

Brownsville Yacht Club

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COMMODORE'S REPORT



February.... Will our little friend the Groundhog get a sunny day and see his shadow? Indicating there will be 6 more weeks of winter. Or will he be so lucky to have a typical northwest gray day, seeing no shadow? Indicating winter shall soon be over. Although I do not like gray days, I will wish for February 2nd to be just that for a short winter. We can only hope that we will be warm and dry again soon. This would be of great help to all of us whom wish to get those boat projects done.

Much activity happened in the BVMC family in January starting with a splash with those crazy Polar Plungers, Induction of New Members, Peer Peer which was successful, and the Janu-Weary gathering with lots of friendships and Beef Stew. Thank you to the members for your participation and volunteering.

Come join us on February 7th for a Super Bowl party. Come hang out, bring some munchies and watch the game. Even if football doesn't interest you, the company is great and we always have fun.

Bring your favorite Mardi Gras dish to our February Potluck prior to the General Meeting on February 9th. We'll start at 5:30 with a no host social and then have a potluck dinner at 6:00. The meeting will begin at 7:30.

FEBRUARY

- 1** ~ Super Bowl Sunday
- 9** ~ General Mtg -7pm – Valentine Pot-Luck 6pm
- 10** ~ Port Commissioners Mtg - 7pm
- 23** ~ Newsletter Input Due
- 26** ~ EXB Meeting - 7pm

MARCH

- 10** ~ General Meeting - 7pm
- 11** ~ Port Commissioners Mtg - 7pm
- 20 – 22** ~ Cruise to Kingston
- 26** ~ EXB Meeting - 7pm
- 30** ~ Newsletter Input Due

The bylaws review committee needs 2 to 3 more members to complete the review. If you are interested please contact me via email, phone or at the next general meeting. Also, Nominations for election of Officers in June has begun; contact Jr. Past Commodore Jonathan for more information.

We have many activities/events coming up over the next few months. I am lining up guest speakers to give us presentations and education to our wonderful club. Looking forward to having you can join in!

Fair Winds,
Commodore Carolyn

Vice Commodore Input

Our January general meeting welcomed new inducted members.
Elliot S, Allysha D, Glen B, Tammy & Glen C, Gary & Rosie and Johnny D.
Please take the time to introduce yourselves and get to know each other.
This is the Best club in the Puget Sound ~ It's Your Club!
Welcome to our New Members!

VICE COMMODORE



REAR COMMODORE



Hello everyone, this month my input is short, sweet, and hopefully to the point.

Next time you step into the clubhouse head and turn on the light, you should hear the whirring, humming, and satisfying sounds of air movement coming from our newly installed vent fan. BVYC members Paul J, Steve V, and myself recently spent a weekday afternoon crawling around in the attic, removing the old light, cutting into the ceiling sheet-rock to carefully fit the fan chassis, and finally high-fiving each when both the fan and light worked perfectly at the first flip of the switch. A great big thank you and a well done go out to Paul and Steve!

I notice that we presently have several empty picture frames on the clubhouse wall that are supposed to contain photos of member vessels (Wolf Song, Rain Dance, Big Sky come to mind). How nice it would be to fill those frames with 4 x 6 inch photos of the respective boats! The photos help make it easier to recognize fellow members and their boats when out cruising and to be able to give a friendly wave or toot of the horn in passing. Besides, boat photos just look darn-right good up on the wall! We also need pictures of boats owned by members who've joined the club in the last two or three months. If a photo of your boat is not yet posted in the clubhouse, all you need to do is get a 4 x 6 inch color photo or printed color image of your boat to me and I will take care of the rest. We have the frames and there is plenty of room on the wall, we just need your photos!!

And finally, for the last two years we have unfortunately had to cancel our annual Christmas lighted boat parade. The parade still seems very popular with the public and we recently received quite a few emails saying how much our parade is enjoyed and hopeful that we will be bringing it back again. Last December we even had several non-member boaters wishing to participate but we were unable to come up with lead and safety boats captained by club members, and so the cancellation. To help prevent that from happening again this year we are going to start the planning process much earlier. Some things we may consider include changing the parade into a one night only event, altering or reducing the parade route, inviting other clubs to join us, and probably much more. I will post more information here next time and ask members to consider helping with the brainstorming and planning, and of course, in this year's parade.

Darn, that was wasn't as short and sweet as I hoped!

Happy Valentines Day everyone!!

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

FLEET CAPTAIN



Wow 2016. That happened fast. Also, February heralds the Chinese New Year of the Monkey. It's a perfect year to jump in and enjoy the cruising calendar.

Since we don't have a cruise in February and with lots of new members in the club, I'd like to extend an invitation to consider hosting or co-hosting a cruise to all of you who may be new to club cruises. When we first joined Brownsville Yacht Club we had never attended a club or group cruise. With a few trips under our belt, we were invited to co-host a

Memorial Day Cruise to Bell Harbor with veteran cruisers and master members, Sue and Carl Pederson. While the idea of hosting seemed a bit daunting, our concerns were laid to rest by the expert example and patient collaboration with them.

Club cruising is one of the best activities offered by Brownsville Yacht Club. It is a terrific way to get to know the participating members on a personal scale, finding common ground and great camaraderie. The best thing about our club is that we know how to enjoy ourselves. From elaborate plans to casual get togethers, we support one another's personal style. In other words, your hosting activities can be customized to your reflect your preferences. You don't have to be Martha Stewart or Ina Garten to host a great cruise. Typically the hosts select a theme or customize the plan in place. There is \$100 to spend on each cruise for food, decorations, or entertainment. You can plan activities for the group or leave it up to the participants. You can prepare meals or arrange potlucks. It really is up to each host.

A typical three day cruise kicks off with a casual group gathering on the first day, usually a Friday evening depending on when all cruisers have arrived at the destination for a few beverages and shared appetizers provided by the hosts or participants as a potluck. Typically there are activities on Saturday either individually or as a group depending on the location or the hosts or group consensus. Saturday evening can be a common meal provided by the host, a potluck by participants or a group dinner together at a nearby restaurant. Sunday wraps up a cruise with a potluck brunch beginning at 10AM and finishing up by noon so that members can pull up anchor and head to home port. Four day cruises, Memorial Day and Labor Day include Sunday as a full day of activities and group participation, with Monday being the communal brunch day and departure by noon or so.

General cruise etiquette suggests BYOB for all days, some or all potluck contributions to meals, including bringing your own cutlery, dinnerware and drinkware. Even if you are coming by land, be sure to bring stuff to eat with. Check with your cruise host for any particular details or special requests.

We have two cruises this 2016 that still need hosts, the 4 day Memorial Day Cruise to Bell Harbor in Seattle and the 3 day July cruise to Port Ludlow. Also, feel free to contact any hosts for March, April, June or September for a chance to dip your big toe into cruising by co-hosting. Do not hesitate to contact me for information or questions regarding hosting or participating in cruises. 206-498-0620

We look forward to an enjoyable and fun filled cruise season for 2016 and getting to socialize with both new and old members. Did someone say "a barrel of monkeys"? Remember, you bring the fun!

Charlene Holmes/Fleet Captain

P/C Miss Marlene



Mardi Gras Potluck and February Meeting



February 9, 2016

5:30 No-Cost Social

6:00 Potluck

Along with main dishes, Sail boaters bring desserts and Motor boaters bring salads

7:00 General Meeting





Peer Peer

The Night Time Peer Peer with the WSU Extension office and the Support of the Brownsville Yacht Club brought many children and adults to our marina. Hot Chocolate and baked cookies soon ran out but the stories the children shared about the underwater camera, the fish tank, the divers and the beach naturalist will last.

Thank you to our faithful volunteers, the extension office and the Navy divers.

