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BVYC's social calendar is temporarily suspended due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Commodore Charlene will keep us apprised via email with any updates.





Dues Duly Due Really DO Become Due

It's that time again! Dues really **were** due as of June 1st for the 2020-2021 yacht club year. Dues are \$100 annually for individuals, \$200 annually for family.

There are several ways to pay:

Mail payment to: BVYC, 9790 Ogle Rd NE, Bremerton, WA 98311. Or *drop off* your payment in the locked dropbox inside the club. Or *pay online* at our secure website <u>brownsville yacht club</u> and make your payment there.

Avoid "Doo-Doo" by paying your Dues!!!



Golden Anniversary and Officer Elections

Hello fellow yacht club members! Summer is finally here and good weather has arrived as well. Nancy and I spent a couple of weeks out in the boat just going where we pleased by anchoring out. It mostly went well but we did have a couple interesting boo-boos that I won't go into now...I don't want to embarrass anyone! Hope that you are or will be getting out in your boat as well.

In 2021, Brownsville Yacht Club will reach a real milestone....in June of 2021, the club becomes 50 years old! With the effects of the virus lock-down and social distancing still in effect, it may be difficult to organize a suitable celebration to commemorate this awesome milestone. Hopefully social distancing will ease up before then and we can all gather to have a great BVYC birthday party next year. If you have ideas on ways to celebrate, please bring them to the attention of the club officers. Your input is valued and appreciated.

On another note, once again, due to the social distancing requirements, the club has not been able to hold officer elections as required by the by-laws. The current bridge has done a great job guiding the club through the challenges of the last couple years but their terms are almost over. One of the tasks I took on as junior past commodore is to go out and forage amongst the members in good standing to seek out potential candidates for office. Needless to say, the Covid-19 lockdown and social distancing has made this a very difficult job. Please consider taking on one of the officer or appointed roles so that BVYC can roll into its 50th year with a full and operational bridge. Yes, there are challenges that need to be met, but taking on the job as an officer is also very rewarding, especially by being an officer in the special year ahead of us. The positions that I am seeking to fill are commodore, vice-commodore, rear-commodore or possibly one of the appointed positions such as fleet captain, secretary, or executive board member. If you are interested in any elected or appointed position, please contact me or any club officer. Let's roll into our 50th year with a full and active bridge.

Thanks,
Bob Bale, Junior Past Commodore, M/V *Just Play'n Nuts*



Commodore's Report

Greetings Brownsville Yacht Club,

I hope you are all making the best of the summer. If I had to choose my own adventure for the summer of 2020, it would look nothing like this one, being in pandemic irons of sorts. Still, there are elements that we hopefully can find pleasure in.

Facing the state's restrictions currently in place, Kitsap County remains in Phase 2 of the Covid-19 crisis. At the recent executive board meeting, the full slate of members agreed to put a number of decisions regarding the club's operations on hold until September. Elections that were to be held have been put on hold for a time as we anticipate candidates for the offices coming forth. All the current bridge and appointees have agreed to stay on and administrate the club's affairs until such a time. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Junior Past Commodore Bob Bale.

Payment of dues was also discussed at our EXB meeting. As we decided last year, cash will no longer be accepted by the treasurer for payment of dues. Payment can be made by check, mailed to BVYC, or dropped in the mailbox inside the front door of the clubhouse. Payment can also be made online through our website brownsville yacht club from the "members" dropdown menu option. If you have not yet signed on with your private login and password and then approved by the website administrator as an actual member, start there first. If you experience any difficulty or you need assistance, please contact Vice Commodore Jim. A number of members have taken advantage of this option and our treasurer, Kim, has recorded those payments.

As member dues are the main source of raising funds to keep our club operating, it is our hope that we can keep our standing as a yacht club strong by having renewals made in a timely way. For those who are considering not renewing, I am sending out a separate email to the Brownsville Members Google Group with information regarding that process.

Once Kitsap County becomes eligible for Phase 3 opening, we will be able to make decisions about upcoming events, cruises, rentals, gatherings and general meetings which have been put on hold for the time being. We ask for input from our members on these topics as well. The officers and executive board are engaged and ready for the next steps. On behalf of The Board, we look forward to resuming

our meetings and activities with the Brownsville Yacht Club membership. I hope all of you are staying well.

Cordially,



☆ ☆ Charlene Holmes, Commodore, M/V Miss Marlene



Vice Commodore's Report

Looking forward to hearing from Jim next month.





Rear Commodore's Report

Hello everyone,

I sure miss the socializing of the club, and I'm hopeful we will return to some form of normalcy soon. I have been talking to other clubs about cruises, and they are all cancelling or scaling way back, and have no need for the clubhouse. The clubhouse has been staying clean, thank you to anyone who's using it!

We are hoping to go to Olympia with the club for Labor Day. Fingers crossed! I hope everyone is staying healthy and look forward to seeing everyone.

Happy Sailing,



Laurie Irvin, Rear Commodore, M/V *Emerald Isle*



Fleet Report

The cruise committee is recommending all cruise-related activities sponsored by the club are cancelled until this fall. We will look at September and beyond in the next couple of months.

📤 Travis Carpenter, Fleet Committee, M/V Alegria



Port Happenings

Looking forward to a bit of October nonsense.

In mid-October you will be invited to participate in a formal judging of your pumpkin growing talents or lack thereof.

Those without an entry can submit a written excuse... which will also be judged.

Yes, we will have official judges and prizes... no mail in ballots.

Sally Hass, Port Liaison, M/V Spirit of Balto



Detective Dogbottoms wants you to know...

Sometimes newsletter submissions get *lost in the "Cloud(s)"*. If anyone finds that their newsletter submissions haven't made press, please contact: newsletter@brownsvilleyachtclub.org to help Detective Dogbottoms find any missing articles.



Travis and Kim found this when pulling up anchorage in Port Madison...

How to Keep Your Batteries Happy and Your Beer Cold And Did We Buy a Duck?...





from the desk of Senior Staff Writer J.R.

This tech article is one I've been thinking about writing for a while. So here it is.

Also....there may be a rumor that Tina and I and two other BVYC families are bidding on a "Ride the Ducks" duck boat. By the time this newsletter is out we will know if we are fleet owners. Oh my!!!

And if you are so inclined they have 18000 duck quackers for sale.... Could be prizes for something!

And we are off!!!!

We do a fair amount of boating anchored out or on a state park buoy.

So we are using the battery, a lot. What's the biggest draw on your battery?

The fridge. Our goal is to keep the load on the battery as small as possible so it lasts longer and you minimize the time you need to run a genset.

This is what works for us. Only keep the things in the fridge that need fridge temps. Meats, eggs, mayonnaise.....

Keep your liquid refreshments outside in a cooler. You want to minimize the time you open your fridge letting the cold out and the warm in.

Make a plan for when you are going to open the fridge and know where everything is so you don't have to search. I have a little dry erase board with everything listed on it and where they are at so I don't have to search.

We have freezer ice packs and a few bottles of water we keep in the freezer.

Twice a day when we go into the fridge, we will put in a few freezer packs/ frozen bottles of water and then swap them out with the ones from the freezer. A fridge is nothing more than a fancy ice box!

Anything you can do to help the fridge helps the battery.

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Getting back to the ice chest outside. Ours will keep 4 blocks of ice for 6 days. Keeps the cans cold.

Our last trip I didn't load up the ice chest with ice figuring we would find some on the way.... Nope.

So what I did was fill the chest (107 qt YETI) with dock water and put in the bottle/cans. That keeps them at about 50/ degrees. So at least they are precooled. When we would run our generator I run my Costco ice maker. We have a smaller cooler, holds about six cans. Put the precooled cans from the big ice chest into the little ice chest which now has ice in it and voila! It doesn't take nearly as much ice for the small one, so as you remove something replace it from the precooled section.

So in summary. Only keep the stuff you need in the fridge. Minimize opening it and when you do open it swap out the freezer gel packs with newly frozen ones in the freezer. Keep drinks outside in the big cooler precooled and put ice in the smaller cooler to cool them further as needed.

On the subject of ice.... the 120 dollar Costco special has a (sump) that you put water in to make the ice.

After a few days the sump will start to grow stuff. So we don't use that ice for our G and T's. That ice is just for cooling refreshments on the outside. We have a few ice trays in the freezer. When they have ice cubes we empty them and put the cubes for drinking in a Ziploc.

Gentle reader, you must be wondering how I figured this part out? A few trips ago as I was having my preprandial libation, I noticed that about half an hour later my tummy wasn't quite feeling right. Normally these things make me feel better. After a few days of this happening I began to wonder what was happening. Looking in the ice maker water sump I figured it out! So I fixed that!!







Image submitted by Travis C.





Macaroni Salad

...this secret recipe from the files of Debbie Voyce

16 oz package salad macaroni noodles

6 hard boiled eggs, chopped

4 stalks of celery, chopped small

4 - 6 green onions sliced thin- some green tops included Small can of sliced black olives, drained

3 cups mayonnaise

1 tbls yellow mustard

2 tbls white wine vinegar

1 tbls Morton Nature's Seasoning (for fish, chicken, and vegetables)

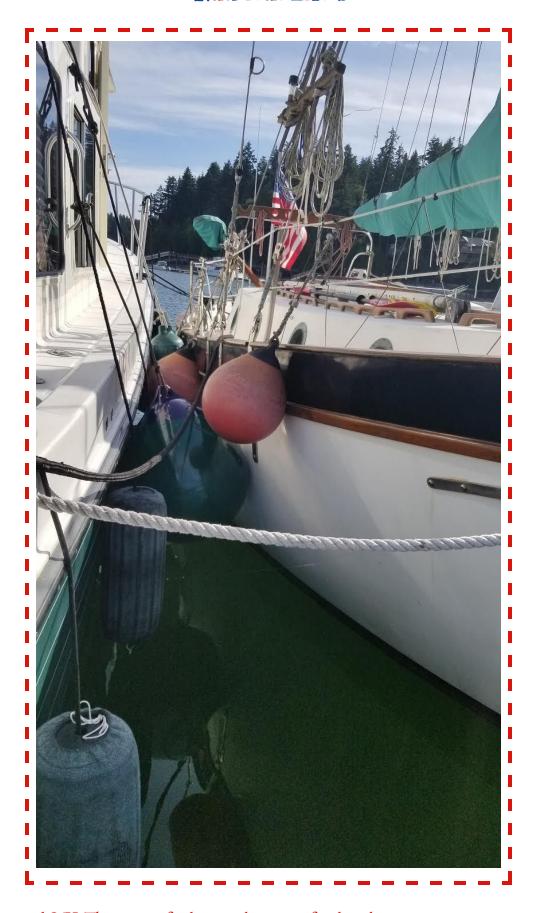
or 2 tsp salt, 1 tsp garlic powder, and ½ tsp pepper.

Cook noodles as directed on package, adding salt to the water. Drain and chill. Add eggs, celery, green onions, and olives to the noodles.

Stir together mayonnaise, mustard, and vinegar with seasonings in a small bowl and mix this with the noodle mixture. Let salad rest in fridge for a couple hours to blend flavors.



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



M/V Alegria and S/V Thumper rafted up with proper fender placement to ensure social distancing





As Weather Wreaks Havoc, Better Check Your Boat's Insurance Policy

SPRINGFIELD, Va., July 7, 2020 – <u>According to NOAA</u>, the 12-month-period ending in April 2019 was the wettest in U.S. records dating back to 1895. As extreme weather events become more common, few are more affected than recreational boaters who store their vessels on the water at a marina, boat club or backyard dock. Flooding, hurricanes, tornados or heavy snows falling on boat shed roofs are just a few sound reasons to insure your boat.

As the <u>frequency and severity of storm events increase</u>, the nation's largest advocacy, services and safety group for recreational boaters, Boat Owners Association of The United States (<u>BoatUS</u>), expects the impact on recreational boaters to grow, and has three tips to help deal with extreme weather and how your insurance policy addresses potential harm to your boat.

- 1. Focus on the big stuff. With extreme weather, boaters need to look at the biggest boat insurance risk a sinking with partial/total loss of the boat. According to the BoatUS Marine Insurance Program claims files, the lion's share (69%) of boat sinking insurance claims occur while the boat is tied up at the dock, the owner absent. While these sinkings are often the result of striking a submerged object or equipment failure such as a bilge pump that doesn't work, cracked outdrive bellows or damaged thru-hulls, precipitation is a common underlying factor in dockside sinkings. Does rain easily shed off your boat, and do you have a reliable way to remove water that makes its way in?
- 2. **Proceed with caution.** In the springtime, boats sink for certain reasons such as when rains overwhelm a bilge pump and battery, ice pops a hose off its connection, or scuppers are clogged. Severe rain and thunderstorms, which can include hurricane-force winds, require ensuring decks and boat covers are watertight and the bilge pump is in good shape. With forceful currents and other navigational hazards, boats stored on rivers and creeks may also be more prone to damage from flood events and should be hauled before launch ramps are closed. Running a boat in floodwaters requires additional safety precautions. For the biggest storms, BoatUS.com/Hurricane-prep offers free hurricane preparation tools for boaters and clubs.
- 3. **Know your policy's salvage coverage.** As the last backstop to a potential weather-related sinking, having full salvage coverage included in your boat's insurance policy is important. Salvage comes into play when a boat sinks and needs to be recovered. A policy's salvage coverage will pay to recover your boat from under the collapsed shed, at its dock or stuck on a beach, and transport it safely to a repair facility. While many salvages are routine, some are not and can be costly. The question is, do you have enough of this coverage?

Many boaters assume the cost of raising or moving the boat to a safe location is included. That's not always the case. Some marine insurers, when processing your insurance policy claim and writing you a check, may subtract salvage costs from the insured value (hull value) of the boat, or put a very low limit on salvage coverage available. This could leave a boat owner potentially on the hook to pay for salvage expenses out of their own pocket, reduce the funds available to make repairs, and, in the case of a complete (total) loss, decrease the final claim amount paid to the

owner.

Better policies, according to BoatUS, provide full salvage coverage that is separate but equal to the limit agreed to on the boat's hull value coverage, giving the boat owner a better value. This means if a boat has an agreed hull value of \$30,000, there is a separate \$30,000 limit available to pay salvage expenses. If extreme weather comes your way and something bad happens, you're ready for it.

For a free quote or to learn about the BoatUS Marine Insurance Program, go to **BoatUS.com/Insurance**.



Freedom...

We're blessed with the opportunity to stand for something - for liberty and freedom and fairness.

And these are things worth fighting for, worth devoting our lives to...

President Ronald Reagan





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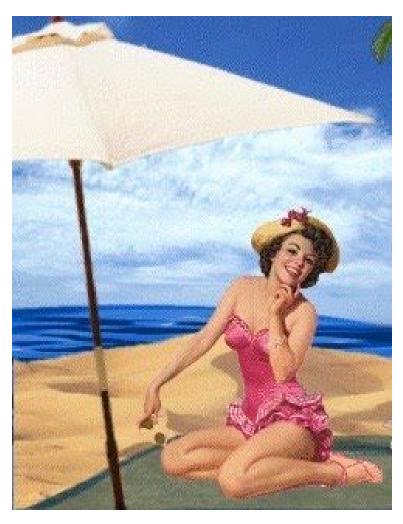
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Summer!!!