

OAK HARBOR YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2012



FROM THE COMMODORE



Holiday Greetings from the entire Executive Board of Oak Harbor Yacht Club.

The Commodore's Ball was a great success. Dinner was absolutely the best and we owe Vicka, Vel and their entire staff a giant thank you for the wonderful meal. Plus, thanks to Barb Wright and the Social Committee for organizing the event and the decorations. Also I would like to send our thanks to Barb and Tom Dumit for their help throughout the entire event. Member Marc deLeeuwe was the drummer and accompanied by Pete the pianist. Everyone seemed to enjoy the music.

On the subject of social activities you will find as an insert to the Newsletter the first cut at our 2012 Calendar. This shows what events we currently have planned and a look at the cruises, racing and community events we know are coming up this year.

I would like to thank Pat and Ellen Harman for their tireless efforts with Cruise Fleet last year and welcome our 2012 Cruise Fleet Captain Pete Hillberry. Cruise Fleet is working on a bus trip to the Seattle Boat Show on Thursday, February 2 (more information on times, cost and agenda will be sent out by email as we firm up details). There will be a meeting on Friday, January 20 after Burger Night for Members who want to participate in cruising events. Please plan on attending to help define our cruise plans for 2012. Bring your ideas and suggestions for destinations. Also please consider volunteering to lead one of the cruises.

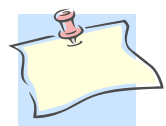
I am very gratified by the response our membership has shown in revitalizing the Ways and Means Committee. We have nine Members who have come forward and volunteered to help with this critical committee. They have already started looking at various activities to begin making recommendations on ways that we can improve the overall fiscal management of our Club.

A new Rendezvous and Regattas Committee (R&R for short) is being formed by Larry Munns, our continuing Sail Fleet Captain. The intent is to help the Oak Harbor community attract more sailboat racing events, owner rendezvous and visiting yacht clubs to our corner of the Salish Sea. The committee will be coordinating with the Oak Harbor Marina, the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce and the downtown merchants to encourage visitors and to offer a warm welcome. Our Club will benefit by offering catering and meeting rentals while still providing our traditional reciprocal privileges.

My last item is that we really need a volunteer to help with our marketing efforts. Our Public Relations Committee needs new Members and we especially need someone with internet marketing skills. If you have any skills or desire please let me know.

Steppe Williford

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Plus Wednesday Night BBQ
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AT THE HELM



Commodore:

Steppe Williford

Vice Commodore:

Bob Greathead

Rear Commodore:

Dennis Carter

Secretary:

Patty McKinnon

Treasurer:

Paige Stanley

Board of Directors:

Avis Berney

J.J. Jones

Bob Nelson

Lori Rhodenbaugh

George Smith

Steve Williams



FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

I hope you and your family enjoyed a wonderful Holiday Season. I know our family sure did. We take advantage of the many offerings of the Club which enables us to enhance our social life with so many good friends.

It is my time of reflection toward the past, present, and future of the OHYC. 2011 was good to us. We saw new capital improvements, many boating activities and many social activities with increased hours of Club operation for you to enjoy.

So many volunteers contributed to our success in so many ways. To all you committee chairs and Members a big thank you. Thank you Dennis Carter, Jeff Hansen, Steve Williams, Tom Hawkins and Dutch Strehle as teammates in completing the many maintenance projects. And thanks to now past Commodore Jim Byrne for his three year stint on the Bridge and for providing an opportunity for us to use our skills and ideas to help improve the Club. Thanks to Vel, Vicka and staff for, not only attending to our Club events, but doing a fine job in "outside" catering upstairs, the profits of which help pay our bills. Thanks to Club Manager Bob Mitchell who, as predicted has made a smooth transition into his new position. I would also like to thank our Bar Staff for their dedicated friendly service.

We are wrapping up the year and looking forward to our future in 2012.

The Bridge wants to provide the best environment possible for continued improvement and smooth operation. Our new Commodore, Steppe Williford, behind the scenes, has done so much for this Club. He understands our needs and is very proactive in accomplishing them. I am continually impressed by him and know the year is in good hands. Now, as the new Vice Commodore, all I can promise you is my best effort. Dennis Carter fills out the Bridge as the new Rear Commodore. He just rolls his sleeves up and helps in so many ways. I can't think of a better person for the job.

The committees for next year are already starting to fall into place. The most successful way to get volunteers is by direct contact; however, for those of you who wish to be more involved it pays to be assertive. When you see a Club need, step up and consider volunteering. This makes our Club even better.

2012 will see more boating rendezvous and regattas, thanks to Larry Munns and company. The Club, boaters, the marina, and the city of Oak Harbor will all benefit.

Take every opportunity to come down and enjoy the OHYC. Ricki, Bobby and I wish you a successful and prosperous New Year.

Thanks again for your support and counsel!

Bob G.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION AND MEMORIALS:

Thank you so much to you the Members for your help. After our first month of sending just 28 "snail mail" Newsletters, we received many accolades and notes of support for the internet version which we will continue. Please remember it is the hard work of the Dumits who pull together all of the news items from many Club Members. The Dumits then format and put our monthly news in internet-ready form which allows it to be copied for the "snail mail" versions at the Club and then all others sent out in a three level email system. Our new Commodore is the driving force behind this and it is he who is training and educating me in the ways of the Club's technology from the email listings to our new printer.

Also, thank you again, for taking the time whenever you hear or are aware of a Member who has suffered a loss or illness or accident so that we may make the appropriate contact for support and offerings of help. Please call or email any time and do not count on someone else informing me. It is crushing if the Club is not represented or not there because someone assumes it is already known by all.

This has been a very impressive year for the Oak Harbor Yacht Club with the number of activities that have been organized and made available as well as all of the work for others from Race Week to or charitable events. Even through tough economic times we can share with ourselves and others. I hope each of you and your families have a wonderful holiday season, however you celebrate it. I look forward to continuing being an active part of our special Club. Cheers to a bright bountiful and healthy New Year.

Sue Karahalios 675-6455 skarahalios@oakharbor.net

FROM THE REAR COMMODORE



Happy New Year to all.

I hope your holidays were festive and bright. As Bob, our new Vice Commodore, said we do have a lot for which to be thankful. I thank everyone for electing me to the position of Rear Commodore and I promise to do the best I can to keep up the standards of the past while helping steer OHYC into the future. Now that it is 2012 it's time to roll up the sleeves and attack the new year with enthusiasm and a smile to accomplish all the goals that we have set for ourselves. I look forward to working with all the Members and Steppe, Bob and Bob to help make this a great year. With the new Ways and Means Committee, chairing the Membership Committee and taking care of the maintenance of the Club I have a large learning curve to go through. So I am thanking all the Members now for all the advice I will be asking for in the future to get me through the year. Thank you, thank you very much.

Sueann and I will be going to Hawaii January 5 - 11 to see her mom so you will not have to hear my Friday night voice right off the bat; luckily, Bob said he would do it one more time. A big thank you goes out to Steve Williams who volunteered to help clean the BBQ again this year. Another big thank you to Lori Rhondenbaugh for volunteering for Membership Committee. I look forward to serving this year.

Thank you,
Dennis Carter

DROPBOX FOR SHARING PICTURES

Sueann Carter has introduced me to DropBox for sharing pictures on the web. As such, I'd like to suggest that anyone wishing to share pictures they take, or who want to view pictures others have taken, should become familiar with the DropBox site. It would also be good to attempt sharing pics with others, by implementing this program for the experience. So go to <http://www.dropbox.com/>, watch the video, and print out the directions. Then start having fun! , Hope you had a Merry Christmas and wishing you a Happy New Year with ton's of wonderful experiences!"

From you past OHYC photographer, Jack Casey

BUCCANEER NEWS:

Your Buccaneers once again want to take this opportunity to thank the Members of our Yacht Club who have been so generous in helping us throughout this past year in our various projects. Our last project for 2011, our "Sailboat Giving Tree," allowed us to provide 13 needy children within our community, who were identified by the Opportunity Council, the thrill of Christmas. The sailboat tags on the Club's Christmas tree, identifying each child's Christmas wish list, were taken by the Santa Helpers of our membership. All the gifts were placed under the tree to be picked up by Jan Markley, the project coordinator for the Buccaneers, and delivered to the Opportunity Council for distribution. Once again the Members of this Club have made a difference in this wonderful place we call home.



PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: (sponsor)

Susan & Hal Hovey (Avis Berney)

Prospective New Members: (sponsor)

None at this time

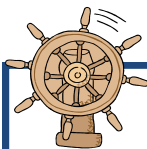
Summary for the year:

228 total members

34 new memberships in 2011



Boating News



CRUISE FLEET: Cruise Fleet will hold a planning session on Friday, January 20 after Burger Night. As the new Cruise Fleet Captain I invite all interested Members to join us for a round table discussion about dates, destinations, themes and cruise captains. We will meet in the Fireplace Room around 7PM.

Thursday, February 2. No firm cost or times yet since the various ends are still being tied together. Updates will be sent out via email as they become available.

Pete Hillberry, Cruise Fleet Captain
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Start thinking about the Big Seattle Boat Show....we are working on getting a bus and a driver with the plan to go to the show on

SAIL FLEET

Larry Munns, Sail Fleet Captain
ljmunns@comcast.net 360 675-3019

2012 CRUISE SCHEDULE

Jan. 20, 7 pm	OHYC	Planning Session	Pete Hillberry
Feb. 2	Boat show	See Club for Details	

Oak Harbor Youth Sailing



WINE TASTING
FUND RAISER
JAN. 28

Commodore's Ball and New Officers

The end of the year signals the change in leadership for our Yacht Club. Master of Ceremonies Tom Dumit welcomed Members and guests at our annual formal event. Commodore Jim Byrne installed the newly elected officers and trustees: Commodore Steppe Williford; Vice Commodore Bob Greathead; Rear Commodore Dennis Carter; Secretary Patty McKinnon; and Treasurer Paige Stanley. Also sworn in were Trustees JJ Jones and George Smith, joining Trustees Avis Berney, Bob Nelson, Lori Rhodenbaugh, and Steve Williams, who are serving multi-year terms. Jim Byrne will serve on the Board as Past Commodore.

The year-end awards are always a highlight of the Commodore's Ball. Each represents something unique as it relates to the Oak Harbor Yacht Club. Jim Byrne presented the following awards: First Rate Mate Award: Melinda White; Non-Boaters Award: Sue Karahalios; Saltchuck Award: Gary Jandzinski; Long Distance Cruising Award(Sail): Peyton Perkins; On-Deck Award: Tom Hawkins; Reke Zylstra Trophy: John Hudson; and the Commodore's Trophy: Avis Berney.



2011 Oak Harbor Yacht Club Bridge and Spouses: Vice Commodore Steppe & Mary Williford, Rear Commodore Ricki & Bob Greathead, And Commodore Jim & Tina Byrne



Swearing in of 2012 elected Officers



Presentation of Commodore Flags



OUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Offers of help, suggestions, questions:

- Linda Bruner 675-8315
- Sally Crelly 679-4743
- Ricki Greathead 279-2704
- Julie Williams 679-4399
- Barb Wright 679-7435

- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve**
- Jan. 28 Youth Sailing Wine Tasting**

Questions or Reservations: call 360-675-1314 or email: theyachtclub@comcast.net

MAKE PLANS EARLY FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE AT OHYC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 — COCKTAILS: 7:00 DINNER: 8:00

MUSIC BY JEFF LOHMEIER (See flyer for details)

\$25 PER PERSON—DEADLINE FOR TICKETS: DEC. 28

We are going casual this year. Dinner will be buffet style.



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!



OAK HARBOR YOUTH SAILING

WINE TASTING

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JAN. 28

TICKETS: \$50 each

At the Newsletter deadline, only a few tickets were available. Please contact Ken and Terri Hulett at 675-9361.



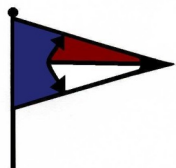
BRIDGE AND MAH JONGG

Sheri Blessing will chair our Bridge group in the coming year. Our first deal will take place on the 3rd Friday, January 20.

Mah Jongg will continue on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.

Thanks to Sandi Carrothers for chairing our games for so long.





Oak Harbor Yacht Club Planning Calendar for 2012

Jan 10 (Tue)	OHYC Board Meeting
Jan 27 – Feb 5	Seattle Boat Show
Jan 28 (Sat)	OH Youth Sailing Wine Tasting
Feb 2 (Thu)	Bus trip to Seattle Boat Show (Cruise Fleet)
Feb 11 (Sat)	OHYC St Valentine Dinner
Feb 12 (Sun)	St Valentine's Day Massacre Regatta (Sail Fleet)
Feb 14 (Tue)	OHYC Board Meeting
Mar 13 (Tue)	OHYC Board Meeting
Mar 14 – May 2 (Wed)	Spring Series Sail Races (Sail Fleet)
Mar 17 (Sat)	OHYC St Patrick's Day Dinner
Apr 8 (Sun)	OHYC Easter Brunch
Apr 10 (Tue)	OHYC Board Meeting
Apr 28 (Sat)	Holland Happening
Apr 29 (Sun)	OHYC Opening Day Brunch
May 5 & 6 (Sat – Sun)	Round Whidbey Race (Sail Fleet)
May 8 (Tue)	OHYC Board Meeting
May 9 – Jun 27 (Wed)	Summer Series Sail Races (Sail Fleet)
May 10 – 29 (Tue & Thu)	OH Youth Sailing adult beginning sailing lessons
May 19 (Sat)	OHYC Armed Forces Day Picnic
May 25 – 28 (Fri – Mon)	Deer Harbor Cruise (Cruise Fleet)
Jun 9 (Sat)	OHYC Western Night
Jun 12 (Tue)	OHYC Board Meeting
Jun 15 – 17 (Fri – Sun)	San Juan 24 North American Championships (Sail Fleet)
Jun 25 – 29 (Mon – Fri)	OH Youth Sailing class, Session 1
Jul 4 (Wed)	OHYC Fourth of July Picnic and Fireworks
Jul 4 (Wed)	Firecracker Fourth Regatta (Sail Fleet)
Jul 10 (Tue)	OHYC Board Meeting
Jul 11 (Wed)	Jack and Jill Sail Race (Sail Fleet)
Jul 14 (Sat)	OHYC Race Week Volunteer's Party
Jul 14 – 15 (Sat & Sun)	Dinghies Whidbey Island (DWI) races
July 15 – 27 (Sun – Fri)	Whidbey Island Race Week
Jul 23 – 27 (Mon – Fri)	OH Youth Sailing class, Session 2
Jul 30 – Aug 3 (Mon – Fri)	OH Youth Sailing class, Session 3
Aug 11 – 12 (Sat – Sun)	Milltown challenger Sail Race (Sail Fleet)
Aug 10 – 12 (Fri – Sun)	OHYC Cruise to Blakely Island
Aug 14 (Tue)	OHYC Board Meeting
Aug 18 (Sat)	OHYC Bayou Night
Sep 5 -26 (Wed)	Dinghy Series races (Sail Fleet)
Sep 11 (Tue)	OHYC Board Meeting
Sep 15 (Sat)	OHYC Autumn Wine Tasting
Sep 21 – 23 (Fri – Sat)	Bowman Bay Surf and Turf Cruise (Cruise Fleet)
Oct 6 – 7 (Sat and Sun)	Scott Cline Regatta (Sail Fleet)
Oct 9 (Tue)	OHYC Board Meeting
Oct 20 (Sat)	OHYC Business Meeting and Nominations Dinner
Oct 27 (Sat)	OHYC Halloween Party
Nov 13 (Tue)	OHYC Board Meeting
Nov 17 (Sat)	OHYC Election Dinner
Dec 1 (Sat)	Lighted Boat Parade (Cruise Fleet)
Dec 8 (Sat)	OHYC Commodore's Ball
Dec 11 (Tue)	OHYC Board Meeting
Dec 31 (Mon)	OHYC New Year's Eve Party



January 2012

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2	3	4 Steak & Chicken BBQ Reservations	5 Games Night	6 Burger Night	7
8	9	10 Board Meeting	11 Steak & Chicken BBQ Reservations *** Mah Jongg 10 am	12 Games Night	13 Burger Night	14
15	16	17	18 Steak & Chicken BBQ Reservations	19 Games Night	20 Burger Night *** Bridge 10am *** Cruise Fleet 70m	21
22	23	24	25 Steak & Chicken BBQ Reservations *** Mah Jongg 10 am	26 Games Night	27 Burger Night	28 Youth Sailing Fund raiser Wine Tasting
29	30	31	CLUB CLOSED SUNDAY-TUESDAY OPEN WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY 4:00 PM TO 9:00 PM HOURS MAY VARY FOR SPECIAL EVENTS (CLUB CLOSSES EARLY IF NO ONE THERE)			

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CLUB RESERVATION POLICY

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