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### ♥ REMINDER: Next general meeting February 14th ♥



2/05	Super Bowl no-host party 3:30 pm
2/05-2/06	Visiting Coastal Missions vessel, Port of Brownsville
2/10-2/12	Winter Rendezvous 4, Port of Poulsbo
2/14	Valentine's social 5:30 pm, Potluck 6 pm, General meeting 7 pm
2/23	Executive board meeting 7 pm
3/14	General meeting 7 pm
3/23	Executive board meeting 7 pm
3/24-3/26	March Madness cruise, Port of Poulsbo



### Welcome, Jeremy!

Jeremy Fitchett was inducted into Brownsville Yacht Club during the January 2017 general meeting. Jeremy was previously a member under a family membership with his folks and sister, but now he is piloting his own (member) ship. Welcome, Jeremy!



### Super Bowl Sunday

Brownsville Yacht Club's clubhouse will be open on Sunday, February 5th, for the airing of the 2017 Super Bowl. The game starts at 3:30 pm, but come early to socialize and get your game face on. Bring your favorite beverage and plenty of snacks to share!



## **Valentine's Social**

On Tuesday, February 14th, our next general meeting will be held at 7 pm. Prior to the meeting, there will be a social, starting at 5:30 pm, followed by a potluck at 6 pm. Please bring a dish to share and your own beverage of choice.

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## **Commodore's Report**

January has come to a close and 2017 is well under way. Another year started with the Brownsville Marina Polar Plunge. Eighty-five people showed up, with twenty-five participants and 2 dogs getting their Wild Plunge on! Thank you to fellow club members: past commodore JT, past vice Clark Jelly (visiting from Florida), Christian T, Amanda B, and the youngest Wild Plunger, Isaac. It is a "refreshing" event, and although it isn't club-sponsored, it is a great way to start the year!

Super Bowl Sunday is upon us: February 5<sup>th</sup>, New England Patriots vs Atlanta Falcons. Kick-off is at 3:30 pm with a no-host gathering, and the doors will be open earlier for socializing.

Our February general meeting is on Valentine's Day, the 14<sup>th</sup>. Grab your sweet Valentine's hand and come join us for our traditional general meeting and Valentine's potluck.

Well, this is only the second month in 2017 and we are on our way to many more busy months of activities and boating. Looking forward to seeing everyone and sharing our BVYC spirit.

Fair Winds and Calm Waters,

☆☆☆ Carolyn Thomas, Commodore, s/v Absolutely

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## **Vice Commodore's Report**

Happy Valentine's Day everyone! At our January general meeting, it was my pleasure to induct into BVYC our "new" member, Jeremy Fitchett. Jeremy has already been a familiar face around the club for several years under the Fitchett family membership. Now that he has turned 18+ years old, he was more than ready to become a stand-alone member... welcome aboard, Jeremy!

As many folks know we have reciprocal moorage agreements with nearly 100 other yacht clubs. What some of our members may not know is what we offer as a club to those reciprocal clubs. Through an agreement with the Port of Brownsville we pay the moorage fees for visiting reciprocal club vessels, up to \$200 per month, for up to 90 linear feet per day. Electrical/other fees are in addition. Starting last year, during slow cruising months when the entire \$200 monthly amount was not used up, the unused portion is carried over and allowed to accumulate for use in following months when demand is greater. Carrying

over the excess allows the club to offer additional moorage opportunities for visiting reciprocal vessels in the summer, during the high cruising season, and without exceeding our budget. Individual vessels are limited to 2 reciprocal moorage days per calendar month, and no more than 4 moorage days per calendar year.

In case you didn't hear about it yet, we have recently worked with the port to develop a way to enable BVYC members, whose boats are away from their slips for over 48 hours, to donate their slip for use by visiting reciprocal vessels. We have long been looking for ways to increase the availability of slips for visiting reciprocal clubs, and many members loved the idea of donating their slips while they are away. I met with the port manager, he liked the idea, took off with it, and made it happen. Thank you, Jerry. The way this will work is if a BVYC member's vessel will be away from its home slip for over 48 hours, the member can go to the port office and complete a Temporary Transient Assignment form. The port will take it from there and assign visiting reciprocal vessels to member slips as appropriate and at no charge to the club. If you are going to be out and about in your boat for over 48 hours, please consider donating your home slip to the club for use as a reciprocal while your boat is away. The port manager will be happy to explain the process if you have any questions, or you can contact me at one of the meetings. We will have copies of the form and more information available in the clubhouse, as well.

Have a great February and, as always, remember to mind your wake!

★ ★ Robert Bale, Vice Commodore



## Rear Commodore's Report

I think that we are all ready for warmer weather. We get a tease one day and then snow on the next. I have noticed a few hardy folks on their boats this last weekend running engines and a few, like myself, washing down their boats. I do not think it helps to hurry up springtime, but one can dream.

February is here, and we have a Valentine's buffet and a springtime clean-up set up for this month. The clean-up is on Saturday, the 18th, at around 10:00 am. I was out-voted for a 9 am start, so I will follow tradition. We will have jobs ready for people to attack, and the club will sparkle after we are done. Rentals keep on trickling in. New people who have never rented, and both are yacht club rentals. So, if you are thinking or friends are thinking of renting the facilities, get ahold of me as things are filling up. Boats sales are also picking up, so I am looking towards a fun-filled spring.

Sort of short this month, which is unusual for me, but some other things are happening. See you all at the February general meeting and potluck. Thanks just in general for those planning to help at the clean-up, 10 am until about 2 pm on the 18th.

★ Rich Johnson, Rear Commodore

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A BIG THANKYOU TO **PAUL JONES** FOR FIXING THE HINGES ON THE CABINET BELOW THE TELEVISION!!!!



## Fleet Report

Join in the Fun! We still need hosts!

Not all of you were able to come to the January club meeting, but, don't worry, the cruising sheets will be out at the upcoming meetings for you to still sign up. I hope you all put your names on the lists to attend, as the more people, the more fun... plus, you get to know some of the members you don't see often.

Your fleet committee went to the board to add 2 more cruises for the 2017 season. We have Shilshole Marina scheduled from August 11 to 13, and Kingston Marina from October 6 to 8. Please join in the fun.

The first "official" cruise of 2017 will be March 24 to 26 at Port of Poulsbo Marina. We don't have hosts for that one yet. Pretty easy hosting in Poulsbo. Lots of close places to eat and drink, and the marina has a club room that we have access to for morning coffee and visiting. The Mosaic shop will do wine tasting, and you can all create your own mosaic masterpiece! Great breakfasts are to be had at Brass Kracken or Green Light Diner.

Some other ideas? Ice cream social at Mora's? Potluck with only foods from the sea? Auction? Egg toss? Shopping for something on a list the host gives you? And everyone's favorite: CHARADES! We have \$150 cruise budget now for you to spend.

If you have questions email me at: [fleetcommittee@brownsvilleyachtclub.org](mailto:fleetcommittee@brownsvilleyachtclub.org)



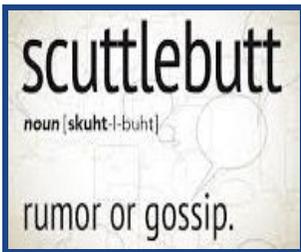
Jill Jones, Fleet Chair



### Did You Know !??....

Jr. Past Commodore JT will be looking for volunteers for upcoming officer positions?!? Recruitment officially starts in March with voting into office at the June meeting.

Please consider donating your time and talent to helping our club grow.



We hear that the last of the historical Coastal Mission vessels will dock at the Brownsville breakwater on February 5th and 6th. This boat, aptly named Coastal Messenger, is a 52 foot steel boat built by a dedicated crew in Nanaimo, BC. Feel free to stop by and visit... coffee and cookies always available. To learn more: [www.coastalmiissions.ca](http://www.coastalmiissions.ca)



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



RECIPE  
of the  
MONTH



PJ's Grape Salad

- 2 cups green grapes
- 2 cups red grapes
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup cream cheese
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Wash and lightly dry grapes. Mix sour cream with cream cheese, brown sugar, and walnuts. Add grapes to the mixture. Sprinkle brown sugar on top.

Enjoy!

All members are encouraged to submit write-ups for the newsletter. Items of interest are: photos, articles, scuttlebutt, marine items for sale or trade, etc. Deadline is the 28th of each month.



## Upcoming Events

There are many fun things planned for the upcoming months: Seattle Boat Show, Winter Rendezvous 4, monthly club cruises, etc. Attend the club meetings and check out the club website for more information. Mark your calendars now!



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### BVYC's Marine Shop and Swap

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



### 2017 Cruising Calendar

<b>February</b>	<b>2/10 - 2/12</b>	<b>Winter Rendezvous 4</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>3/24 - 3/26</b>	
<b>April</b>	<b>4/28 - 4/30</b>	
<b>May</b>	<b>5/26 - 5/29</b>	
<b>June</b>	<b>6/23 - 6/25</b>	
<b>July</b>	<b>7/21 - 7/23</b>	
<b>August</b>	<b>8/11 - 8/13</b>	
<b>September</b>	<b>9/01 - 9/04</b>	
<b>October</b>	<b>10/06 - 10/08</b>	
		<b>Seattle Special</b>
		<b>Everett Epic</b>
		<b>Fathoms O' Fun</b>
		<b>Brinnon Blast</b>
		<b>Shilshole Slam</b>
		<b>Tacoma Twist</b>
		<b>Kingston Kruiise</b>



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