

ISLANDER

FROM THE BRIDGE ★★★

CLUB EVENTS:

BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, May 12

BUSINESS MEETING
Dr. Bob Getz:
How to Tow. . .
Wednesday, May 20
Reservations by May 16

CRAZY HAT Luncheon
May 30
Tickets by May 28

BLACKBEARD'S BOOTY
May 16
Fisherman's Bay Cruise
May 23

THURSDAYS AT THE CLUB
6:00 PM

Games (Bring your own)

Order Food, Come Fed, or Cook a Burger

BRIDGE AT THE CLUB
Every 3rd Friday
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

OPENING DAY
MAY 3

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

Our Sail Fleet, under the direction of **Larry Munns**, has already completed three weeks of Wednesday night races in our April series, and our Cruise Fleet is on the first of many cruises, a shakedown cruise to La Conner, led by **JJ** and **Kathy Jones**. It's clear that boating season in Oak Harbor has already begun, despite the fact that we have not yet had our Opening Day.



Speaking of Opening Day, reservations for our May 3 celebration are filling up fast, so be sure to get your reservation to take part in Vel's great brunch and hear the Shifty Sailors sing. Please be sure to sign up for the boat parade as well. I would like to see the Opening Day boat parade revived to its former glory.

Our membership drive this year seems to be successful. We have installed a number of new Members, several in the targeted under-35 age group, and new applications continue to come in. We have **Craig Cooley** to thank for his work over the last 18 months; however, since **Craig** has a real job now, he has resigned as membership chairman. Fortunately, **Steppe Williford** has volunteered to take on the duties and has offered a number of good suggestions to improve the process.

Many of you longtime Members will remember **Les** and **Wyn Damman** from the 1980's and early 90's. Les, a former Board member, passed away after moving back to the east coast. Wyn, who had been living in Virginia, recently passed away, as well. We recently were informed by Wyn's executor, that because of her fond memories of the Club, she had bequeathed 5% of her estate to OHYC. Your Board is working on a way to properly memorialize Wyn's appreciation of our Club.

Come on out to Opening Day.

See you at your club

Byron Skubi, *Commodore 2009*



OPENING DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 3
Vel's Famous Brunch Buffet

Whdbey's Shifty Sailors
\$15/Person

Buffet 11 - 12:30 Program begins at 12:30
Parade of Boats following, weather permitting
Buy tickets at the bar by April 29

FROM THE REAR COMMODORE ★

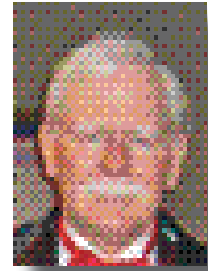
“And Now For the Rest of the Story”

The Greenbank Farm, located approximately 16 miles south of Oak Harbor on Highway 525 is a favorite destination for Whidbey Islanders. Every one knows the Cheese Shop, small café (good pies), wine shop (good local wines include those from Whidbey Island), and the large barn used for antiques and garden shows. The many outdoor activities, such as the Farmers Markets, the Highland Games, the alpaca farm, loganberry vines and the Master Gardeners’ garden are additional highlights of the Farm.

However, one of the greatest assets of the Farm, in my opinion, is almost entirely unknown to most of the people whom we talk to about Greenbank Farm; here is “the rest of the story”. On your next visit, stand with your back to the buildings and look north. What you see is a large hill, no big deal, but upon closer inspection you will notice a myriad of walking trails which crisscross the front and back of the hill. When walking the trails you will observe a brilliant landscape of plants of all colors in addition to berry bushes ripe for summer picking. Also, you will see egrets with their huge wingspan, and hawks and eagles flying low hunting for their next meal. Deer and coyotes are rare but occasionally spotted. The entire area is an off-leash dog park; great for dog owners

and lovers. The best part of this experience is realized at the highest position on the hill (an easy to moderate walk), experienced only by those who climb to the top and undiscovered by those who remain at road level. Looking west you see the spectacular Olympic Mountains and, if you are lucky, marine traffic including a nuclear sub motoring north and submerging. Looking east you see the Cascades, on a clear day Mt. Rainier, Camano Island and at times the whale watching boat seeking migrating whales (don’t forget your binoculars). There are benches handy to eat lunch or simply to rest while enjoying the scenery. The exercise, solitude and brilliant landscape make for a fantastic hour, half day or even full day outing anytime of year – and it’s all free.

We have found the perfect ending for a day trip to the hill is to retire to our Yacht Club for a beer and perhaps a burrito; and fellow members while enjoying the beauty of our own marina and setting sun.



Until next month, Hook’Em!

Jim Byrne
Rear Commodore

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



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.

Sail Fleet News

SAIL FLEET — ATTENTION ALL SAILORS – THE OHYC SPRING SERIES STARTS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST. (NO FOOLING).

I know during the last couple of months the conditions have been testing at best – rain, snow, blustery winds, etc. We are looking forward to the changes of spring; an extra hour of daylight, gradually longer days, moderating weather and fewer storms.

The Spring Series offers everyone a chance to get out and take a little break mid week. Racing starts at

1800, (6:00 pm). Skippers meeting on the 1st will be at 4:30.



On the first race day the official sunset is 7:39. Don't forget to plan on the race wrap-up/debrief at the club after sailing. Steak, chicken or burgers for dinner, call ahead. See you there.

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.

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

Spring Series

May 7 thru May 28; 4 weeks, Thurs Evening. 1800 Start

Round Whidbey

May 9 – 10; Weekend, 0900 Start

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

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Adult sailing lessons by Oak Harbor Youth Sailing program

Beginning adult sailing lessons will be offered on six consecutive Tuesday evenings starting April 21st, from 5:30-8:00 PM, at the Oak Harbor Marina as part of the Oak Harbor Youth Sailing program.

Participants (16 years or older) will learn how to sail on 14' Lido sailboats. They will also learn basics of rigging the boat, steering techniques, sailing rules, trimming sails, racing rules, and boating safety.

The cost of the six week session is \$150 and \$12 for the sailing textbook which can be purchased at the first class session. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Interested adults can register 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 info, email kbskubi@whidbey.net.

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SOCIAL EVENTS:

May 3 OPENING DAY!
May 18 Black Beard's Booty
May 20 OHYC Business Meeting
May 30 Crazy Hat Luncheon

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 50cents off regular price

REMEMBER, VEL NEEDS OUR HELP!

2009 INFORMATION

P.O. Box 121, Oak Harbor, WA 98277
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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

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Secretary*Ellen Harman*

Treasurer*Sally Crelly*

Port Captain*Keith Hall*

Membership.....*Virigina Cooley*

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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

Wow! May already! Well, the tulips and daffodils have come and gone and cruises have started indicating for sure it is Spring, with Summer to follow.



Rain has lessened and Mr. Sun is a more frequent and heartily welcomed presence here on Whidbey Island. As the temperature inches closer to that 70 degree mark, I see tank tops and shorts and flip flops galore, along with bicyclists and all those fund raising kids washing cars. Nice.

Things have calmed down in our household and most of us are actually well, glory be! That said, my children are putting up their house for sale, so the race is on to sterilize the place so it appears uninhabited. That's not easy when there are three children in the place, not to mention other adults. I do understand the reasoning, it is just hard to carry out -- and hard to live with. When the house sells and Wendi gets to be at home with these darling children, I'll be moving on to new adventures. No, I'm not exactly sure just when or where, but change is in the air and somewhat exciting.

May at the yacht club looks like fun. The Crazy Hat Luncheon promises to be a hoot! Opening Day, of course, will be just as wonderful as it was last year if Vel has anything to say about it -- and she does. The White Elephant auction will be great with treasures up for bid.

I'm still longing for some warm weather here, and who knows? Maybe it will come true sooner rather than later. That would be just wonderful.

Jonie Craig
E-Editor

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 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.

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 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 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!

JUNE DEADLINE: May 18--SEND TO: tbdumit@comcast.net

OHYC BUSINESS MEETING & SPEAKER

Wednesday, May 20

Social 5:30 Dinner 6:30 UPSTAIRS

Menu: Vel's Chicken Fried Steak \$11/person

DR. BOB GETZ

How to Tow a Boat in Trouble

Buy your tickets at the bar by April 11

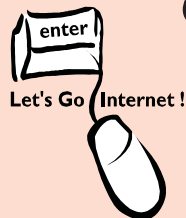
Marine Swap Meet

Deception Pass Sail & Power Squadron will be holding its annual marine (boats and related gear) swap meet on May 2nd from 8 AM to 3 PM across from the Oak Harbor Marina parking lot. There is no established charge to have a table and participate; donations are encouraged.

If you want space along the fence line please contact **Mark Casteel** 360-682-5112 or markcasteel@peoplepc.com



OHYC WEB SITE



Check it out at: www.ohyc.org

Members only section:

Username: *ohymember*

Password: *boating4u*

Featuring:

Newsletter; On-line Membership Roster;

Galleries;

On-line reservations

Calendar of Events

FISHERMAN'S BAY

The cruise to Fisherman's Bay on Lopez Island is coming up and it's time to make your reservations. Please call Island Marine Center at 360-468-3377. Say you are with the Oak Harbor Yacht Club and reserve your space for Saturday and Sunday (May 23 & 24) evenings. If you want to arrive Friday, Reserve that too. We will have a description of activities and plans later next week and a Captains meeting is tentatively planned for May 15th after Burger Night. We still have about 100 feet of dock space reserved until April 30, when IMC will release it for other boaters. If you know others that want to join us for Memorial Day weekend, ask them to sign up or email me. If you have any questions: Call 679-1991 or email: nelsre@gmail.com.

Safe Boating: Bob, Karen, Ralph, Cheryl (Cruise Captains)

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:

May 3	Opening Day	Steppe & Mary Williford 279-1551
May 9-10	Round Whidbey Island Race WINSA	Bob Mitchell 675-9460
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.