



- 10/11** General meeting 7pm, Social starting 6:30 pm
- 10/14-16** Cruise to Poulsbo Yacht Club
- 10/27** Executive Board meeting 7 pm
- 10/28** Haunted Harbor
- 10/28-30** Halloween festivities at homeport
- 11/08** November meeting and Thanksgiving potluck
- 12/16** Christmas Lighted Boat Parade



### Commodore's Report

Labor Day cruise was a huge success, with fun, food, margaritas, friends, guests, and camaraderie. It was so encouraging to see the number of attendees at the Installation Dinner, and I am honored to be the commodore for 2015-2016. The dinner was delicious, catered by CJ's Catering Company. Thank you to Past Commodore Jonathan Thomas as Installing Officer, Ron Smith as Master-at-Arms, and J.R. Leaman as talented Bosun. A congratulation to the Irvins as Cruisers of the Year.

BAD at Brownsville was again very successful and well attended. It was quite the experience of being dunked in the tank. Many were eager to "Dunk the Commodore!" An hour is way too long (the bruises have healed), and I was thankful the water was warmed. Thank you to the members who supported this community event by manning the BVYC booth, providing dinghy rides, and supporting the port at other venues.

The October general meeting is scheduled for 7 pm on October 11th. Social time starts at 6:30 pm. I am completing the club yearbook and will have a hard copy at the meeting for needed corrections to the member roster. To complete the process, we are still in need of a treasurer. Anyone with accounting experience, please step forward.

Haunted Harbor's "Scare Away Hunger" is from 6-8 pm on Friday, October 28th. The port is fully in support of this event and will have breakwater dock space for the decorated boats. Please plan to have your boat all decorated and on the breakwater to participate in this great event! Unable to have your vessel available at the breakwater? Again, no worries - volunteer! This will also be our stay on-the-dock Halloween Cruise weekend. Looking forward to October.

---Carolyn Thomas, Commodore  
s/v Absolutely



### Vice Commodore's Report

As you have probably already noticed, we once again have a complete bridge with officers in all three key flag positions. I am honored to be the vice commodore for 2016-2017. I look forward to proudly flying that nice red flag with the white fouled anchor design, circled by thirteen stars, high up on the mast of our boat this season.

And wasn't that a wonderful installation dinner and ceremony, too? It was great seeing so many members, smiling and enjoying the fellowship, and the good food. I had a great time, and hope you did, as well. I want to thank our commodore for her help last year in showing me the ropes of the rear commodore position. The job actually turned out to be quite enjoyable, and, truth be told, I will miss it. But change is good, and I am certain that our new rear commodore, Rich Johnson, is ready to bring his own touch to the position and he can count on my help, and I'm sure, yours, as well, whenever it is needed. Thank you, Rich, for stepping up and taking on this challenging, but enjoyable, role. I am certain that you will do an amazing job this year. Two of my main duties as the vice commodore are membership chair and reciprocal management. Last year, since the vice commodore position was vacant, the duties were split between commodore and rear commodore, with the reciprocal management role as my responsibility. I am happy to carry on that role this year and to announce that in the last month we exchanged new reciprocal privileges with two more yacht clubs. The new reciprocals are Carver Cruisers Yacht Club, whose reciprocal moorage is at Des Moines Marina, and Ladner Yacht Club, whose reciprocal moorage is in Delta, Vancouver BC. You can find out more about these two clubs and others simply by going to our club's website and clicking on the tab labeled "RECIPROCAL". With the addition of these two clubs, we now have reciprocal moorage privileges with 99 clubs in British Columbia, Washington, and Oregon!

Before I close, I want to mention and thank the folks that helped out with Brownsville Appreciation Day last month. BAD was a blast and we had a great club turnout. So many helped out, and I hope I don't miss anyone because I am going strictly by memory! Here goes: Kim and Mike, Steve V, Ron and Noreen, Carl and Sue, Sally H and Sally S, Nancy and Bob, Rich and Laurie, James and Allysha, Carolyn and JT, Paul J, Terry A, Shorty and Janice, Fleeta, Cheryl, and Amanda B. If I missed anyone please forgive me...you are appreciated regardless! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

See you out on the water and don't forget to mind your wake!

---Robert Bale, Vice Commodore



## **Rear Commodore's Report**

Well, this is the first rear commodore report of my new term. I guess that a quick introduction of myself and my wife is in order. Well, I am Richard and your new rear commodore. I have been boating since high school and then onto college. I have been through the full gambit of boat ownership starting with my first boat, a 16' SeaSwirl with a 35 HP engine. I have been a sailboat owner and then started the move upward. I met Mary, my wife, about 20 years ago and warned her that I loved boating and needed a partner to share my dream. We combined our talents and purchased a 26' SeaRay and started to realize that the 2' move was starting. I have sold boats through Olympic Yacht Sales and also SeaRay. I am currently in the boat brokerage business and love finding the correct boat for a buyer: all the way from matching the boat to on-the-water instruction. My wife has been sucked into the boating world after meeting me, and we are now live-aboards in the Port Orchard Marina. We have been involved with a couple of yacht clubs locally and we have truly come to enjoy what a great club has to offer. We have found that the more involved we are, the more closely we are to others in the club, and the more we take away from the Yachting Experience.

This brings us and you up to date, sort of (there is always more). Our involvement became a little embedded when a few members approached me, the New Guy, and said that I should run for rear. This was a very simple choice and I said "yes!" I am still a bit confused, but I know that will clear up without me ruining the club beyond repair. Mary also saw a chance to give something and said that she would run for the executive board.

We both are very excited about this upcoming year and we truly hope that our input helps the club become a great place for others to join and help out.

---Rich Johnson, Rear Commodore



## **Fleet Report**

This year we have a fleet **committee** instead of a fleet **captain**. The members are Jill Jones, Sue Pedersen, Mary Johnson, and Nancy Bale. We are working on scheduling all the cruises for the upcoming year. Please consider being a host or co-hosting one of the cruises. Carl and Sue Pedersen have already stepped up to host the October cruise to Poulsbo AND the Bell Harbor cruise in April. Vice Commodore Robert Bale is organizing the Christmas Lighted Boat Parade for Friday, December 16th. There will be cruise sign-up sheets at our October 11th meeting.

---Jill Jones, Fleet Committee Chair



## **Summary of Labor Day Cruise to Gig Harbor**

We had a wonderful turnout with 10 boats - 8 anchored and 2 at the city dock. Tim and Tracy, guests, were a great addition to our group's raft-up, and we hope to see them again. "Dinghy to the Tides" was quite enjoyable, with Mike and Kim joining us by car. On Saturday, many of us hopped on the trolley for a trip to the head of the bay and a tour of the Maritime Historical Museum. Our docent, Micky, was knowledgeable and 94 years old! After that, we walked up to the Hi-lu-Hee-Hee for snacks and libations, with Jill and Paul catching up with us by car. Boyd and Gail Smith also were with us at the park. It was quite an eventful day.

Sunday brunch was on Last Waltz, and there was a great variety as usual. Ron Smith's biscuits and gravy were a BIG hit! Lots of shopping and trips to Heritage Distillery as well as Seven Seas Brewery were other highlights. The Berg's daughter and her friend joined us by speedboat, too.

The Margarita Party was very well attended on Fleeta's boat, and the Holmes joined us for that event as well as the Mexican dinner later (32 came for that! Wow!).

Netshed No. 9 was popular for breakfast before departing Gig Harbor on Monday morning. It was smooth sailing home after a busy cruising weekend. So nice to have such a well-attended event and hope to see you all for the next cruise to Poulsbo Yacht Club.

---The Pedersens



## **Outline for upcoming October cruise to Poulsbo**

The cruise will be held at Poulsbo Yacht Club's reciprocal dock from Friday, October 14th, to Sunday, October 16th. The schedule is as follows:

Friday - Join us for the Friday night STEAK FRY at Poulsbo Yacht Club. Bring your own meat to be barbecued (beef, chicken, etc.). PYC will supply all the trimmings for \$5.00 each! Such a deal!! Their bar will be open also with drinks at about \$3 a piece.

Saturday - Relax, watch some football, take a walk, or bring a game we can all play. That evening, 5 pm, we will have a beer tasting - bring an "Octoberfest" brew (beer/cider) to be sampled by others. At 6 pm, enjoy PIZZA supplied by the club and bring a small salad or dessert to share.

Sunday - at 10 am, dinghy, hike, or snag a ride with the Jones to the Brass Kraken for breakfast (Old Sheila's).

# NAUTICAL LINES

We have space for 8 boats so call or e-mail Jill if you plan to attend. I believe we have 4 boats signed up now. Please let us know also if you plan to attend any event by car.

Jill's contact info is: (360) 689-5878 or [fleetcommittee@brownsvilleyachtclub.org](mailto:fleetcommittee@brownsvilleyachtclub.org)

---Sue Pedersen

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## Upcoming Events

There are many fun things are planned for the upcoming months... October's Haunted Harbor, November's Thanksgiving Potluck, Christmas Lighted Boat Parade, Christmas Party, monthly club cruises, etc. Attend the club meetings and/or check-out the club website for more information. Mark your calendars now!



### 2016 - 2017 Cruising Calendar

<b>October</b>	<b>10/14 – 10/16</b>	<b>OKTOBERFEST (POULSBO YACHT CLUB)</b>
	<b>10/28</b>	<b>HAUNTED HARBOR (PORT OF BROWNSVILLE)</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>NO CRUISE</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>12/16</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS LIGHTED BOAT PARADE</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>NO CRUISE</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>2/10 – 2/12</b>	<b>WINTER RENDEZVOUS (PORT OF POULSBO)</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>3/17 - 3/19</b>	<b>BREMERTON (BYC OR PORT OF BREMERTON)</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>4/28 – 4/30</b>	<b>SEATTLE (BELL HARBOR MARINA)</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>5/26 – 5/29</b>	<b>EVERETT (PORT OF EVERETT)</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>6/23 – 6/25</b>	<b>FATHOMS O' FUN (PORT ORCHARD MARINA)</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>7/21 – 7/23</b>	<b>BRINNON (PLEASANT HARBOR MARINA)</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>NO CRUISE</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>9/1 – 9/4</b>	<b>TACOMA (DOCK STREET MARINA)</b>



## Christmas Lighted Boat Parade

Returning due to popular demand, we are working to resurrect the Christmas Lighted Boat Parade this year. Thanks to inputs from Carl and Sue, JR and Tina, Paul and Jill, as well as Nancy B, we have come up with a great plan to reboot the parade this Christmas season. Mark the evening of Friday, 16 December on your calendar! Instead of the more daunting two night parade of the past, it will be just a single evening with a slightly earlier start time at 5:30 pm and mustering just off Keyport. The route will run southward along the western shore of Port Orchard passage, past Brownsville Marina, and then turn towards Bainbridge Island after passing Illahee. Then we will run northward just along the shore of Bainbridge and finish close by to Battle Point. We will not be going into Rich Passage at all which is much less stressful and will allow us to complete the parade in a single evening. There are plans in the works to let all the decorated boats tie up for free on the breakwater that night so their lights and decorations will be seen and add a festive look to the marina for the night. There will be a sign up sheet at the next meeting and more information available soon. Please spread the word! Contact the vice commodore if you want to help out.

---Robert Bale



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## Did you know...

**Brownsville Yacht Club turned 45 in June?!? Happy Birthday, BVYC!**

