

Brownsville Yacht Club's

# Nautical Lines

February 2018

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## REMINDER: Next meeting is on Tuesday **February 13<sup>th</sup>**

	02/02	Groundhog Day Movie Night 6:30pm
	02/04	Super Bowl Party
	02/13	Social 6:30pm, General Meeting 7pm
	03/02	Classic Movie and Popcorn Night 6:30pm
	03/06	Executive Board 6:30pm
	03/08	Hobby Night 6:30pm
	03/23-25	Yacht Club Cruise to Blake Island
	05/19	BVYC Annual Rummage Sale



### **Second Notice Fire Extinguisher Recall Second Notice**

Kidde Fire Extinguishers have to replace a bunch of their products. I checked all of mine in our boat, rv and house, which was a total of 8 extinguishers. Out of the 8, 5 were on the recall list, 3 of which I bought this year. I checked mine using the website the manufacturer recommended.

<http://www.kidde.com/home-safety/en/us/support/product-alerts/recall-kidde-fire-extinguisher/>. I followed their directions and have already received 4 of the 5 replacements in the mail. Simple to do. This **recall** involves two styles of **Kidde** fire extinguishers: plastic handle fire extinguishers and push-button Pindicator fire extinguishers. ... date codes for **recalled** models manufactured from January 2, 2012 through August 15, 2017 are 00212 through 22717.

 Travis Carpenter

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Please check the Club Yearbook for corrections and updates. It was sent via email on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the commodore if you have any further changes. Thank you.



## Commodore's Report

Lots of things coming up in the next couple of months! When you next come by the clubhouse, you will notice that the deck is torn up for reconstruction. I've heard that it may take about a month to complete the rebuild. Be careful around the deck.

At the next general meeting, we will be covering a lot of ground including changes needed to increase club revenues to cover higher costs for rent payments and club activities. Changes recommended and approved by the executive board include raising dues, increasing clubhouse rental rates for members and public, and raising public awareness of availability of clubhouse for rent through occasional advertising. We are aiming to increase overall revenues by \$2400 to overcome a projected income shortfall for this year.

The executive board has approved purchase of a new range and under-counter commercial dishwasher for the clubhouse and ok'd the use of one of the CD's to fund the purchases. The estimated costs for both is about \$3000. Replacement of kitchen floor covering, countertop laminate, and refinishing the cabinets will also be done this year as funds allow.

One of the main money makers for the club each year is the annual rummage sale. This year the sale is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup>, and besides the needing of lots of goods to sell, we also have an urgent need for someone to step up and chair the sale effort. Without a leader, the rummage sale will not come off as the money maker we need it to be. Please consider volunteering for the job, and help the club increase its funds. The job is fun, usually with lots of help, so if you are interested, please contact one of the club officers or board members ASAP!!

Our first cruise of the year, to Blake Island State Park, is coming up on March 23-25. You don't want to miss it, as there should be plenty of room available there in March! Now that there is power available on all the docks, it's a great location to get away for a weekend or longer. There will be more information coming out in the next newsletter but, in the meantime, make sure you sign up with Fleet Captain Jill Jones pronto!

Before closing, I want to send a shout-out to Jeremy Fitchett. For the last year or so, Jeremy has been our club quartermaster and done a fine job at it. His work and school schedule have made it so that he can no longer carry on. Thank you, Jeremy, for all of your effort, and good luck with work and school. We look forward to seeing you still in the clubhouse and on the water.

☆☆☆ Robert Bale, Commodore, M/V Just Play'n Nuts



## Vice Commodore's Report

It may be a bit short this month, but I am just pretending that I have gone south for the winter and boating is not on my mind. Boat show I understand was sort of the same as in past years. Boats just keep going up. Not sure how the young folks do it today. The yacht sales have begun to pick up and hoping for a great spring. Suldán's Boat Works said that he is seeing an upswing in repairs and customer spending. He also feels that the boating industry is picking up. This, to me, is great news as just perhaps people will join yacht clubs, etc. We at POYS are here for them if they so choose.

Hope for those of you who attended the club activities on Sunday enjoyed the game, etc. Just not our cup of tea. Remember Valentine's Day for those who care and, yes, this day is a great day for the Johnsons. Not sure what's up yet but going to do something. Then we move towards March and our first cruise of the year. I am hoping for a nice weekend, but the end of March can go either way. Hope to see a good turnout if not a great one.

Just a mention that our February meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> is going to attack some budget issues head-on. The board has come up with some great stop-gaps that hopefully are appreciated by all. Or at least most. WE really need input to move forward or actions are just going to have to be taken to increase funding for the budget. PLEASE, we need a great turnout.

★ ★ Rich Johnson, Vice Commodore, M/V Lani Kai



## Rear Commodore's Report

No input this month.

★ Daniel Bural, Rear Commodore, M/V Lani K Too



## Fleet Report

Last month we had a great sign-up for the cruises. Up to seven boats on some, and it was the first go around. We don't even have our snowbirds back yet, and not everyone was able to attend the meeting. Looks like it is going to be a great cruise season.

As always I can use hosts. We have time as the first cruise isn't until end of March. Being a host/hostess can be as simple as telling us what to do when, and what food to bring for potlucks.

Sign-up sheets will be out at the next meeting. If you haven't signed up think about joining us. You can be as social as you choose, or just go off on your own, but we would love your company.



Jill Jones, Fleet Captain, M/V Oceana

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## Social Committee Chair Needed

BVYC is seeking a dedicated member to take on the social activities chair position. We pay big bucks each year for this great clubhouse, and we should keep it hopping with activities. For details, please contact the commodore ASAP!

## Classic Movie and Popcorn Night



On Groundhog Day, Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, another movie night was held at the club. A small, but fun, group enjoyed popcorn and soda while watching the old classic movie "Groundhog Day".

As reports have just come in from Groundhog Day 2018, Punxsutawney Phil DID see his shadow this year, which declares six more weeks of winter.

So, in order to ward off these extra weeks of winter blahs and blues, please plan on coming to our next classic movie and popcorn night, being held on **Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Previews start at 6:30pm, feature presentation at 7pm.



## Super Bowl Party at the Clubhouse was Super!

JR and Tina hosted an excellent gathering at the clubhouse on Super Bowl Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. Plenty of food, fellowship, and cheering abounded. "Commercial Bingo" was also a big hit! Thank you to our hosts, JR and Tina, and to all who came out and joined in the fun.



## Hobby Night at the Club!

**March 8<sup>th</sup>** is the next scheduled Hobby Night at the club. Hobby Night (aka art or craft night) is family-friendly. For young and old, male or female, crafty or non. Bring a project to putter on, a game to play, a book to read, or whatever strikes your fancy. Maybe you'd like to bring your boat fenders and put new lines on them, bake a cake, sew an apron, color, or just talk about your hobbies! Bring your own beverage and, if you'd like, a snack to share. Starts at 6:30pm, runs to 9-ish.



## Food Bank Donations

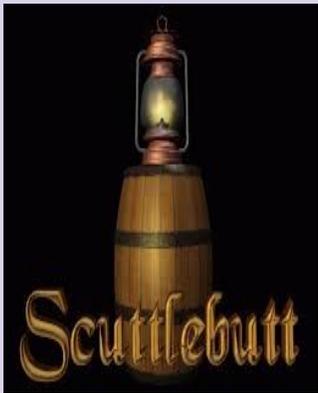
Please bring items for the food bank when you drop by the clubhouse. The items in our donation container are brought to the local food bank by our quartermaster. Thank you.

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## BVYC Rummage Sale set for May 19<sup>th</sup>

In need of a **chairman** and helpers for this year's rummage sale. Please contact the commodore ASAP to help... we need this annual fundraiser to be successful!



True Scuttlebutt: Had a craigslist scam hit us. Didn't fall for it but the guy really tried. He said he was on vacation but really wanted our boat and would wire us the money. Then he said when the money cleared I could tell him and he could fly back and pick up the boat. So I told him since I didn't know him he would have to give me a few days, I would set up a new account for this transaction, then when the money cleared I would move it out and close that account, and let him know where to pick up the boat. He said he couldn't believe I would do that!! and I haven't heard from him since.



Jill Jones, Fleet Captain, M/V Oceana

## 2018 BVYC Cruises



March 23-25

Blake Island State Park

April 27-29

Shilshole Bay Marina

May 25-28

Des Moines Marina (Memorial Day)

June 22-24

Bell Harbor Marina

July 20-22

Fishermen's Terminal

July 23-24

Tyee Yacht Club (extended stay)

August 31-September 3

Everett Marina (Labor Day)

October 5-7

Port of Poulsbo Marina



## How To Stop A Boat From Sinking

By Michael Vatalaro

Quick action - and these three items - can keep your boat afloat in an emergency.

Putting Archimedes' "Eureka!" moment aside, a boat can be said to float because there's more water on the outside than on the inside. And while the concept of displacement might baffle some of us, it's a safe bet that every boater knows when the water on the outside starts becoming water on the inside, something has to be done, and quickly. Here are three ways to stop a sudden leak, before your boat ends up looking more like Archimedes' bathtub.

### **Cram It: TruPlug**

Designed as a replacement for traditional wooden bungs, which often need to be hammered into place to staunch the flow of water, TruPlug is made from closed-cell foam, the elastic type that springs back into shape after you compress it. Like foam earplugs, TruPlug is designed to be installed by hand.

Yes, in a perfect world, should a hose pop off your raw-water intake, you'd just close the seacock. But in reality, these valves are frequently neglected and stuck in the open position. Or perhaps, in a truly disastrous turn of events, a heavy battery or piece of equipment breaks loose and shears off an aged, corroded, or fatigued seacock. In such a case, you'd be glad to have the flexibility of TruPlug's foam, which can conform to somewhat irregular shapes.

But you don't have to imagine a worst-case scenario to find a reason to keep this \$20 item in your toolkit. The plastic "mushroom"-style thru-hulls through which scuppers, bilge pumps, and livewells drain overboard are notorious for cracking and leaking after years of UV abuse. Having a plug handy to jam into one of these openings might just get you back to the dock without having to bail all the way home.

### **Wrap It: Rescue Tape**

I've had an engine-cooling hose burst while underway. It's not pretty. When I opened the engine-compartment hatch, water — under pressure from the engine's circulating pump — was spraying from a gash in the hose all over the engine compartment. The boat in question was a twin-engine cabin cruiser, so the solution was to shut down the port engine and continue on one engine. But if I'd had Rescue Tape aboard, I could've wrapped up the busted hose and been back underway at normal speed.

Rescue tape is self-amalgamating silicone. It comes with clear backing that you have to peel back as you go. To repair a leak, stretch and wrap the tape over the hose and itself, overlapping each wrap by about half. Don't be shy on the stretching — the tighter you pull the wraps, the better the seal. Using the tape to cover an extra few inches on either side of the leak should allow you to seal just about any leaking hose or pipe in an emergency, even high-pressure hydraulic lines. However do read the packaging for limitations, such as for common rail pipes or pipes from injector pumps to injectors. For \$10 to \$12 per roll, this tape is cheap insurance.

### **Mend It: Epoxy Sticks**

These epoxy putties can be mixed by hand to create a self-hardening patch for repairing small holes or gashes in the hull or an outdrive. They even cure underwater, though you may have to hold it in place for 5 to 10 minutes to give it time to set up. It's easier to find uses for this type of repair tool when your boat is out of the water. But if your boating takes you to remote places or you value self-reliance, throw a \$24 package of this in the toolbox, just in case.

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## Upcoming Events

Don't forget to mark your calendars: BVYC general meeting February 13<sup>th</sup>, Classic Movie and Popcorn Night March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Hobby Night March 8<sup>th</sup>, Blake Island Cruise March 23-25<sup>th</sup>, BVYC's annual rummage sale May 19<sup>th</sup>, and the other upcoming cruises. Check out the club's website for updated info!

## BVYC Clubhouse Store

At long last, our clubhouse store is starting back up! Our club store volunteers are in the process of purchasing and stocking up on BVYC-logo gear. Laurie and Noreen are working with Disc Golf 360 and have come up with several items available to purchase:

Men's regular t-shirts are going for \$18, pocket t-shirts are \$23, and long sleeved t's are \$28. Sizes S-4XL.

Women's v-neck t-shirts are \$18 and long sleeved v-necks are \$23. Sizes S-4XL.

Zip-up hoodies are \$58.

Hats are \$23. Sizes S/M/L.

For more info, please contact Laurie at [emeraldislelaurie@gmail.com](mailto:emeraldislelaurie@gmail.com)

If you have already placed your order with Laurie, your item should be ready at the meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your payment along. Thank you.



Brownsville Yacht Club members can join BoatUS or renew their membership and pay only \$15 for membership dues and receive 10% off any on-the-water towing service when our group's source code **GA84236Y** is used. For more information visit <https://www.boatus.com>.



Des Moines Yacht Club is holding their 19<sup>th</sup> annual Indoor/Outdoor Swap Meet on March 24<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 3pm at their club. This is the largest indoor marine swap meet in the state with over 30 individual vendor booths selling both new and used marine items. In addition to the indoor vendors, there are also vendors outside selling larger items such as boats, dinghies, trailers, and much more. They offer lunch, coffee, and other specialty goodies for purchase so you may come and spend hours looking, bargaining, buying, or selling. If interested in being a vendor, please contact Shannon McCaslin to reserve your spot. Her contact info is 253-217-1662 or [shannanmccaslin@gmail.com](mailto:shannanmccaslin@gmail.com).

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**DONT BE A CHICKEN!!!**

**REMEMBER YOUR PET'S SAFETY ON THE WATER!**



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## **Clubhouse Rental**

Interested in renting the clubhouse for a family gathering? A reception? Baby shower? Girl's night? Please contact the rear commodore for available dates and other rental information.