

# RHYC

## anchor watch



### Cruise Report - St. Patrick's Day Cruise



The St. Patrick's Day Cruise was a great success even with the wind and rain.

We had a total of 11 boats and over 30 people attending the cruise with several people that came by car for dinner on Saturday night. We had a couple that will be joining the club Dennis & Niki Rampe. Niki even brought five loaves of soda bread that was very tasty. Tyler & Amanda Nelson were acknowledged as new members. Welcome to the club!

We started out the weekend with a Friday night gathering sharing a great potluck in the enclosed and heated tent on the dock. Saturday morning everyone enjoyed breakfast and we planned out the day.

At 3:30pm the drink contest began! Matt & Orit did a great job with the drink contest again; everyone participating had lots of fun.

We had a St. Patrick's Day feast and enjoyed corned beef, cabbage, carrots, Sheppard's pie, salad, soda bread and dessert. Thanks to Chris Benson for his great cooking.

Sunday morning we woke up to a nice calm and semi-sunny day. Everyone had some eggs, cinnamon rolls and fruit for energy on the trip home.

Deadline for next newsletter.....**April 18th**

Attendees included: Chris & Sandy Benson, John & Cecile Bureson, Larry & Sally Cronin, Matt & Orit Hickman & Emerson, Glen & Liz Dodge, Jon & Holly Edwards, Phil & Debi Freund, Pete Jung, Bob & Verna Maruska, Neil & Noreen Millen, Tom & Chris Miner, Dave & Janel Silver, Lynn Sipkins, Dan & Rae Lohse, Steve, Michelle, Tyler and Amanda Nelson, Dennis & Niki Rampe.

The cruise team was the best and we would like to thank everyone that helped them throughout the weekend especially the Dodges for offering their oven. We hope that everyone had a great time and was filled with good food, fun and getting together with friends.

Cruise Team,  
Chris & Sandy Benson  
Matt & Orit Hickman  
Larry & Sally Cronin  
Pete Jung



## **C**ommodore's Report

You are likely to hear repeatedly in this Anchor Watch how great our St. Patty's Day cruise was. As usual Chris & Sandy Benson did an amazing job and as always, the food was so good. Orit & Matt Hickman headed up the drink contest and I could swear I saw some bribes being passed. What a great weekend.

It was nice seeing so many boats out on the water. The weather wasn't the best for cruising with a little wind mixing it up, but everyone had a great time once docked and some had no wind. The best part is getting the boats off the dock again and out cruising.

We have our Business Meeting coming up next month in Poulsbo. It is always good if we can get enough members to come and learn what all your Board has been working on. Coming to the membership meeting helps answer most of your questions. We hear many questions passed around throughout the year, this meeting is meant to fill you in on changes, new members, outstations and how we are spending club funds. So, come to this meeting to learn more about those questions you have.

I'm starting now to promote the COB. This is another membership meeting and when the new bridge will be sworn in. It is in November but I want to talk about it now so you can mark your calendar for November 4th. There is a big change this year. The reason is there has been a drop in attendance and I am doing everything I can to get you to that meeting. Both the April and November meetings are very important to you. This year the COB will be held in a Hotel. Why a hotel? We have set aside guest rooms so you can party later than 9:30 or 10pm. You will be able to join in the fun and head up to your room rather than drive home. We are going to be at the brand-new Sheraton Four Points in Des Moines. They've cut us a very good deal, it has wonderful views of the Sound, a restaurant for breakfast and nice guest rooms. Right now, I have 10 rooms held. I can get more if I have more than 10 people who would like to join in the fun and not worry about driving home. Stay tuned for

more info!

I hope to see many of you next month in Poulsbo.

Respectfully,

Lynn Sipkens

Commodore



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

We just returned from our first 2017 RHYC water cruise to the Des Moines marina. Unfortunately, our planned take off to Des Moines Friday morning started with sustained 25 knot winds but by the late afternoon they had dropped to a more manageable 10 to 15 knots. While this put us behind in our schedule for the trip south from Kirkland, what really put us further behind was a 1.5 hour wait for the light to turn green at the empty large lock. Once we were finally through the lock, we only had about 45 min till sundown so it was time to open the throttles to 22 knots to get to Des Moines before dark. Fortunately for us, by that time, the wind waves had died down so the ride was manageable and quick. It was quite a treat to pull into our slip and have about 10 fellow members perform concierge boat tie up service. It certainly was a good start to a weekend of great food, Irish drinks and lots of boating conversation. My sincere thanks to Sandy and Chris Benson for doing a fantastic job of cooking and serving the weekend's Irish Cuisine and the same to the Hickman's for the Irish drinking activities. Also, a call out to new applicant Niki Rampe for supplying the tasty soda bread.

I am happy to report that as a club, we are beginning to do a great job in finding new potential members to replace those who decided not to renew this year. I even had the pleasure of helping a new applicant to sign up at the Des Moines cruise who attended as a guest for the weekend. As you can see in the following section, we are also beginning to see the first group of applicants that talked with us at our boat show booth. As we had many other folks that filled out a 'contact us' card for an upcoming cruise at the boat show, we hope that we will see a lot more applicants.

Even with this good news, we all still need to keep a lookout for other potential members. To help with this task, please remember to request and stock your boat with RHYC brochures that you can pass out at your marina, on cruises, friends, family or during long locking's.

I hope to see many of you at the upcoming Business Meeting cruise in Poulsbo!

Respectfully,

Jon Edwards

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:

Dan & Tracy Averill  
2004 59' Meridian  
Anacortes, WA  
ISLAND MISTRESS  
Sponsors: Jon Edwards and Orit Hickman

Will & Karla Cain  
2006 38' Mainship  
Gig Harbor, WA  
RAISING CAIN  
Sponsors: Jon Edwards and Orit Hickman

Dennis & Niki Rampe  
1999 40' Krogen  
Seattle, WA  
SCOOTER  
Sponsors: Chris & Sandy Benson and Dan Losey

Kevin & Marie Spaulding  
1995 39' Bayliner  
Seattle, WA  
REMEMORIES  
Sponsors: Jon Edwards and Orit Hickman

Effective with this notification, applicants begin their 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 New Members and welcoming them to our fine club.

Jon Edwards  
Vice Commodore



## **R**ear Commodore Report

What a great time at Des Moines and the St Patty's day cruise. The windy weather abated in time for us to cruise down on Friday without whitecaps. Blew like crazy on Saturday and then died off Sunday for a calm trip home. Great job by our Cruise team, fun time had by all especially since our team won the drink making contest. Looking

forward to seeing many more members at the business meeting in April.

Surprise, more rosters from Roche Harbor were found and turned in so I have much better accounting of our outstation use for 2016. I'll report on those numbers at the business meeting. Once again, it is very difficult to report accurately without accurate records. It starts with the sign in sheets. I will be making a trip to each of our outstations in the next month and place new sign in sheets at each outstation box. Please sign in and sign out using full dates and times.

Reminder, the usage rule for Roche Harbor has changed. You can stay for 2 days out of any 14 days now. It was 2 days out of any 7 before.

Also, the Kingston outstation rules have changed. No rafting and no overhang into the fairway.

See you in Poulsbo for the business meeting.

Tom Miner



## **T**reasurer's Report

The Saint Patrick's Day cruise was so much fun. Sandy and Chris Benson did a terrific job and Matt and Orit had fun games. It was nice to catch up with friends.

We will be handing out and showing our financial statement at the April business meeting in Poulsbo.

I prepare monthly financial statements for the club. If anyone would like me to send you a copy, please let me know.

I 'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the business meeting.

Sally Cronin  
Treasurer



## **S**ecretary's Report

Spring is Nature's Way of Saying Let's Party!

Who is ready for sunshine and boating?! Everyone is looking forward to the Poulsbo Cruise in April after braving the weather for the St. Patrick's Day Cruise. Poulsbo is always a fun little town and one of my favorite spots – great shopping, baked goods, walking and lovely

people to visit!

Opening Day is right around the corner and check out the website for the more information about RHYC rafting!

We love NEW Members!! If you have friends or fellow boaters that love a great time on the water with fun people at the best Outstations – let's sign them up!!

Nancy

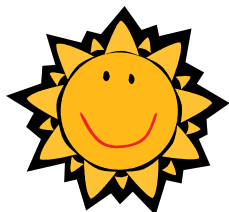


## Fleet Captain's Report

Well the first official on the water cruise was absolutely a blast! From March 10-12th many of the club joined together in Des Moines for the St. Paddy's Day cruise. The windy, gusty weather died down to a beautiful sunset and BYO appetizers in the tent on Friday. Saturday rained, and rained but by Sunday things calmed again to their usual grey. Sandy and Chris Benson did not disappoint with fantastic food and fun for the entire weekend. Matt and I helped with our drinking game and the wind died down long enough for Colors. See the Cruise report for more details. Next month is the Business Meeting in Poulsbo and Fred and Diana Power are the cruise captains. This is a busy cruise and they can use all the help they can get. Remember if you are a NEW MEMBER you are expected to be on a cruise in the first 2 years and then volunteer to be a cruise captain. This is a great opportunity to participate. Please call or email them to let them know if you are available or I will call and personally ask you, so don't wait! Registration is now open for this fun weekend! Also, I am still looking for cruise captains and a team for the Labor Day Cruise in Oak Harbor. Please email me directly to volunteer for this one. And last but not least, at the cruise in March Lynn Sipkens, our fearless commodore, revealed that the Change of Bridge will be held in a hotel at the Sheraton 4 Points Hotel, in Des Moines. We will have really inexpensive rates for the hotel so we can stay overnight and party well into the night with good food and great music! Put that one on your calendar now and plan on it! I know I am! Hope you are enjoying the start of the cruising season and see you on the water!

Orit Hickman

Fleet Captain



## Sunshine Report

Happy Spring everyone, hope all of you are doing well and getting ready for

the cruising season that is upon us. Please remember to keep Mary Mehlum in your thoughts and prayers and give her a call when they return at the end of the month or pop in and visit. Also, please remember to share with me any special requests or news that we need to share with our Roche Harbor family.

Your Sunshine Reporter,  
Verna Maruska

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Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) will be offered during our POULSBO cruise in April. The VSCs will be conducted by members of Bellevue Sail and Power Squadron and are the same checks administered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary. While a current (2017) VSC is not a “Get Out of Jail Free” card, it may serve to shorten or prevent a USCG boarding inspection.

We will be checking boats on Saturday from 0930 until the business meeting. Boats will be checked in the order they are signed up. Last year we completed 12 checks of members’ boats during the cruise.

The most common causes for VSC failures are outdated flares and inoperative running and anchor lights, so please check these prior to the event. Flare expiration dates are stamped on each flare.

Please contact Harry Johnson at [formrtiger@msn.com](mailto:formrtiger@msn.com) to get your boat on the schedule.











**Join our Norwegian cruise through  
beautiful Liberty Bay to**

**“Little Norway“**

**2017 RHYC Annual Business Meeting**

**Sons of Norway Viking Room 2:00 PM**

**April 7, 8 and 9th.**

**Port of Call - Poulsbo, Wa.**

**\$25.00 Per person**

**Friday at 5:00 - Warm welcome of Soup  
on the Norwegian Float.**

**Saturday Breakfast on the Norwegian Float**

**Saturday Evening Dining through out  
Little Norway (Extra charge)**

**After dinner**

**Evening reception with the Ships Captains  
for Dessert and Entertainment**

**Sunday breakfast with the famous  
Sluys Bakery Favorites**

**To sign up just go to the RHYC web page,  
click on Poulsbo cruise fill in all your  
information , make your payment  
and we will take care of the rest for you.**

**Cruise Captains**

**Diana and Fred Power**

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## RHYC Opening Day Cruise

May 3-May 7 2017

Montlake Cut

Anchor with the club, watch the parade, Salute the bridge and  
have a great time

Contact Tom Miner to let me know when to expect you

253 225 0215 or [Skipatroltom@yahoo.com](mailto:Skipatroltom@yahoo.com)

Bring a stern anchor appropriate for your boat and 200 feet of  
rode

Best to arrive no later than Thursday afternoon to slide into  
the raft. After that no guarantee we can fit you in with the club.

# 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, Orit Hickman at [fleetcaptain@rhyc.org](mailto:fleetcaptain@rhyc.org)

## 2017 CRUISE SCHEDULE

Date	Destination	Activity	Cruise Captains
Dec 31 - Jan 2	Bremerton Marina	New Years Cruise	Amy and Frank Sherwood
Jan 22	Fisherman's Terminal	Ice Breaker Brunch	Gills/Johnson/Oberto
Jan 27-Feb 4	Seattle Boat Show	Boat Show Booth	Larry Cronin
12-Feb	Claim Jumpers	Sweetheart Brunch	Liz and Glen Dodge
Mar 10 - 12	Des Moines Marina	St. Patrick's Cruise	Chris and Sandy Benson
April 7-9	Poulsbo	RHYC Business Meeting	Dian and Fred Powers and Matt and Orit Hickman
May 6	Montlake Cut	Opening Day	Miners/Sipkens
May 26-29	Pleasant Harbor	Memorial Day Cruise	Holly Palmer and Jon Ed- wards
June 16-18	Edmonds Marina	Fathers Day Cruise	Cecile and John Burreson
July 1-4	Liberty Bay	3rd of July Cruise	Miners
Aug 4-6	Roche Harbor Marina	Colors Cruise	Brian and Linda Scott
Sep 1-4	Port Orchard Marina	Labor Day Cruise	<b>Need Cruise Captains</b>
Oct 13-15	Arabellas Landing	Columbus Day Cruise	Nancy Williams and Bill Fouk
Nov 4	Queen City Yacht Club	Change of Bridge	Lynn and John Sipkins
Nov 23-26	Edmonds Marina	Thanksgiving Cruise	Glen and Liz Dodge

# Upcoming Cruises



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**April Business Meeting  
Cruise  
Poulsbo  
April 7-9**

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**RHYC Opening Day  
In the cut  
May 3-7**

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**Memorial Day Cruise  
Pleasant Harbor  
May 26-29**

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