



## FROM THE VICE COMMODORE ★★

Well, I don't know what to say. May has come and gone with a big flash and a fizzle. Opening day was really well attended and then the Buccaneer's Booty had to be postponed due to lack of sign-ups. Hmm... I hope this was due to the already busy local schedule. If you have input please don't hesitate to talk to me about it. June seems to be a little less hectic; a chance to catch our breath before our flagship event – Whidbey Island Race Week!

We have some events on the horizon like the Ladies Luncheon on May 30. See the flyer or talk to one of the social committee members for details. The business meeting will be on June 17 and will be held in the Clubhouse in conjunction with our steak/chicken cook-your-own dinner. Then on June 20 we'll all sashay on down to the dance hall, aka the ballroom, for some knee-slappin' boot-scootin' fun for our annual Western Night Hoe-down. Y'all come now, hear!

Has anyone else heard the dirty little rumor about the liquor price increase? Well it is no longer a rumor. I called the WSLCB and they confirmed that the liquor tax will go from 38 to 51%, a 34% increase, on August 1. Needless to say, there will need to be some changes made.

As you all remember, when we resurrected Happy Hour on Saturdays, it was stated that

it would be on a 3 month trial basis. Well, May is the third month. I think it has gone extremely well, it's supporting itself and the attendance numbers justify it being staffed by our bartender. So unless on



June 9 the Board rules otherwise, Splice the Main Brace! Also the Clubhouse will be open on Sundays now for the summer. We'll have volunteer bartenders so if you would like to have a turn behind the bar and are or will be properly licensed, just let me know. We also need someone to step up to be the volunteer bartender schedule coordinator. Sounds like fun, don't you think?

Enough of that, now for my mantra: Come on down and have some fun. Grab your families and friends and bring them with you to the Club. Who knows, maybe they'll want to join. The Club pretty much sells itself and you, its Members, are such a friendly/welcoming bunch, how could anybody not want to be a part of it?

See you at our club

**Rex 'R'**

*Vice Commodore*



### PENDING 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*

## FROM THE REAR COMMODORE ★

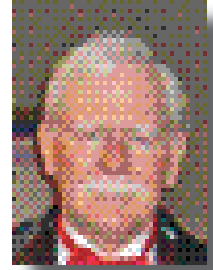
One of the greatest attributes of our Club is the cheerful spirit of volunteering. Members see a problem and they step in and help to fix it. I want to thank all these Members, from our gardener to those who hold a ladder or swing a hammer. Most recently, I'd like to recognize Bob Greathead, Roger White, John Hudson and Dutch Strehle, all unsolicited volunteers, for their work on the hinges for the kitchen pass-thru, the ceiling molding, and the wood panel on the upstairs electrical box. As Helen would say, "Hip Hip Hooray!" to all!

Now on to another type of cheer and spirit: in the past, great wines were the sole realm of foreign vineyards. Today American wines are not only competitive but even superior to foreign wines. Usually, most people think that good American wines all come from California, the Gold West Coast. The Pacific Northwest was considered too dark, too wet and too cold to grow quality grapes. How incredibly wrong!

My awakening occurred on our homestead relocation trip to Whidbey Island. As fate would have it, we arrived in Yakima on Memorial Day weekend. Our unplanned agenda was rescued by the discovery of dozens of vineyards within an hour or two drive. What a surprise! The wines were very good and some wines superior to the California wines and at

reasonable prices. Needless to say, a good time was had by all.

A short time later, we were settled in our present home and we set out to explore the vineyards on Whidbey Island. To our disappointment, we found only three: Greenbank Cellars, Whidbey Island Vineyards, and Whidbey Greenbank Farm. The good news is that there are now nine Whidbey wineries and the Whidbey Island Vintners Association. If you do not want to tour the wineries, you can taste all the island wines at Whidbey's Greenbank Farm. I have found a range of quality from fair to very good in the wines I have happily sampled. I would encourage Members to sample the wines, give me their opinions and whether they would like the wines to be available at our Club via our suggestion box. Information on these wineries can be found in The Seattle Times website for 10/23/08 or at [whidbeyislandvintners.org](http://whidbeyislandvintners.org)



Until next mont



**Jim Byrne**  
*Rear Commodore*

*P.S. – Note my new email address:  
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**JULY DEADLINE: June 18--SEND TO: [tbdumit@comcast.net](mailto:tbdumit@comcast.net)**

## Sail Fleet News

**T**he sailing season is coming into full bloom and we had a great spring. The OHYC Spring Sailing Series in April was a great success. We had twelve boats participating. Nine boats sailed every Wednesday except one, and five made every race.

**Bob Miles** in his Ultimate 20, SLINGSHOT, took top honors. **Chad Holcomb's** YEAH DOGG placed second and the San Juan24 MAGIC JUAN sailed by **Shannon Buys** was third.

I really appreciate the efforts of those that helped with the Race Committee, sometimes under difficult conditions. Skipper **JJ Jones** of INTRUDER, **Beth Munns**, **Avis Berney**, **Jim McAlpine**,

**Janis, Jeff Campbell, Erin and Colin.**

WINSA is running the Wednesday night races in May. Your Club will be providing the Summer Series beginning the first Wednesday in June. If anyone would like to get out on the water with the race committee and witness these racers close up, please give me a call.

There will also be action down on the dinghy docks. OH Youth Sailing is finishing up its Adult class, and begins the summer's first youth class on the weekend of June 13. Come down and watch the aspiring young sailors "get their feet wet".

**Larry Munns,**  
*Sail Fleet Captain*



### **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.*

### **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](mailto:barbara.smith1@comcast.net).*

*Phone: (360) 682-5538*

# 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*





## *OHYC WEB SITE*

Check it out at: [www.ohyc.org](http://www.ohyc.org)

*Members only section:*

Username: *ohycmember*  
Password: *boating4u*

Featuring:  
*Newsletter; On-line Membership Roster;  
Galleries;  
On-line reservations  
Calendar of Events*

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## SOCIAL EVENTS:

**May 30 Crazy Hat Luncheon**  
**June 20 Western Night**  
**July 12-17 RACE WEEK!**  
**August 22 Bayou Evening**

Offers of help, suggestions, questions:

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

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

## 2009 INFORMATION

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675-1314-- [theyachtclub@comcast.net](mailto:theyachtclub@comcast.net)

2008 Elected Officers:

### **Commodore**

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### **Rear Commodore**

Jim Byrne.....[jim\\_r\\_byrne@yahoo.com](mailto:jim_r_byrne@yahoo.com)

### **Appointed Officers**

Secretary .....*Ellen Harman*

Treasurer .....*Sally Crelly*

Port Captain .....*Keith Hall*

Membership.....*SteppeWilliford*

### **Newsletter Address Changes:**

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18th of the month

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### **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](mailto:theyachtclub@comcast.net)*

## FROM THE E-EDITOR

Halfway through the year! Why does time seem to go so quickly now -- I can remember when



it just crawled by, second by second. No more! It seems to slip and slide with increasing speed as the years go by.

Opening Day was indeed the success everyone says it was. Vel outdid herself and we all feasted, probably too eagerly, but it was so good that I know I enjoyed it. Really enjoyed it. Thanks to all who made it so enjoyable.

Now Race Week is looming as the next big big event and it looks like I will be here to help, at least a little. I have enjoyed being part of this incredible week and I've met people I wouldn't have met otherwise. Nice.

My house is officially up for sale and my daughter-in-law has been working like a trooper getting it ready while my son is on deployment. Yes, it is pretty well stripped, but it sure gives us a lot more room. Now that I'm ready, I plan to spend more time sewing and doing some weekend visiting with local friends. I can hardly wait to start that!

We have preschool graduation this week and then the children are doing a few summer classes, but my schedule will be slower. Good. I think more park exploration is awaiting us. Should be fun, especially when there is a light gleaming at the end of a tunnel when I'll be doing some exploring of my own. That should also be fun.

My son's arrival means I'll be at the club more often especially on Friday nights -- and perhaps other times as well. Communing with grownups. YEA!

**Jonie Craig**  
*E-Editor*

## YOUTH SAILING LESSONS OFFERED BY OH YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM

**T**hree 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 each session is \$95 and \$12 for the sailing textbook which can be purchased at the first class session.

**Session 1** – a weekend session – will be held June 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, & 28;

**Session 2** – a sailing camp – will be held June 22 – June 26;

**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](http://www.ohyouthsailing.org).

For more information, email or call **Dave French** at [grins@whidbey.net](mailto: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 printout 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](mailto:lindaflo@comcast.net) or to Karen at [knelson2007@gmail.com](mailto: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

Below are the next few months' opportunities:

DATE	DESTINATION	CAPTAIN
June 6 - 27	Princess Louisa Cruise WINSA	Bob & Karen Nelson 679-1991
June 19 - 21	District 16 Rendezvous DPSPS	Steppe & Mary Williford 279-1551
July 3 - 4	OHYC Local Activity	Andy Loehr 637-0606
July 3 - 4	Holmes Harbor - 3rd Oak Harbor - 4th WINSA	Michele Bishal 321-5932
July 12-17	RACE WEEK	OHYC

The cruise season is in full swing. We had a very successful shakedown cruise to LaConnor. **JJ and Kathy** did a bank-up job as Cruise Captain and First Mate. The mussels on Friday and turkey on Saturday made for a great start to the season.

Many thanks to all that participated in the Opening Day Parade. This was the best parade since I joined OHYC. Thanks to **Steppe Williford** for planning and coordinating this event. Also thanks to **Debbie Skinner** we have a nice display of pictures of all the boats that participated. Check it out at the club.

By the time this gets to you, several of us will be at Fisherman's Bay enjoying the Memorial Day Cruise. **Bob and Karen Nelson** are heading up this venture which promises to be lots of fun. We still do not have an event planned for June, but keep tuned; we may yet gin up something fun. More to follow.,

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

From the Social Committee: **BLACKBEARD'S BOOTY CANCELLED!**



Because of low ticket sales we were forced to cancel Black Beards Booty on Saturday, May 16. We have received some very nice auction items which will be saved for a later date. The auction items will be stored at the club and the tentative date for the auction is August 22 in conjunction with our Bayou Evening event. We hope to see you all at the club for this fun evening.

## ***RACE WEEK IS COMING!***

Race week will be on us before we know it! Last year was one of our most successful Race Weeks ever. This success was due to the many fun-loving volunteers that participated. Join us this year for one or all of the Race Week festivities. There are volunteer sign-up sheets available at the Club. There are many committees from which to choose. . .

**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!**



## 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:

June	OPEN	
Jul 4	Home Port Party, OH	Andy Loehr
Jul 23-27	Sequim/Port Angeles	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.

Also, June is open. If you have an idea for a cruise in June or any other time frame, please contact **Dan Wright** or **Bob Mitchell**. We will apportion the Cruise Fleet budget to help defray the cost for each approved Cruise.



#### ROSTER UPDATE

We are going to print with the 2009 Roster very soon. Please contact **Bob Mitchell** with any changes or pictures of you or your boat.