



Brownsville Yacht Club's

Nautical Lines

April 2020

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REMINDER: No April meeting

	TBD	In light of Covid-19, our BVYC social calendar will be temporarily suspended. Updates will be determined by Commodore Charlene and the executive board.
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Dear Members,

After conferring with the executive board regarding the current unprecedented Covid-19 crisis, we have agreed that in keeping with the governor's mandate for self quarantining and social distancing, our April meetings, rentals, socials and gatherings will be cancelled until further notice. Additionally, the Fleet Committee has unanimously agreed to cancel the April cruise event and possibly the May cruise, depending on the circumstances by then.

This was a difficult decision for me because I take my responsibility to my fellow club members, our organization and its bylaws very seriously. However, in light of the real and inherent dangers of gathering, now we must place everyone's safety and well-being in first priority. With some members in vulnerable groups we need to keep in perspective that Brownsville Yacht Club is a social and recreational club--elements that we can put on hold for a time. The fun will be there when we return, hopefully sooner rather than later.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions. You may reply to my commodore email, or my personal cholmespi@gmail.com or phone me if you prefer--cell, 206-498-0620. During this time, I'm holding everyone in my high thoughts and best wishes. Take care of yourselves. I look forward to seeing you again during better times. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Sincerely, Commodore Charlene





Commodore's Report

Dear Brownsville Yacht Club Friends,

Hopefully you are well and safe, looking after yourselves, partners and families. Our little social and recreational club at the Port of Brownsville will be here when the crisis is lifted and life returns to a less tenuous state.

The executive board will be meeting remotely to handle the most pressing tasks for the club, paying bills and reviewing our agenda. We have a few things to figure out concerning elections, payment of dues and the appropriate delays which will need to be implemented. Our meetings, events and cruises will resume when the time is appropriate. I welcome your suggestions and feedback on these issues, so please feel free to contact me with your advice. The EXB will take them under advisement.

I'm having a bit of news fatigue currently, but I do enjoy the bits about the kindnesses rendered at the core of any crisis and the best qualities that people exhibit often accompany the worst of situations.

Thanks to all of you who continue to support our club and extend your help and kindness to each other. A special shout-out to Lori and John Parvis for facemasks and delivery, as well as members who reach out using social media to stay in touch. Let's not forget our newsletter editor who puts it all together to keep us all informed about club news.

In closing, I wanted to share the quotation to your right, recounted by Ira Byock

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

"Years ago, anthropologist Margaret Mead was asked by a student what she considered to be the first sign of civilization in a culture. The student expected Mead to talk about fishhooks or clay pots or grinding stones.

But no. Mead said that the first sign of civilization in an ancient culture was a femur (thighbone) that had been broken and then healed. Mead explained that in the animal kingdom, if you break your leg, you die. You cannot run from danger, get to the river for a drink or hunt for food. You are meat for prowling beasts. No animal survives a broken leg long enough for the bone to heal.

'A broken femur that has healed is evidence that someone has taken time to stay with the one who fell, has bound up the wound, has carried the person to safety and has tended the person through recovery. Helping someone else through difficulty is where civilization starts', Mead said.

We are at our best when we serve others. Be civilized."

~Ira Byock





Vice Commodore's Report

Welcome to Spring, everyone.

While times are challenging and uncertain I am optimistic that we can all stick together working towards the common good until we can all meet together again.

Just a couple of things, if you visit the clubhouse, please make sure the door is locked when you leave, the port (security) has noticed at least an instance of the door being unlocked. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions regarding its operation. 206-498-8533.

I am experimenting with types of motion lamps as well, they will go off on their own so don't worry, so far not exactly what I'm looking for, but it's still in process. Also don't forget your key card, for the security of the port and our club we have agreed to not allow entrance to the clubhouse through their office.

Stay safe and get a leg up on those unfinished projects.

Thanks,

★ ★ Jim Holmes, Vice Commodore, M/V *Miss Marlene*



Rear Commodore's Report

Looking forward to hearing from Laurie next month.

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



Food Bank Donations

Please bring items for the food bank when you next visit the clubhouse. Drop off container is conveniently located right inside.





Big Brown Dog Studio

Once again, John and Lori Parvis are illustrating their concern and thoughtfulness for our community. Lori has been making fabric face masks, with front porch delivery by John, to various local charitable and community organizations. Now they have kindly extended the offer to our members. In return for the masks, if you are able, Lori is asking for a modest donation to a Covid-19 relief charity of your choice.

Lori can be reached at lori.peterson@alum.wellesley.edu for this effort.

Included in the face mask packet is the following, written by Lori:

“This face mask is NOT a medical grade mask. It is not intended to be a replacement for a certified N95 PPE. However, this mask can benefit the wearer in a couple of ways, e.g., filtering out larger particles of dust, pollen, etc. Wearing the mask will remind the wearer not to touch his or her nose and mouth.

The mask is effective in protecting other people in case the mask wearer sneezes, confining a degree of sneeze particles within the mask. If you need to be around other people and are feeling unwell, it might be helpful to others for you to wear the mask in their presence.

There may be a bit of protection to the wearer from virus germs but I would emphasize, as the maker of the mask, that I cannot verify or warranty any such protection other than information I have read issued from the CDC and WHO.

This face mask is composed of 3 layers of fabric. Both the inside and outside layers are made of tightly woven 100% fabric that has been pre washed and dried. The middle layer is made of a non-woven synthetic fabric. Please wash this mask in hot water after each day of use. After the mask is dried, I recommend the additional step of ironing the mask with a hot iron, with steam if possible. I have made each mask in a manner as sanitary as possible in a home setting. Before initial use, I recommend that your mask be ironed with a hot iron, steam if possible, as a disinfecting step, to be on the safe side.

You will note that the elastic meant to hold the mask to the face is untied. I have purposely left the elastic untied so that each wearer can adjust the elastic tie to his or her face. On each side, simply knot together the two ends of the elastic together to fit the mask to your face. I have also included five adhesive nose clips with each mask for the times where a tighter mask/nose fit makes sense for your situation. I believe the clip will fall off the mask during laundering.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the email address listed at the top of this note. Be well, Lori Parvis”



Many thanks to Lori and John for thinking of us and our community.



2020 BVYC Cruises



March 13-15	Port of Bremerton	<i>Cancelled</i>
April 18-19	Manzanita Bay	<i>Cancelled</i>
May 21	Port Ludlow	<i>TBD</i>
May 22-25	Port Hudson	<i>TBD</i>
May 26	Port of Kingston	<i>TBD</i>
July 3-4	Port of Poulsbo	Fireworks Display
July 4-5	Eagle Harbor	Fireworks Display
July 25 - Aug 2	San Juan Islands	Island Getaway
Sep 4-7	Olympia	Labor Day
Oct 9-12	Port of Kingston	Columbus/Indigenous Day
Nov 20-22	Bell Harbor Marina	Shop Til You Drop

LET'S



AWAY

BVYC'S CLASSIFIED ADS

-FOR SALE OR TRADE-

LIST YOUR ITEMS IN THE NEWSLETTER!!! SEND YOUR PICTURES AND INFO TO NEWSLETTER@BROWNSVILLEYACHTCLUB.ORG

Dues Duly Due Really *DO* Become Due



It's that time again! Time to pay your membership dues which are \$200 for couple/family and \$100 for single membership. These dues really **are** due as of June 1st for the 2020-2021 yacht club year. Mail payment to the treasurer % the club or put in the locked drop-box located inside the clubhouse door.

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





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Glossary of Nautical Terms

...Part Two

Aboy - "Can we borrow..."

Dead Reckoning - A course leading directly to a reef

Freeboard - Food and liquor supplied by the boat owner

Landlubber - Anyone on board who wishes he were not

Rudder - That which sometimes becomes united with mooring lines

Swell - A wave that's just great

Through-~~J~~full - What you see if you find the reef point



From the journals of past BVYC commodores



Big Brown Dog Studio

Lori Parvis is donating her time and talents to providing embroidery work to BVYC members. These items can be anything from tote bags, wine bags, hats, clothing items, all the way to fender covers. You name it, she can embroider the BVYC logo on articles of your choice! Lori just asks that you make a donation to the club for her work. Please contact Lori at bigbrowndogstudio@gmail.com. Thank you, Lori, for your generosity.



St. Paddy's Day Un-Cruise



Photos courtesy of Tina L





Covid-19 Closures

Like other industries struggling to cope with the current health crisis, marine businesses on both sides of the border in the Salish Sea have been forced to cut back services or close altogether. At Salish Sea Pilot we are doing our best to provide a picture of what's open and what's closed to transient boaters and where liveaboards and others can find shelter, fuel and provisions in this difficult time.

We have [compiled a list of marinas and docks, with details of the services they currently provide.](#)

The situation is fluid and evolving, but we are doing our best, with the help of marinas and boaters, to keep the information up to date. Please note it continues to be a work in progress.

Salish Sea Pilot

Navy chases a strange wake



Mini Sub at Keyport



Photos courtesy of Art Schick

To whom it may concern: Being liveaboards here at the Brownsville Marina, and having time off of work, we would like to let the club members know that if they need their boats checked up on here in Brownsville we are available to do that. Sabrina and I are both in good health and practicing social distancing, and have been walking the docks for exercise. If anyone wants us to look in on their boats while we are out call me at: 509-432-1991

Stay healthy, and fair winds and following seas.



JB and Sabrina





This sweet Cape Dory 28, S/V *Pahto*, belongs to new member **Paul Rulifson**. Welcome aboard, Paul!





Photo courtesy of Tina L



Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those suffering from this virus. Also, wishing comfort and peace for those family members who are unable to be physically present with loved ones who are ill.



Enjoy the earth, the sun,
the water, the sky.
Let them refresh your soul.

