

RHYC

anchor watch



Cruise Report - Opening Day Cruise and Pleasant Harbor Cruise



The Memorial Day Cruise at Pleasant Harbor Marina was a fun event with beautiful weather! There was a total of 12 boats with 36 people attending. Unfortunately, Driscoll's had a boat issue and had to attend by ferry instead of boat.

Everyone received a patriotic bandana to wear throughout the cruise as well as patriotic tootsie rolls and tootsie pops!

This was an interesting cruise – we had 3 prospective member boats – 3 qualifying cruise boats – and 6 member boats – we almost got outnumbered by new people! We were pleased to welcome Gail & Arnold Haberstroh, Tracy & Dan Averill, and Georgina & Joel Peterson to the club!

We enjoyed a pizza appetizer on the dock (made by the marina deli) on Friday night.

Saturday breakfast was pancakes, bacon (remind me never to cook bacon for 36 again!) mimosas and fruit – many went to the shrimp fest during the day (some came back with shrimp necklaces!) – dinner was spare ribs/chicken, beans, salad, rolls and strawberry shortcake for dessert – following dinner we played a game that Jon and I made up “People Scramble” – we split the group into two teams – with 8-10 people wearing letters on a lanyard, the remaining team members shouted and gestured to get people in order to make as many words as they could out of the letters they had within 10 minutes – we played 3 rounds - great fun was had by all – the final score was 355/335 – very close! The festivities were concluded with Colors on the dock (on Silk).

Sunday morning started with a breakfast of hash browns, scrambled eggs, turkey sausage, fruit and mimosas. In the afternoon – some went to the shrimp fest – some on a dinghy ride to cool off! Mid-afternoon we had a skeet shooting tournament with rifles that have been retrofitted with lasers tracking a plastic skeet with metallic edges. Everyone got a round of 10 shots – then we narrowed it down to the top 10 adults and top 3 kids – there were some really great shooters (and many less than great – like me) – the adults ended up with the top 3 doing a “miss a shot and you’re out!”. The final winning results are listed below. Dinner was picnic fare – burgers, dogs, chips, potato salad, watermelon, brownies – yum! Colors again on the dock (on Silk) with the kids lowering the flags – was a great thing to watch!

Monday morning brought muffins and yogurt put out very early – there was a negative tide approaching and everyone wanted to get out as early as possible through the entrance to Pleasant Harbor (unless they could stay until later in the day).

Attendees: **MEMBERS:** Neil & Noreen Millen, Chis & Tom Miner, Sonya & Jon & Soren & Ella & Dunn Sackett, Holly & Jon Edwards, Orit & Matt & Emerson Hickman, Steve & Sandy Driscoll, Pete & Linda Jung, Lynn Sipkens – **NEW MEMBERS:** Tracy & Dan Averill, Georgina & Joel Peterson, Gail & Arnold Haberstroh – **PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS:** Sandy & Will Dupleich, Steve & Deb & Caroline & Callie Hannah, Melanie & Jonathan Ross – **GUESTS:** Bill Moffet (with Millens), Susan & Doug Dedo (with Ross) as well as numerous family and friends that stopped by for a time.

Skeet shooting winners!

Adults: **GOLD:** Jonathan Ross (also received an embroidered back sack) – **SILVER:** Jon Sackett – **BRONZE:** Doug Dedo.

Kids: **GOLD:** Soren Sackett – **SILVER:** Ella Sackett & Dunn Sackett (tie) – **BRONZE:** Callie Hannah, Caroline Hannah, Emerson Hickman.

We had no official cruise team – but would like to thank Pete & Linda Jung, Tom & Chris Miner, Tracy Averill, Georgina Peterson and Orit & Matt Hickman (for colors) for their help at the cruise!

If you didn’t go – you missed a great cruise!

Holly & Jon



Commodore’s Report

Obviously, spring has sprung! We are having fantastic weather after the long winter months we have lived through. We experienced the best weather during our last cruise.

I wish so many of you had been able to come to the Pleasant Harbor Cruise. As usual Jon & Holly did a wonderful job. It was a tad embarrassing that we had more prospective members than we did members. This is so unusual for this club! The prospective members were all so incredibly nice and would be great additions to RHYC.

As you all know you received your rosters in late April early May. It was quite feat since this was the first time taking it from the website. This is why we wanted the website so that you folks can keep your information up to date and we can print it to share with your fellow members. Taking it directly from the website makes it easier to print each year. It was a little slow getting it out only because it was a first. One issue that didn’t get caught was most like a big surprise for those it affected. So, members who have no children suddenly found they did,

while those with children suddenly had none. This was caused by a misalignment in taking it from the website. If this is a problem for you, no problem. Let Jon Edwards know you would like a reprint for the membership portion and he will reprint it for you. If you don't mind it, please save the club the cost of a reprint and use it this year knowing that will be watched very closely next year.

For those of you that have not yet helped on a cruise or led one know that it is expected. If it seems overwhelming, don't worry, ask the next cruise captain if you can jump in and help. Two things happen from doing that; first you learn the ropes of how easy it is to run a cruise and secondly the best way to learn the members and meet more of them is thru volunteering. Jump in, this group of people will jump in; and help you even if they are not on your team. This is truly an amazing membership.

It's looking like it is going to be a great summer and that means we should see you at all our future cruises! See you there.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Sipkens
Commodore



Vice Commodore's Report

Welcome to Summertime cruising! Well, at least it seems that way after the opening day and Memorial Day cruises. As we have all experienced a ton of rain for the past six months, it was great to have cruises where the sun put in a good showing.

Our Opening Day weather experience did not start out great as Holly needed to return to our anchored boat in the cut with the rest of the RHYC boats from Kirkland. When she was ready in the late afternoon on Thursday, the southern sky seemed to be filled with thunderstorms. Looking at the weather radar app, it looked like we had about an hour or so break before it hit so off I went to Kirkland across lake Washington as fast as our dingy would go. The nearer I got to the dock the worst the wind waves got and in a 12' dingy, they all look large. When I was finally able to get to the Kirkland dock, Holly jumped in and we headed back to the boat again as fast as the dingy would go. It was about then she turned to me and asked, "should we be out here?". Well the answer was of course a big "NO", but we were committed as the waves behind us were larger than the ones in front of us. The sky to the South over Bellevue was filled with one huge thunderhead with lightning on all sides and a large rain shadow heading our way. Racing at 19kts from wavetop to wavetop across the storm's path, we were able to get back to the line of RHYC boats just as the rain deluge started. The next 60 mins was a lightshow of lightning strikes all around the line of boats with a beginning of a funnel cloud forming to the Northwest and moving east. It was then that Holly told me the local radio stations were strongly warning people to get off the lake due to the extreme weather, oops! Fortunately, it seemed that this storm cleared out the last vestige of bad weather as the rest of the opening day weekend was in a word, 'perfect'.

The weather for the Memorial Day cruise to Pleasant Harbor was the same, 'perfect'! The four-day weekend had temperatures in the high 70's to mid 80's. The last thing I wanted to

be doing was cooking around hot barbeques as melting down was a real possibility. The pool looked mighty good but Holly and I were a bit busy to partake. I hope that these two cruises are a good indication of what's to come as we approach the true start of summer.

From a membership perspective, we are making good progress toward making up for the loss of members during our renewal period. As you can see from the list below, we are adding 3 new members this month. We all need to keep up the recruiting effort as much as possible. It is only through this effort will we be able to get the club back to the level we were at the end of 2016 and meet our goal of growing our club.

See you on the dock for the Father's Day cruise to Port Ludlow!

Respectfully,

Jon Edwards
Vice Commodore

New Members

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



Joel & Georgina Peterson
GEORGINA
Sponsors: Steve & Kim Oberto & Lynn Sipkens



Arnold & Gail Haberstroh
1988 30' Tolly Craft
Olympia, WA
NEVER BETTER
Sponsors: Sally and Larry Cronin



New Applicants.

No New Applicants



Rear Commodore Report

Another opening day is behind us and it turned out great. Chris and I were out on the boat for the week prior to Opening Day with our grandson River. We cruised north to check out the outstations at Kingston, Fisherman's Bay and Roche. All is in good order. The sign at Kingston was given a new facelift and I ordered new signs for Roche as they are in sad shape. I will get them up as soon as I can or as soon as I can find someone headed north. According to Marina Manager Kevin, the club is in good standing with them. He said he has had no issues with club members or the outstation for the last couple years, which was great news, so lets keep it that way.

The outstation signs at Fisherman's look great. The books are all updated with the new rules, new sign in sheets and I replaced the old rusted binders with newer ones at each station. I was surprised to find the Roche outstation and all of G dock full when I entered the harbor as the annual Seline Rendezvous was underway.

At the Business meeting I was tasked to look at options for monitoring the outstation use in a more efficient manner. I have looked into this and have found a remote camera that would work but the cost is prohibitive, as it requires a monthly outlay for a monitoring service. At this time we will continue to monitor the outstation use to see if there are ongoing issues that would warrant this expense.

We cruised back in time to enter the lake on Wednesday along with Dodges and Jim Wagenblast to claim our space on the Montlake Cut for Opening Day. We had to wait an hour to get into the locks because they were operating only half the big locks and only one wall. I ended up having to back out and wait for a second opening.

Weather was great Wednesday and Thursday until about 4 pm. Then those wicked thunder and lightening storms arrived as predicted. We are very fortunate that the high winds and heavy rains that Olympia and Lacey suffered did not materialize over us. I can only imagine what a 70 mph storm would have done to the hundreds of boats on the cut. It would not have been pretty. We managed to survive and Friday and Saturday were better than forecast. Cooler but the rain was minimal. Saturday was actually a very nice day for the parade. We had 15 boats rafted up interspersed with several Queen City YC boats. Liz and Glen Dodge on Magic Moment, Dave and Mary Mehlum on Panacea, Jim Wagenblast and Lori Booth on Euphoria, Tom and Melinda McGrath on Far Niente, Paul and Shauna Bennett on Escargot Too, Karl Tussy and Robyn Weiss on Just Right, Tim Ufkes and Julie Santos on Havana, Ken Cavallon and Jennifer Ross on Paradise x 2. Willard and Diane Thomas on Sea Life John Edwards and Holly Palmer on Stargazer, J and Peg Grady on Uncork and Unwind and of Course Chris and I on Miner's Debt. We spotted several other club members cruising the parade route. Bill Moffett and Mike Goodman were spotted as was David Silver and Chris and Sandy Benson in some fancy red play boat. Shirley and Gary Cummings were spotted on a fancy lake party barge.

Others came out to join us and watch the parade boats. Linda and Peter Jung and Angie and Jeff Kroeller. The Spirit of Koa was our parade boat and it is one fine yacht. It was the perfect boat for the RHYC Bridge and guests. Thanks to Greg Rice and Yuan Zhang for hosting us. A special thanks to Shirley and Gary Cummings for once again hosting the after parade party for the Bridge boat.

Outstation costs are increasing at Roche and at Tacoma Dock Street just as they did at Kingston. With these increases it is important that we recruit new members, as the membership fees are the main source of income for the club. Take an opportunity to talk about the club to other boaters that you meet when out cruising.

We are also in need of a Fleet Captain for next year. It is the one position on the Board that is appointed by the incoming Commodore. Jon Edwards is next years Commodore and has not had much luck recruiting. I have served in that position twice and it is not all that difficult of a job. Orit is this year's Fleet Captain and will have all the reservations made for the 2018 cruising schedule. So all the next fleet captain has to do is find Cruise captains for those venues. Jon needs a volunteer now and I will need to find someone for 2019, so think about it and step up to help the club in an important position.

Where were you on Memorial Day? If you were not at Pleasant Harbor with the club you missed a great event. We welcomed three new members to the club and had a number of potential members visit us. The food was great, the weather was perfect and the entertainment was outstanding. What was most fun was seeing the large number of kids enjoying the cruise. We are seeing an increase in young families joining the club, which is what will keep the club vibrant and active for years to come. What was discouraging was we had more potential and new members on the cruise than we had existing members. Get those boats out and come support the club. We have a great event coming up in Port Ludlow for Father's Day and that is followed by a low key event at Liberty Bay for the 3rd of July fireworks. Sign up on the website for both ASAP and while you at it sign up for Colors at Roche in August!

Tom Miner



Treasurer's Report

Larry and I were sorry to miss the Memorial Day Cruise. We were at a wedding in Chicago. Many thanks to Jon and Holly for putting it on. It sounds like it was a lot of fun. Dan and Tracy Averill, Arnold and Gail Haberstroh and Joel and Georgina Peterson were inducted as new members and received their burgees. Welcome and I hope to see you at future cruises.

Financially the club is strong. Please be on the lookout for potential new members to make our club even stronger. If anyone would like me to send them the financial statements, please let me know.

Sally Cronin
Treasurer



Secretary's Report

All you need is a good dose of Vitamin Sea!!

Who is ready for sunshine and boating?? It may just be that summer is here!

Opening Day was great fun and really enjoyed the parade! Thank you to all that cheered us on and participated.

Memorial Cruise is right around the corner – great time for all. Sign up now for future cruises! Bill and I will be coordinating Octoberfest at Arabella's in Gig Harbor – looking forward to a fun weekend of karaoke, exploring all new in Gig Harbor and more fun times!

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!!



Fleet Captain's Report

Well for those of you who were there you know how incredible this Memorial Day Cruise was! Temps in the 80s, amazing food and wonderful company! It was totally worth the trip over and as one of the few sailors in the club you know that is saying something! For those of you who weren't able to be there you were missed but please check out the cruise report for all the details and go to the website to see all the pictures. We are ful-

ly into the cruising season now and if you haven't signed up for it yet go to the website to register for the Father's Day cruise which will take place in Port Ludlow this year. John and Cece Burreson have planned a really fun filled weekend that you do not want to miss. All the cruises for the rest of the year have volunteer cruise captains so thank you so much to those who have stepped up—I really appreciate it! After the Father's Day cruise plan to head over to Liberty Bay for 3rd of July Fireworks and our RHYC wagon wheel at Poulsbo. You know the old PNW saying "July 5th is the start of summer" and what a great way to usher in the start of summer with fireworks and friends! Check out the website for all the details of all the upcoming cruises. Matt, Emerson and myself have been eagerly planning our summer cruise escape and we will be heading north towards the end of July. We will go as far north as we can then head south to be at Roche Harbor for the Colors Cruise. We are looking for new anchorages we haven't been to yet so if you have any suggestions on your favorites up in the San Juan Islands and Canadian Gulf Islands we would love to hear about it. I will also post that information in the next Anchor Watch. So please drop me an email at fleetcaptain@rhyc.org. Have a fun June!

Orit Hickman

Fleet Captain





FATHER'S DAY CRUISE @ PORT LUDLOW RESORT

JUNE 16-18, 2017

Cruise Captains: Cecile and John Burreson, M/V Polaris



Schedule of Events

Friday

1800 – Meet at the Bonfire Pit - Welcome Picnic and Bonfire with bratwurst, chips, watermelon and s'mores – BYOB

1930 – Dessert Dingy Dash past “the twins” to the inner harbor

Saturday

0700 – Early Bird Beach Walk – Meet at the head of our guest dock for a one mile sand beach walk. Don't forget to bring your coffee and binoculars for some great bird and wildlife watching

0900 – Meet at the pavilion for bagels and lox buffet, Starbucks Coffee, mimosas and a Father's Day Bloody Mary Bar

Your Day:

- Golf Day - Arrange shuttle through the Harbor Master's Office at (360-437-7000) and tee off time to enjoy a round of 18-hole championship golf at the Port Ludlow Golf Club at (360) 437-0272).
- The resort provides kayak and stand up paddle board rental for an afternoon of communing with nature
- There is a Cooking Class at the Fireside Lounge - 11am to 2pm with a 3 course lunch at 12:30 for \$69 per person –register w/ Port Ludlow

1500 – Team up for our 2017 Horseshoe Invitational Bracket. Various prizes will be awarded. Remember close only really counts in horseshoes and hand grenades 😊

1700 – Happy Hour at “The Point” – Beer, wine and a “Dad's Day” appetizer!

1830 – Dinner at the Pavilion – Pulled Pork, Mac-n-Cheese, Slaw and Corn Bread with honey butter

2113 – Colors on the docks

2200 – Back to the Pavilion for an outdoor movie – Movie snacks provided

Sunday

0900 – Various pastries, coffee, juice and a build your own Greek Yogurt Parfait Bar

1100 – RHYC Armada Departs Port Ludlow

\$40 PER PERSON (UNDER 21 - \$25)

Please register on the RHYC Website by June 7, 2017

Contact Port Ludlow directly for your slip reservations



RHYC 3rd of July Cruise

Where: Poulsbo, Liberty Bay

When: July 1-4

**What: Meet in Liberty Bay beginning Saturday afternoon
July 1.**

**Set up wagon wheel if 20 or more boats, double raft up if
fewer than 20**

Sunday Evening, pot luck Appetizers

Monday Night the 3rd, Fireworks begin about 10pm

Cost:ZERO \$\$\$

**Bring your patriotic spirit, decorations and plan to just
have fun and enjoy the company.**

**Break up Morning of July 4 to head off to other fireworks
displays of your choice.**

**Notify Tom Miner if attending
skipatroltom@yahoo.com**

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

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 Edwards
June 16-18	Port Ludlow	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	Need Cruise Captains
Oct 13-15	Arabellas Landing	Columbus Day Cruise	Nancy Williams and Bill Foulk
Nov 4	Des Moines Sheraton	Change of Bridge	Lynn and John Sipkins
Nov 23-26	Edmonds Marina	Thanksgiving Cruise	Glen and Liz Dodge

