

ISLANDER

FROM THE BRIDGE



What a great combination. Combine the long days of the summer solstice with a month of sunny days and no rain and you have one of the best times to enjoy being out on the boat or with friends at the Clubhouse. Just don't put away the rain gear because July 4th isn't here yet.

By the time you get this, Race Week will be a couple of weeks away. I would like to thank the many volunteers who have signed up for the committees. We could still use a few more volunteers for the following committees: barbecue, ribs, and troubleshooting. If you haven't signed up yet, call or come down to the Club to put your name on the list --- you will have a great time.

Speaking of Race Week, the committee chairs have met several times to go over the procedures and organizational matters. The committee wanted me to point out a couple of small problems in past years that we are trying to get right. First is the matter of free passes for volunteers. The policy is and has been that each volunteer who works one or more shifts in a day will be given a parking pass and ONE free pass for the party for that day only. Those that work a late shift (as in the barbecue pit) will be given one pass for the following day. The free passes will be controlled and handed out by the committee chairs. You cannot save up passes to bring family and friends to, say, Thursday night's party.

Last year we estimated that we lost over \$500 in revenue by giving out free meals to our volunteers. This year the policy is no free food (unless there is food left over at the end of a shift). If you want to eat you will have to pay for it. This has been decided by your Race Week Committee and will be followed.

As of this writing we are still a bit worried that, due to the economy, the number of participants in Race Week may be down a bit compared to previous years, but we can still hope for the best, and we can have a great time anyway! With the help of our volunteers we can still make this one of the best Race Weeks ever.

Byron Skubi, Commodore 2009



SUMMER HOURS BEGIN!

CLUB OPEN SUNDAYS at 4:00

Memorial Day thru Labor Day



CLUB EVENTS:

BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 7

JULY 12-17
RACE WEEK!
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WEDNESDAYS
AT THE CLUB
6:00 PM

Cook Your Own
Chicken/Steak/BBQ
Reservations Please!

THURSDAYS AT THE CLUB
6:00 PM

Games (Bring your own)
Order Food, Come Fed,
or Cook a Burger

BRIDGE AT THE CLUB

JULY 10
10:00 A.M. \$2.00
Call Bev Campbell 682-6104
or Sandi Carrothers 675-1306

BURGERS AT THE CLUB

Friday Nights at 6:30
Come Enjoy YOUR Club

...But Wait! There's more!
See the Web calendar for
more events...

FROM THE VICE COMMODORE ★★

Another month has come and gone at an amazing pace. It almost seems like I just finished my June Newsletter article. Hold on tight; I don't think it's going to slow down at all. Be sure to let the Social Committee know what a great job they are doing. Every one of the ladies that I talked to who attended the Crazy Hat Luncheon/Craft and Hobby Display had a great time. For those who missed it, talk to **Joan Minckler** about plans to have it again next year.

We are all aware that "Race Week Is Coming, Race Week Is Coming." I just love WIRW and I'm sure you do, too. For new Members who haven't experienced it, I've got one thing to say – "Get Involved!" There are so many ways you can participate: find a boat to crew for; dance like no one is watching at the after race parties; volunteer for any of the many committees; or join the pre-race week field day on Thursday night, July 9 so we, OHYC, can put our best foot forward. This is our time to shine.

Next time we have an upstairs function in the ballroom and we gather around the tables, see if you notice anything different. If you do, then be sure to thank the following guys: **Byron Skubi, Bob Greathead, Bobby Greathead, Roger White, John Hudson, Jeff Camp-**

bell, Dave Flomerfelt, yours truly and last, but not least, the brains of the operation, **Dan Wright.** We reconfigured the legs on all the round tables according to Dan's design at a cost of about \$5.00 a table. Pure genius, Dan. Thank you, and thank you all.



Paella Party! Did I hear Paella Party? July 25. Ticket numbers will be limited to 35 and when they are gone, they are gone – NO EXCEPTIONS. This will be provided by **Juan Sastre** with the profits going to the Club. How generous. Thanks, Juan.

To those Members who would like to be volunteer bartenders, we can have the Len Riggs Alcohol Server Training right here. We need a list of those willing to attend this training with a minimum of 5 students. Sign up at the bar, with Jeff Campbell or with me and we'll shoot for a date shortly after WIRW. This includes those individuals who have been previously certified but have not renewed.

See you at our club

Rex 'R'



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

*John & Paula Lindemans, Oak Harbor
Jason Sakash & Wendy Shingleton, Oak Harbor
Harald Fiedler & Lauren Lee, Mukilteo and Freeland
Frank & Debbie Gallo, Oak Harbor
Marc & Dee deLeeuwe, Coupeville*

Pending Membership Applications:
Bill Walker and Cathy Hamlin Walker, Bothell, WA

FROM THE REAR COMMODORE ★

KNOWLEDGE IS EVERYTHING. One of the greatest resources for knowledge is the library. If you have a question, therein lies the answer. We all know that the library contains books, news sources, etc., but investigate further and you will find other treasures. An example, the Island County Trails pocket guides, home to dozens of hiking trails. The guides are filled with information and trail maps, fit in your shirt pocket and are free.

As a geologist, I found the Kettles Trails Area most interesting. Geologically, kettles are the direct result of the receding glacier that deposited the rock debris that we call Whidbey Island. Along with the rock debris, large chunks of ice broke off of the glacier and subsequently, many were covered by the rock debris. As the ice melted, the rocks above collapsed into the void creating large holes or kettles. We have all seen the large kettle along Hwy 20 just before descending the steep hill to the Coupeville stoplight. What we do

not see are the 29 additional Kettles of various shapes and sizes within the Kettles Trails Area. The area is accessed by the north, middle and south gates along Hwy 20 just north of the kettle mentioned above. The area comprises 243 acres and 35 miles of hiking trail. The trails are easy and spectacular.

Closer to home, a favorite trail of mine is the Oak Harbor waterfront trail. It extends from Windjammer Park to the marina and the complete loop is 3 miles. If you start and finish at the marina, you can finish up the day with beverage and food at our Yacht Club.

Until next month, Hook'Em!

Jim Byrne
Rear Commodore



*P.S. – Note my new email address:
jim_r_byrne@yahoo.com*



HOSPITALITY & MEMORIALS: BARBARA SMITH

Please notify her if you know of a member who is ill or has passed away. She will send cards of Get Well or Condolences.

Thanks.

Barb's email is: barbara.smith1@comcast.net.

Phone: (360) 682-5538

Sail Fleet News

It has been great sailing the last several weeks. Our Wednesday night series has been lots of fun. We regularly see 10 or more boats on the starting line—many regulars, but several first-time racers also. It's fun for all. Race Committee boating duties have been shared among **Pat Harman** on *MERIWETHER*, **JJ and Kathy Jones** on *INTRUDER* and **Larry and Beth** on *PEARL JEM*. **Avis Berney, Lori R., Dave French, Mike W**, plus several guests have pitched in to run the races. If anyone would like to come out to see the action, let me know. Our first



Summer Series ends July 8. The following week is Race Week! We pick up Wednesday racing following that, July 22. OH Youth Sailing will have completed two sailing camps by then, so there should be several new sailors eager to get out and experience the bigger boat racing scene. If you have room in your crew, let me know. I can help set you up.

See you on the water,

Larry Munns,
Sail Fleet Captain

A few words about Oak Harbor Yacht Club Membership



Currently the Club has 199 Member families out of our limit of 300 certificates. This is a great time for each of us to do some recruiting among friends and family. You do not need to be a boater to enjoy the Club. We provide fantastic social events, wonderful opportunities for sailing and cruising, a major civic event during Race Week and a multitude of other activities. All of us should be very proud of what we have created. Bring your friends to a Friday burger night and I guarantee they will enjoy the evening and discover that there are no strangers at the Oak Harbor Yacht Club.

For 2009 the board has relaxed the fees associated with becoming a Member, essentially waiving the initiation and certificate fees and charging only pro-rated dues. Since our dues are currently \$370/year the pro-rated dues for a new family joining the Club in August would be only \$151.50 and September and October would be \$116.15 and \$80.80 respectively. There is a reduced dues schedule for new Members under 35 years old. This is a great opportunity for new Members to join. If you have anyone interested please contact me or have them do so.

Steppe Williford, Membership Chair, at 360-279-1551

RACE WEEK IS JULY 12-17



There are many committees form which to choose:

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!



Co-Chairs: Sally Crelly, Melinda White

Apparel: Sheila Weinsheimer

BBQ: Maria Litrenta, Sally Jacobs

BREAKFAST: Bud and Judy Wilkinson

CASHIERS: Chuck Suggs, Joan Minckler

HOSPITALITY: Ricki Greathead

MUSSELS: Dan Wright

SECURITY: Jack Anderson



The Commodore notes that we still need help with the BBQ, Ribs Night and Troubleshooting!

OHYC 2009 Racing Calendar

Summer Series I

June 3 thru Jul 8; 6 weeks, Wed evenings. 1800 Start

Summer Series II

Jul 22 thru Aug 26; 6 weeks, Wed evenings. 1800 Start

Dinghy Series

Sep 2 thru Sep 23; 4 weeks, Weds, 1800 Start

Scott Cline Regatta

Oct 3-4; 1200 Start. Day one buoys, Day two distance

Notes: OHYC club and grill available post racing every Wed.

WINSA Racing Schedule

Challenge Cup

Aug 8th; Weekend, 0900 Start

Saratoga Sprint

Aug 29th; Weekend, 0900 Start

Fall Series

Sept 5 thru Sept 26; 4 weeks, Saturdays. 1300 Start

----- info on; winsa.org

OHYC Sail Fleet Captain: Larry Munns, 360 675-3019

ljmunns@comcast.net



PLEASE:

VOLUNTEER: *We need your help. Every little bit helps!*

RESERVE EARLY: *We need to make plans in advance and so we need you to sign up ASAP.*

AUGUST DEADLINE: July 18--SEND TO: tbdumit@comcast.net

EMAIL ADDRESSES



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PAELLA PARTY!

Saturday, July 25 (note change of date)

Juan Sastre is preparing Paella! Due to size of Juan's cooking dish only 35 tickets will be sold.

Tickets go on sale on Saturday, July 18

\$18/person Social hour 5:30 - 6:30

Dinner at 6:30



2009 INFORMATION

P.O. Box 121, Oak Harbor, WA 98277
675-1314-- theyachtclub@comcast.net

2008 Elected Officers:

Commodore

Byron Skubi.....kbskubi@whidbey.net

Vice Commodore

Rex DePuis.....talisman@pugetsound.net

Rear Commodore

Jim Byrne.....jim_r_byrne@yahoo.com

Appointed Officers

SecretaryEllen Harman

TreasurerSally Crelly

Port CaptainKeith Hall

Membership.....SteppeWilliford

Newsletter Address Changes:

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18th of the month

Send info to:

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E-Newsletter, send to:

Jonie Craig, str82jonie@gmail.com

OHYC Reservations:

theyachtclub@comcast.net

CLUB RESERVATION POLICY

*Tickets must be purchased for all events.
Pay at the Club or by phone with credit
card.*

*Please call 675-1314 or
Email: theyachtclub@comcast.net*

FROM THE E-EDITOR

You haven't see me at the club much but that is going to change! My son returned from his deployment so Friday nights are once again mine to commune with my peer group. Hooray!



I've been doing a bit of traveling lately. I spent two weekends in Canada and thoroughly enjoyed the warmth of the Canadian weekend and the equally warm hospitality of my hosts. This time I visited Granville Island and wandered the aisles and stalls of tempting foods and equally tempting aromas. What a nice experience. The previous weekend I had fish and chips at Pajo's, a local phenomenon -- and delicious.

I was at the club tonight and I am always so glad to re-up with friends. Summertime finds members cruising, visiting relatives, playing with children and/or grandchildren, and Race Week is right around the corner. I have been able to do something for the past two years, and I'm hoping to support the effort in some way this year, too. I keep meeting people I hadn't met and learning new things. Race Week is definitely an experience not to be missed. Hopefully the boats show up in spite of the way things are. Either way, we'll have a great time!

The house is up for sale and when the house sells, the countdown begins for me. I look forward to adventures

YOUTH SAILING LESSONS OFFERED BY OH YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM

Three sessions of youth sailing lessons will be offered by the Oak Harbor Youth Sailing Foundation this summer at the Oak Harbor Marina.

Participants (9 years or older) will learn how to sail on El Toro and the newly purchased Opti sailboats. Students will learn the basics of rigging the boat, steering techniques, sailing rules, sail trim, racing rules, and boating safety.

The cost of the last session is \$95 and \$12 for the sailing textbook which can be purchased at the first class session.

Session 3 – a weekend session – will be held July 18, 19, 25, 26, August 1, and 2.

Classes take place from 10 AM until 3:30 PM.

Registration is on a first come-first served basis by sending a check to: OHYS, PO Box 2876, Oak Harbor, WA 98277. Registration forms and class information can be downloaded by going to the website at www.ohyouthsailing.org.

For more information, email or call **Dave French** at grins@whidbey.net or 678-1799.



OHYC COOKBOOK!

Linda Flomerfelt and **Karen Nelson** are compiling an *OHYC Cookbook* with recipes from our Members. Please bring a print-out of some of your favorite recipes to the club (there is a folder at the bar) or email them to either Linda at lindaflo@comcast.net or to Karen at knelson2007@gmail.com. Don't forget to put your name on the recipes!



Thanks, and, YUM



ONE MORE DOCK!

Oak Harbor Youth Sailing is funding another much needed dock for the adult and youth sailing program. If you were here last year, it was coined PPP for Please Purchase a Plank. Planks are now being sold for the second dock for \$10 which includes the plank and 14 characters for your name, slogan, your boat's name or something appropriate written on the plank. It's a great way to support the youth sailing program and have some recognition for you or someone you care about. Checks should be written to OHYS and the forms to fill out your slogan are at the bar. Someone from youth sailing is usually at the Yacht Club on Wednesdays, Fridays and sometimes Saturday night.

GET YOUR PLANK TODAY!

CRUISE NEWS

Our cruises continue to be well attended and it is so nice to see them heading out and enjoying this wonderful archipelago we live in. Reading **Bob** and **Karen Nelson's** report of the Memorial Day Cruise below is enough to make us all wish we were there.



Andy Loehr is coordinating our next Home-Port Hawaiian Theme cruise that is on Saturday, July 4. The Club will be providing the meat and a few potluck dishes will round off the meal while we take full advantage of our location to sip wine and view the fireworks.

Memorial Day Cruise:

We have to call the cruise to Fisherman's Bay on Memorial Day weekend a success. We had fantastic early summer weather and the late addition of 5 boats for a total of 9 boats: **Wrights, Dwinelles, Robbs, Mayhams, Hallems, Bertos,** and **Earl R. Blevins** joined the **Youngs** and us captaining the cruise. This was a first cruise with OHYC for new Members **Bill & Melody Dwinnelle** and **Ralph & Cheryl Young**. All 9 boats practiced their best boating skills entering into and leaving Fisherman's Bay while the area experienced minus tides of 1 to 3 feet that weekend. No one went aground or hit the rock in the entrance. So happily, no one will get the Saltchuck Award for this cruise.

Everyone arrived late Friday afternoon when there was plenty of water. On Saturday most hiked to the village (3/4 mi) to the farmers market and quaint shops. Some also explored the area for clams without success. Saturday night we dined at the Islander Resort after excellent hors d'oeuvres and conversation on the dock. After Sunday morning breakfast on the dock we enjoyed another warm sunny day. Then it was "Spanish Night" and we had Tapas and Sangria on the dock. Leaving Fisherman's Bay safely Monday meant either early morning or late afternoon departures. The slower boats opted for an early morning departure and a day on the water; some gunkholed in the San Juan Islands for a day and others headed straight home. All in all, we had a great weekend.

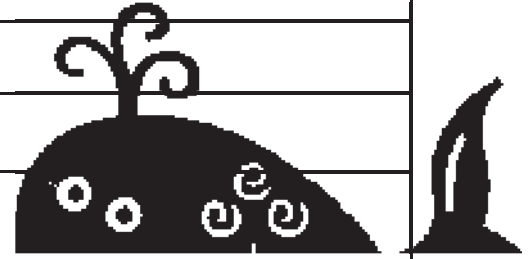
Pictures from the cruise have been posted on the cruise bulletin board located in the hallway.

Cruise Captains, **Dan Wright** and **Bob Mitchell**

PACIFIC PEEK CRUISE

Have you been to the ocean lately? Join us (weather permitting) on a cruise to the Pacific. We will leave Bowman Bay on July 18 and do the following overnights:

7/18	29 mn to Sequim Bay
7/19	24 nm to Port Angeles
7/20	40 mn to Sekiu Marina
7/21	15 mn to Cape Flattery
7/24 - 28	Return by same route



Activities will include fishing, whale watching, potlucks along the way.

CALL OF SIGN UP AT THE CLUB!

Bob & Karen Nelson
679-1991



ROSTERS ARE READY!

Rosters are ready to pick up! Get your insert at the club, or if you joined this year and don't have a binder, pick up your binder.

For Reciprocals call DAVE DAVIS for information



CRUISE SCHEDULE

Dan Wright and Bob Mitchell 2009 Cruise Fleet Coordinators

One of the blessings of living in the North West is that we get a long cruising season in what many consider the most beautiful cruising waters available. And this year we have numerous events you can join to justify owning a boat. Below are the next few months' opportunities:

Jul 4	Home Port Party, OH	Andy Loehr
Jul 18-28	Pacific Peek Cruise	Bob & Karen Nelson
Aug 14-17	Reid Harbor (+scuba)	Pat & Ellen Harman
Sep 4-7	Victoria BC	Terry & Myra Mills
Oct 9-12	Friday Harbor	Dan Wright/Andy Markley
Dec 5	Lighted Boat Parade	Byron Skubi

NOTES: **Bob Mitchell** is investigating the possibility of a trip to the Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival during the September 11-13 time frame. This would probably be a bus/ferry trip.

Opportunities outside OHYC:

Jul 3 -4	Holmes Harbor	Michele Bishai WINSA 321-5932
Jul 10 - 17	State Park Cruise	Doug Bishop DPSPS 678-2296
July 20 - 24	SanJuan Islands	Michele Bishai WINSA 321-5932
Jul 31 - Aug 10	Off Shore Trng	Michele Bishai WINSA 321-5932

SOCIAL EVENTS:

July 4	Party at Club
July 12-17	RACE WEEK!
July 25	Paella Party
August 22	Bayou Evening
Sept 19	Liar's Club
Oct 17	Nominations
Nov 21	Elections
Dec 12	Commodore's Ball
Dec 31	NewYear's Eve Party

Offers of help, suggestions, questions:

Ricki Greathead	279-2704
Joan Minckler	679-1891
Melinda White	675-1916
Barb Wright	679-7435

Happy Hour: Saturdays 4-6
Drinks 50 cents off regular price

SUMMER BARTENDERS NEEDED

To provide summer hours, we need a coordinator and volunteer bartenders.

You must have a class 13 mixologist license.

Course Available

Call Jeff or Rex, 675-1314



REED HARBOR CRUISE AND SCUBA

Just a quick reminder: August 14 - 16 is the cruise to Reed Harbor, Stuart Island. We are meeting up with the Boeing SCUBA diving club, The Seahorses, a fun loving group that takes their food and happy hours almost as seriously as they take their SCUBA diving.

Reed Harbor has floats and buoys to tie to, along with good holding ground for anchoring. Ashore are trails, out-houses, and camping sites. Crabbing is usually good on the other side of the island at Prevost Harbor. There are easy hikes to an old school and library, an "honor system" T-shirt shop, and Turn Point Lighthouse.

For the SCUBA divers, Reed Harbor is a great jumping-off place to explore some of the San Juan Islands' most popular dive sites.

There will be no excuse for hunger or thirst with poo-poops and cocktails whenever the mood strikes, a Crab Feast, Saturday Potluck, and Sunday Brunch.

For additional information contact:

Pat Harman; cell - 360-632-7417; email - ppharman@comcast.net

Ellen Harman; cell - 206-321-1561; email - ellenharman@yahoo.com



BUCCANEERS

Although Holland Happening is now a memory, no one will forget the rascally OHYC Buccaneers! With much merriment and good weather, 17 Buccaneers and our famous schooner paraded through town and handed out valuable treasure to the youngsters (and a few oldsters). With cannon blasting and pirates running the crowd was entertained! Look for us at the 4th of July Parade and thanks to all the OHYC Members who support us.

