

Brownsville Yacht Club's

# Nautical Lines

March 2020

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## 🍀 REMINDER: Next general meeting March 10<sup>th</sup> 🍀

	03/10	Social 6:30 pm, General Meeting 7 pm
	03/13-15	St Patty's Cruise to Port of Bremerton
	03/26	Executive Board 6 pm
	04/04	Clubhouse Cleanup
	04/14	Social 6:30 pm, General Meeting 7 pm
	04/18-19	Anchor Practice, Manzanita Bay
	04/23	Executive Board 6 pm



### Commodore's Report

Hello Brownsville Yacht Club,

The heralds of spring for me so far this week are "springing ahead" into Daylight Savings Time, making my first trip to the nursery to start the season's garden and doing the spring cleaning on the boat. While some of these things are more pleasant than others, they all yield satisfying results.

Our first cruise of the season, a St. Patrick's Day weekend trip to nearby Bremerton, promises to be as fun as last year's cruise there because the same hosts have planned activities to rival its previous success. Look for details from Laurie, Noreen, and Cathy. This is a wonderful kickoff to our well-designed cruising season as planned by our new fleet committee. See our website for details and sign up for the amazing trips they have set up.

# Nautical Lines

At our upcoming general meeting for March, we have Laurie Irvin standing in for our Port Liaison Sally Hass, who is on vacation, to discuss the matters at issue for BVYC with respect to the port commission. Additionally, we will be welcoming our newest club members, inducting Kevin and Sheila Combs.

With that being said, I am mindful that during this time of covid-19 outbreak changes, cancellations and isolations will determine whether meetings or events will be cancelled at a moment's notice. Rather than just outright cancel everything for the foreseeable future, let's weigh events on a case-by-case basis and, as always, I will defer to and support the wishes of the membership. Feel free to weigh in on this topic. I accept that cancelling plans will likely be last minute decisions. Given the extenuating circumstances, that's okay with me.

As Jim and I celebrate 10 years of membership with the Brownsville Yacht Club, I am grateful to the officers who have held the helm in the past years, all the members who continue to contribute, and the friends we have made during this time. The attached photo was taken 10 years ago, my first time at the helm, under the direction of our dearly departed Ondine. Happy Spring Everyone!

Cordially,

☆☆☆ Charlene Holmes, Commodore, *MV Miss Marlene*





## Vice Commodore's Report

Welcome to very nearly Spring, everyone.

I hope you can take time out of washing your hands to give the boats a little attention.

I'm very excited to get out on the water and hope to see some of you this weekend in Bremerton!  
I have the pressure washer and mildew remover out and am on my way to the marina as we speak.

Safe and happy boating.

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

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## Rear Commodore's Report

Hello everyone,

Noreen, Cathy, and I will be hosting the Bremerton Cruise on March 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. It will be a St. Paddy's Day theme. We have 12 boats signed up, so there are only 3 more spaces. If you want to go contact us asap. The plans will be similar to last year. We will be going to dinner at Shenanigans on Friday, if you wish to join us by land or sea. Please rsvp by Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, so we can make the reservations. Saturday is the annual parade in Bremerton, starting at 11 am. So wear your best Irish duds and come watch the fun. In the afternoon we will have games on the dock, then a potluck dinner. More info to follow. The hosts will provide a traditional Irish breakfast on Sunday for the long trip home :) We look forward to starting off the cruising season!! We will send out slip assignments the week prior to the cruise.

On another note, I encourage anyone who lives in the port or has a boat at the marina to attend the next port meeting. There are a lot of things going on. It will be March 11<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm, in the clubhouse.

Thanks,

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

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## Fleet Report

Please sign up for the upcoming cruises. The first one is celebrating Saint Patrick's Day, the weekend of March 13-15, Bremerton. Laurie Irvin is hosting and it's sure to be a great time.

Thanks,

 Dave Tippetts, Fleet Committee





## 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](mailto:bigbrowndogstudio@gmail.com)  
Thank you, Lori, for your generosity.

## NO KITTEN...



**REMEMBER YOUR PET'S SAFETY ON THE WATER!!!**



Brownsville Yacht Club members can join BoatUS or renew their membership and pay only \$15 for membership dues and receive 10% off any on-the-water towing service when our group's source code **GA84236Y** is used. For more information visit <https://www.boatus.com>.





## Clubhouse Rental

Interested in renting the clubhouse for a family gathering? A reception? Baby shower? Girl's night? Please contact the rear commodore for available dates and other rental information.

<p>LET'S <b>SALE</b> AWAY</p> 	<p><u>BVYC'S CLASSIFIED ADS</u> <i>-FOR SALE OR TRADE-</i></p> <p>LIST YOUR ITEMS IN THE NEWSLETTER!!! SEND YOUR PICTURES AND INFO TO <a href="mailto:NEWSLETTER@BROWNSVILLEYACHTCLUB.ORG">NEWSLETTER@BROWNSVILLEYACHTCLUB.ORG</a></p>	
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## 2020 BVYC Cruises

	<p>March 13-15</p> <hr/> <p>April 18-19</p> <hr/> <p>May 21</p> <hr/> <p>May 22-25</p> <hr/> <p>May 26</p> <hr/> <p>July 3-4</p> <hr/> <p>July 4-5</p> <hr/> <p>July 25 - Aug 2</p> <hr/> <p>Sep 4-7</p> <hr/> <p>Oct 9-12</p> <hr/> <p>Nov 20-22</p>	<p>Port of Bremerton</p> <hr/> <p>Manzanita Bay</p> <hr/> <p>Port Ludlow</p> <hr/> <p>Port Hudson</p> <hr/> <p>Port of Kingston</p> <hr/> <p>Port of Poulsbo</p> <hr/> <p>Eagle Harbor</p> <hr/> <p>San Juan Islands</p> <hr/> <p>Olympia</p> <hr/> <p>Port of Kingston</p> <hr/> <p>Bell Harbor Marina</p>	<p>St Patty's Day</p> <hr/> <p>Anchor Practice</p> <hr/> <p>Optional</p> <hr/> <p>Memorial Day</p> <hr/> <p>Optional</p> <hr/> <p>Fireworks Display</p> <hr/> <p>Fireworks Display</p> <hr/> <p>Island Getaway</p> <hr/> <p>Labor Day</p> <hr/> <p>Columbus/Indigenous Day</p> <hr/> <p>Shop Til You Drop</p>
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## Plug-in and sail: Meet the electric ferry pioneers

*An interesting read about battery-powered ferries....  
By Adrienne Murray, BBC.com Technology of Business reporter*

"Have a pleasant journey," blurts the tannoy, as the engines ramp up and we pull away from the harbour in Fynshav, southern Denmark.

I'm aboard Ellen, an electric-powered ferry, sailing to the island of Ærø, in the west Baltic Sea.

On the ship's bridge, Captain Thomas Larsen stands behind a panel with controls and electronic charts. "What I can see on these two screens is a power management system," he points out. "It shows me all my batteries. And how far I can expect to go."

"The main difference is that I don't have a full fuel tank. I need to think a lot about how I'm using my power."

As we talk an alarm starts beeping. "Oh this tells me I do not have power for a new return trip without recharging," Captain Larsen says calmly.

Powered entirely by batteries, Ellen is something of a Tesla among ferries. Fully charged, the 60m vessel can sail 22 nautical miles with up to 200 passengers and 30 cars onboard.

That's a roughly 40km (25-mile) round-trip, and seven times further than other electric ferries. Ellen replaces an older diesel-powered vessel, and in the onboard cafe passengers welcome the change.

"It doesn't make so much noise. And no smoke from the diesel - it's good," one traveller tells me.

"It's very quiet. You don't feel anything. It's a great idea also for the environment," says another.

Continue reading at [Plug-in and sail: Meet the electric ferry pioneers](#)



Submitted by Art Schick



Two men were sitting next to each other at Murphy's Pub in London. After awhile, one bloke looks at the other and says, "I can't help but think, from listening to you, that you're from Ireland."

The other bloke responds proudly, "Yes, that I am!"

The first one says, "So am I! And where about from Ireland might you be?"

The other bloke answers, "I'm from Dublin, I am."

The first one responds, "So am I!"

"Mother Mary and begora. And what street did you live on in Dublin?"

The other bloke says, "A lovely little area it was. I lived on McCleary Street in the old central part of town."

The first one says, "Faith and it's a small world. So did I! So did I! And to what school would you have been going?"

The other bloke answers, "Well now, I went to St. Mary's, of course."

The first one gets really excited and says, "And so did I. Tell me, what year did you graduate?"

The other bloke answers, "Well, now, let's see. I graduated in 1964."

The first one exclaims, "The Good Lord must be smiling down upon us! I can hardly believe our good luck at winding up in the same place tonight. Can you believe it, I graduated from St. Mary's in 1964 my own self?!"

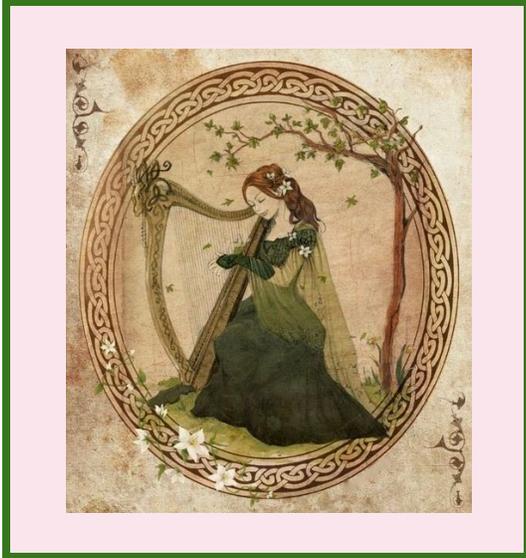
About this time, another man walks into the bar, sits down, and orders a beer.

The bartender walks over shaking his head and mutters, "It's going to be a long night tonight."

The man asks, "Why do you say that?"

"The Murphy twins are drunk again."





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## Food Bank Donations

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

