

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

**July 2011**



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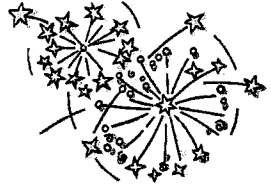
# Old Fashion Family 4th of July

Club will open at 4:00PM

OHYC will provide:

baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw,  
and cupcakes

You may purchase a hamburger or hot dog at  
the bar for \$3.50



Please sign up on the door or call the club with  
the number of people coming so we may have enough food.

**DEADLINE: Wednesday, June 29th.**

Lawn games and inside games until the fireworks begin.

**Y' all come!**

## **OHYC Buccaneers 31st Annual Fishing Derby Saturday, July 9th**

Registration starts at 9:00AM

Fishing starts at 10:00AM on F dock

Open to all kids ages 6 to 12

Bait is furnished

Kids **MUST** bring their own fishing pole,  
tackle, and **LIFE PRESERVER**

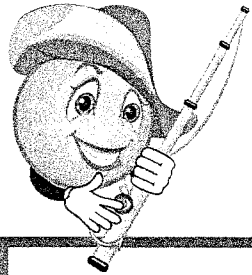
An adult **MUST** accompany all kids under  
age 10

All catches must be weighed by 1:00PM

Prizes will be awarded and lunch will be  
served at the Yacht Club following the  
derby.

**Free Free Free**

**Come on down for a fun day.**



### **AT THE HELM**



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Jim Byrne

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Steppe Williford

Rear Commodore:

Bob Greathead

Secretary:

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Melinda White

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# OAK HARBOR YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

July 2011

## FROM THE COMMODORE



*Rocks, rocks, everywhere rocks ... a rock by definition is any naturally formed aggregate or mass of mineral matter, constituting an essential and appreciable part of the earth's crust.*

*Whidbey is a rock hound's paradise. While digging a fence post hole five years ago, I encountered a rock; no big deal, right? I moved a few feet and continue digging only to hit a rock at the same depth. It was the same rock and could not be removed without the use of heavy machinery; thus started a five year fun-filled journey of rock hunting on Whidbey.*

*A rock journey may start by hiking the many trails in Deception Pass Park to view granite and basalt bedrock formed when the Puget Sound area was created by colliding crustal plates. It can also start by observing the numerous marine benches exhibited in our high bluffs, caused by rising sea level as the melting glacier retreated. Or by simply walking our numerous beaches and observing the variety of color, shape and size of rocks. These rocks were originally carved from the Canadian Rockies and the Cascades as the glacier advanced west and were subsequently deposited when the glacier receded; the creation of Whidbey. These sediments were subsequently subjected to the strong marine forces of waves and tides which resulted in the variety of shapes and sizes of the beach rock. The various colors, fractures, clasts, mineral veins, etc. observed in the beach rocks are unique to a particular rock formation in the Canadian Rockies and Cascades.*

*I've met longtime residents who are unaware of the rock subsurface on which they live. "Stop and smell the roses"; drop the TV remote, politics, talk shows, etc., and walk, hike, run, cycle, boat and cruise our beautiful island.*

*And, best of all, we should thank the glacial and marine processes for creating our marina and giving us such a tremendous view which we enjoy from our Yacht Club; and imagine how much our Race Week visitors will enjoy our Yacht Club - the best Yacht Club in the Northwest!*

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Until next month, Hook 'Em

Jim



## FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Can you believe it's almost July? Race Week is taking over. Lots of Members have signed up and we are having a bunch of meetings working out all the details. We still need volunteers for the Security Committee and to work the evening BBQ. If you can help, it would be great. Just call or email the Club (360-675-1314 or [theyachtclub@comcast.net](mailto:theyachtclub@comcast.net)) and let us know. We will get your name on one of the volunteer lists.

Western Night was a resounding success and many thanks to Joan Minckler and her helpers for organizing and decorating. Great job everyone.

Last month we sent out our first mass email announcing the Family July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration. We already have quite a few signups for the event. There's an announcement and more information elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Mary and I had the great pleasure of leading the two week cruise to Olympia and back (June 1-13). At one point we had six boats: Hulett's (Sapphire), Nelsons (Nellie), Lundstroms (Saratoga), Munns's (Pearl Jem), Woods (This Is It) and Willifords (Saratoga Sue) were all together for the early part of the cruise and four boats continued on to Olympia and South Sound. Karen Nelson took on the role of Chocolate Queen and furnished sweet treats every night of the cruise. Terri Hulett was our Pastry Chef, surprising us with warm, freshly baked breakfast pastries on a number of the mornings. We visited ten different marinas and parks during the trip, were able to use reciprocal moorage at a couple of them (a great side benefit of Club membership) and put on way too many pounds. Everyone had a great time.

While on the cruise we heard the sad news that the Club had lost our long time Member Phil Litrenta. Phil was a good friend and an extremely active Pelican racer and supporter of OH Youth Sailing. He will be greatly missed. There was a wonderful memorial ceremony and reception at the Club.

Thanks to all who took the time to fill out the Educational Survey included in the May Newsletter. To date we have received fourteen responses and everyone seems interested in getting some type of informational or educational sessions going. The Club will be looking at what type of training can be set up beginning this fall.

**FROM THE REAR COMMODORE**

There is plenty of work involved in routine maintenance, but we always find the time for Club improvements. This past month we installed new phones, new drapes for the upstairs stage, cleaned the grounds, thanks to our new pressure washer, cleaned the patio storage shed by removing seven 5 gal. cans of unusable paint and repaired the upstairs balcony eaves and two soft spots on the balcony.

Tom Hawkins and Dutch Strehle spent a good part of a week with the balcony and eave repairs. Thanks also to Jeff Hansen for assisting. As you read this Dutch will have painted the balcony railing and trim boards. In expressing my gratitude to Tom, he said "this is my Club, too!" So many Members contribute their skills to make the Club better for us all. Thanks to you all and to our Board and staff.

Byron Skubi and Fern Miller volunteered as bartenders so we were able to open the Club on two Sundays. See me if you are interested in volunteering for other Sundays and need the class to obtain a bartender's license.

Our Club hosted the San Juan 24's Nationals the weekend of June 11 and I understand it was a huge success.

Western Night sold out; another reason to sign up early for events.

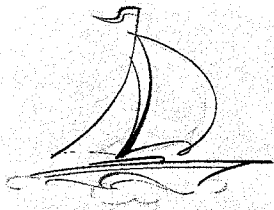
The 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic is a Member appreciation event. All the side dishes are being provided by the Club and as on Friday night hamburgers will be \$3.50. Check the Newsletter for more information and time.

See you at the Club.

Bob

**Philip Ray Litrenta, 1945-2011****RIP**

On behalf of the Club, we extend our condolences to Maria Litrenta and family on the passing of Phil. He was a faithful Member and supporter of Club activities and will be missed by all.



# RACE WEEK

*Just Around the Corner!*

Excitement is building as our "Adult Summer Camp" fun is racing towards us. Thanks to all of you who have volunteered for your favorite committee activities. The sign-up sheets look awesome, but **we still need several more volunteers for both Security and the nightly Bar-B-Q committees.** Come on, don't be shy, sign-up! What a wonderful way for new members to get to know other Club members and be part of our Club's fun – a good time will be had by all!

## OAK HARBOR YACHT CLUB WELL REPRESENTED AT RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT

OHYC was once again, an official sponsor of the recent Relay For Life Cancer Walk held at North Whidbey Middle school on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Spaghetti and all the fixin's were prepared by our "Caterers Extraordinaire", Vel and Vicka and served up to hungry participants by Jeff and Bev Campbell, Sally Crelly, Dan and Barb Wright and Melinda White. Dinners for cancer survivors were provided free of charge. In addition to the 63 dinners prepared for survivors, the group served up an additional 38 adult and 11 child dinners. The Club made \$378 from paid meals. The monetary proceeds, along with the food provided as our in-kind contribution, were donated to The Relay effort.

Melinda White

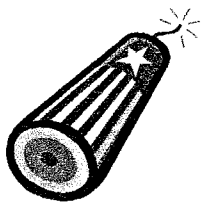
**NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION: SUE KARAHALIOS**

Assembling the newsletter has become such a fun endeavor with the race on to see if we can beat the previous month's time. This month we out did ourselves completing the task in a record time thanks to the incredible talents of one Mary Williford who is not only experienced but so quick and focused. Many thanks go out to the rest of the volunteer team for this month Judy Wilkinson, Jeff Hansen, Bud Wilkinson, Bob Greathead, Melinda White, Steppe Williford and Roger White.

I realize you the members are so very tired of reading over and over the reminders to PLEASE call the Club office (675-1314) or myself, Sue Karahalios (675-6455) if you are going to be out of town the last week of the month any month even if you are having your mail held for you or forwarded. However, just this month I had two members say oh, I just finally really understood what you have been writing: the Post Office NO MATTER WHAT will not FORWARD or HOLD the newsletter for us. All BULK mail, which the newsletter is sent BULK MAIL, is sent back to the OHYC at an additional surcharge. Both members said they will let us know now rather than cost the Club more. Also, a couple of very active traveling members have resorted to no newsletter in the mail as their travel plans are quite spontaneous many times so they just pick up a newsletter in the white basket on the railing near the bar each month. We also hold labeled newsletters for specific members if you prefer. Keep in mind, the Club is looking into eventually going to an emailed version of the newsletter and or an email alert to have you go to the website to see the new newsletter but things are still being formulated and the logistics of meeting the needs of all the members still have to be worked out as not all members want information electronically, they still prefer the paper version.


Many thanks continue to go out to so many of you for helping to keep us informed when we the Oak Harbor Yacht Club Family are needed to help when either a member passes or is ill, as seen this past month with the passing of Phil Litrenta. This is another very special part of our Club. Thanks for keeping the Club so strong and being their for its members.

Sue Karahalios 675-6455 [skarahalios@oakharbor.net](mailto:skarahalios@oakharbor.net)



# July 2011

Questions or Reservations: call: 360-675-1314 or email: theyacht-

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p><i>CLUB CLOSED MON-TUES. OPEN WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY 4:00 PM TO 9:00 PM HOURS MAY VARY FOR SPECIAL EVENTS (CLUB CLOSES EARLY IF NO ONE THERE)</i></p>						<p>1 Burger Night</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>Parade-Pirates *** Family Picnic At Club</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Steak &amp; Chicken BBQ Reservations</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Games Night</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Burger Night</p>	<p>9</p> <p>OHYC Buccaneers Kids Fishing Derby</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Board Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Steak &amp; Chicken BBQ Mah Jongg</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Games Night</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Burger Night</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Race Week Volunteer Party *** Dinghy Races</p>	
		<p>OH</p>	<p>Youth Sailing,</p>	<p>Session 1,</p>	<p>Level 1</p>		
<p>17</p> <p>Dinghies Whidbey Is. Races (Sail Fleet)</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	
<p>SEE CLUB FOR SPECIAL EVENTS EACH DAY!</p>							
<p>WHIDBEY ISLAND RACE WEEK AT OHYC</p>							
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Steak &amp; Chicken BBQ Mah Jongg</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Games Night</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Burger Night</p>	<p>30</p>	
		<p>OH</p>	<p>Youth Sailing,</p>	<p>Session 2,</p>	<p>Level 1</p>		
<p>31</p>							

## JOIN US FOR 4TH OF JULY PARADE

The OHYC Pirates are proud to announce that Commodore Byrne and Tina will be carrying the banner for the Pirate Ship in this year's 4th of July parade! We are trying to emphasize the connection between the Pirate Ship/pirates and the Yacht Club so the community associates one with the other.



The Pirates would like to invite all members to join us! Just dress in Opening Day attire and walk as a group behind the banner, in front of the pirate ship!! The pirates will be passing out beads and fliers announcing the Kids Fishing Derby to the crowd.

Come one come all - it's a lot of fun!!

For details contact: Paula Lindemans [coachman@whidbey.net](mailto:coachman@whidbey.net) or 679-791

### 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:

Byron Skubi, [kbskubi@whidbey.net](mailto:kbskubi@whidbey.net)  
or 360-675-8696

Sue Karahalios, [skarahalios@oakharbor.net](mailto:skarahalios@oakharbor.net)  
or 360-675-6455

Mark Casteel, [markcasteel@peoplepc.com](mailto:markcasteel@peoplepc.com)  
or 360-240-1546

#### NEW:

THE Public Relations Committee is now the Publicity Committee and the chair is Jack Casey.

**PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: (sponsor)**

Kari & Mark Szygula & Family (Melissa & Jeff Wissel)  
Marjorie & Trimaine Scribner (Cheryl & Gary Jandzinski)  
Mitch Rinella (Gary Stuntz)  
Kim & Joe Martinez & Family (Melissa Wissel)

**Prospective New Members: (sponsor)**

Kevin & Erika Jones (Jill Johnson; co Gary Stuntz)  
Darlene & Greg Davis (Steppe Williford; co J. Ragland)

**Join Us** for New Member Appreciation @ July 4th Picnic

**Look for upcoming Family Fun Day** events in August and September!!

**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.

Last month's mystery member was Stan Stanley.

Congratulations to Erin Williams for being the first person to provide the correct answer!

**JULY: Who am I?**

July's mystery member is a free spirit of the sea; born in a log cabin in Michigan. This member also served as a Commodore of the Oak Harbor Yacht Club.

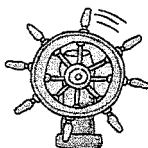
If you know who this is, please email [rhodenbaugh@sprintmail.com](mailto:rhodenbaugh@sprintmail.com); the first person who responds with the correct answer wins \$5 club bucks.

**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.

**CRUISE FLEET:**

When Ellen and I first moved to the area from Alaska we had a 30ft. Fisher motor sailer. I was concerned about the currents in Deception Pass and asked about what was the recommended way to deal with the currents. I was told by several people to transit only at slack water.



I now have over 10 years of experience and have transited Deception pass over 100 times. I would like to share my knowledge about tides and currents in Puget Sound, with particular emphasis on currents at Deception Pass.

The seminar will be free and will consist of both classroom and actual experience aboard Sun Dancer, transiting Deception Pass. I will include an overview of tide and current theory and the definitions used, together with exercises in using both the tide and current tables, including secondary stations, and how to graphically interpolate the tables for intermediate times. I will demonstrate several computer programs and charting programs that do the calculations for you.

Lastly, I will go over the tactics I use to transit Deception Pass using the tables, wind speed and direction, and visual observations.

Let me know if you are interested in attending such a seminar. You can email me at [ppharman@yahoo.com](mailto:ppharman@yahoo.com) or phone me at 360-632-7417. If there is any interest I will go ahead and organize everything.

Pat Harman, Cruise Fleet Captain [ppharman@yahoo.com](mailto:ppharman@yahoo.com) 360-682-5110

<b>2011 CRUISE SCHEDULE *</b>			
July 4	OHYC	4th of July Picnic	
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

- 7-14-16 Bellingham
- 7-29-31 Mariner's cruise to Bell Harbor
- 9-14-25 State Parks Cruise
- 10-1-2 Holmes Harbor Raft-up

## SAIL FLEET—SJ 24 Sail Fleet Races

With 16 boats, winds up to 15 knots and current up to 2.5 knots at times, competitors really had to be on their toes. After five races Saturday, first and second place boats were separated by only one point and there was a tie for third place. Sunday winds were variable and light, with more than 2 knots of current, forcing the race committee to postpone the day's racing for several hours. By early afternoon, a southerly had filled in and the fleet left Penn Cove to race South into Saratoga Passage to get in one final race before the time limit that would decide the series.



Return, skippered by Mark Bradner of Seattle sealed the deal with his fourth bullet in the final race to win first place overall for the weekend and be named the San Juan 24 North American Champion for 2011. He was followed closely by Mitch Rinella of Oak Harbor on Skamakowa in Second place and Gil Lund of Seattle on Snappy Tom rounding out the top three for the weekend.

Other Oak Harbor boats competing were Magic Juan skippered by Shannon Buys in 4<sup>th</sup> place, Renaissance skippered by Dave Steckman in 8<sup>th</sup> place and Seperator skippered by Keith Andrews in 13<sup>th</sup> place. Assisting on race committee for the weekend were Dave French, Avis Berney, JM Kiel, Larry Munns and Erik Mann. Over 65 skippers and racers raved about Vel and Vicka's delicious dinner upstairs Saturday night.

See you on the water. Larry Munns, Sail Fleet Captain 360 675-3019  
[ljmunns@comcast.net](mailto:ljmunns@comcast.net)

## Youth Sailing Lessons

The beginning adult sailing class finished the first week of June. Byron Skubi lead instructor was assisted by Ken Hulett, Erik Mann, Dave French, Craig Cooley, and Larry Munns in helping to introduce several adults to the basic concepts of sailing.



If you are around the marina in July, you will be able to see youths learning to sail in OHYS Optis and El Toros. Two level one sessions will be held immediately prior and immediately after Whidbey Island Race Week. Stop by and see how quickly our 9-15 year olds learn to sail.

For more information go to the website. You may also call Dave French at 678-1799 for the youth classes or for further information regarding the adult classes email Byron Skubi at [kbskubi@whidbey.net](mailto:kbskubi@whidbey.net).

## **SOCIAL EVENTS:**

**June 25 FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

**JULY:**

**4 Parade & Family Picnic**

**9 Kids Fishing Derby**

**17-22 RACE WEEK ACTIVITIES**



**OUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE:**

Offers of help, suggestions, questions:

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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!**



## FAMILY FUN DAY IS FUN-TASTIC!

COMING  
SATURDAY  
JUNE 25  
4-6 PM



RECIPROCALS: Navy Yacht Club San Diego at Fiddler's Cove Marina has been added as a reciprocal club with Oak Harbor YC. Ed Drum

### UPCOMING BUCCANEERS AUCTION AUGUST 20

Start saving your "treasures" to donate to this fun event! This is the main fundraiser to contribute to the Thanksgiving Baskets that are distributed to over 35 families in our community. Live Auction will be held right after the Bayou Night Dinner on August 20. Further details to follow in the August newsletter. Contact Buccaneer Captain Terry Mills (home 678-5587, cell 672-4556) with any questions.



### MONK 36 RENDEZVOUS

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

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