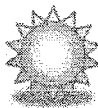


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SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

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5:00 pm Dinner (note early time)

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DETAILS



WHITE ELEPHANT ITEMS NEEDED
FOR AUCTION
SEE P. 10 FOR DETAILS

OHYC 2011 Directory is HERE!

The latest edition of the member directory is available for pickup at the Club. Club member Jim Bruner has once again donated many hours to revise and produce the directory. Please stop by the Club and pick up your copy.

REMINDER: The OHYC directory, which lists our member information, is for the personal use of our membership. It should not be used for commercial, political, religious or other non-Club related solicitations or distributions.



AT THE HELM



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OAK HARBOR YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

August 2011

FROM THE COMMODORE



Observe: To notice, perceive...

Observations: Past, recent and ongoing (yes, geologists do notice more than just rocks, heresy perhaps); just a few observations that make the intended point.

Past Greenback Farm, with dozens of trails framed by beautiful flora in a mix of color; gold, blues, reds, browns, greens and white interspersed with red berry bushes. Then the colorful kites flying along many of our beaches and the unforgettable mass ascension kite event at Fort Casey. And, how about the abundance of fresh produce, arts and crafts, meat and fishy offered by our fellow islanders at our various local farmers' markets.

Recent The fresh appearance of our Yacht Club: new paint, all the work of rust and wood rot removal, plastering, and the pressure-washed barbecue and outside seating area. And, who can forget the stunning sight of the colorful sails of the 106 sailboats participating in the 2011 Whidbey Island Race Week that our Yacht Club hosts. Then, there's the welcoming sight of the two new Port Townsend ferries, Class I-Lean (the boats are not level).

Ongoing Our Yacht Club's upbeat atmosphere; what a great inexpensive attitude adjustment! Let's leave world problems outside and just enjoy the numerous amenities of our Club. And let's continue to visit with fellow Club Members and exchange ideas on projects, vacations, (Texas) football, etc., and just chill out at the best Yacht Club in the Northwest and enjoy each other!

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Until next month,

Jim



FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Well, we've done it. Another successful Whidbey Island Race Week. The number of Member volunteers who helped out on everything is amazing with so many Members pitching in and working long and hard. Special thanks to the three co-chairs, Tina Byrne, Sally Jacobs and Patty McKinnon and also to Jeff Campbell, Vel Docken, Vicka Haywood and all of our employees for a really great job. Thank you to all the volunteers and committee chairs (Sheila and Bill Weinsheimer for Apparel, Ricki Greathead for Hospitality, Andy Markley for Security, Dutch Strehle for Troubleshooting, Sue Karahalos for Breakfast, Jeff Campbell for Mussel dinners, Vel Docken for Lasagna dinner, Bev Campbell and Phyllis Hawkins for BBQ Cashiers, and Bea and Gary Hansen and John Upah for the BBQ dinners). Thank you everyone from your Club.

I had the great privilege of going out on the Corinthian Yacht Club's committee boat. Charley Rathdopf is the Principal Race Officer of CYC and has been running the on-the-water portion of WIRW for a number of years. A day on the committee boat is an unforgettable experience. These guys are working from the minute they get out to the race area until the last marker is picked up and the boat heads home. Then they spend a couple of hours figuring out who really won each race. Members Rex DuPuis, Avis Berney and Larry Munns crewed on the committee boat. Member John Hudson's boat Gopher Baroque was the finishing line boat and Member Dave French was onboard working the finish recordings. Many thanks to all of them and a special congratulations to Gary Stuntz, a relatively new Member of OHYC and the owner and promoter of Whidbey Island Race Week for a very successful event.

The Family 4th of July was a resounding success. We had over 130 Members attend the event. The plan is to have another celebration next year but start the food service later and not end up with such a long time span between eating and the fireworks.

On July 9 the Buccaneers held their annual Kids' Fishing Derby. There were close to 70 kids participating along with their parents. This is one of the most popular events put on by the Buccaneers and is always fun to watch the little people on the docks. Lori Rhodenbaugh organized the event and received lots of compliments from participants and from her fellow Buccaneers – thank you Lori.

Coming up in August – Cruise Captain Pat Harman will be presenting a seminar on transiting Deception Pass, followed by a cruise through the pass onboard Sundancer. (Info at p. 12; sign up at the Club). The Princess Louisa Cruise departs Aug. 10, and the ever popular Bayou Night is scheduled for Aug. 20. Bayou Night always sells out so get your tickets early.

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FROM THE REAR COMMODORE



Race week was the “carrot” for many of us to put in the extra effort to position ourselves to be the optimum hosts for sailors from around the world and our Members, themselves.

I observed and marveled at the organization and efficiency of all our volunteers. I am sure to echo your thoughts when watching our breakfast, dinner and barbeque teams in action. Security, trouble shooting, hospitality, apparel and our cashiers appeared to perform flawlessly.

I am so proud of all of you. Tina Byrne, Patty McKinnon and Sally Jacobs, our Race Week Chairs must feel very proud, as well.

Oh, I must also mention our Members who assisted daily in the responsible positions on the committee boats. One mistake from the start or finish boat can result in a protest (or worse) for a skipper who has thousands of dollars invested, and who takes the sport very seriously. Also a thank you to Pete Hillberry for towing the boats that needed assistance.

As you read this, Race Week is over, you’ve taken a deep breath and no doubt settled into a much deserved rest, and, I hope, reminisced on your personal rewards for a job well done.

I don’t have the final figures, but the OHYC benefited as well in our biggest fund raiser, which helps keep dues and prices down for all of us.

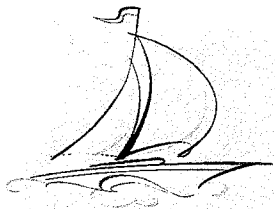
Those involved in Youth Sailing don’t get a break as their classes are the week before and the week after Race Week. I most certainly gained an appreciation for what is involved. What an education for our sailors of the future. I commend the time and dedication of Dave French, Avis Berney, Byron Skubi, Dennis Carter, Craig Cooley, Larry Mums, Jim McAlpine, Shannon and Denise Buys, and Ken Hulett. Nick Deru, Garret Dutcher, and Tyler Dodge are graduates and OHYC Junior Members who crewed on sail boats during Race Week.

A Race Week comment, “your Club is so friendly,” was one I took to heart. To quote our Commodore Jim Byrne, “The OHYC is the best in the North West.”

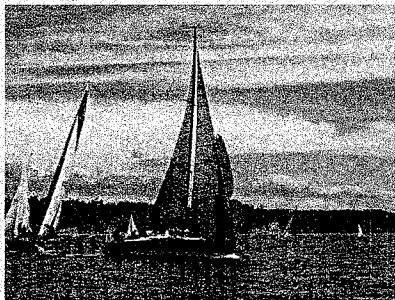
Bob

Last item –Wed., Aug. 24 we will have a special opportunity to hear about the adventures of two friends who have spent the last six years on a sailboat voyage. Jan Eckmann and Dave Pride are devoted long distant cruisers and will join us for Steak Night and will present an informative slide show. (See page 7 for details.) We will retire to the upper level ballroom for the presentation around 7PM. Reservations are still needed for dinner but no signup sheet for the informal presentation.

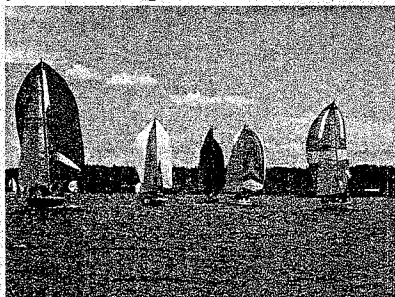
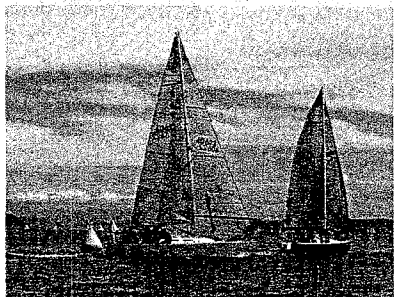
Steppe Williford



RACE WEEK 2011



Thanks to Jack Casey for these pictures



A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!
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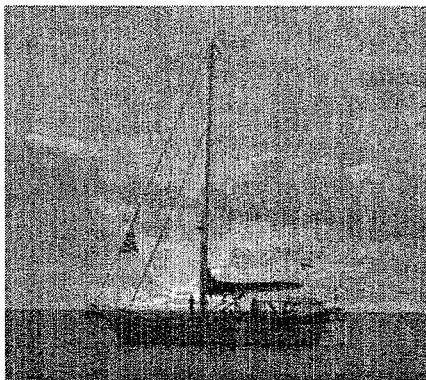
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Many thanks go out to Ricki Greathead, Melinda White, Judy Wilkin-son and Bob Greathead for the help assembling and readying the July newsletter for mailing. Also, thank you many times over for the members who are emailing or calling in and letting either the OHYC office (675-1314) or myself (Sue Karahalios, 675-6455) know that you will be having your mail on hold or not receiving mail during the last week of any month. This month alone with travel plans abound- ing we have over 10 member families out and about and we will be saving the Club quite a bit of money that would have been wasted on returned mail fees. Your help and due diligence is appreci- ated. Remember there are extra copies of the newsletter available right near the bar in the white basket for your added use or to share with perspective new members. Continue to have a tremendous summer, Sue Karahalios 675-6455 skarahalios@oakharbor.net

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
EVENT**

Wednesday, August 24th

A special presentation about the adventures of SV Baraka with Jan Eckmann and Dave Pride, two friends who have spent the last six years sailing from **Puget Sound to Southeast Asia.**



Check out their website at <http://svbaraka.com/>.


Jan and Dave will join us for Steak Night on the 24th and will then present an informational slide show featuring their adventures.

Wednesday Steak and Chicken Night as usual
Reservation by noon on the 24th,
No charge for the presentation.
Dinner around 6 PM, presentation at 7 PM



August 2011

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Steak & Chicken BBQ Reservations	4 Games Night *** Class Deception Pass Tips	5 Burger Night	6 Deception Pass Transit Cruise Fleet
7	8	9 Board Meeting	10 Steak & Chicken BBQ Reservations *** Mah Jongg 10 am Start Princess Louisa Cruise	11 Games Night	12 Burger Night	13
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28	29	30	31 Steak & Chicken BBQ Reservations	<p><i>CLUB CLOSED MON-TUES. OPEN WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY 4:00 PM TO 9:00 PM HOURS MAY VARY FOR SPECIAL EVENTS (CLUB CLOSSES EARLY IF NO ONE THERE)</i></p>		

**BUCCANEER
WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION
AUGUST 20, 2011
DONATIONS & INFORMATION**



The event of the Summer; a fun and crazy time will be had by all! The Buccaneers will be auctioning off your "cast off" treasures to raise money for the Thanksgiving Baskets that will be packed and delivered to 35, or more, special Oak Harbor families this Holiday Season!

Please wrap your precious gifts, attach (securely) a sealed note stating what the item is and bring it to the fireplace room at the club starting August 5th. As in the past, our Auctioneer Extraordinaire and the fabulous Buccaneers promise to show you a good time that night, including some exciting new features this year!

Don't miss out; buy your Bayou Night dinner tickets and start searching for that special auction item that is sure to be a delight for one of your fellow Oak Harbor Yacht Club members.

If you need further info about the Buccaneer Auction, please contact, Michelle Suggs at 360-720-2339.

Call for Nominations

Members who have an interest in serving on the Executive Board of the Oak Harbor Yacht Club are encouraged to contact one of the members of the Nominations Committee to discuss opportunities and openings for the year beginning January 2012. The Nominations Committee this year is composed of:

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Sue Karahalios, skarahalios@oakharbor.net
or 360-675-6455

Mark Casteel, markcasteel@peoplepc.com
or 360-240-1546

PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: (sponsor)

Kevin & Erika Jones (Jill Johnson; co Gary Stuntz)

Darlene & Greg Davis (Steppe Williford; co J. Ragland)

Prospective New Members: (sponsor)

Garrie Hawkins (Marge & Trim Scribner)

Joy & Lee Miesbauer (Lindemans and Scribners)

Jeff Malmgren (Jeff Hansen)

Doris & Jeff Rush (M. Wissel, co Rex DuPuis)

Leona & Lloyd Richards (Dennis Carter)

Pamela Hill (Fern & Wendell Miller)

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UPDATE:**

Congratulations to our New Member Sponsors! As it stands, the following members will be receiving a 10% DISCOUNT on next year's dues, for EACH new sponsored membership - NOTE: this does NOT include the pending applications for August!

Bridget & Chris Middleton (1), Mardi Dennis (1), Rex & Suzie DuPuis (2), Dennis & SuAnn Carter (1), Lori Rhodenbaugh (1), Al & Lucy Enriquez (1), JJ & Kathy Jones (1), Dave Williams (1), Gary Stuntz (1), Cheryl & Gary Jandzinski (1), Mary & Steppe Williford (2), Melissa & Jeff Wissel (3); Jill Johnson (1)

We also have SIX prospective applications pending for August! Keep up the good work... Bring in a new member and get YOUR reward!!

Thank you to all the sponsors, and WELCOME to all of our NEW MEMBERS!!

SEE DETAILS FOR FAMILY FUN DAY ON P. 15.

MEMBER TRIVIA...A new contest!

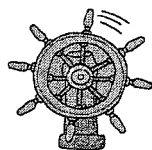
As part of the membership committee's efforts we are starting a "Member Trivia" section. This is an effort to get members to engage in conversation with other members. There will be a new contest each month with the answer the next month.

Congratulations to Rex DuPuis for correctly guessing last month's mystery member: Dan Wright.

AUGUST: Who am I?

Which OHYC member was born in Calderon, Ecuador?.

Email rhodenbaugh@sprintmail.com with your best guess. The first correct answer wins \$5 club bucks. Relatives of the member are not eligible for the prize.

CRUISE FLEET:

I have received enough interest in my tidal currents class, "Tips and Tricks for Transiting Deception Pass," that I will conduct the class on Thursday August 4. We will do two transits of Deception Pass on Saturday August 6, leaving from the dock at Cornet Bay. There is no charge for the class, and we will have a potluck lunch on Saturday at Bowman Bay. One of my tips is not to plan a transit at slack water, this is the time your most likely to have traffic, and have to play chicken with the fishermen. It is much less complicated to transit 10-15 minutes before or after slack.

Saturday September 17 the cruise fleet will have a beer tasting. This will be a parody on the successful wine tastings the Club has had this year. You hold a wine glass, you grip a beer mug.

Pizza, brats, pickled eggs, and other food pairings will be provided. A guest speaker will explain the various beers being offered. Cost will be \$10 at the door.

The Bowman Bay cruise, which will be on the weekend of September 23-25 is still in the planning phase. Andy always does a super job at planning cruises. A dinghy rodeo, a treasure hunt, and lots of good things to eat is being planned. I chatted with our Rear Commodore, Bob Greathead, about using Bowman Bay as a bicycle event for the bikers in the Club.

Pat Harman, Cruise Fleet Captain ppharman@yahoo.com 360-682-5110

2011 CRUISE SCHEDULE *			
Aug. 10-26	Princess Louisa	Cruise	Youngs & Nelsons
Sept. 20-25	Bowman Bay	Poker Run & Dinghy Rodeo	Markleys
Dec. 3	OHYC	Lighted Boat Parade	Byron Skubi

DPSPS 2011 Cruise Schedule Open to all OHYC Members

9-14-25 State Parks Cruise

10-1-2 Holmes Harbor Raft-up

SAIL FLEET—

WOW – what a week! We are just wrapping up Race Week, perhaps the best week of sailing I have seen in many years. All twelve fleets got in at least 11 races; in some years completing 7 was a challenge.

OHYC was well represented on the water. John Hudson and Anita supplied their boat GOPHER BAROQUE as the finish line boat. Avis, Dave, Rex and I assisted the CYC race committee all week, and we had Steppe on the RC boat to help out one day. Oak Harbor sailors did a great job. Chad Holcomb's YEAD DOGG and Mitch Rinella's SKAMOKAWA won their respective fleets while Shannon Buys' MAGIC JUAN placed second. Other local boats enjoying the week included Gary Stuntz's Melges 24 COOL BEANS sailed by Erik Mann and Bill Weinsheimer; Tom Black on LITTLE BLACKIE; Jim McAlpine's LUCKY JIM; and Bill McKinnon and Bob Miles in SKYE ROCKET. It was a great week, the Club was great!!

Our second Summer Series continues Wednesday 3 August. You will also see a lot of activity on the docks as OH Youth sailing is in full swing.

See ya' on the water –.

Larry Munns, Sail Fleet Captain

360 675-3019 ljmunns@comcast.net

Last Call for Princess Louisa Cruisers

At this time we have four boats signed up and would like to have at least two more join us. We have an optional itinerary that possibly has the single engine boats going thru the gulf islands after leaving Oak Harbor August 6th or 7th, clearing customs at Bedwell Harbor and then crossing at one of the passes or at Nanaimo. Twin engine boats can proceed up the mainland coast on August 9th, clearing customs in Coal Harbor. All boats will then rendezvous at Pender Harbor on August 15th and proceed into see the Princess by the 17th.

Conditions at the famous Malibu rapids are quite favorable this year with a very moderate tide in the afternoon (7 foot low slack at 2:45), ideal for early morning departures from Pender. Departures from Malibu will have high slack in the mid morning, perfect!

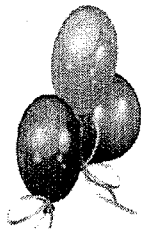
We plan to return by August 25. I would like the cruisers to plan to meet around the end of the month to finalize details. How about Burger night the 29th? We should have some cruise moneys available for food and fun.

Reminder: The Sunshine Coast is a beautiful area with Pender Harbor the crown jewel. If you haven't been it is well worth the trip and I suggest that if part of your crew can't make the longer boat journey, have them drive up and join us there. Or just drive and meet us at the Garden Bay Pub for fun and music. Plenty of places to stay there.

We have the detailed cruise itinerary, the distances and stops along the way. If you are interested I can forward it or call Ralph Young on [360-678-0430](tel:360-678-0430). FYI the overall distance is 375 nautical miles give or take 10.

SOCIAL EVENTS:

AUGUST 20 BAYOU NIGHT & AUCTION
AUGUST 24 PUGET SOUND TO SE ASIA



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Dee deLeeuwe	678-4710
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Julie Williams	679-4399
Barb Wright	679-7435

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LOOKING FOR SOMETHING FUN TO DO?

JOIN US ON THURSDAYS

6:00 PM AT THE CLUB

GAMES (BRING YOUR OWN)

WE ORDER FOOD, COME FED, OR COOK A BURGER
 BUT WE HAVE FUN!



MONK 36 RENDEZVOUS

On September 9 – 11 Ken & Terri Hulett will be hosting the
 Monk 36 Rendezvous.

FAMILY FUN DAY IS FUN-TASTIC!

June 25th Family Fun Day participation was significantly lower than May... but we're not giving up! There may be another date in August, but FOR SURE we're going to join the Cruise Fleet @ Bowman Bay in September - so mark your calendars NOW: **Saturday, September 24th.**

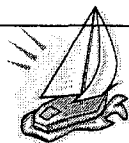
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Family Fun isn't just for summer! We are planning a "Minute To Win It" Family Fun Day event in the fall... Watch for Details!!

Youth Sailing

Thank you, Oak Harbor Yacht Club for letting the Oak Harbor Youth Sailing program use the clubhouse for our Youth Sailing classes. We completed our first Level 1 Sail Camp and have successfully instructed 12 new students in the joys of sailing. Thank you to the OHYC members who saw the sails and sailors during the week and expressed positive comments about the program. Thank you to several of our Yacht Club members who were instructors or dock help under Dave French's leadership: Ken Hulett, Jim McAlpine, Larry Munns, Dennis Carter, Denise and Shannon Buys, J. M. Kiel and Avis Berney. Our junior instructors included OHYC junior members, Nick deRu, and Garrett Dutcher. Others we would like to thank who are not Yacht Club members, but have helped for several years, include: Donna Roddy, Ron deRu, and Tyler Dodge.



Our second and third sessions are full with waiting lists. The second Sail Camp will have been complete by the time this newsletter is distributed. We will add Paige Stanley, Jane Mays and Ross Reed to our volunteers for next session. Craig Cooley will head up the last session for the summer which is slated for the first week of August. For the first year we will have a complete class of Level 2 sailors. Watch for the Level 2 students during the first week of August as they learn to work as a team with two sails on the Lidos.

DAY ISLAND YACHT CLUB IMPORTANT NAVIGATION NOTICE:

There is no longer a water depth marker on the West side of the basin as you enter the Day Island Lagoon. Entry and exit to the Club Facilities should be made at or above the 4" tide level as indicated on the Tide Table for the Narrows Bridges, Tacoma, WA.



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