



	11/08	Thanksgiving gathering and general meeting, 5:30 pm
	11/12	Commodore Carolyn's Chowder Cook-off, 6 pm
	11/30	Executive board meeting, 7 pm
	12/03	Christmas party, 6 pm
	12/13	December general meeting, 7 pm
	12/16	Christmas Lighted Boat Parade, 5:45 pm
	12/31	New Year's Eve party



Commodore's Report

Fall is such a beautiful time of year, the change of colors and the brisk windy weather. November is starting off with a nice chill and a full calendar. Remember to set your clocks back an hour on Sunday, November 6th, at 2 am.

The general meeting for November will be our Thanksgiving potluck, which is always successful. In order to avoid a multitude of one item dishes, please contact me, as we are doing a planned potluck. Let me know what dish you wish to bring.

Commodore Carolyn's Chowder Cook-off is just around the corner with the date changed to Saturday, November 12th. This is due to a previously scheduled rental. More information will be delivered at the meeting and via email.

Haunted Harbor was a great success, and I thank all the participants and volunteers. The BVYC stay-on-the-dock weekend was a bunch of fun with seven of our club members' boats all decorated in the Halloween theme. We had a nice social gathering with the visiting Navy Yacht Club. Thank you to all.

November 8th: Thanksgiving potluck and general meeting, November 12th: Commodore Carolyn's Chowder Cook-off, December 3rd: Christmas tree decorating and white elephant gift exchange, December 16th: the lighted boat parade, and December 31st: BVYC's New Year's Eve celebration. Wow. What fun this is all going to be.

Happy Thanksgiving to you, family, friends and loved ones.

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



Vice Commodore's Report

I'm pretty sure it will be mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, but wow, what a turn-out of trick or treaters we had for this year's Haunted Harbor "Scare Away Hunger" event a few days ago! We all had a great time decorating our boats and handing out treats to all the very polite and well-behaved youngsters (and parents, too).

If you weren't able to join in this time around, mark your calendar for next year. It's a really easy and fun way to spend time on the water and provide our local community with safe and exciting Halloween fun for the kids.

Now that I am getting somewhat settled in as vice commodore, I think it time for me to give some in-depth attention to membership. According to the club by-laws, by definition, I'm supposed to be the membership chair. Of course, I'm still not exactly sure what the heck that means, and the by-laws don't provide any specific guidance either. Rather than making things up as I go, I plan to talk to one or more of the many folks who have gone through the chairs before me and learn from them. If you see me approaching, be ready to talk with me about membership!

One thing that I do know for certain is that we need to keep our club growing. When I am down at the marina, I often come across folks who are not members and know very little about Brownsville Yacht Club. Usually, they are interested but no one has spoken to them about the club, invited them to a meeting or one of our events or cruises, or given them an application and offered to sponsor their membership. Brownsville Yacht Club has so much to offer to members, new and old alike, and it's really an easy sell. I challenge each member, over the next few months, to invite someone you know (or don't know!) to join us. Bring them to a meeting so they can see for themselves that we are an easy-going and fun bunch, with lots to offer to make boating more fun. At the clubhouse, you can find copies of our current membership application form and an informative flyer to offer to prospective members. Our website has all the forms and flyers available there, too, and I plan to keep a steady supply of them available in the clubhouse, as well. Let's work together and do all we can to keep our club growing!

That's all for now. Happy Thanksgiving, and...as always, remember to mind your wake!

★ ★ Robert Bale, Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore's Report

Well, the good news is that all of this rear commodore stuff is making sense. I really wish to thank both Bob and Carolyn for their input and bringing me up-to-speed. And yes, Jeremy, as quartermaster, will be getting involved and helping out the rear and the club. Thanks so very much guys. I thought semi-retirement would be easy, but instead I am working more.

I will start off by saying that club rentals for December 2016 are done. There are no more weekends to be had. If you have a mid-week gathering, let me know and I will see where it fits in. So, on that note, everyone have a great Christmas. Now for November. We are going to be busy for those who want to be involved. We just finished our Haunted Halloween and the weather really cooperated. Lots of kids and nothing but praise for the event. We heard it a lot as we were the furthest boat on the dock. Ok, the LAST boat! The comment from Laurie (and others) was that next year we really need to step it up....Navy Yacht Club kicked our butts in the costume department. "WOW" is all we heard.

November 8th is a meeting and an early turkey event at the clubhouse. Should be awesome and it will be our first, so looking forward to it. Then on to Carolyn's chowder event (CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)

on Saturday. Rentals for November are tight, but if something comes up I can be reached and we can talk further. Boy, just could not get enough of the Haunted Halloween. What a great time. See you all on the 8th.

★ Rich Johnson, Rear Commodore



Fleet Report

October has come and gone and the activities at the club are just beginning. There are no cruises for November or December but a lot of fun things coming our way. A great few months to just get together at the club to eat and visit!

The October cruise to Poulsbo Yacht Club, set up by Sue Pedersen, ended up being a Friday night steak fry land cruise due to the bad weather that was predicted. We had two tables of 8 representing our Brownsville Yacht Club and met a lot of the Poulsbo Yacht Club members who were very gracious. It was our first time attending the steak fry and it was a great experience. It was a little like the shell game, sharing a BBQ grill with two or three others folks, as when you lifted the lid to check your steak, you never quite knew where your steak was moved to!! But we had a great time and \$2 for a glass for wine, can't beat it.

All of the cruises for the 2017 season have been reserved, and I will get the sign-up sheets prepared for our January meeting.



Jill Jones, Fleet Chair



Halloween Haunted Harbor "Howls"

On Friday, October 28th, Brownsville Yacht Club sponsored Bremerton Food Line's fundraiser, Haunted Harbor "Scare Away Hunger". This second annual fundraiser was once again a huge success. All the assistance and prep work from the Port of Brownsville staff ensured the event was ready.

The weather cooperated—the rain had held off and there was no wind to spoil the event. Down by the boat ramps, Bremerton Food Line's board members and their families set up a table and collection area. Five antique hearses, staffed by the Anubis Hearse Club, were ready to trunk-and-treat all comers. Further on, at the pavilion, members of the Art SLAM Studio in Silverdale sponsored baby pumpkin decorating for the children. Thanks to Sally H, for donating 35 more pumpkins and gourds to the cause!

"Captain Safety JB", stood by with two tables full of lifejackets and a safety talk while across the water Kitsap Maritime Heritage Foundation provided music and shadow puppets on the schooner Fiddler's Dream. Out on the Port of Brownsville's wide, inviting concrete breakwater, 25 boats were awash in lights, fog machines, laser lights, spider webs, pumpkins and friendly spooks, thanks to the efforts of Brownsville Yacht Club members, marina tenants, and the visiting Navy Yacht Club.

Intertwined throughout all the actives, many dedicated and eager VOLUNTEERS assisted in being guides, serving beverages, giving directions, and passing out lifejackets. Billed as "a family friendly event more like Casper the Ghost than the Walking Dead" the event was squarely aimed at children 12 years old and younger. Children were invited from the community and from the four elementary schools in the port's district. Children and their grownups showed up with their cans of food for the foodbank and dressed in their costumes ready for trick-or-treating.

It is estimated that the Brownsville Yacht Club played host to over 400 children, along with their grownups. Bremerton Food Line's board president, Earl Burt, reported that the Haunted Harbor event brought in 427 pounds of food and another \$115 in cash donations. (CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)

The night ended with a social gathering at the clubhouse with the visiting yacht club. Then, continuing with the theme of things, our club members stayed on the breakwater, socializing and relaxing with our visitors. We all met on Saturday for a gathering and potluck and then continued on to Sunday morning with the Seahawks' game and brunch.

 Carolyn Thomas, Haunted Harbor Chair

Thanksgiving Potluck



Once again the holiday season has arrived. The BVYC annual Thanksgiving meeting and potluck are on Tuesday, November 8th. Events start with a 5:30 pm social, on to the potluck at 6 pm, then finishing with the general meeting at 7 pm. Turkey, mashed potatoes, and gravy are provided. As this is a "planned" potluck, please contact Commodore Carolyn at (360) 698-5201, to facilitate a "well-rounded" meal. As usual, don't forget your beverages of choice!



Commodore Carolyn's Chowder Cook-off

It's time to hone your skills in the kitchen. Commodore Carolyn is challenging club members to enjoy participating in her chowder cook-off. You can participate in cooking OR judging on Saturday, November 12th, at the clubhouse! 6 pm social, 6:30 judging. Contact Commodore Carolyn at (360) 698-5201. Looking forward to the tasty concoctions!



Christmas Lighted Boat Parade

One Night Only! Friday, December 16th! We are rebooting and simplifying the annual lighted boat parade so more boaters feel comfortable about joining in. Members and non-members are welcome to participate. The parade begins just off Keyport promptly at 5:45pm, heads slowly south past Brownsville & Illahee, then crosses over to Bainbridge Island shore & moves north to finish just off Battle Point around 8:30pm. We will not be traveling inside Rich Passage at all. Participating boaters are welcome to tie up at Brownsville Marina guest docks on the night of the parade **AND** also Saturday night, **free-of-charge!** Just leave your decorations lighted for others to enjoy!

☞ Simply decorate & light the starboard side of your boat & arrive about 30 minutes early just off Keyport to get lined up. Join us afterwards at BVYC clubhouse for hot refreshments & tasty munchies.

☞ Please let us know that you will be participating by placing your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the clubhouse, or call Rob Bale at (360) 447-8715. **Remember to check the website often!**

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.



Christmas Angels

Kitsap Resources have given us four young children (two boys and two girls) this year with some pretty simple wants and needs. Boots, bedding, and Legos seem to be the popular items this season as well as art supplies and hand-held games. We will have the sign-up sheets at the November Thanksgiving potluck meeting, so please plan to help out our Angel Kids with a gift. We can also accept cash donations that will be used to purchase grocery gift cards that can only be redeemed for food.

This is one of our biggest charity projects for the yacht club and KCR has always been impressed with our generosity. The Christmas season has been much brighter for the families that we have been able to help! If anyone wants to get a headstart, please contact Sue Pedersen at 360-598-2662 or e-mail lastwaltz2@hotmail.com. THANKS in advance for your wonderful support and generosity!!

P.S. Remember your food/paper goods/diapers for our food bank box, too.



Sue Pedersen, Angels Chair



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, ie: "Adult Male", "Adult Female", "Child Male", "Child Female".

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

The holidays are always jam-packed, so mark this event on your calendar today! This gathering is always a joyful time of fellowship and fun.



The word on the dock is that a certain Sally, surname NOT disclosed, fell in the water at Brownsville. She told her rescuers to wrap a garden hose around the piling as a means for her to climb out of the water. Ingenious!

Psst... at the October general meeting, a second Sally tattled that the OTHER Sally was the culprit. Hmm... the only question now is, "**Which** Sally was water-soaked while the other Sally watched?"



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



BVYC's Marine Shop and Swap

HERE! Your unused marine supplies can be listed **HERE!**
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!**
Contact the newsletter editor to list your items **HERE!**



Did you know?!?...

Carl and Sue Pedersen have been members of Brownsville Yacht Club since 1988?!? Thank you, Carl and Sue, for being such active and inspiring members for 28 years!



Reciprocal Basics from the vice commodore

"Yacht club reciprocity" may be defined as "a network of yacht clubs in agreement for the mutual exchange of privileges within that specific group of clubs." Brownsville Yacht Club has reciprocal privilege agreements with over 95 Yacht Clubs throughout Puget Sound and beyond. Although the extent of privileges may vary, generally a Brownsville Yacht Club member can expect to be allowed to use all of the welcoming clubs' available facilities and services, including short term berthing, meal and bar service, heads and showers, etc. Typically, a yacht club member can stop at a yacht club along his way, and if this club has a reciprocity agreement with the member's club and there is room, he is welcome to stay.

Some clubs charge for the first night's berthing, others do not, and it seldom matters whether you come by boat or car. Some yacht clubs limit their reciprocal privileges to those coming by boat. It is always a good idea to call ahead to let them know you're coming, as well as to determine what services are available. The visitor must settle all personal charges and bills with the visited yacht club before departing.

Brownsville Yacht Club uses the Yacht Destinations online database to keep our members informed about our reciprocal clubs and their facilities. For the absolute latest information on our yacht club reciprocals, please go to our website brownsvilleyachtclub.org or visit yachtdestinations.com.





Upcoming Events

There are many fun things planned for the upcoming months: November's Thanksgiving potluck, Commodore Carolyn's Chowder Cook-off, Christmas Lighted Boat Parade, Christmas party, New Year's Eve party, Polar Plunge, monthly club cruises, etc. Attend the club meetings and check-out the club website for more information. Mark your calendars now!



2016-2017 Cruising Calendar

November	N/A	No cruise
December	N/A	No cruise
January	N/A	No cruise
February	2/10 – 2/12	Winter Rendezvous 4 (Port of Poulsbo)
March	3/24 - 3/26	March Madness (Port of Poulsbo)
April	4/28 – 4/30	Seattle Special (Bell Harbor Marina)
May	5/26 – 5/29	Everett Epic (Port of Everett)
June	6/23 – 6/25	Fathoms O' Fun (Port Orchard)
July	7/21 – 7/23	Brinnon Blast (Pleasant Harbor Marina)
August	N/A	No cruise



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