



## **C**ruise Report – Poulsbo Shoot Out and Business Meeting

The planning for the April business meeting started in Everett – the marina quadrupled their rental rates so we went to Poulsbo.

The Poulsbo weather was very comfortable and a pleasant surprise to many of us who have experienced gale like storms in the past. Arriving on Friday, there were many hands on the dock to help in mooring the big boats. In fact, helping hands during the weekend is who the RHYC is – a boater on the same dock was struggling with getting an outboard motor to work – several RHYC members jumped into the mix and helped repair a sick puppy of an outboard motor.

Friday night in the party room set the mood for the weekend – appetizers and BYOL was the order of the day – as usual, the socializing didn't stop in the party room – many boats were hosting a follow up to the party room.

Saturday morning began with a breakfast of pastries from the Sluys Poulsbo Bakery, with a mix of fresh fruit, yogurt, scramble eggs, bacon and sausage.

The business meeting was held in Sons of Norway – the usual Bridge reports, spirited exchanges on building the club and the need to encourage a broader rate of participation by members. After the meeting, the Ship's Store put on a very lively style show featuring as models the Bridge members dressed in drag. The music Rod Stewart's *Do you think I'm sexy* was loud and set the tone for the show. Bumping and grinding their way around the room while doing a slow peel off of the featured clothing. Needless to say, the response was a lot of catcalls, laughter and stomping of feet.

After the style show a contest was held to present \$20 gift certificates that expired the next day for the Ship's Store. Certificates were given for Best Boots, Best Shirt/Blouse, Best Buckle, Best Bonnet/Hat and Ugliest outfit. Dinner was catered by Dickey's BBQ – we served 73 hungry souls – after dinner, the left overs were given to five homeless people – needless to say their eyes were as big as saucers when they saw the menu. A surprise birthday cake for Teri Johnson was dessert.

Dinner was followed up by the three string band 'Possum Chasers' and a square dance caller who proved that none of us had square danced since the third grade and we had left our boots on the dance floor back then.

Sunday morning was another breakfast in the party room and then the departure of boats began – those on the dock helping others leave the dock safely.

Thank you to all who helped in making the weekend pass without any screw-ups.  
We had 65 attendees and 24 boats;

Chuck & Michaelae Turbak, John & Lynn Sipkens, Glen & Liz Dodge, Jim & Cheryl Matheson, Harry & Teri Johnson, Ed & Jean Norton, Larry & Sally Cronin, Randy & Galina Sweet, Bill & Karel Diebel, Keith & Jeane Perry, Jon Edwards & Holly Palmer, Tara & Al Mannhatter, Neil & Noreen Millen, Bob & Verna Maruska, Ken & Cindy Spiker, Stephan & Kim Oberto, Donna Shroyer, Matt & Orit & Emerson Hickman, Frank & Amy Sherwood, Peter & Linda Jung, Marilyn Hampton, Steve & Sandy Driscoll, Ron Leonard, Shirley & Robert Patterson, Philip & Mrs Widner with 2 grandchildren, Jerry & Paula Baruffi, Jeff & Angie Kroller, Nat & Linda Collier, Doug Stewart, Dan & Raye Lohse, Philip & Debra Freund, Mark & Linda Carpenter, Paul & Brenda Norris, Tim & Nadeane Rutledge.

Chuck & Michaelae Turbak

Cruise Captains

MV Semper Fi



## Commodore's Report

We had great weather, perfect location, a fantastic cruise team of Chuck and Michaelae Turbak, and of course the BEST YACHT CLUB IN PUGET SOUND. Who could ask for anything more. It was great to see so many RHYC members participating in the Western Belt buckle contest, square dancing and everyone dressed in their western finery. Let's also not

forget that fantastic fashion show that was put on by our very own Tara and Shirley, the ship store ladies. If you didn't see it, it was simply a site to behold.

The Annual Business Meeting was held on Saturday afternoon. There were no bylaw changes or other issues requiring a vote. The major issues discussed at the meeting were the need for club member participation and having new members take on cruise captain duties along with experienced members and the need to recruit new members into our great club. One idea that was submitted and gained a great deal of affirmation was for the Club to man a booth at the Seattle Boat Show in 2017. Other clubs have tried this approach and have realized much success. We must attract more members with an emphasis on members with families. They are out there, we just need to reach them.

Opening Day Ceremonies are commencing on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>. Please come and cheer on your Yacht Club's officer boat, WestRoyal skippered by Paul and Brenda Norris. We will be going through the Cut between 10:00 and 11:00. Hope to see you there. Memorial Day we will be cruising to Bremerton for an Animal House Cruise. Get your Toga on and be ready to relive you college fraternity and sorority days. I know I'm warming up my paddle so you might want to bone up on your Greek alphabet. Just saying!!! We are still in need of cruise captains for two cruises scheduled for 2016. We need a cruise captain for 4<sup>th</sup> of July in Liberty Bay at Poulsbo and the Wagon Wheel in Gig Harbor for Labor Day. Please be sure to contact John Sipkins to lead a cruise team and join in the FUN!!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Sherwood  
Commodore  
See you in the "Yard"



## **V**ice Commodore's Report

Our April Spring meeting was great fun. Between some really great food and Square Dancing Chuck and Michael Turback did a great job. Plus, Poulsbo is always a great place to go.

Much was discussed by all of our Bridge officers about growing our membership. We have a need of 16 new members just about every year. That's what it takes to keep a balanced budget, however, it doesn't grow the club. We had several people resign this year because they sold their boat and moved to Eastern Washington, or were traveling out of the country for an undesignated time, lost their husband or just quit boating. This happens every year. Those losses touch us each year because of the age of many of our members. We need to think beyond adding just 16 members every year, we need to add many more. We need an influx of younger members if we wish our club to continue on after us. Younger members tend to want to be more active and be involved. I will miss Matt and Orit Hickman. Matt has been our Treasurer for coming up on two years. His wife Orit has just agreed to be my Fleet Captain next year. They both want to remain active in our club and they are dedicated.

While you are thinking of who you can add, continue to grow our club with your friends but also think of your families, younger people on the docks around you and fun boaters of all ages.

I know it gets old hearing all this from me, but this Bridge is putting a big emphasis this year on getting up to the number we need to have a wait list again. Boats are selling well which opens up more people to talk to.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Sipkens  
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:

John & Cecile Burreson  
Polaris  
Sponsors: Steve & Kim Oberto and Verna Maruska

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Bruce & Dana Donnelly  
Madeline  
Sponsors: Noreen Millen & Lynn Sipkens

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Craig Grier  
Genesis  
Sponsor: Keith Perry & Lynn Sipkens

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Robert & Linda Mickey  
Southern Exposure  
Sponsor: Larry & Sally Cronin

Effective this notification applicants start their 90 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.

## **N**ew Members

**No new members**



## **R**ear Commodore's Report

**No Report this month**



## **T**reasurer's Report

The Poulsbo cruise was a tremendous success and a great time was had by all! However, I must report that I have decided to give-up my dreams of a square dancing career and will be sticking with my day job.

Just a reminder from the guy who counts the acorns: the balanced budget that I presented at the business meeting is fully contingent on hitting our new member targets, and recruiting new members is the responsibility of every member of this yacht club. Please, please, please, as the official start of boating season gets underway, we need you out there scouting for new members. In addition, we will be facing some increasing costs associated with our outstations, and we can diffuse those costs either by increasing our membership or increasing our dues. I think we would probably prefer the former to the latter, so let's really make a push for new members this year.

Finally, I hereby provide notice that I am refusing to accept the "screw-up" award that was bestowed upon me at the cruise. Jeff failed to bring the actual screw-up award with him to the cruise, which is in itself a screw-up, and therefore he keeps it for at least another cruise. But watch out, as I suspect Jeff will be watching you very closely ...

Respectfully,

Matt Hickman



## **S**ecretary's Report

We had great weather, food and fun. What more could you ask for. I discovered I had two left feet and I must have been hard of hearing because at the square dance I could not figure out what to do, I was like a fish out of water. Poulsbo had a great used marine store where I found many things I didn't know I needed. The emphasis of the business meeting was getting new members. Many ideas were put out

there and we will try them all but talking to people on the docks during our boating season is one we can all do. We will be in the boat show this coming January, improve the way people search us on the internet and update the club brochure.  
Send me photos you have taken at events so I can include them in the Anchor Watch.

Respectfully,

Larry Cronin  
Secretary and Anchor Watch Editor



## **F**leet Captain's Report

The Business Meeting was a great time, fun, music, dancing and food in Poulsbo. Great job, Michael and Chuck Turbak, these people did a bang up job with a Western Shoot Out theme. The Fashion Show organized by the ships store was a hoot. Remember to support the Ships Store and wear your RHYC colors when you are boating, a great way to advertise the club and remember to ask good people who you meet to join our great club.

As Fleet Captain, one of my jobs is to find Cruise Captains to put on the great monthly events that so many in our club enjoy. So far, the response for Volunteers has been good. I just need two more events to have a leadership team for; July 3<sup>rd</sup> Liberty Bay, and a possible raft up in Gig Harbor Labor Day weekend. So please step up and take one of these cruises on. It is work, however, it is a lot of fun and it makes RHYC a GREAT Cruising Club.

### ***Upcoming events are:***

Animal House Cruise Memorial Day weekend at the Port of Bremerton: Commodore Frank and Amy Sherwood with Past Commodore Noreen and Neil Millen and a cruise team planning a great weekend. Registration is open on the website.

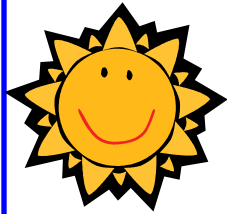
Debbie Freund has a spectacular Father's day cruise at Brownsville planned as a Jimmy Buffet get together. Get your reservations in, as you will not want to miss this event.

See you cruising,  
John Sipkens  
fleetcaptain@rhyc.org



## **P**ast Commodore/Trustee

No Report this month



## **S**unshine Report

Lynn Sipkins younger brother went through major heart surgery on March 30<sup>th</sup>. He is now out of the hospital and doing well. Hopefully he will have a rapid recovery. Our thoughts are with you Lynn.

Last month Tara Mannhalter's dad passed away. Even at this difficult time she attended the June cruise and put on an exceptional style show. We want to let you know that all your RHYC friends are here to support you.

Happy birthday to Teri Johnson. It was fun to celebrate it with you at the June cruise. I can't believe that Harry got all those candles lit.

Safe travels to all the RHYC members heading to Alaska. We will miss you. Hope you come back with lots of crab and fish.

Please continue to let me know of members who would like to share what is going on in their lives. You can contact me through my email at nm47at aol dot com or call me at 425-641-5016 or 206-595-4355. See you at the Memorial Day Cruise.

Noreen Millen  
Sunshine Lady



## **S**crew Up Award

Yes, it is back. It never really went away but this meeting had 3 Screw ups. First one went to Larry Cronin who did not have his winter uniform on for a bridge member when he was at the Business Meeting. Larry immediately gave the award to Jon Edwards who also did not show the respect for the tradition. Jon thought fast and gave it to Matt Hickman who did not have the right color pants on.



## **Credit/Debit Card Policy Change**



Attention Members: Beginning May 1st all purchases made on a Visa or Master Card on our web site will be subject to a 3% convenience fee.







**RHYC ANIMAL HOUSE ΔTX**  
Memorial Day Weekend Cruise at Bremerton Marina

Brought to you by your cruise team: the Millens, the Sherwoods, the Maruskas, the Frenches, and the O'Bertos  
May 27<sup>th</sup> through May 30<sup>th</sup>  
Limited number of slips – sign up early!



!!!!!!Prize for the best Toga Design!!!!!!

Bring old white sheets to make your togas  
Potluck hors d'oeuvres Friday  
Breakfast Saturday and Sunday, continental breakfast on Monday  
Spaghetti Dinner Saturday  
Hamburgers for Sunday Dinner  
\$35 per adult and \$20 for children 10 and under

**Register on-line at [rhy.org](http://rhy.org) by May 15**

After registering on-line, if mailing your payment send it to Noreen Millen, 18613 NE 25<sup>th</sup> St.,  
Redmond, WA 98052



**RHYC  
FATHERS DAY  
CRUISE**

**JUNE 17 18 19**

**AT BROWNSVILLE**

Make sure you have your calendars marked for this weekend of  
fun and great food.

Let's turn Brownsville into a Margaritaville again.



Decorate your boat and bodies.



Friday night we will be having a Tropical Dinner at the

**\$45.00**

**PER PERSON**

**PROMISE**

**CHILDREN UNDER 10**

**\$20.00**

**YOU WILL GET YOUR  
MONEY'S WORTH**

**Brownsville Pavilion Jimmy Buffet Bar and Grill**

**Saturday Night, same place, same time.**

**Dinner ,Dancing and Jimmy Buffet Tribute act by**

**Sunday Breakfast**

**Menu and times will be posted later.**



**Please register on line at RHYC or send to:**

**Debi Freund PO Box 1825 Belfair Wa 98528**

Name

Number Attending

Boat Name Length Beam

Prefer Port or Starboard Tie

Arrival Date/Estimated time

# 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, John Sipkens at [fleetcaptain@rhyc.org](mailto:fleetcaptain@rhyc.org)



## 2016 CRUISE SCHEDULE

Date	Destination	Activity	Cruise Captains
Dec 31 - Jan 3	Bremerton Marina	New Years Cruise	Robin Haley and Mike Goodman
Jan 10	Tulalip Casino Marysville	Ice Breaker Brunch	Pete and Linda Jung
Feb 12 - 14	Bell Harbor	Sweetheart Brunch	Bill Foulk & Nancy Williams
Mar 18 - 20	Des Moines Marina	St. Patricks Cruise	Chris and Sandy Benson
April 15 - 17	12th St (north) Marina, Everett	RHYC Business Meeting	Chuck and Michael Turback
May 4 - 8	Montlake Cut	Opening Day	Paul Bennett
May 27 - 30	Bremerton Marina	Memorial Day Cruise	Noreen & Neil Millen and Frank & Amy Sherwood
June 17 - 19	Brownsville Marina	Fathers Day Cruise	Debi and Phil Freund
TBD	TBD	On The Move Cruise	<b>Need Cruise Captains Before or after Colors</b>
July 1-4	Liberty Bay	3rd of July Cruise	<b>Need Cruise Captains</b>
Aug 5 - 7	Roche Harbor Marina	Colors Cruise	Matt and Orit Hickman
Sep 2 - 5	Gig Harbor Wagon Wheel	Labor Day Cruise	<b>Need Cruise Captains</b>
Oct 7 - 9	Dockstreet, Tacoma	Columbus Day Cruise	Bill Foulk & Nancy Williams
Nov 5	Queen City Yacht Club	Change of Bridge	Frank and Amy Sherwood
Nov 25 - 27	Edmonds Marina	Thanksgiving Cruise	Glen and Liz Dodge

# Upcoming Cruises



**Memorial Day Cruise  
May 27—30  
Bremerton Marina**

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**Father's Day Cruise  
June 17—19  
Brownsville Marina**

## 2016 RHYC BRIDGE CONTACT INFORMATION



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