Compton, Paul & Brenda Norris, Phyllis & Tim Cartmel, Dave Mehlum, Fred & Diana Power, Gail & Doug Stewart, Sandy & Chris Benson, Sue & Ray Biggs, Debi & Phil Freund, Richard & Sharla Freese, Don & Carolyn Whatmore, Dan & Raye Lohse, Mark & Linda Carpenter, Darlene Anderson, Chris & Tom Miner, Pete & Lind Jung, Jeff & Angie Kroeller, Bob & Verna Maruska, and Holly Palmer & Jon Edwards.

People mingled and visited while enjoying an assortment of beverages as well as a taco bar and heart-shaped brownies. A raffle was held for 3 embroidered tote bags with the RHYC burgee. Everyone seemed to enjoy the event as well as the location. Two boats arrived at the Kirkland dock on Saturday and stayed until Monday – taking advantage of the great weather and taking time to explore Kirkland.

All seemed ready to get back out on the water – next cruise is to Poulsbo on the weekend of March 20-22.

Deadline for next newsletter.....March 25th





## C Commodore's Report

We had a very special Sweethearts Lunch hosted by Jon and Holly Edwards. They did a great job with creating an event that was fun and delicious, economical and well attended. We even had the Miner's and Dodge's bring their boats and spend the weekend hosting RHYC members at the dock. Please express your thanks to Jon and Holly for stepping in as Cruise Captains on short notice and putting on this excellent cruise.

Are you finalizing your cruising plans for the rest of the year? Why not sign up to be a Cruise Captain for one of the RHYC events. We really need your help to make this year a success and as a cruising club our best assets are our cruise events that are led by club members willing to contribute time and a bit of effort to the club. Our Fleet Captain Jon is a wonderful asset to a cruise team as he has had years of experience with many cruises under his belt and a raft of RHYC cruise supplies available for use. If you get a call asking you to step up and lead a cruise please give it serious consideration and think of it as part of your membership participation in our club. Without Cruise Captains willing to lead our events, we miss out on opportunities to share our passion for boating and social activities with our RHYC friends. We have a reputation for great cruise events that are the result of our members stepping up to participate.

The Board is considering ways to improve our internet site and the ability for members to interact via the internet or social networking. This would also help us move from the days of paper to electronic media for many club communications such as cruise sign ups. Jon Edwards is leading the efforts and he will be making a presentation to the club at our business meeting in April. If you have suggestions on how we can improve our site or improve our club's media presence please share them with one of the Board members. We are also looking at some updates to the bylaws and should have our recommendations published soon in the newsletter.

What have you been doing on these weather friendly days? I have been spending my available time getting Vina del Mar ready for the cruising season. It seems like there is always one more thing to take care of and those new gadgets purchased at the boat show always take a bit longer to install and get up and running. We should be in cruising shape for the St. Pat's Cruise to Poulsbo in March as we are looking forward to getting out on the water for a club cruise. Thanks to Tom and Chris Miner for stepping in to be Cruise Captains for this cruise. They promise to keep it simple with ample time to enjoy the surrounding attractions. Please be sure to check out the flyer and sign up soon as we need to get out slip reservations confirmed.

Thanks to all those that submitted their membership renewal dues by January 31<sup>st</sup>!

We still have some members that have yet to complete their membership renewal for 2015 and unfortunately are now subject to a \$50 late fee. 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.

We still have opportunities for new members to fill out our membership roster. I encourage everyone to continue their strong recruiting efforts by talking with your boating friends and dock mates about the great group at RHYC and ask them to consider applying for membership in the club. There is 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.

In closing, I look forward to seeing all of you soon and please be safe out their!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bob Maruska  
Commodore



## **V**ice Commodore Report

Thank you Jon and Holly Edwards for putting on great Valentine's Day cruise to the Portsmouth Condominiums in Kirkland. The food was great, the weather was perfect and the turnout was fantastic. It was an extremely enjoyable time.

It's hard to believe our next cruise will be on the water. I took Halcyon to "the harbor" this weekend to get her annual physical and get her ready for a fun filled year of boating. Bring it on!!!! We have our first club on the water cruise to the Port of Poulsbo on March 20-21-22. This promises to be a fun filled weekend with your cruise team being compromised of Tom and Chris Miner, Glen and Liz Dodge, Peter and Linda Jung, Jeff and Fran Sharp and Jeff and Angie Kroeller. With a group like this, how can this cruise be anything but fun?

We are in the process of finalizing the 2015 club membership roster and still have a few 2014 members that have not responded or paid their 2015 annual dues. Annual dues not received by the club by January 31 of each year are considered delinquent and are subject to a \$50.00 late charge. Per the club by-laws, members may be suspended or terminated for failure to pay dues in a timely manner.

Annual dues are the primary source of funds for the clubs outstations and reciprocal offering. Our budget planning and decisions rely on timely payment of membership dues to ensure the clubs costs for the year are within the available funds. If any member has questions about payment status of their dues, please contact Matt

Hickman (treasurer) or myself and we will help in any way we can.

We are starting 2015 off with a strong membership drive so keep up the great recruiting activities. Please continue to look for opportunities to share news of the club and invite fellow boaters to submit an application. One of the best ways to bring in new members is to ask people to join the club. If you would like to have some additional informational flyers about the club, send me an email and I will drip a few in the mail and give them to you on a cruise.

If you need any help with the application process, please don't hesitate to contact me. If you are a sponsor of a new applicant, it would be great to send a quick email to me when the application has been submitted by mail so we can follow up on it as soon as possible.

See you in the "Yard"

Respectfully Submitted,  
Frank Sherwood  
Vice Commodore

## **N**ew Applicants

In accordance with RHYC Bylaws the following applicants for Active Membership are being published to initiate the application process. The applicants are as follows:

Peter and Angel Junger  
2005 57' High Star  
Seattle, WA  
"WUNDERBAR"  
Sponsors: Rick Werth & Gordy Helgeson

Bill and Karel Deibel  
2004 46' Westcoast CMY  
Shilshole, WA  
"DOOZY"  
Sponsors: Ron Inberg & Glen Dodge

Effective with this notification, applicants begin their 90 period to attend a qualifying cruise or club event after which the Bridge will vote on their membership. Please make a point to meet, greet and get to know our applicants when they attend their qualifying cruise.

We look forward to meeting the Junger's and the Deibel's and welcoming them to our fine club.



## Rear Commodore Report

We got our sea legs wet by firing up the engines and really cruising to the February Sweetheart Cruise. Blue skies and only a 10 knot North wind made for a beautiful weekend in Kirkland with great friends and food.

Not much has changed since January but we do have one announcement. The Board has approved to accept the new reciprocal established with the International Yacht Club based in Blaine WA. They offer us the use of 190' of moorage at the main Blaine Harbor Marina. This will give easy access to downtown Blaine and then while you're in the area you could move across the harbor visit the Semiahmoo reciprocal for another day or two followed by another great idea. Most of us miss the chance to cruise over to the Pt. Roberts Yacht club and say Hi, think about it. Contact info on these clubs is available on Yacht Destinations at [yachtdestintions.org](http://yachtdestintions.org) or in our book for at least Semiahmoo and Pt. Roberts.

I again want to remind you to send me emails ([rearcommodore@rhyc.org](mailto:rearcommodore@rhyc.org)) and let me know how your visits at our reciprocal club facilities went. I also want issue a challenge to all that I receive zero complaints this year about our Out Stations. I promise not to count helpful comments as complaints.

Glen Dodge  
Rear Commodore



## Treasurer's Report

Thanks to everyone for getting your renewals in to me in a timely fashion! The club's finances are healthy and we are doing great thanks to your strong support. Get out there and use our slips and reciprocals!



## Secretary Report

We had a wonderful turn out at February's Sweetheart lunch. Many thanks to Jon and Holly for a great Taco buffet. What fun.

Just a note to help our new Fleet Captain, we are in need of teams to fill up the Cruise Calendar for 2015. We have so few who have volunteered and as you know this club is absolutely about cruising. So please pick the location you want, give Jon a call and start your plans. Those of us who have done them know it's a lot of fun and doesn't have to be a lot of work. I am asking that when you choose your date grab some new members to join your team so that you can show them how it's done.

If you are a new member, don't be shy. We've all stepped out of our comfort zone and did our first Cruise Captain gig. You can't pick a better club to do this for. You'll find that people offer to help even after they get there and the "thank you's" are in abundance.

Lynn Sipkens  
Secretary and AW Editor



## Fleet Captains Report

Many thanks to all of you that attended the Sweetheart lunch held on the 15<sup>th</sup> in Kirkland. We tried a different type of location for this event and from the feedback that we received; the event was a great success. The Dodge's and the Miner's turned this event in to a full water cruise by attending by boat spending the weekend at the Kirkland Public dock. Great way to spend a long weekend!

Our next event will be our first official water cruise for 2015 to Poulsbo on March 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. The captains for this St Patty's cruise are Tom and Chris Miner and assisted by the Dodge's, Jung's, Sharp's and Kroeller's. Please look in this newsletter for the flyer for this event for more information.

A big thank you goes out to Paula and Jerry Baruffi who have volunteered to be cruise captains for the 2nd of July Wagon Wheel cruise to Liberty Bay. Paula has requested for assistance from the Wagon Wheel specialists in the club to assist in assembling the formation. Please reach out to them if you can help!

In the same vein, I recently had an opportunity to talk with our cruise captains for the August Colors cruise, Dave and Mary Meisinger. As first time cruise captains, they would very much like to ask for volunteers to work with them as cruise team for this event. If you think you can help, please contact them at: David dot Meisinger at astronics dot com.

Lastly, we still very much need Cruise Captains for the following upcoming cruises:  
April 17-19 Everett  
May 22-25 Port Townsend  
June 19-21 Port Ludlow  
Sept 4-7 Pleasant Harbor

Please consider volunteering to host one of these upcoming cruises. Each of these great locations would give you an excellent opportunity to put on a fun cruise. Hosting a cruise can be a lot of fun and it's a great way to GET INVOLVED WITH THE CLUB. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer. RHYC needs you!

Jon Edwards, Fleet Captain  
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**P**ast Commodore/Trustee

The cruise in Kirkland last Sunday was well attended. The view of the lake and the clear skies were wonderful.

The board is preparing the budget to present at the April meeting. We have a great cruise schedule ahead and I hope we will have good participation at all of them.

Respectfully,  
Dave Mehlum  
Past Commodore

## **S**unshine Report

I'm sorry that we haven't shared anything with you recently in the Sunshine Report. Please be sure to send me an email if you have anything for me to share with everyone. With that being said I would like to bring a few of our fellow members to all of our attention.

Barb Helgeson had recent surgery and is on the mend, may she have a speedy recovery; Carolyn Whatmore is continuing to recover from treatment; Amy Sherwood has been having trouble with back pain and Frank says he has been very careful not to cause it to go any lower; and Mary Mehlum is having shoulder surgery soon. Let's keep all these beautiful ladies in our thoughts and prayers for speedy healing and recovery and ready for the boating season.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Verna Maruska, Sunshine Lady

### **ADVANCED NOTICE—PROPOSED NEW WEBSITE**

Presented by Jon Edwards

During the recent February RHYC Board meeting, a motion was approved to develop a proposal, for consideration by the membership, to update our club's web site and social media capabilities. The goals of this proposal will be to increase member to member communications and provide an online platform for integrated and more efficient club administration.

The proposal for a new RHYC website platform is based on commercially available software that has many powerful features to support a club like RHYC. Listed below are a few of the integrated feature sets that can be made available to our club:

**Online Membership Database** – The Cub website could include a full online member management system to allow the board to move from an offline database system to an integrated online system. This system could allow for a full lifecycle of Club memberships with online signups and automatic membership renewals as well as expirations with integrated email reminders.

**Member Profile** – Every membership would have their own username and password to login and view member-only content. The Profile allows members to update their personal information, bio and photo, and to view a complete transaction and payment history (if this option is selected.) The member profile would become the basis for the member directory which would become the single location for contact information about the RHYC membership.

**Event Calendar** - The website feature includes a powerful event calendar with online registration and optional payment, as well as attendance tracking. This would provide for easier signup and cruise captain management of RHYC events. The calendar supports single-activity or multi-activity events, multiple pricing options, the ability to add companions to an event registration, and event-specific questions.

**Photo Pages** – The platform would allow the club to upload as many digital photos as desired, organize them by tags and place them on specially designed photo

pages. The system stores each photo in different resolutions and optionally allows users to download photos from the website. While only approved administrators in the club would be able to upload and administer, it would provide a location to store all of the photos taken at an event instead of just those that are in the Anchor Watch. It also provides a location for the general public to check out and see how much fun we have as a club.

**Document Library** – The website platform would allow us to create an online library of club documents, organized into any number of folders and sub-folders, with full control over visibility. We would be able to track how often each document is downloaded, and even allow members to upload and comment on documents. While this proposal would not replace the RHYC handbook, it would be an online repository of the information.

**Public and Private web pages** - The website supports full control over web pages, navigational menus, photos, documents and more so that only the information that the club wishes to display to a public viewer of the site would be available. Member information would only be available to authorized members. Changes to the site can be made at any time by any authorized user; changes would not require a programmer to update the website.

The website platform contains many other features that the club could optionally use in the future to support club activities and communications. It needs to be said that the system under consideration would not replace any of the other communications sent out by the club such as event notifications, Anchor Watch, and yearly printed club handbook. For those members that do not have Internet access, the club would still mail club communications.

In addition to the Website which would be the formal face for our club, we could create a Facebook Group to facilitate informal communication and sharing between members. This group would allow Facebook users in the club to share photos, ideas, comments and suggestions. While available for viewing by any Facebook user, the group would only allow posting of information by invited individual members. The RHYC Group news feed could be integrated with the Club's website to provide an efficient source of updated news.

The Board will provide more information about this website proposal, including cost implications, in forthcoming newsletter articles.

Jon Edwards - 2015 RHYC Fleet Captain





**RHYC St Patty's Day Cruise**

March 20-21-22, 2015

Port of Poulsbo

Cruise team Tom and Chris Miner  
Dodge's, Jung's, Sharp's, Kroeller's

**Friday**- Arrive-Pot luck Appetizers & best  
Irish drink contest 6pm on the party Barge

**Saturday**-Breakfast-9:30am on the party Barge  
Keyport Museum tour  
Boater education talk, Jon Edwards  
Dinner served on host boats 6pm  
Pot of Gold Raffle

**Sunday**- Breakfast 9:30  
Departure for home port

Cruise fee \$25.00 Plus Moorage reservation  
fee \$5.00

Club has 25 reserved slips. We will assign  
slips as you register.

Arrival- Upon entering the harbor call RHYC  
on channel 68 for slip assignment.  
Reservations required by March 7th

**Sign up -- Contact Tom Miner at 253 225 0215 or [Skipatroltom@yahoo.com](mailto:Skipatroltom@yahoo.com)**



**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**APRIL 17th to the 19th**

**CRUISE CAPTAIN NEEDED!**



# 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

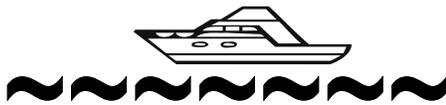
Please take a look at the schedule and see where you can help out!

Contact Fleet Captain, Jon Edwards at 425-241-6801 or email at [fleetcaptain@rhyc.org](mailto: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 - HollyPalmer and Jon Edwards
Mar 20-22	Poulsbo Marina	St. Patrick's Cruise	Cruise Captains - Chris and Tom Miner
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	Cruise Captains - Liz and Glen Dodge
May 22-25	Port Hudson Marina, Port Townsend	Memorial Day Cruise	Need Cruise Captain and Cruise Team
June 19-21	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 organize venue, dates. Dates can change to accommodate Captain's desires and venue. Before/after Colors is totally different time of year.
July 2-4	Liberty Bay	4th of July Cruise	Cruise Captains - Paula and Jerry Baruffi
July 31 - Aug 2	Roche Harbor Marina, San Juan Island	Colors Cruise	Cruise Captains: Dave and Mary Melsinger
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 2015. Need a Cruise Captain to coordinate with Port reservations are do-it-yourself.

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# Upcoming Cruises



**Poulsbo Marina  
March 20-22**

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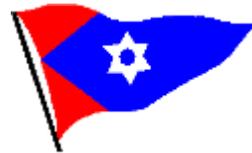


**Tacoma Daffodil Festival  
April 10-11  
Unofficial Cruise**

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**Business Meeting  
April 17-19  
Everett Marina  
Cruise Captain Needed**

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