

Reminder: Next general meeting is April 11th

	4/11	General meeting 7 pm
	4/27	Executive board meeting 7 pm
	4/28-4/30	April cruise "Seattle Special: Chinatown Exploration", Bell Harbor Marina
	5/9	General meeting 7 pm
	5/26-5/29	May cruise "Everett Epic", Port of Everett



April General Meeting

On Tuesday, April 11th, our next general meeting will be held at 7 pm. Prior to the meeting, there will be social time, starting at 6:30 pm.

BTW: A big thank you to Janice and Shorty for the St. Paddy's treats at March's meeting. They were wonderful!



"March Madness" Cruise Recap

Our "March Madness" cruise to Poulsbo, from March 24th to March 26th, was a raving success. Quite a few brave boaters ventured out! Also, a number of members came by car to participate in eating and visiting. On Friday, fourteen-plus people joined in with dinner and brews at the Slippery Pig. Saturday dawned with coffee and donuts, provided by Paul and Jill, in the floating clubhouse on the dock. After browsing the sweet downtown shops of Poulsbo, the group gathered for our own Happy Hour at the clubhouse. New members Liz and Mark provided growlers of Mac and Jack, with Ron and Noreen rounding it off with some smooth coconut rum.

Then we all went off to dinner at That's A Some Italian Restaurant. Sunday morning, coffee was again provided, this time by an early-rising Bob, and then off to Brass Kraken for a great breakfast. Several members were relieved when the bar opened at 11 am for a bloody Mary to chase away the cobwebs. The weather was rainy and cold as we all slipped away from our mooring lines, but we had warm memories of a great time. Thank you to Paul and Jill for "unofficially" hosting this great cruise!



Commodore's Report

No report this month.



Vice Commodore's Report

Hello everyone! We have almost made it back around the sun again to the official start of the 2017 boating season. I, for one, am more than ready to go! To kick-off the start of our cruising season, a great time was had last weekend by all who boated, drove, or walked to Poulso Marina for our March cruise. The weather was terrible at times, but, as usual, our hearty yachties took the wind, rain, and even some sunshine all firmly in stride. Sincere thankyou's go out to Jill Jones (and her husband, PJ) for the well conceived and expertly produced itinerary. A good time was had by all, and probably too much to eat, as well. Hopefully, somewhere in this newsletter there will be more cruise news, but it is safe to say that we had a good turnout and a fun time!

While keeping this short, I do want to mention that we plan to induct a couple more new members at the April meeting. Elizabeth Mackall and Mark Horowitz are the two, and they have passed all of our challenges with flying colors so far.... they even joined us on the last cruise. Yes, we all had a fine time and I ask that members please try to make it to the meeting to welcome them. Liz and Mark are looking for places to cruise and hang out and would definitely enjoy chugging/sailing along with other members whenever the opportunity arises.

Please remember also to keep handing out membership applications and brochures to new member prospects. I will make sure we have plenty of both in the outside holders and also posted on the bulletin board. I have nothing new to report with reciprocals so that's about it for me this time.

See you around the marina, clubhouse, or on the water!
Psst!...mind your wake!

★ ★ Robert Bale, Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore's Report

The saying is: March in like the lion and out like the lamb. Did I miss something?

Oh well, there is joy in the world when each morning I walk the dog. Yes, to please him and not me. I sort of got this last year but really did not pay attention. I walk the same route each morning and it has become clear that spring is out there somewhere. There are really cherry blossoms both pink and white showing at Port Orchard Marina. There are daffodils blooming. The extremely soggy grass is very slowly turning green and there are even patches drying out.

Not a lot of folks down on their boat washing and spring cleaning yet, but you can feel the anticipation of those that do walk by us and stop to chat. There are a few new boats showing up each weekend to moor at the marina and everyone comments that "we" are ready for spring to happen to us. Then, as we all do in Washington, we laugh that mid-August is of course going to be way too warm. Is there any in-between? I then take another walk with the dog and notice the Chinese maples are showing their red leaves and are sort-of budding. Rain, snow, or heat, we really do live in a very nice area for boating. Yes, it does get better and everyone starts to enjoy themselves. OK, step back one... we had a cruise to Poulsbo over the 25th of March. Dinner on Saturday night was beyond awesome and the group that attended had a great time. Hi to the new couples: Mark and his wife (sailors) and I am sorry but did not get to meet the other new couple, but I will.

So in recap: The weather will improve (it has to), and we belong to a great club. Let's have a great spring and summer because we all know that we only get 3 months of summer, but the friendships last all year around.

★ Rich Johnson, Rear Commodore



Fleet Report

Join in the Fun!! We still need hosts!

Well one cruise down, seven to go!! We had seven boats attend, not bad considering the weather, and about 20 people for the Saturday night get-together which was great. Saturday actually cooperated with no rain! Great turnout, and thanks to all for attending! I wish all marinas had a little clubhouse like that to get together out of the rain.

The sign-up sheets will be out at the April 11th club meeting for the rest of the cruises. The next one is April 28th thru April 30th at Bell Harbor. If you are planning to attend call Bell Harbor Marina to make reservations. If you can't attend the April meeting but are planning to attend Bell Harbor, email me so I can add you to our list. That way our hosts (JR, Tina, Carl, and Sue)

will have an idea of how many people will be attending.

I have hosts for April, May, June, and July cruises, but still need hosts for August, September, and October. If you have questions email me at: fleetcommittee@brownsvilleyachtclub.org.

Thanks!



Jill Jones, Fleet Chair



April cruise: **"Seattle Special: Chinatown Exploration"**

April's cruise is being held at Bell Harbor Marina. This "Seattle Special: Chinatown Exploration" cruise will be from Friday, April 28th to Sunday, April 30th. A brief outline of the cruise is as follows:

Friday night: Social on dock, starting at 5 pm. Bring light snacks to share. Dinner is up to you, but a number of members are dining at Bell Street Diner, and you are welcome to join.

Saturday morning: You are on your own to dine and explore. Some members are planning on touring the Terracotta Warriors exhibit at Seattle Center. The entrance fee is \$32. This is not a club-sponsored event, but is a great option for those interested in learning more about Chinese history and its first imperial dynasty. For more information on this once-in-a-lifetime event, see <https://www.pacificsciencecenter.org/terracotta-warriors/>.

Saturday afternoon/evening: Our cruise hosts plan to have a shuttle available for members at 2 pm on the dock. We will travel to Uwajimaya's for a shopping adventure and then on to a walking tour of Chinatown. Dinner will be at a Chinese restaurant (TBD) at 5 pm.

Sunday morning: JR and Tina will be hosting "Breakfast in a Bag" on the dock at 10:30 am. The club will be providing this yummy meal, but members should plan on bringing something to share, such as fruit, pastry, sausage, or?

There are still some slips left, so please call Bell Harbor Marina for your moorage spots. Ask to be in BVYC's group, which will be on "C" Dock. Bell Harbor Marina's number is: (206) 787-3952.

Contact Sue at (206) 953-4370, (360) 598-2662, or lastwaltz2@hotmail.com for more information. Please let her know if you will be attending.

JR, Tina, Carl, and Sue are graciously hosting this cruise. Thank you!



2017 Cruising Calendar

April	4/28 - 4/30	Seattle Special: Chinatown Exploration
May	5/26 - 5/29	Everett Epic
June	6/23 - 6/25	Fathoms O' Fun
July	7/21 - 7/23	Brinnon Blast
August	8/11 - 8/13	Shilshole Slam
September	9/01 - 9/04	Tacoma Twist
October	10/06 - 10/08	Kingston Killick



From our club secretary and locally famous journalist:

Just a quick note to let you know that two of my favorite stories, one about Pier Peer and another about Scotty the Shipwright working on Fiddler's Dream are now online at <http://kitsapdailynews.com>



Terry Asla

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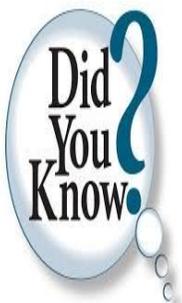


AWAY

BVYC's Marine Shop and Swap

Wanted: 40 to 50 amp 12vdc marine battery charger, with float setting to both charge and to maintain bank of batteries. Please call or text Bob at (360) 271-0146.

Wanted: Need windows or window frames for boat windows (prefer square-shaped aluminum), oval porthole-type windows, 15 to 40 horse outboard, any sort of dinghy/ inflatable. Also, if anyone has life jackets or other vessel safety required items they don't need, Jeremy is looking for things to help him get his boat up to snuff. Please text Jodi at (360) 749-8289.

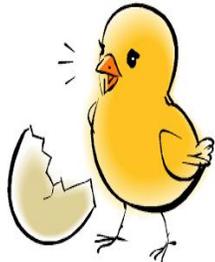


Our quartermaster, Jeremy, puts on a raffle at all our general meetings. Raffle items are always fun, and usually pertain to boating. Tickets are generally \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The monies collected are used for various sundries that the club uses, such as paper towels, soap, coffee, cleaning supplies, etc. Also, in the event that you fail to wear your name tag to the general meeting... oops! The quartermaster gets to ding you 25¢ (yup, a whole QUARTER) for the raffle/supplies fund. So wear your name tag and save the 25¢ for the raffle instead.

Please consider donating items for the food bank... there is a donation container conveniently located right inside our clubhouse



News from sunny Arizona



We had many past and present BVYC members, including seven past commodores, gather together in the greater Yuma area during the winter months. Bill and Diana Bailey, Bob and Diane Kalmbach, Art and Carol Kovarnik, Bob and Maggie Stevens, Carl and Sue Pedersen, Bill and Donita Davies, and Fleeta Barnes all spent time with one another at various events. From dry camping in the desert at Quartzsite, to touring Slot Canyon, Valley of Names, and visiting Algodones, Mexico, it was a great time. We also enjoyed Howling at the Moon, an excellent brat dinner at Bailey's, a Super Bowl party, numerous potlucks, etc. Being introduced to a new drink, "Chada", by Diana was a real treat!



Sue Pedersen



Two of our beloved yacht-clubbing dogs have passed away during the last few months. Sad goodbyes to Jim and Charlene's "Ondine" and Ron and Noreen's "Captain Jack". They were such great crew-dogs and loved by all.





VHF Radio Information from the Vice Commodore

According to the news posted in BoatUS, the FCC now allows the use of portable VHF radios ashore "so long as it is limited to enhancing the usefulness of marine VHF radios without negatively affecting maritime communications." Usage is limited to areas adjacent to the water, such as docks and beaches, and must relate to the operational and business needs of the associated vessel and limited to the minimum practical transmission time. So now when you have your portable VHF radio in hand, and you are standing on shore adjacent to the water, you may now legally transmit to your vessel or dinghy as needed.



RECIPE of the MONTH



Discussed at great length one night aboard a super-cool boat...

ADULT ROOT BEER FLOATS from the files of SALLY SCHICK

Part One:

Using a melon baller utensil, scoop vanilla ice cream into a tall tumbler.
Fill with "hard" root beer.
Enjoy.

Part Two:

Repeat.



Women's Boating Seminar

The women of the South Sound Sailing Society and Olympia Yacht Club are putting together a great event, Chart Your Own Course, with presentations and hands-on demonstrations Saturday, May 20th, with optional on-the-water opportunities Sunday, May 21st. Any women power boaters and sailors interested in getting some great instruction by other experienced women at a very reasonable cost should check it out. For more information, contact Lisa M. Randlette at (360) 480-5747



Carl Pedersen informed us that long-time member Howard Heacock passed away in February. Our thoughts and condolences go out to his family.

<http://www.kitsapsun.com/story/life/announcements/obituaries/2017/03/10/howard-w-heacock-88/99029826/>



Upcoming Events

Don't forget about this month's cruise to Bell Harbor! April "Seattle Special: Chinatown Exploration" from April 28th to 30th. If you can't make it by boat, please come on over by car and join in the fun!



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