

Brownsville Yacht Club

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UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 12 ~ General Meeting – 7pm
- 22-24 ~ Spring Fling to Port Madison
- 22-29 ~ Clubhouse Closed for Rummage Sale
- 28~ Executive Board Mtg
- 30~ BVYC Rummage Sale

MAY

- 10~ General Meeting 7pm
6:30 Social
- 18 ~Port Commissioners Mtg
- 26~ Executive Board Mtg
- 27-30~ Cruise to Bell Harbor
- 30~ Memorial Day

COMMODORE'S REPORT



Spring is finally here! These longer lighter days has upped my enthusiasm and energy. Spring cleaning has started for me and collecting many useful treasures for the upcoming BVYC Rummage Sale on April 30th. Our March general meeting brought guest from the WSU Extension and will be back for the upcoming General Meeting April 12th for the Focus Group, this will take place before our social and meeting.

Thank you to Charlene and Jim for a fantastic and yummy cruise to Kingston last month. Way to start the cruising season. Out next cruise is this month the 22nd 24th. Spring Fling to Port Madison hosted by Carolyn, Jonathan & Pearl.

Be aware when you see BVYC's Jr Past Commodore Jonathan he is the elections committee guy. Seeking out to fill Flag Officer and EXB positions. As all members enjoy the amenities BVYC offers, ie: club house, reciprocal, cruises, gatherings, social activities and Port Supply BVYC also needs a Board to run the club and help ensure to continue with these amenities.

Fair Winds and Smooth Seas

Commodore Carolyn 
s/v Absolutely



VICE COMMODORE



With the cruising season already upon us, I want to bring to everyone's attention that we have a great online resource for reciprocal club information at yachtdestinations.org. Brownsville Yacht Club relies on Yacht Destinations reciprocal database to keep our members informed with up to date information regarding reciprocal moorage with our fellow yacht clubs. Currently we have reciprocal agreements with over 90 yacht clubs so make sure to review yachtdestinations.org before or during your upcoming cruise. You will need to "Create an Account" there, which is free, and while doing so indicate that you belong to Brownsville Yacht club. Then, when you "Sign In", the database of clubs will filter down to those that are our reciprocal clubs. You can find the link to Yacht Destinations right at our website when you click on the Reciprocals tab on our main page. Check it out!

REAR COMMODORE



I guess with daylight saving time having just recently kicked in, my poor little brain is still running behind and I've lost track of time...that means I'm running late getting my newsletter inputs into our editor. Thankfully, she is very forgiving (and desperate for words to fill the pages!) so I still get to write up something for this month. Lucky you!

Our clubhouse rentals were plentiful in March with five different groups utilizing our nice facility. The largest group and probably the one most noticeable around the clubhouse and the marina was the Sea Scouts. There were upwards of 70 sea scouts in and around the place, and when they were finished, the clubhouse was spotless. What a fine group!

At the end of this month is our club's annual rummage sale on April 30th. Hopefully everyone is setting aside treasures, large and small, to contribute to one of our club's largest yearly fundraisers. Please note that the clubhouse will be closed from April 23rd through April 30th so it may be prepared and organized for the sale. Please check the calendar on our website for remaining availability dates for this month.

That's if from me. See you around the marina or out on the water!

FLEET CAPTAIN



Spring Greetings BVYC Cruisers!

The first cruise of the 2016 season began in Kingston with a St. Patrick's Day theme. Six vessels and four members by land joined in the event. Friday night mixer was a delight with old and new members sharing stories and appetizers under temperate spring skies. We wandered up to the Kingston Cove Yacht Clubhouse and shared the hospitality of the club's membership. Pete DeBoer, KCYC member and former Commodore and Port of Kingston Commissioner was our sponsor and gracious host.

Saturday, members made the most of the lovely day and enjoyed the activities the Port of Kingston had to offer. Saturday night we shared a meal of Corned Beef and Cabbage served dockside in the guest pavilion. The weather held for the first nice weekend of the year. Wish I could take credit for planning it that way. There are many worse weather-wise that I would have to take credit for as well. Better just call it the luck of the Irish.

Sunday Brunch is always a delight on our cruises. The potluck contributions are just part of the serendipity of the lovely meal that also served as an impromptu birthday breakfast for our resident Spring birthday lady, Noreen. A leisurely brunch and lively conversation is always a perfect end to a great weekend.

The best part of the cruise for me, beyond all of the usual camaraderie and good times with the Brownville crew, was the pride I felt in our club. We demonstrated our best guest manners and were respectful of other guests on the dock who were perhaps not so well mannered. Taking the high road was a point of pride as well as making the best of our good times. Another source of satisfaction for me, as you all know how I endlessly pontificate about sustainability, was how carefully, respectfully and seriously we take our responsibility to be stewards of our shoreline and waters of this amazing place we call home. I took endless gratification seeing Brownsville Yacht Club Members walking their talk, being mindful of our organization's stated mission when we are cruising the Sound and not just when we are at our own club.

April Cruise to Port Madison April 22-24, hosted by Commodore Carolyn and Past Commodore JT promises to be a blast. Six vessels have signed up and doubtlessly others will arrive by land. Hope to see you then.

Thanks BVYC members for being among the best group of boaters on the Puget Sound.

Regards, Charlene
Holmes
P/C Miss Marlene

