

	12/03	Christmas party, 6 pm
	12/13	General meeting, 7 pm
	12/16	CANCELLED Lighted boat parade CANCELLED
	12/31	New Year's Eve "Black & White Glitter Ball", 8 pm
	01/01	Polar Plunge, noon



Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 3rd. It starts off at 6 pm with tree decorating and a social. Then, at 7 pm, our white elephant gift exchange starts. This is a real blast! Each person who wants to participate brings a wrapped gift. The gift can be re-purposed or new, it doesn't matter! It can be delightful, or just plain silly. Mark it as "Adult" or "Child" according to what the gift contains. Also, if the gift is gender-specific, mark that as well (i.e., "Adult Male", "Adult Female", "Child Male", "Child Female"). Be creative! The more folks joining in this zany exchange, the better! Plus, we hear that Santa is supposed to be dropping by to help!

So, plan on bringing:

- Willing hands to decorate the club for the holidays
- Holiday treat to share
- Beverage of your choice
- Wrapped and labeled gift for the gift exchange
- Donation for the food bank
- Christmas Angel gifts (if you signed up)



We know that the holiday season is always jam-packed with activities, but please try to make room for this special event. This gathering is always a joyful time of fun and fellowship.



Commodore's Report

Green and red, sparkles, festive music, and twinkling lights: December is here! A joyous and magical time of year. Our December will start off with the traditional decorating of the club tree and the white elephant gift exchange party on Saturday, December 3rd. This will be followed by our general meeting on Tuesday, December 13th, and then the closing of the year with our New Year's Eve party and waking up on January 1st for the Brownsville Marina Polar Plunge. Wow, what an exciting month!

Recapping on November a bit. The Thanksgiving potluck and general meeting was well-attended and the food was delicious! Thank you to the Bale's for the turkeys and other members for their side dishes. What fabulous cooks we have at BVCY! Speaking of cooks, Commodore Carolyn's Chowder Cook-off was very successful with our 5 contestants and fantastic chowders.

Remember the Christmas Angels! Sue and Carl are coordinating the Christmas Angels again this year. Giving has always been one of the greatest attributes of the Brownsville Yacht Club.

Wishing you all a very joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year.

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



Vice Commodore's Report

Happy Holidays to everyone! Sure hope you had a great Thanksgiving and didn't take in more calories than you expended. I think I may have had a few too many servings of turkey and cranberry sauce (maybe some other stuff, too!). I'm not entirely sure that I will still be able to button my jacket at the next meeting! At this moment, I'm not feeling too confident, and I'm afraid that things could get even worse with Christmas just around the corner. Ugh, it's diet time again for me!

We have one application for membership in process, and one very interested party waiting in the wings. Since the current applicant passed muster at the November EXB meeting, we will be planning on a new member installation at the December general meeting. Despite all the holiday busyness, I hope we will have a good showing of members at that meeting to extend a warm welcome to our new member.

Speaking of support, there are now several of the new membership information brochures pinned to the bulletin board in the clubhouse. They are placed there as an informational resource for current members to hand out to potential new members. The information is up-to-date and the brochures are a simple and easy way to tell others about the benefits of belonging to Brownsville Yacht Club. Please feel free to take one with you to give away. While you are at it, you can also pick up a membership application to go along with the brochure. There is a bin with plenty of blank applications just outside the clubhouse door. Don't worry about us running out of them... I'll print more! As I said in the last newsletter, I challenge every member to spread the good word about Brownsville Yacht Club and to invite someone to join!

Finally, the Christmas Lighted Boat Parade that was scheduled for December 16th has been cancelled. I wish

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to thank JR and Tina, Carl and Sue, Paul and Jill, and Jonathan for their help in trying to put it together for this year. Apparently interest from the membership has waned and we do not have enough boats registered to form a parade.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! As always, don't forget to mind your wake!

★ ★ Robert Bale, Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore's Report

Ho, Ho, Ho, and away we go... It's December and the year is coming to an end. That is not to say that BVYC is ready to wrap up this year. We have an upcoming Christmas tree lighting and Christmas party on the 3rd of December. I am sure that more information will be forthcoming. Then Christmas with friends and family and the New Year's Eve party on the 31st. So there are a lot of club events for those who care and would like to be active. That puts us at year's end, and then on to the Seattle Boat Show and warmer weather. Where does the time go?

It has been tossed around that I might come up with a clubhouse "watchlist". In other words, a revolving group of members that would be able to swing through the club house and just check things out (i.e., see if the floors are clean or need attention, dishes are clean and put away, check out the toilet paper and towel supply, etc). The members on the watchlist could then leave me a quick text or email and we can get on it. So just an extra pair of eyes. You can email me at rjohnson98584@gmail.com or text me at (360) 509-7084 and I can start thinking forward. My thought is perhaps one person per week or every 2 weeks and then rotation to the next person. Let me know if this makes sense and we can take it from there.

Beyond the "thinking out loud" stage and wishing everyone the best over these next few weeks, I hope everybody has a great holiday season. OK, I need another egg nog and life is good. Let's hope for a early and warm spring. Sorry snow skiers, but I love the warm weather.

★ Rich Johnson, Rear Commodore



Fleet Report

Hi everyone! All our cruises for 2017 have been scheduled and are ready for sign-ups after the holidays. I will have the sign-up sheets ready for our January 10th meeting. Also, please think about signing up to be a host!!!

Paul and I will not be at the December club meeting. We are going to be in sunny Las Vegas. We will see you all when we get back!

 Jill Jones, Fleet Chair



Christmas Lighted Boat Parade

CANCELLED

The lighted boat parade scheduled for December 16th has been cancelled due to a shortage of participants.



Christmas Angels

Please remember to bring your unwrapped gifts to the clubhouse by December 3rd. Each gift should have the price tag removed and an ID# attached. The child's name would also be helpful, but not necessary. If you still wish to contribute to Christmas Angels, cash can be used to purchase grocery gift certificates. Thanks once again for your generosity in making this a great Christmas for a family in need. Please contact Sue Pedersen at 360-598-2662 or lastwaltz2@hotmail.com for more information.



Sue Pedersen, Angels Chair

New Year's Eve Party

BLACK & WHITE GLITTER BALL



Once again Terry and Mary Asla are heading up our New Year's Eve party! Yay! Come at 8 pm, dressed in black and white and glittery! Last year some came fancy, some came preppy, and still others came as black and white furry creatures. See what your creative juices stir up! We will be toasting on the hour (starting at 9 pm New York time), to usher in the New Year with our fellow Americans in the different time zones. Bring your snacks to share and your beverages of choice. BVYC will provide the champagne for the hourly toasts. Please contact Terry and Mary Asla, terrylmasla@gmail.com, (360) 674-6663. Set-up help would be much appreciated on Dec. 30 and 31 (times to be announced).



Recently Chris and I went up to Friday Harbor to look at a new used boat for us. On our trip we stayed at a wonderful little spa/hotel called the Earth Box. They gave us a reduced rate when we told them we belonged to BVYC and were in town viewing a boat. They are not on the water, but they have an indoor pool, bicycles, spa, hot tub, sauna, and adorable rooms.

We also visited a local pizza parlor called Vinnie's Pizza which is just outside a bowling alley and next to West Marine. The pizza at Vinnie's was great and the old jukebox was great entertainment for our family. The song selection spanned a couple of decades and was a lot of fun to pick from.

On a side note, keep an eye out for the Friday specials at West Marine. We stumbled upon a great barbecue and propane tank combo and they have more every Friday!

If anyone ventures north either by boat or ferry, Friday Harbor is a great place to stop and check out. The people are super friendly to the boating community and it is a very neat little town.



Jodi Fitchett

RECIPE
of the
MONTH



Much loved at the June BVYC cruise...

PISTACHIO DESSERT

from the files of *Debbie Voyce*

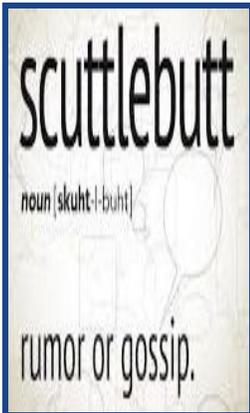
Crust: 1 cup flour, 1/2 cup butter, 1/2 cup chopped nuts (almonds, pecans or walnuts). Mix well. Press into 13x9" pan and bake at 350F for 15 minutes, cool.

1st layer: 2/3 cup powdered sugar, 8oz. cream cheese, 1/2 container large cool whip (13 1/2 ounce size). Mix together sugar and cream cheese, fold in cool whip, spread over crust.

2nd layer: 2 1/2 cups milk, 2 small pkgs. pistachio instant pudding. (I like to double this layer - 5 cups milk, 4 small pkgs. pistachio instant pudding). Blend together milk and pudding mix, spread over cream cheese mixture.

Topping: Spread remaining cool whip over pudding mixture, sprinkle chopped nuts on top. Enjoy.





On December first, a strange man, smelling strongly of peppermint and pipe tobacco, was seen wandering the marina docks in red thermals. Apparently he was in search of a red plush pantsuit with white fur trim that had disappeared while he was visiting the Waterloo. Clutched in his hands were black boots and a red fur-lined cap. It was noted that his tummy jiggled (just a little) as he walked up the dock.



Please contact Mrs. Claus at the North Port Office if this jolly old fellow is spotted again. He has a reputation for strange behavior (he GIVES AWAY STUFF) and causes a stir wherever he goes. Please act fast if you spot him as, despite his age, he is known to be lively and quick. It has been reported that some marina tenants feel that they've been looking for this little fellow for AGES and haven't spotted him yet.

This year practically everyone at the marina said they will be on the lookout for this jolly old soul. It should be also be noted that one of his peculiarities is that he likes to put his finger up his nose. Oops. ASIDE his nose.

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AWAY

BVYC's Marine Shop and Swap

Do you have "things" you want to sell, swap, or even just give away to make room in your boat or garage for more boating "essentials"?

They can be listed **HERE!**

For sale: Your item could be listed **HERE!**

For swap: Your item could be listed **HERE!**

For free: Your item could be listed **HERE!**



Please consider contributing to our food bank container which is conveniently located right inside our clubhouse.



2017 Cruising Calendar

January	N/A	No cruise
February	2/10 - 2/12	Winter Rendezvous 4
March	3/24 - 3/26	March Madness
April	4/28 - 4/30	Seattle Special
May	5/26 - 5/29	Everett Epic
June	6/23 - 6/25	Fathoms O' Fun
July	7/21 - 7/23	Brinnon Blast
August	N/A	No cruise

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