

REMINDER: Next general meeting is May 9th

	5/09	General meeting 7 pm, social 6:30 pm
	5/16-5/20	Trawler Fest, Port of Bremerton
	5/20	Commodore Carolyn's Cocktail Challenge
	5/25	Executive board meeting 7 pm
	5/26-5/29	Everett Epic cruise, Port of Everett
	6/03	Rummage Sale
	6/13	General meeting, 7 pm, social 6:30 pm
	6/23-6/25	Fathoms O' Fun cruise, Port Orchard
	6/25	Brownsville to Keyport Paddle
	Note	Please check the website calendar for additional events!



Welcome, Mark & Liz!

At the April general meeting, Brownsville Yacht Club welcomed new members, Mark Horowitz and Liz Mackall. Mark and Liz moved to the area last fall and are avid boaters. Please take some time to get to know them...they have a lot of boating adventure stories to share and are a welcome addition to our group!

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May General Meeting

On Tuesday, May 9th, 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 Jean and Don for the treats at the April meeting. They were a temptation to diabetics... and definitely worth it! See the Recipe of the Month further on in this newsletter.



Commodore's Report

April showers bring May Flowers, let's hope that is the way it will be this year. I have seen some spots of sunshine trying to peep out. Time to clean off the boat and enjoy the beginning of boating season. Opening Day, the official opening of Seattle's boating season sponsored by the Seattle Yacht Club, includes a celebration of many kinds of water activities. This year's festivities will include a morning of crew races, a sailboat race, and, of course, the Grand Opening Day Boat Parade on Saturday, May 6th.

I have been keeping myself busy the past week with the gardening at the yacht club. Weeding, new soil, and planting. I have enjoyed this activity and chatting with all the members who have stopped by.

The May general meeting is the 9th, when the nominations for next year's officers will be presented. At the June general meeting the new officers will be elected. Annual dues are due at the June meeting; it is not too early to submit payment for the upcoming year. In order to vote for the new officers, you must be a member in good standing with your dues current. If you are interested in an officer position, please let Jr. Past Commodore Jonathan Thomas know as soon as possible.

The May cruise to Everett is the annual Bloody Mary tradition. Your officers will be serving the libation some time during the weekend. Hope you can all join in for the holiday weekend.

June will bring our annual fundraiser, BVYC's rummage sale. Start saving your treasures for Saturday, June 3rd. We will need volunteers for that day. I am looking for volunteers now for the rummage sale committee.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the May meeting. Fair Winds and Smooth Seas,



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



BVYC dues are DUE June 1st. It's not too early to submit payment for the upcoming year. Please mail or bring your dues to the next meeting. Thanks!



Vice Commodore's Report

Hooray, hooray! It's the first of May! Our favorite season starts today! Actually, it doesn't. For all of us avid boater types, cruising pretty much continues year round, right?! That's one major reason why we all belong to this club... because we love boating and exploring the nooks and crannies of our beautiful inland sea. Nancy and I have been prepping our boat with hopes of making as many of the club cruises as possible this year. I am especially looking forward to the longer cruises to Everett, Pleasant Harbor, and Tacoma's Dock Street Marina. We are going to build in some extra days and use those cruises as jumping off points for going further north, south, and to explore more of Hood Canal. I can hardly wait! Be sure to check out the cruising calendar, because due to popular demand, our fleet committee has added a couple of cruises. Join in on the fun, good weather is promised and not too far off!

I commend everyone for grabbing up the new member information brochures and applications I've been placing in the racks outside the clubhouse. You've done a great job getting out the word about BVYC. Keep it up! I've had to restock the brochures and applications at least twice since February. That's great! Also great is that we have three more interested new member prospects lined up and ready to join us in the near future. I should be able to tell you more about them soon, but they look very promising at this point!

Under reciprocal news, we just received the somewhat long awaited affirmative reply to our request for reciprocal privileges with Fidalgo Yacht Club in Anacortes. Anacortes is a wonderful layover location for us north-central Puget Sound cruisers heading to or from the San Juans, Canada, and other points north by boat. With the addition of reciprocal privileges with Fidalgo YC, we now have three reciprocal clubs to choose from in Anacortes. Fidalgo YC reciprocal slips are located at Skyline Marina, in slips S1 & S2, which are on the fuel dock, and rafting is allowed two deep. Find out more by going to our website and clicking on the tab "reciprocals".

Please keep handing out those membership applications and brochures. I will continue to make sure we have plenty of them in the rack and pinned to the bulletin board in the clubhouse. That's it from me this time!

See you around the marina, clubhouse, or on the water! Don't forget to keep an eye on your wake... nag, nag, nag!

★ ★ Robert Bale, Vice Commodore M/V Bobbin' Antsy

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





Rear Commodore's Report

If April showers bring May flowers, I am ready. The other day it was 60° and everyone on the dock was in great spirits. Got me thinking about boating and the little things to check. Being in the brokerage business, we normally do a walk-through with the customer prior to listing. There is always a common theme and I decided to address it for Opening and Memorial Days.

Where is your boat and is it ready for sea voyages? The first thing that nobody really seems to check or is concerned about are their FLARES. Do I have 12 gauge shooting flares? Do I have hand-held flares? And, the important question is, where are they? Are they hidden and damp in the bilge area? Heck, where did I even see them last?! OK, final check, open the bag of flares and/or the 12 gauge shells and LOOK at the expiration date. They may still be good but the Coast Guard requires that they be current.

Now the next thing is the your FIRE EXTINGUISHER. Do you have the correct number, according to ABYC and the Coast Guard, to be compliant? They really do need to be serviced and inspected to make sure they are ready to operate. Are they located where you can get to them? And the big one... if you have Halon in your bilge, is it up to date? Is it set up correctly? These are things that you can't normally test for without really using it. The next thing... how about your horn and/or signaling device? If you use compressed air, test the horn and have a backup can. Test your lights and see if they all work, from the anchor lights to your port and starboard lights. Do you have a few extra bulbs just in case?

Enough of the little stuff. Just getting folks to think and get ready for the season after eight months of sitting around in the salt water. I understand that we are all very aware boaters, but a word to the wise.

See you on the water,

★ Rich Johnson, Rear Commodore



Fleet Report

We still need hosts for the August cruise to Shilshole Marina, the September Labor Day cruise to Dock Street in Tacoma, and the October cruise to Kingston.

We have a great trip to Everett planned for Memorial Day weekend. We have an event barge that will be set up for us with potluck tables, picnic tables, and power. Ron and Noreen have graciously offered to bring the club's canopies up for the cruise, as you never know about the weather. And Mark Horowitz is bringing pork sliders for the Saturday night potluck.

And at any time we can get together on the party barge! Hope to see you there,

 Jill Jones, Fleet Chair



April Cruise Recap: "Seattle Special: Chinatown Exploration"

Friday Was a Spectacular Spring Day!! - GREAT for cruising, hanging around the dock in the sunshine, and walks to the market. We also had a super social under the canopies. JR and Tina gave us goodie bags with little cookies and crackers from Chinatown to warm us up for our Saturday tour.

Our breakfast-in-a-bag provided by the Leamans was a wonderful success as well as all the side dishes. At 1:30, we hopped aboard the "Chinatown Express" where we stopped at Uwajimaya's Oriental Market first. As we entered, we were greeted by loud screams from a woman who was being handcuffed and taken away by police! Being from the Kitsap side, we felt a little like country bumpkins! However, after checking out the unusual fruits and veggies, fish market, and many other items unknown to us, Danny Bonaduce (Partridge Family) was spotted by Noreen in the meat market!

From there, many of us went to the Wing Luke Museum for a tour of an old oriental store and hotel, learning a bit of history along the way. A few others headed for shopping and Hing Hay Park but eventually 15 of us had a plentiful dinner at Kau Kau Chinese BBQ restaurant. Some of us tried the plum wine (quite sweet) and the oriental beers, too. Chop sticks were a challenge but the Schicks were experts. Thankfully, the shuttle gathered us up and returned us to the harbor.

Sunday a.m. there were bagels and cream cheese before some headed back to Pike Street Market or home. It was a great cruise with lots of fun and social time!

Hoping many more of you will join us for the Memorial Day cruise!! Let Jill know. Hear there will be some tasty pulled pork being prepared by new members Mark and Liz. See you there!!

Your hosts for Bell Harbor were Carl and Sue Pedersen and JR and Tina Leaman.



Sue Pedersen



Our April showers
Darn well
BETTER
bring May flowers!!!





Voting Coming Up in June

We need your help!

The yacht club will soon be voting for our new bridge candidates and we need you to step up for two positions: **Rear Commodore** and **Fleet Captain/Committee**.

The following is a description of the duties and responsibilities of these positions:

The Rear Commodore shall: A. Assist the Commodore and Vice Commodore in the discharge of their duties. B. Officiate in the event of absence of both the Commodore and Vice Commodore. C. Serve as a voting member of the Executive Board. D. Act as Chairperson of the Housing Committee, overseeing clubhouse maintenance, rental, and cleanliness plus organizing the annual cleanup including time and personnel. E. Perform an annual audit of the club's equipment. The audit will usually be accomplished during the annual club cleaning and the results reported to the Executive Board in writing at their next meeting and provided to the Quartermaster. F. Maintain an inventory list of equipment owned by the club and its location. G. Maintain a list of members responsible for refreshments at the general meetings.

The Fleet Captain/Committee shall: A. Organize all on-the-water fleet activities including club cruises. B. Present a tentative schedule to the Executive Board at the September meeting for approval.

Candidates who have stepped up and will be on the voting ballot are:

Commodore-Bob Bale, Vice Commodore-Rich Johnson, Rear Commodore-Open, Fleet Captain-Open. If you are willing to volunteer, please let Jonathan Thomas (JT) know so your names can be put on the ballots at the May meeting for voting at the June meeting.



Carolyn Thomas, Commodore



Encouragement From an Anonymous Past Rear Commodore

From what I have heard, we don't have anyone signed up yet for the rear commodore position. Some time ago, when I had my arm twisted to "volunteer," I nervously went along for the "good of the order". Once I took on the role, miracle of miracles, it turned out to be darn right simple, easy, plus a lot of fun! The rear commodore pretty much has run of the clubhouse (clubhouse manager, you know!), gets to organize all the clubhouse goodies and equipment, manage the clubhouse rentals (quite simple, too) plus, whenever help is needed, wonderful and hard working volunteers pop up completely out of nowhere to pitch in. There is still time to volunteer for this important and fulfilling position. I encourage YOU to consider it and to contact Jr. Past Commodore JT, or any of the current club officers for more information.

Don't forget: if your boat is away from its slip at Brownsville Marina for over 48 hours, you can donate your slip to BVYC for use by visiting reciprocal vessels. Stop by the port office to let them know and they will take it from there. Thank you!

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2017 Cruising Calendar

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



Everett Epic Memorial Day Cruise

Hosted by Jill Jones, Paul Jones, Liz Mackall, and Mark Horowitz.

Friday - 5pm: Scuttlebutt Brewery Taproom beer-tasting and dining afterwards for those who want to attend.

Saturday - 4pm: BYOB "Happy Hour" on the event barge.

6pm: Pork slider potluck. The sliders are provided, so bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share.

Sunday - 10am: Potluck breakfast. Bring something to share.

11am: Bloody Marys courtesy of the club officers! Memorial wreath ceremony.

12pm: Farmer's market trip.

5pm: Dinner at Lombardi's Restaurant.

Monday - Breakfast on your own and journey home.

Rummage Sale June 3rd



YES! It's *that* time again to do your spring cleaning! But, **PLEASE** don't throw away any of your good and reusable treasures! Bring them to the yacht club for the annual rummage sale. The clubhouse will be open the week prior to the sale for you to drop off all your items. Ask your friends and neighbors to donate also.

NOTE: BVYC can't accept computers, printers, monitors, paints, or other hazardous materials. Please be sure your treasures are in clean and good condition. THANK YOU!

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While cruising to Port Orchard Marina recently, we were wondering what businesses would still be operating downtown with all the changes that have taken place there recently. And, with the closing of Moon Dogs II, we weren't even sure there would be any eating joints left within easy walking distance to the marina. To our surprise, we found that a new lounge will be occupying the Moon Dogs' space sometime soon, and the restaurant in the Public Market is still going strong.

While another local staple, the Swim Deck Restaurant, recently relocated further away, a marine store "Scully's" has taken its space. We met the owner, Phil, and he is quite a character. He offers coffee for a buck, which includes a free donut! He is trying to provide a store that boaters will find filled with necessary items, plus just a place to hang out and chew the fat. We even found packages of the famous Bavarian Meats landjaegers there!

Of course, downtown Port Orchard has some fun antique stores for browsing, and, if you are up to walking, the Home-Made Cafe (delicious breakfast and lunch), Amy's on the Bay, a sports pub bar or two, Mexican, Chinese, & Thai restaurants, etc. are always fun to swing into. A new joint, Cheers, is operating in the former Tweten's Lighthouse location. Jury is out on this one... want to try it out during the Fathoms O' Fun cruise???

The candy store and chocolate shop are also sweet places to visit. Tempting. Nearby, Coffee Oasis provides interesting coffee & tea brews to warm you up on your way to the local branch of Kitsap Regional Library, which is right by the marina. Pick up a book there and go back to the boat to read. Or snooze. Or chow on that candy you didn't mean to buy.

We recommend you take the long trip over to Port Orchard and help their economy grow! How about you join the club as we travel there in June for the Fathoms O' Fun cruise?!



ACBC (A Couple of Brownsville Cruisers)

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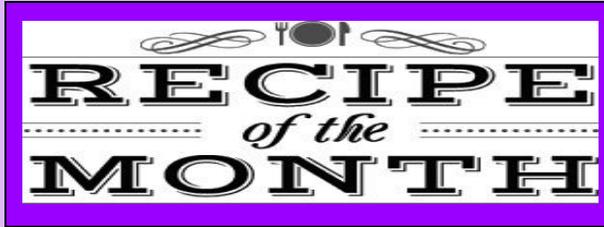


AWAY

BVYC's Marine Shop and Swap

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.





Enjoyed greatly at April's general meeting... if you don't know what they are, you really missed out!

Jean's Toffee Bars

from the files of Jean Hiramatsu

Crust:

- ¾ cup butter, softened
- ¾ cup packed brown sugar
- 1 large egg yolk
- ¾ tsp vanilla extract
- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour

Filling:

- 1 pkg fudge brownie mix (13 x 9 pan size)
- ½ cup water
- ½ cup canola oil
- 1 large egg

Topping:

- 1 pkg milk chocolate chips, melted (11 ½ oz size)
- ¾ cup finely chopped, salted, roasted pistachios

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°
In a large bowl, cream butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg yolk and vanilla; gradually add flour to creamed mixture and mix well
2. Press dough into bottom of a greased 15" x 10" x 1" baking pan. Bake 12-14 minutes or until golden brown.
3. Meanwhile, in a large bowl combine brownie mix, water, oil, and egg until blended.
4. Spread brownie batter over hot crust. Bake 14-16 minutes longer or until center is set. Cool completely in pan on a wire rack.
5. Spread melted chocolate over bars; sprinkle with pistachios. Let stand until set. Cut into bars.



Upcoming Events

Don't forget about Commodore Carolyn's Cocktail Challenge and this month's cruise to Everett! The Everett Epic cruise is held over Memorial Day weekend. If you can't make it by boat, please come on over by car! And June boasts several events: BVYC's rummage sale, Fathoms O' Fun cruise, Brownsville to Keyport Paddle, etc. More details in next month's newsletter. Check out the club's website for updated info!

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