

RHYC

anchor watch



Cruise Report – Columbus Day Chuck Wagon Ho-Down

Sometimes you just feel lucky. I certainly did when I had my team volunteer to help me with the Columbus Day Cruise to Dock Street Marina in Tacoma. The moment I said I found a place to move it to, from Pleasant Harbor, Verna & Bob Maruska, Noreen & Neil Millen, and Amy & Frank Sherwood stepped up to help me out. I came up with the chili cook off then Verna came up with the idea of a Chuck Wagon Ho-Down, Noreen came up with all the games & dances and Frank and Amy jumped in doing whatever was needed to be done including learning how to do the “Achy Breaky Heart line dance!

It seems there are a lot of people out there that like a good ole ho-down. We started with some country hors d'oeuvres on Friday night. The next morning my husband John made biscuits and gravy. We had a christening of the Sea Eagle, Jim & Cheryl Matheson's new shore boat. Then we started the games. We had cleat lassoing won by none other than Linda Jung (you go girl!) We also had a shootout, using target pistols, one of which looked like the old time cowboy pistol the other like it came from aliens. Apparently the alien pistol was the favorite. The shootout was won by Neil Millen. Best dressed cowgirl was won by Mary Mehlum and Jean Norton. It was just too hard to pick between these two ladies! Best Dressed cowboy was won by Jim Matheson. Rick & Willow Williamson won best decorated western boat. I would have hated to run into the animal that produced those horns!

I found people really like to share their chili! We had approximately 18 entries and the competition was stiff! One person did a very “fancy” presentation while the rest just brought out

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a pot full of chili. The judges for the cook off were Carolyn Whatmore, Kelli Werth & Steve Driscoll. While these very brave judges did their job Noreen taught some line dancing our cow pokes. The winners of the chili cook-off were Diane & Willard Thomas winning 1st prize and Chris & Willow Williamson came in with a very close 2nd. ***I think we would all love to see you post your chili recipe's in the Anchor Watch.*** Come on, a little sharing here!

On Sunday we did 12th man day. We hung our 12th man flags and dressed for the occasion.

Our attendees for this very fun weekend were: Frank & Amy Sherwood, Steve & Michelle Nelson, Jan & Dave Robinson, Robert & Shirley Patterson, Ed & Jean Norton, Brian & Linda Scott, Bob & Verna Maruska, Noreen & Neil Millen, Andy & Mary McDonnell, Greg & Barbara Swain, Dave & Mary Mehlum, Don & Carolyn Whatmore, Steve & Carrie Ackerman, Ty Rice & Marlene Wallace, Park & Carol Cann, Willard & Diane Thomas, Chris & Willow Williamson, Patrick & Miriam Gill, Glen & Liz Dodge, Fran & Jeff Sharp, Rick & Kelli Werth, Dan & Raye Lohse, Pete & Linda Jung and Jim & Cheryl Matheson.

Thanks to everyone who came out and made our last "on the water" cruise of the year a success.

John & Lynn Sipkens, Cruise Captains



Commodore's Report

Summer is gone and the leaves are turning. While the temperatures have been warm, the days are rapidly getting shorter. Some of our members who "snowbird" in parts south have already fled the Northwest. I hope all of you had a great summer and memorable cruising.

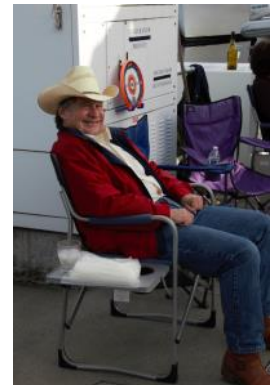
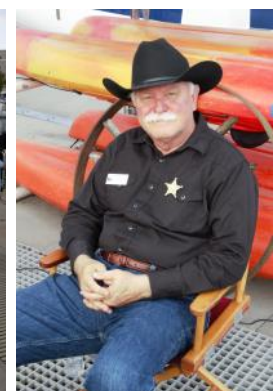
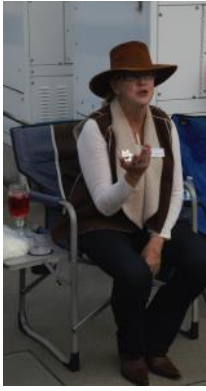
Last weekend we enjoyed the Chuck Wagon Hoedown and Chili Cook-off Cruise to Tacoma. It was fun filled and the weather mostly cooperated with most rainfall while we were sleeping. Thanks go to Lynn and John Sipkens and their crew for a job well done.

On our cruise back to Shilshole I was pulling into Des Moines Marina for fuel. Just inside the breakwater I had the portside throttle cable break at the upper helm. I could not get the boat to behave from there, but was able to move the boat into the fuel dock from the lower helm. Mary quickly removed the cover from the windshield so I could see. What a surprising event. Add one more task to boat maintenance in the coming weeks.

We are in the final stages of preparing for the Change of Bridge to be held on November 1. Thank you to everyone who has contacted us and sent in the rsvp card. We will have a great turnout at QCYC for this. There is parking in the lot behind the clubhouse, but overflow will need to use the street.

Thank you for your participation in the events of this year and continue your support of the club in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Mehlum, Commodore





Vice Commodore Report

The October Chuck Wagon Ho-Down cruise was a boot stompen success. Lynn and John Sipkens did another great job as cruise captains along with the support of the rest of the cruise team! Our sincere appreciation for your dedication to the club and serving as cruise captains for two 2014 cruises. Verna and I enjoyed the fun games and good food at these cruises. Speaking of fun games, congratulations to the winners of the cowboy games and to Jim Matheson and Mary Mehlum for the best dressed cowboy and girl.

The chili cook off was beyond our expectations in both the number of entries and the variety and flavors of the chili. Congratulations to Diane and Willard Thomas for winning the cook off. I wanted to sample all of them but after about four I decided that some discretion would be needed to make it through the evening. What a fun group of RHYC members to end the on the water cruise season with. Special thanks to everyone that made this cruise a pleasure.

During the cruise, the Board approved a new member to the club. Please see the New Members section for introduction of members Parker & Carol Cann. Published applicants William Foulk & Nancy Williams, Michael & Lizanne Hackett and Bryan & Cheryl Stone are now eligible for a membership vote upon completion of their qualifying cruise. We hope to see them soon.

Change of Bridge is just around the corner with a new venue at Queen City Yacht Club. Dave and Mary Mehlum have a super event planned with a great menu and band lined up for our entertainment. It should be a very fun evening and if you haven't signed up yet, be sure to check with Dave to see if there are openings still available.

The recruiting efforts have been excellent and we should reach our new member goal for the year at the COB event. Please continue to look for opportunities to share news, invite fellow boaters to submit an application. Many thanks for all your recruiting efforts.

As this is my last Vice Commodore report I want to thank all of the members that have made this past year such a success. Special thanks to Bridge members, sponsors and especially my wife Verna for all their support during this past year. It has truly been an honor and pleasure to serve as your Vice Commodore.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Maruska
Vice Commodore

New Members

The Bridge has taken action and the following have progressed from published applicant to active membership. It is with great pleasure that we introduce our new members. Please take time to meet them at future cruises and make them feel welcome.



Parker & Carol Cann
Seattle, WA
1968 50' Hatteras
"Akeeva"

Sponsors: Ed & Jean Norton and Keith Perry

WELCOME TO THE CLUB!

New Applicants

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

Michael & Lizanne Hackett
Seattle, WA
2005 44' Cruisers
"Nauti Dogs"

Sponsors: Neil Millen and Don Whatmore

Bryan & Cheryl Stone
Spokane, WA
2007 58' Meridian
"Floating Stones II"

Sponsors: Paul Norris and Neil Millen

Effective with this notification, applicants start their 90 day window to attend a 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 new applicants when they attend their qualifying cruise. Also, sponsors please assist the applicants to complete their qualifying cruise ASAP.

Opens and Ends

Burgees and Handbooks: If you sell your boat, do not leave the burgee or club handbook on board. If you resign from the club, remember your burgee may not be displayed on the open water. You may return it to the club or perhaps frame it for your den or office room wall. It's unfortunate but from time to

time we hear about non-members and non-member boats out there cruising under the RHYC colors.

Burgee Sales: If you need a new burgee to spruce up your boat, please contact me or see me at an upcoming cruise or event and get a new one.

Bob Maruska
Vice Commodore & Membership Chair



Rear Commodore Report

The season is wrapping up and I am proud to acknowledge that I received no complaints about any erroneous activities at our outstations. Equally important was that nobody caused a reportable ruckus at a reciprocal facility. Three cheers for all of you. Rumor has it that I will be doing this job again next year so please let me know if you have any ideas on improvements.

We do have a slight change in our Dock Street at Tacoma Out Station. We are moving our slip one spot closer to shore at the request of the Marina. The only 2 differences will be that 1) you'll tie up on the opposite side of your boat and 2) the lock box will be mounted on a post so that you won't have to lie on the dock to get the lock open. It is slip F6.

I will be auditing the outstation signup rosters and so you may get a call if I have questions. A couple of members have let me know that they might have forgotten to sign in for a stay. If anyone else can think of a time you might have forgotten please let me know soon.

I will look forward to seeing all of you at the Change of Bridge on Saturday, Nov. 1st at 6:00. Rumor has it that we get to park in the main lot so unless you're looking for extra exercise you don't have to find the closest reciprocal dock and hike from there.

Glen Dodge
RHYC-RC



Treasurer's Report

We are in the final days of our fiscal year which was from November 1, 2013 - October 31, 2014. If any cruise teams have outstanding bills for club cruises please get me the receipts as soon as possible. I would like to get the books closed for the year and ready for our annual club audit and tax return. I also need to wrap up the year since my term as Treasurer is coming to end with the Change of Bridge. It has been a great two years – I have enjoyed working on the club's finances and meeting all the members you get to meet when you are a member of the board. For those of you that have not served a term on the RHYC board please consider it. The new board members are proposed for the 2015 year and will be introduced at Change of Bridge but as we know the year goes by quickly and it will be 2016 before

we know it so keep it in mind for future years. It is a great way to meet people and be involved in the club!

Our new tax year starts November 1 and one of the first jobs of the new board will be to mail the annual dues statements. All of the renewals are **due January 1 and late as of January 31. This year there is a late charge for any dues not received by January 31, 2015.** Please watch for the statements and pay by **January 1.** I will be at the Change of Bridge on November 1st so if you are coming and want to save the club postage bring your renewal checks with you. Also for those of you lucky people that go south for the winters, I can get you your renewal forms now so you can pay prior to leaving town, just contact me via email at michellenelson@msn.com and I will get that renewal out. **Remember – there is the new late fee that will be added to all dues that are not received by January 31, 2015.**

You will receive a printout with your annual dues statement that will show the information we have on file for you. This is the information that will be printed in the membership books for 2015. If you need anything changed it is important that you send back the form with the changes so our database can get updated. There is also a question on the form that asks if you want 1 or 2 membership cards. We only send 1 card automatically with renewal unless you return the form with the request for 2. You can also request membership flyers to hand out to potential new RHYC members. As you know, the success of our club relies on our current members recruiting new members so please help us find good RHYC applicants.

Recreational Boating Association of Washington (RBAW) is handled thru our membership renewal. RHYC has a club membership with RBAW which means we pay \$2 for each member of our club to be a member of RBAW. If you would like to know more about what RBAW does for boaters in Washington you can go online to www.rbaw.org to learn about this organization. Our membership allows 1 member of our club to represent us and to pass on information to our club members. Our Past Commodore serves as our representative and often posts information in the Anchor Watch about items of interest with RBAW during the year. RBAW encourages people to join as individual members and with that membership you will receive information directly from RBAW rather than thru the club representative. If you choose to join as an individual, we will collect the \$20 in addition to your membership renewal and remit to RBAW for you. By collecting with our membership renewal process, RHYC gets to deduct the Club charged \$2 fee so that we are not paying for those members that want an individual membership. If you have any questions please contact me at 253-261-8288 or email me at michellenelson@msn.com. My mailing address is: 33650 6th Ave S. Suite 230 Federal Way, WA 98003 if you need to send anything to me. Please don't mail to the PO Box as there is a delay in that mail getting to me.

Thanks everyone.

Michelle Nelson - Treasurer RHYC (for a couple more weeks!)



Secretary Report

I am finishing my first year as your Secretary. It has been an eventful year and the most wonderful opportunity to get to know you all better. I have volunteered (yes, volunteered) to continue for another year. No, not a glutton for punishment but someone who gets the importance of serving on your board. This will be the last year I can do this so we will need someone to take my place next year. It's a lot of fun. Think about it. There is no better way than serving on the bridge to get to know your club and it's extraordinary members.

Lynn Sipkens, Secretary



Fleet Captains Report

As you will find elsewhere in this Anchor Watch, next year's (2015) cruise calendar is now released for your viewing pleasure. And to (hopefully not) confuse you, the 2014 cruise calendar is also included. As the discerning eye can plainly see, there is only one more official cruise scheduled for 2014 (the Change of Bridge at Queen City YC). However, there is one remaining unofficial cruise still on the books for this year as well. A post-Thanksgiving celebration at the Edmonds Marina will take place, starting on the Friday after Thanksgiving, through Sunday. If you care to attend, bring your turkey leftovers for pot luck dinners, snacks, sandwiches, soups, burp.... And plan to eat out, usually at Anthony's, Saturday evening, eating ABT (anything but turkey). Do Christmas boat decorating, lounging, recovering from your turkey hangover, or just plain hang out. Please let Glen Dodge know if you care to attend, as he has graciously offered to coordinate with the Port of Edmonds to ensure we have moorage that weekend.

And, don't forget that a New Year's Eve party will be hosted by Everett Yacht Club, with an open invitation to Roche Harbor YC members to attend. Our very own Richard Freese has volunteered to be an unofficial Cruise Captain for the event, and will provide details on how, and with whom, to make reservations for the event. It's never plain to me if this is the last cruise of the year, or the first of next year, so at present it's shown as a 2015 event. Dump the semantics, just be there!

For 2015, yours very truly will retire his Fleet Captain's burgee in favor of Jon Edwards, who will carry on in 2015. Welcome Jon, and thanks for taking on this task. Again, not to repeat myself too terribly often, the Fleet Captain's job isn't onerous by any means, and I'm sure our august membership will support Jon with the same fervor and dedication as you all did with me this year. Stand by to stand by for details from Jon on how he intends to carry forward.

I plan to reinforce with Jon the bridge-approved \$100 bonus to be provided to the officially-designated Cruise Captain at each cruise in the future. The purpose of this stipend is to provide a modest reward and financial thank you to the organizers of our most excellent cruises, and perhaps entice others to grab hold of a cruise date, volunteer to run the thing, and continue our record of fun, exciting, entertaining cruises to interesting places. John and Lynn Sipkens were the first beneficiaries of this bonus for their able and very much appreciated hosting of the Columbus Day Cruise to Dock Street Marina in October. And as a demonstration of their largess, I found out during the cruise that Lynn and John offered up this bonus to the entire cruise team, who promptly voted to spend the money on prizes at the Cruise! So the bonus that the membership coughed up to the Sipkens in gratitude for their efforts as Cruise Captains, which could have been properly applied to their moorage (for instance) during the cruise, instead ended up right back in the attendees laps! Wow! What a great Corinthian spirit!

For my parting thoughts this year, I find myself at a loss for words to more adequately say "thank you" to all my wonderful Cruise Captains and Cruise Teams this past year. So, lacking better words-THANK YOU! I hope you will all attend the Change of Bridge, and allow all your fellow members and me to adequately express our gratitude for your efforts on our behalf this year. A major part of what Roche Harbor YC is all about is wrapped up in our monthly cruises. Without you Cruise Captains and Cruise Teams, these cruises simply wouldn't happen. So once again, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, and I can't wait for 2015. We'll have some fun, yet again!

Pete Jung,
Fleet Captain



Past Commodore/Trustee

No Report

Ship Store Report



A HUGE shout out and thank you to **Mary Mehlem** for her hard work and unwavering commitment to the **Ship Store** this past year. She has agreed to continue doing the store this next year and we are looking for a volunteer to come alongside her and assist her with that. It is a great opportunity to get to know the members and also provide all of us with **GREAT RHYC** clothing, hats, bags & etc. If you are interested in joining in on this FUN opportunity don't be shy and let us know! We (**Mary**) welcome you to be a part of this special entity within the club.

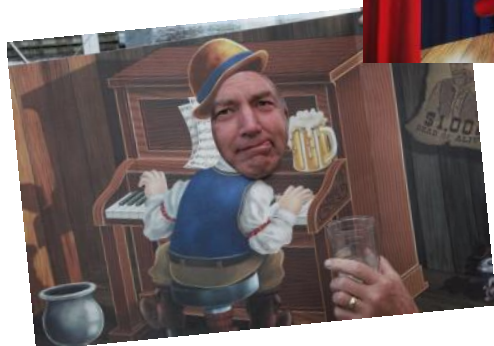
Verna Maruska

Sunshine Report

We are sorry to hear that Lois Timms broke her hip in a fall. It was surgically repaired and she is at home recovering. This is to wish her a speedy recovery.

Another member recovering from orthopedic surgery is Ken Spiker who had a knee replacement surgery.







ROCHE HARBOR YACHT CLUB

2014 SCHEDULE

Date	Location	Activity	Cruise Teams
Dec 31-Jan 1	Everett, WA Bremerton, WA	New Year's Eve Parties	Cruise Capt: Richard Freese. Make your own reservation(s) at Everett Marina, and with Everett YC for dinner on Tuesday, Dec 31, 2013 for the EYC New Years Party. Reservations due by Weds, Dec 4. \$80 single, \$160 couple. A number of members are going to the Admiral Theater in Bremerton for a Comedy Show, Dinner & Dance. Some are going by boat, some by car (as it's close to the ferry) and staying in a local Hotel. Anyone who wants to join us should look for tickets to the Admiral ASAP.
Jan 12	C.I. Shenanigans Tacoma, WA	Ice Breaker Brunch	Cruise Capts: Jeff and Fran Sharp
Feb 8	Elliott Bay Marina 2601 W Marina Place Seattle, WA	Sweetheart Dinner	Cruise Capts: Steve and Michelle Nelson Cruise Team: Alan and Sue Boudreaux
Mar 14-16	Des Moines Marina	Saint Pat's Cruise	Cruise Capts: Chris & Sandy Benson Cruise Team: Dave & Mary Mehlum
Apr 11-13	Everett, WA	Business Meeting Cruise Theme To Be Announced	Cruise Capts: Nat & Linda Collier Cruise Team: Jim and Cheryl Matheson, Dan and Raye Lohse, Doug Stewart, Gary Timm
May 1-4	Lake Washington Montlake Cut	Opening Day Boating Parade	Cruise Capts: Glen and Liz Dodge
May 23-26	Longbranch Harbor	Memorial Weekend Cruise Wagon Wheel	Cruise Capts: Glen and Liz Dodge
June 13-15	Bainbridge Island YC Eagle Harbor, WA	Father's Day Cruise Theme To Be Announced	Cruise Capts: John and Lyn Sipkens Cruise Team: Mark and Shari Pywell
July 1-4	Poulsbo - Liberty Bay	4th of July Wagon Wheel and Fireworks Spectacular	Cruise Capts: Chris and Willow Williamson Cruise Team: Willard and Diane Thomas
Aug 1-3	Roche Harbor Marina Roche Harbor, WA	Colors	Cruise Capts: David and Janel Silver Cruise Team: John Hieber, Jon Edwards, and Holly Palmer
Aug 4-TBD	Follow the Fleet to Desolation Sound! Itinerary TBD by the Cruise Capt.	On the Move Progressive Cruise	Cruise Capts: Tom & Chris Miner
Aug 29-Sept 1	Bremerton Marina, Bremerton, WA	Labor Day Cruise Blackberry Festival	Cruise Capts: Debi and Phil Freund Cruise Team: Gloria and Pertis Johnson, Mike and Jan Croke
Oct 10-13	Dockstreet Marina, Tacoma, WA	Columbus Day Cruise Theme To Be Announced	Cruise Capts: John and Lynn Sipkens Cruise Team: Maruskas, Millens, and Sherwoods
Nov 1	Queen City YC 2608 boyer Ave E Seattle, WA 296-709-2000	Change of Bridge Commodore Ball	Cruise Capts: Dave & Mary Mehlum
Nov 28-30	Port of Edmonds Marina	Thanksgiving Celebration	Unofficial do-it-yourself cruise, but coordinate with Glen Dodge regarding moorage. Make your own reservation(s) at Anthony's for dinner Saturday night.

Want to host a RHYC Cruise ? Call Pete Jung @ 425-377-6392.
Or Email at linda.jung813@gmail.com



ROCHE HARBOR YACHT CLUB

2015 SCHEDULE

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
10 Jan	Tulalip Casino, Marysville	Icebreaker Brunch	Held in Sports Bar to view football playoffs. No-host bar food (cheap). Cruise Capt to coordinate with Tulalip. No cruise fee required. Need Cruise Captain and Cruise Team
15 Feb	Shenanigans, Tacoma	Sweetheart Brunch	Need Cruise Captain and Cruise Team
20-22 Mar	Poulsbo Marina	Saint Pat's Cruise	St. Patrick's Day is Tuesday, 17 Mar, 2015. Need Cruise Captain and Cruise Team
10-11 April	Dockstreet, Tacoma	Dafodil Festival	Unofficial do-it-yourself cruise. Unofficial Cruise Captains: Fran and Jeff Sharp
17-19 April	12 St (North) Marina, Everett	Business Meeting	Reservation and deposit confirmed with Krystal on 19 Aug 2014. Need Cruise Captain and Cruise Team
1-4 May	Montlake Cut	Opening Day	Unofficial do-it-yourself cruise. Opening Day is Saturday, 2 May, 2015. Need Cruise Captain to anchor the raft in the Cut.
22-25 May	Port Hudson Marina, Port Townsend	Memorial Day Cruise	Memorial Day is Monday, 25 May, 2015. Need Cruise Captain and Cruise Team
20-23 June	Potholes	Father's Day Cruise	Stag Cruise! Dinghies, tents, water, sun, sand, some alcohol involved. Father's Day is Saturday, 21 June, 2015. Need Cruise Captain and Cruise Team to coordinate with ATF.
TBD	TBD	On-The-Move	Unofficial do-it-yourself cruise. Need Cruise Captain to somewhat organize venue, dates. Date can change to accommodate the Cruise Captain's desires and venue. Before/after Colors is fine or perhaps some totally different time of year.
2-4 July	Liberty Bay	4th of July Cruise	Independence Day is Saturday, 4 July, 2015. Wagonwheel. Need Cruise Captain and Cruise Team
31 July-2 Aug	Roche Harbor Marina, San Juan Island	Colors Cruise	Cruise Captains: Dave and Mary Meisinger
4-7 Sept	TBD	Labor Day Cruise	Labor Day is Monday, 7 Sept, 2015. Need Cruise Captain and Cruise Team
9-12 Oct	Poulsbo Marina, Poulsbo	Columbus Day Cruise	Ladies only Cruise! Spa, luncheon ashore, shopping, giggling allowed. Columbus Day is Monday, 12 Oct, 2015. Need Cruise Captain and Cruise Team
TBD	TBD	Change of Bridge	Cruise Captains: Bob and Verna Maruska
27-29 Nov	Edmunds Marina, Edmunds	Thanksgiving Cruise	Unofficial do-it-yourself cruise. Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, 26 Nov, 2015. Need a Cruise Captain to coordinate with Port of Edmunds. All other reservations are do-it-yourself.

Unofficial cruises: Cruise Captain's duties are limited, as these are mostly do-it-yourself. These are not considered qualifying cruises for new members, there will not be a meeting of the Bridge, no Colors ceremony, etc. Just show up, have fun!

Upcoming Cruises



November 1st
COB
@ QCYC



November 28th
After Thanksgiving
Cruise
Edmonds Marina



December 31st
Everett Yacht Club

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