

Brownsville Yacht Club's

Nautical Lines

May 2020

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In light of Covid-19, the BVYC social calendar will be temporarily suspended. Updates will be determined by our commodore and the executive board. Commodore Charlene will keep us apprised via email.



May General Meeting

BVYC members are in spirit with each other even if we cannot physically gather... looking forward to the good times ahead.



Commodore's Report

Dear BVYC Members,

My sincere wish for everyone is that you are all well and prevailing despite what Jim Morrison, of the late great Doors, opines: "Strange days have found us".

I don't take my elected position in this organization lightly and have been considering the myriad ramifications of the circumstances that we face as a social and recreational club. Especially this time of the year, we typically embark on our plans and jump into boating season with both feet, two oars, and whatever else is at our disposal for launching the summer fun. Things are beginning to open up cautiously, and I am in support of going slowly. The choices we make will not be tacitly decided by

me. In addition to speaking with members of the executive board, I have been seeking counsel and advice from previous commodores and club members of long-standing.

Our fleet committee will make choices about our cruising season. They have kept informed and are well aware of the restrictions that have been imposed on our cruise destinations. I have every confidence that they will keep our club within acceptable bounds while seeking to fulfill our recreational goals where possible.

Rear Commodore Laurie is cautiously accepting tentative reservations for the clubhouse for later in the summer and fall, advising applicants that we are not in a position currently to make hard, fast plans.

Secretary Noreen is keeping track of our club notes and minutes and Treasurer Kim is staying on top of our basic monthly bills and obligations. Club funds are not being apportioned for anything except for rent, utilities, and insurance. No capital funds will be used on other expenditures without a full vote from the executive board.

Certainly a slate of candidates for elections has not been assembled and elections in June will be postponed. A June general meeting is under tentative review and, if held, would require a social distancing set up in the clubhouse or suitably large outside venue. The executive board will meet prior.

Many questions about club operations remain for us to contemplate. At this juncture I am reluctant to commit to any hard and fast rules about getting our members together for club meetings, elections, activities or social gatherings. I absolutely welcome your views on these matters as this is your club and I value your input.

I certainly make no pretense to being an expert in this situation. With that being said, I come from a family of medical professionals. I trust the science, I trust the doctors and medical personnel. Also, those of you who know me are aware that I value people and relationships above everything, so my primary focus is for all of you, your families, friends, and our community members to remain safe and well in the face of these peculiar and unprecedented times. Let's make the best of it and hopefully we'll come out better on the other side of this crisis.

As always, I thank our generous members who keep donating time and materials as well as your support for us officers and each other. Take care.

Cordially,

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



Vice Commodore's Report

Looking forward to Jim's report next month.

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



Rear Commodore's Report

Hello everyone,

Unfortunately, I don't have much to report. There is not a lot of interest in renting the clubhouse for some reason :) I hope everyone is staying sane and healthy, and I can not WAIT until we can all go boating together again. Until then, happy gardening!

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



Fleet Report

Please see Commodore Charlene's report for details regarding upcoming cruises.




Fleet Committee



Port Happenings

After long last the port is going to start looking for a new port manager. If you think you know of someone who might be interested, please have them contact the office for further information.

The Great 2020 pumpkin challenge... just because we want the excuse to celebrate and roast some of our members. You are hereby invited to participate in the growing of a pumpkin. In mid-October you will be invited to show your results or to bring a written excuse. One entry allowed per member and, yes, all entries will be judged and awards granted. JR and Tina have agreed to provide sound effects for the judging. You may acquire your own pumpkin seedling to plant... any variety counts. BUT to make this even easier, one of the Sallys will have seedlings for you to pick up...one per member between June 10-14th, outside the yacht club. Good luck.

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

Upcoming Officer Elections



“Normally”, it would be that time of year when BVYC members would be entertaining nominations for the 2020-2021 bridge. However, we are all aware of our uninvited visitor, Covid 19, who has up-ended events. As everything is now in a holding pattern, we wish to say thank you to our current bridge for keeping things going during this time.



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.



Big Brown Dog Studio - MASK Encore

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.

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"

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



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



Clubhouse Drop Box

Treasurer Kim initiated a locked drop box in the clubhouse for secure payments and correspondence. Vice Commodore Jim installed this box just inside the front door by the coat rack. This allows members, at their convenience, to pay dues, leave correspondence, reimbursement forms, etc. NO cash, please.



Brownsville Yacht Club dues are DUE June 1st. It's not too early to submit payment for the upcoming year. Please mail your payment to:
***Treasurer % Brownsville Yacht Club, 9790 Ogle Rd NE,
Bremerton, WA 98311***



Marge...

Just to reassure you, I'm practically sure I am not carrying Covid 19...

At least that's what I think until I'm done here at the salon...



Recap of the First (& Hopefully NOT the Last!) BVYC Cruise of 2020...

"The weather was looking pretty dicey for the cruise weekend. *Dream Catcher* and the mighty yacht, *Sea Hound*, ventured out on Thursday to beat the incoming system. By Friday afternoon it was evident that there would be a tad fewer boats attending. As such Troy and JR stepped up to host the cruise. Friday night found us at Anthony's for dinner. Saturday found us eagerly awaiting the start of the parade. It soon became quite evident that there were a tad fewer marchers this year. So the BVYC placed a marching contingent in. We only had two boats on the cruise so needed some help. It was indeed fortuitous that we ran into a group of ducks who were game to march with us. Get it? Game... ducks??? Anyways, please see the included photo of the BVYC burgee proudly flying as we marched. After the parade we ran into some former members, Bill and Kathy M, and invited them down to the boat for corned beef and cabbage. It was a 13 pound corned beef, and we needed some help to polish it off. The ducks also came on board. After an evening of corned beef and such we were thirsty. So decided to have a whisky "tasting". As you can see from the included photo... ducks cannot hold their liquor. Really, I'm telling you. Don't get ducks on the sauce unless it would be a sauce l'orange..... Or perhaps sauce béarnaise....



I'm not sure if we are banned from the marina or not. Before Huey, Duey, Louie and company "took a nap", they were quacking at the top of their lungs "O' Danny Boy..."

The wind was quite sporty Sunday morning. *Dream Catcher* decided to live and spent another night. The mighty yacht *Sea Hound* headed out. I mean we are a lobster boat designed for that Maine rough weather. Good grief, Batman, when I say it was sporty-I *mean* sporty-with a capital "S". We saw a pod of orcas between the times when the windshield was clear of green water. No pictures of that. We were holding on.

As we turned into Bville we had 35 kt winds off the beam. We made it in... so all in all fun was had by all. BTW, it snowed while we were there.

Cheers!



The crew of the yacht *Sea Hound*

RECIPE of the MONTH



A clafoutis (pronounced “clafootee”) is a classic French batter pudding traditionally made with cherries. However, berries such as blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, or small strawberries can be used instead. A delicious version can also be made using sliced peaches or pears.

Cherry Clafoutis

From the files of Wendy Jean

18 oz fresh pitted cherries
or 20 oz canned pitted cherries, drained
 ¾ cup all-purpose flour
 ½ cup superfine sugar
 2 eggs, lightly beaten
 1 cup milk
 ¼ cup heavy cream
 5 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
 Confectioners’ sugar for dusting

Preheat oven to 350°.

Grease a 6 cup ovenproof dish with melted butter.

Line the dish with the cherries.

Sift the flour and mix in sugar. Add the eggs, milk, cream, and butter. Whisk until just combined, do not overbeat.

Pour the batter over the cherries and bake for 30-40 minutes, or until a skewer comes clean when inserted in the middle of the pudding.

Serve warm, dusted with confectioners’ sugar.



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>.



8 Ways to Love Boating While Safely Waiting Out Coronavirus

For recreational boaters who are staying off the water during the coronavirus pandemic, there's certainly more free time during what should be the busy spring launch season. So if boaters can't get to their boats, what are they to do? Here are eight ways from Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) to keep the love of boating alive that could also make you a better, safer boat operator.

1. Become a smarter sailor while saving big bucks by taking [Offshore Sailing School's Learn to Sail](#) or the [U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's Modern Marine Navigation](#) courses free any time through May 15. Use the coupon code "learnfree" at [BoatUS.org/Courses](#) at registration.
2. Checklists are great when you really need them — just ask the person at the boat ramp who forgot to install the hull drain plug. What kind of printed, laminated checklist would be helpful to have aboard? Ideas include: [pre-launch checklist](#), [trailer checklist](#) (did you remember to cross the safety chains?), and [safety checklist](#).
3. Whether you're an inshore day cruiser, offshore angler, or cruising sailor, you always need to be prepared to abandon ship. Here's [what to pack in a ditch kit](#).
4. Docking can be a spectator sport. The [BoatUS How to Dock a Boat YouTube playlist](#) includes a range of docking scenarios that show you how, from outboard to inboard powered boats. It also includes '[How to Back a Single Engine Inboard Boat Into a Slip](#)' — the single most impressive recreational boat docking maneuver of them all.
5. If the boat and trailer are safely in the garage or driveway, now may be the time to look at all the things you never have enough time for, such as replacing outdrive anodes, changing trailer bearings or restoring the shine to the gelcoat. It's all in one place at [BoatUS Trailer Boat YouTube playlist](#), including small boat handling tips such as '[How to Use Trim Tabs, the most-watched BoatUS video ever](#)'.
6. Learn how to tie up your family, pets or anything else around the house with help from the [BoatUS Essential Boating Knots YouTube playlist](#). Practicing at home now will make these knots easier to remember aboard the boat when the pandemic is over.
7. Consider supporting the waterfront businesses you enjoy and do business with — restaurants, chandleries, prop shops, sail lofts or other service providers — by purchasing a gift certificate. You can start by going to the local businesses' website to see if they are available.
8. Help protect the water you love and take the free, online [BoatUS Foundation Clean Boating course](#), which offers simple steps you can take to reduce the impact boating activities on our waterways



This Year, a National Safe Boating Week Like No Other

National Safe Boating Week, which begins this Saturday, May 16, and runs through Friday, May 22, is the traditional early boating season reminder to help recreational boaters embrace safety all season long. However, the important National Safe Boating week recommendation urging life jacket wear is now joined by an equally important boating safety message — how to stay safe during the time of COVID-19.

“While we’re learning new things about the virus almost every day, we don’t anticipate additional safety challenges on the water this year,” said [BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water](#) President Chris Edmonston. “We have a responsibility to look out for all of us sharing a launch ramp, marina or boat club dock as well as those assigned to keep us safe on the water or entrusted with the care and maintenance of our boats.”

The BoatUS Foundation offers two National Safe Boating Week tips:

1. **Do everything you can to social distance:** [Boats should maintain a 50-foot separation on the water and not raft up; wash your hands and/or use sanitizer frequently; and pack all essentials.](#) Additional tips can be found at the [National Safe Boating Council’s CDC-based Tips for Navigating Social Distancing + Boating](#). The Marine Retailers Association of Americas offers boat storage facilities such as marinas, dealers or boat clubs a downloadable [Communicate Safe Boating to Your Customers](#) with tips for arriving at a marina, launching, storing and returning to the dock.
2. **Your life jacket will save you.** If there was one action a boater could easily take to dramatically increase safety aboard, it’s wearing his/her life jacket more often. According to [U.S. Coast Guard statistics](#), approximately 84% of those who drowned were not wearing one. “The best life jacket is the one your will wear,” says Edmonston. “[Inflatable life jackets](#) are light, comfortable, keep you cool on a hot day, and are easily worn because you forget you are wearing one.” Boaters also need to have a properly sized U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket for every person aboard, and can [borrow a child’s life jacket for free at over 575 BoatUS Life Jacket Loaner Program sites](#).

For more information on National Safe Boating Week, go to [safeboatingcampaign.com](#).



Food Bank Donations

Please bring items for the food bank when you next drop by the clubhouse.
Thank you.

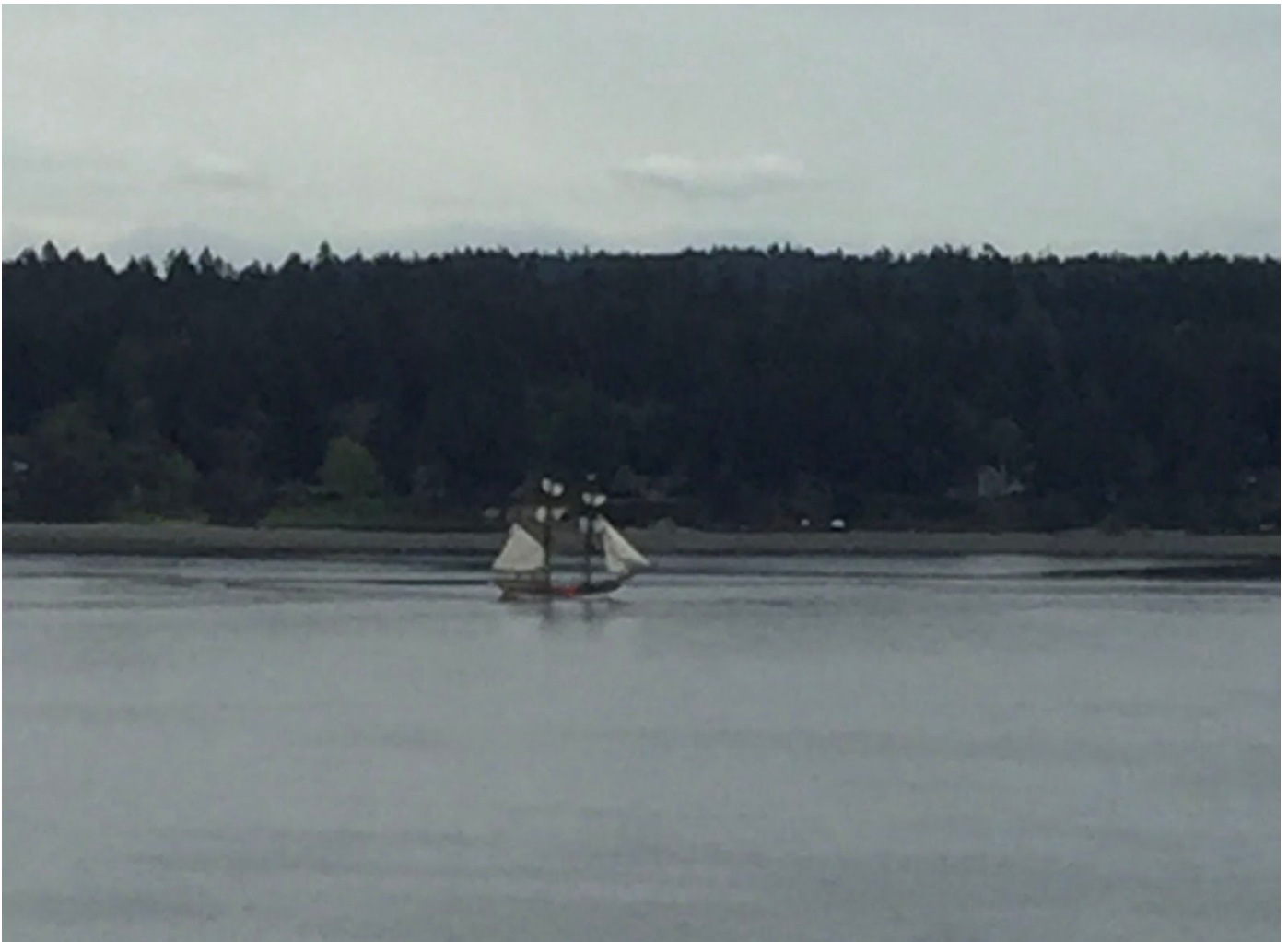


Photo courtesy of Art Schick

Above photo catches *Lady Washington* sailing past Brownsville in the early afternoon of Friday, April 24th. Check of the Lady's website showed her scheduled visit to Tacoma was canceled due to Covid 19. There were very few people aboard, at least not above decks.

 Art Schick

2020 BVMC Cruises



March 13-15	Port of Bremerton	<i>Cancelled (Brave Ducks exception)</i>
April 18-19	Manzanita Bay	<i>Cancelled</i>
May 21	Port Ludlow	<i>Cancelled</i>
May 22-25	Port Hudson	<i>Cancelled</i>
May 26	Port of Kingston	<i>Cancelled</i>
July 3-4	Port of Poulsbo	<i>TBD</i>
July 4-5	Eagle Harbor	<i>TBD</i>
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

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