

Brownsville Yacht Club

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COMMODORE'S REPORT



Our General Meeting Mardi Gras Pot-luck in February was well attended, fun and delicious. It also consisted of induction of new members. How great that our club is growing with such wonderful additions.

We are a lucky club to have our members wanting to participate in activities, meetings, cruises, and positions. Thank you to Allysha D. whom has volunteered to be our treasurer to complete the year. Thank you to our Quartermaster Ron for delivering our donations of 129 lbs. to the Bremerton Foodline which we support.

Our annual Rummage sale Fundraiser is coming up soon. Start your spring cleaning and boxing up your donations. We are in need of members to sign up to be on this year's committee. Please call me to sign up and answer any of your questions. Our rummage sale has been very successful the past few years with great member enthusiasm and help. Mark your calendars for Saturday April 30th.

Please attend the March General Meeting; we will have guest speakers Renee Johnson and Shawn Ultican from WSU Kitsap County Extension updating us on the Water Stewardship Program.

Also, March, April and May are great months to host member gatherings. It could be a social, cooking activity night, crafty stuff, TV show night, Game night, Day Light Savings, Kentucky Derby or Cinco de Mayo. Great ideas for fun and meeting new members!

MARCH

10~General Meeting-7pm
11~Port Commissioners Mtg-7pm
18-20~Cruise to Kingston
26~EXB Meeting-7pm
30~Newsletter Input due

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12~General Meeting-7pm
13~Port Commissioners Mtg-7pm
18~POB All Ports Mtg-6pm
22-24~Spring Fling Port Madison
24-29~Clubhouse Closed for Rummage prep
30~Rummage Sale

Another thing to remember and think about is Flag Officers and appointed positions are needed for next year. Ballots will go out in May and voting in June. Take a look at your bi-laws for more information or contact Past Commodore JT for questions and interest. Our club continues to see growth – in friendship – activity participation and membership applications. Welcome to new member inducted at our February meeting Sharon Langaker and John Snook, both single memberships. We also received membership applications from Kelly and Linda Huggins, Dan Diamond, and Sally Hass. Take time to welcome them. Thank you to all our sponsors.

Reminder to all old and new... Please remember we are still in need of your boat pictures for the club wall. Don't have a boat ~ No worries, land yachts and/ or any means of transportation works.

Fair Winds and Smooth Seas

Commodore Carolyn  s/v Absolutely

VICE COMMODORE



REAR COMMODORE



Hello everyone! Hope you are all keeping your sanity intact from listening and seeing all the latest political static and news about caucuses, primaries, and so on. Sometimes I just want to get out in the boat, cruise away, and disconnect from the world for a while! Achk!

Some good news though, our club has grown significantly over the last few months and I think it is time for me to do an overview of one of the nicest benefits of belonging to Brownsville Yacht Club...our clubhouse!

One of the first things a new member receives upon joining is a key to the clubhouse doors, and a key to the kitchen cabinet doors. Members in good standing (dues all paid up!) are welcome to use the clubhouse pretty

much any time other than when club or port meetings are scheduled, or when the club is formally rented out. For casual club use, you don't even need to ask!

When not under "Rental Agreement" the clubhouse is open to all members in good standing, which means that unless a rental agreement is in force, or an official club or port meeting is occurring, members may access and use the clubhouse right along with any other members during the same time period. In other words, unless under "Rental Agreement", the clubhouse is open for use by all members in good standing.

Clubhouse use for members during a non-rental periods is ideal for private uses such as non-official meetings and gatherings with other club members, intermittent/infrequent hosting of meetings with non members, family and friends for the purposes of reading, sewing or general relaxation and visiting. However, please don't use the clubhouse as an extension of living quarters or personal living space.

You say that you are a member in good standing, and interested in renting the clubhouse for your own private use? From wedding receptions to retirement parties, you won't find a facility with our amenities for only a \$50.00 (member rate) rental fee! Yes it's only \$50 to have complete private use of the clubhouse! That is a bargain, just check around and see! We have rental applications stocked in the box just outside the clubhouse door or you can print one out from the club webpage as well as look over the clubhouse use rules.

The clubhouse rental brings in good revenue to the club which helps pay for our many activities. Please don't be shy about advertising it's availability to your friends, family and co-workers. Even the non-member rate of \$300.00 a day is a bargain. To check availability, just go to our webpage at www.brownsvilleyachtclub.org and check the calendar for the date or dates that you desire, fill out an application along with a check for the rental fee and get it to me, the rear commodore, asap! Dates tend to fill quickly!

Hope to see you all at the cruise to Kingston later this month! Until then, see you around the marina!

**Thank You,
Robert Bale
Rear Commodore
Brownsville Yacht Club**

FLEET CAPTAIN



Hello BVYC Members,
Hello Spring! We are rounding up to the best time of year to be a boater.

The March cruise to Kingston comes up from the 18th to 20th. Sold out, but if you wish to participate, beyond the members who have signed up, please inquire on March 12th with the Port of Kingston [360/ 297-3535](tel:3602973535) for anything that may have opened up. This will be a great cruise with lots of activities and good dockside fun. For the Memorial Day cruise to Bell Harbor, we have members Laurie Irvin and Noreen Le Blanc on tap to host the event. This promises to be great fun! We have a single cruise open to hosting, July to Port Ludlow. Please consider hosting at this great location. It is the launch point to summer cruising in the San Juans if you wish to sign up. Thank you members for all of your participation. Remember, you bring the fun.

Charlene Holmes
P/C Miss Marlene

Washington State University Extension

Kitsap County Water Stewardship Program

POLLUTION DETECTIVES – Partners in Pollution Prevention

Last May Renee Johnson and Shawn Ultican attended our general meeting and spoke about the water quality clean-up project to reduce fecal coliform bacteria in our area. This pollution can come from failing septic systems, leaking sewer lines, pet waste, livestock manure, boat waste, and even wildlife.

On March 8th this month's general meeting they will give BVYC members an update on the progress and what's being done to find and fix the sources of this pollution. They will share some tips on prevention and demonstrate how to use pump-out adaptors, and how to get the most life out of your septic system.

FREE pump-out adaptors, sink strainers, water conservation shower heads, faucet aerators, and water leak test kits will be available.

Mark your calendars to attend!!!!

TIME TO SAVE YOUR
TREASURES FOR THE
BROWNSVILLE YACHT
CLUB



*Yes it is that time again to do
spring cleaning.*

your

Don't throw away any of your good and reusable items.



Saturday April 30th

Ask your friends and neighbors to donate also.

More info to follow in next month's newsletter

We CAN NOT Accept: computers, paints, or other hazardous material.