

*Oak Harbor Yacht Club
P.O. Box 121
Oak Harbor, WA 98277*

February 2009



February Events:

- 1 Super Bowl
- 10 Board Meeting
- 14 Valentine's Dinner

25 MEET YOUR MEMBER

Plus Wed. Night BBQ,
Thursday movies/games, &
Friday Burger Nights.

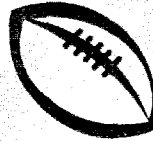
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SUPER BOWL

FEB 1



ON THE BIG SCREEN

AT THE CLUB

BRING A DISH TO SHARE

DETAILS AT THE CLUB

CLUB WILL OPEN AT 2:30 PM

Meet Your Member

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Entrees will be Liver and Onions or Chicken

Cordon Bleu

\$11.00 per person

Social 5:30PM to 6:30PM

Dinner at 6:30PM

Buy your tickets at the bar by February 21

Hope your dues are paid!

Any questions, call Sally

679-4743



From the Commodore

After kicking off the New Year with a great New Years Eve party at the Club, your Yacht Club Board got right to work with a good deal of enthusiasm. Despite a good year financially last year, as I have mentioned before, one of our primary challenges this year (and in years to come) is our declining and aging membership. Even though we add many good new members every year, their numbers do not keep up with the members that we lose each year because of health issues, moving out of the area, no longer boating, or a host of other reasons. This has amounted to a net loss of about ten to fifteen memberships a year for the last several years.

To attempt to reverse this trend, your Board has started off the year by taking a couple of bold initiatives. At its January meeting the Board voted unanimously to do away with our initiation fee of \$200 for any new members joining in 2009. The Board was also unanimous in approving a new initiative aimed at making it easier for young members and families to join our club, namely reducing the dues for any new member under 35 by \$100 until they reach the age of 35. Both of these provisions have a "sunset" clause so that they terminate at the end of the year unless the Board chooses to renew them. I feel that these are both great ideas and should help us with the difficult task of maintaining our membership in tough economic times. I know that this might seem a bit unfair to those who have joined our club recently and paid the initiation fee, but last year was a considerably different time economically.

This year, as last, we will be having our monthly business meeting generally on the third Wednesday of the month (with a few exceptions). These will include a dinner upstairs, and the meeting will be an opportunity to introduce new members, and to discuss any actions taken by the Board. Hopefully there will be a program each month alternating a "meet your member" presentation with a boating education talk.

I will be doing some tough duty most of the month of February – sailing a boat from Panama to the Galapagos Islands – so Rex has agreed to be acting Commodore in my absence.

-- Byron

FROM THE VICE COMMODORE



Well February should prove to be an interesting month with our Commodore out of country. I'll do my best to ensure you don't confuse me with Alexander Haig as I take the helm during Byron's journey. Weather? Let's not talk about the crazy weather.

Activities at the club are a plenty for Feb. '09. We'll start off with a Super Bowl party on the first of Feb., come cheer or jeer the team of your choosing as long as it is the AZ Cardinals or the Pittsburg Stealers, oops, Steelers. Then of course we'll have a fine dinner on Saturday the 14th, Valentine's Day. Vel hasn't come up with the menu just yet, but she always keeps us happy and well fed. Don't forget Wednesday Steak/Chicken night, Thursday Game/Movie night, Friday Burger/Potluck extravaganza featuring Jim Byrne, our Rear Commodore on the microphone. I think there will be a wine tasting on the 20th, and for the business meeting on the 25th, Meet Your Member. Whew!

Grab your friends and families 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?

I hear we have Cruise Fleet Captains; Dan Wright and Bob Mitchell. That is great news and it rolls off the tongue real well so I hope it is correct. I only just heard that and don't know for sure. With that, I must be going before I really get into trouble.

Trivia question: Who knows where the big "R" from the old Rainer beer brewery is. I do. I'll buy a drink at our bar for the first person to write the correct answer (&date & time) on paper and put it in the suggestion box.

See you at our club!

Rex

CLUB RESERVATION POLICY

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



From the Rear Commodore

It has been nearly three years since moving from Houston, Texas to Whidbey Island and we have enjoyed every minute living on this beautiful island. Every day we discover new hiking trails, beaches, inlets, parks and other delights. One of the most interesting discoveries are the microclimates encountered in traversing north-south and east-west on the island; leaving sun and blue sky in Oak Harbor and twenty minutes south, encountering a hail storm at Greenbank Farm or picnicking in sun on West Beach and five minutes later encountering dense fog in Oak Harbor. It is no wonder that photography is a major hobby among island residents since such weather changes offer spectacular landscape scenes.

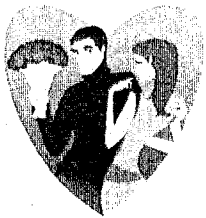
My favorite and most beautiful view is the setting sun backlighting the Olympic Mountains while reflecting in brilliant colors off the marina waters. This view is from our Yacht Club. How lucky we club members are to be able to enjoy this view and the many other functions the Yacht Club gives us.

The builders of our Yacht Club showed extreme foresight toward functionality in the design and orientation of the building. We are able to accommodate large as well as small functions in very smooth and comfortable ways. So it is very important to preserve and update the physical structure. This work falls under the direction of the Rear Commodore.

If you have any suggestions to update or improve the building or notice needed repairs please call or email me, or use the suggestion box. If you are interested in knowing more about the weekly and monthly maintenance schedules, spend an hour or two with me on my rounds.

Until next month, Hook 'Em! Jim

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



CLOSED SUNDAY, MONDAY & TUESDAY

OPEN: Wednesday through Saturday

4:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Hours may vary for special events

February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 SUPER BOWL	2	3	4 Steak & Chicken BBQ Reservations	5 Game Night	6 Burger Night	7
8	9	10 Board Meeting 6:00 pm	11 Steak & Chicken BBQ Reservations *** Mah Jongg 10 am	12 Game Night	13 Burger Night	14 Valentine's Dinner
15	1	7	18 Steak & Chicken BBQ Reservations	19 Game Night	20 Burger Night *** Bridge	21
22	23	24	25 Meet Your Member Reservations ***	26 Game Night	27 Burger Night	28

Sail Fleet News

Hello sailors

I am Larry Munns, this year's OHYC Sail Fleet Capt. I am excited about getting involved in getting a lot of participation in the sailing programs available in Oak Harbor. If you have a sail boat I hope to get you out on the water with us to sail or race.

Most of the race events will be non intimidating. There will be a lot of opportunity to practice. If you want to have an up close spectator seat, there will be opportunities to help out on the Committee Boat (start/stop line). Between OHYC and our sister sailing organization, WINSA, there will be sailing event every week from the beginning of March through the end of Sept. See the list of our events in this newsletter. I look forward to meeting you all! Let's get out on the water and feel the wind in our hair (if that applies)!

Larry Munns
Sail Fleet Capt



**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!

Reciprocals - Call Dave Davis for information

OHYC 2009 Racing Calendar

April Fool/Warm-up Series

Apr 1 thru Apr 29 Wed evenings, 1800 Start

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

Frost Bite Series

Feb 7 thru Feb 28; 4 weeks, Saturdays. 1300 Start

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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CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

PLEASE NOT THAT CHANGE OF ADDRESS SHOULD BE SENT TO TREASURER SALLY CRELLY OR GIVEN TO THE COMMODORE. SEE BACK COVER FOR ADDRESSES.

Cruise News From Dan Wright and Bob Mitchell 2009 Cruise Fleet Coordinators

Are you ready to Cruise this Summer? The Cruise Fleet will meet after the Hamburger night 6 Feb., about 7:00. Bring your cruise ideas, and we will develop a schedule for the coming cruise season. I already have one volunteer to plan and lead one such cruise. Be prepared to step up and lead!

Valentine's Day Dinner

Saturday, February 14, 2009

Social 5:30PM to 6:30PM

Dinner at 6:30PM

Surf & Turf \$25.00 per person

See flyer for details



Vel has a very special menu planned

Because of the special menu we need reservations early

PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS BY FEBRUARY 6

Membership

Welcome our newest members

Rick and "AJ" Andrews, Bothell, WA

Pending Applications

Carl and Karla Freund - Oak Harbor

Dennis Painter - Oak Harbor

Gerald and Bonnie Suminski - Oak Harbor

Ralph and Cheryl Young - Coupeville

Social Events

Feb 1 Super Bowl Party

Feb 14 Valentine's Dinner

Feb 25 Meet Your Member

Offers of help, suggestions, questions

Ricki Greathead 279-2704

Melinda White 675-1916

Barb Wright 679-7435

RESERVATIONS: 675-1314 or
Email: theyachtclub@comcast.net

HOSPITALITY & MEMORIALS : Barbara Smith

Please notify her if you know of a member who is ill or has passed away. She will send get well or condolence cards . Barb's new email is barbara.smith1@comcast.net, Phone 360-682-5538

MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS: FEB 18

Please send your input to Barb and Tom Dumit

Send to: tb Dumit@comcast.net

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