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June 2011



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June Events

- 14 Board Meeting
- 18 Western Night
- 25 Family Fun Night



Plus Wednesday Night BBQ
Thursday Games and
Friday Burger Nights

JULY DEADLINE JUNE 18
SEND TO: tbdumit@comcast.net

WESTERN NIGHT

Saturday, June 18

Social: 5:30-6:30

Dinner: 6:30

\$17 per person



BBQ Babyback ribs & chicken

Purchase tickets by Wed. June 15

See enclosed flyer for more details

**FAMILY FUN DAY
SATURDAY JUNE 25
4-6 PM**

SEE P.15 FOR DETAILS

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

AT THE HELM



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Jim Byrne

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Steppe Williford

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OAK HARBOR YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

June 2011

FROM THE COMMODORE



News Flash! Spring arrived ... and is expected to last until May 22. Then what? Is summer on the way? Yes, the weather has mainly been dark, cloudy, and rainy but without floods, tornadoes, hail, etc. I urge you to get out of the house and enjoy all the activities and adventures our island has to offer. A real island jewel is Joseph Whidbey State Park where one can walk for miles behind the dunes or on the beach, especially at low tide. You can walk north toward the Navy Golf Course (which is open to the public). There are great views of the San Juan Islands, Olympic Mountains and, on a clear day, the mountains to the north in BC. Bring a picnic, your dog, a good book, a comfy portable chair and embrace our warm weather!

We had visitors from the East Coast this week and they were dazzled by a tour of our island and what it has to offer; things that we all too often take for granted. The highlight of their visit was a tour of our Yacht Club (their words, not mine); the physical facility, our planned events, and our proximity to the water - awesome (again, their words). We are so lucky to have this Yacht Club!

So, where are we after the first half of the year? The club is financially strong, with good membership numbers and upgraded facilities. We are doing great because our employees and our Members work hard to make our Yacht Club the "Best Yacht Club in the Northwest".

Next stop, Race Week 2011!

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JUNE

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Until next month, Hook 'Em

Jim



FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

If you couldn't attend opening day ceremonies May 1 you missed a fantastic brunch and the most spectacular weather we have had so far. Every one raved about the feast Vel and Vicka laid before us. Thanks, to both of you. Thanks, also, to John Hudson for serving as our emcee and to Pat and Ellen Harman for hosting the bridge officers on board "Sundancer for the boat parade and blessing of the fleet. Other major contributors included photographer Tammy Hankins, Andy and Jan Markley for leading the boat parade and Gary Jandzinski as the fusilier on board the pirate ship. I hope you noted the great coverage we received in the Whidbey News-Times.

The 2011 Membership directory is now available. Thanks to Jim Bruner for all the hard work updating the directory and bringing the whole revision to life. Stop by the Club and pick up your copy.

On May 14 we held our first Family Fun Day with hot dogs and mac & cheese for the kids. Melissa Wissel, Membership Chair, organized the event to bring more families and children to the Club for a day of fun. Jack Casey convinced a whole group of radio controlled model boaters to bring their RC sailboats for display and demonstration at the Club. The kids really loved it. The event was an overwhelming success with a nose count of 25 kids from ten different families. Melissa and her committee did a great job. We are planning another Family Fun Day for Saturday, June 25 from 4 to 6 PM.

I would like to thank those of you who have responded to our educational survey so far and to encourage those who haven't to please send in or drop off your ideas and comments.

Cruising season is upon us so boaters are busy getting things set in anticipation of setting off for distant ports. Mary and I will be leading the South Sound Cruise from June 1-16. We currently have six boats signed up to make a voyage of discovery to the areas south of the Tacoma Narrows.

At the last OHYC Executive Board meeting we decided to not renew the reduced dues for younger Members. It was a good idea but it never resulted in many new Members.

Last item: I'm looking for someone to assume responsibility for the Club's flags. We need someone to take charge of ordering flags, disposing of flags, dropping the flag to half staff when so ordered and the proper display of our national, state and Club flags and burgees. Since the U.S. Ensign is illuminated we no longer need to strike the colors at dusk and raise them again at dawn, but we do need someone to monitor when half staff is ordered and to help with special events like the opening day ceremonies. If you would be willing to lend a hand please, please give me a call or drop me an email.

Steppe Williford

steppen@frontier.com

FROM THE REAR COMMODORE



I am proud to be a part in helping to provide an atmosphere where Members can come down and enjoy themselves.

A middle of May Friday, okay Friday the 13th, our very own Clive Collins invited three other professional musician friends and played what I'll call soft jazz after the potluck dinner. Thank you, Clive; you guys were great. Maybe this will open the door for other musically talented Members to play, practice, or jam for us.

May 14 was our first family fun day, and what a wholesome success. Jack Casey invited the Anacortes Remote Control Sail Boats as a party addition. The event was well attended. The adults continued "the party" late into the evening. The event resulted in a new Membership application. Our expense was only \$40. Thank you to the Membership committee led by Melissa Wisel who I am in continued awe of for her organizational skills.

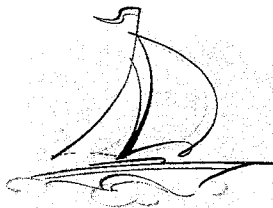
May 1, Opening Day, was weather perfect and the brunch and activities led to a great start to the boating season. However, as I write this, our upstairs USO themed dinner and a cruise fleet excursion may have to be canceled due to low participation. We will evaluate the cause and try our best to provide conditions that lead to event success.

I've had lots of help in maintaining and upgrading the facility. Dutch painted our rusted handrail posts by the front entry. Dan Wright hung the patio flower baskets and did some associated plumbing repairs. Dennis Carter pressure washed the patio and always seems to be there when a helping hand is needed. Dennis, Jeff Hansen, Steve Williams and Bobby clean the barbeque weekly and assist with the indoor bucket list. John Upah took the barbeque filter to Don's welding for a \$27 repair instead of us spending \$180 for a new one. Eric Mann assisted with our new sound system.

Our old telephones have been replaced. New drapes for the upstairs stage are in the works. Tom Hawkins and Dutch are to repair the upstairs outside overhang, which is in much need of repair. So as you see, a lot is going on, and lots of help. Sorry to volunteers I have failed to mention. We passed our fire and health inspections this past month. So for now all is well.

See you at the Club.

Bob



RACE WEEK

Coming Soon !

Start looking for the Race Week Sign-Up Sheets! Can't decide between volunteering for *Mussel* or *Rib* nights? How about *Breakfast* or *Security* or *Troubleshooting*? What about taking a whirl with *Apparel*, *Lasagna*, and *BBQ*? Maybe try a few different sessions – a good time will be had by all ... guaranteed!

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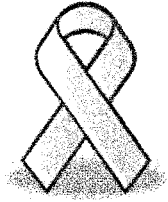
Thank you to Ellen Smith, Bev Campbell, Barb Wright and Tina Byrne for all of their help in ensuring that the last newsletters were assembled and ready for mailing. Again, if any members are going to be gone the last week of any month and they are putting their mail on hold please contact either the OHYC at 675-1314 or myself, Sue Karahalios, at 675-6455 so that we can either hold your newsletter at the Club or mail it to another address. The Post Office will not forward any BULK mail and our newsletters go out bulk mail and we pay a hefty fee for each returned newsletter, so your help and vigilance on this matter is appreciated. Also, many thanks to each of you who keep us informed so that we can help any of our fellow members whenever there is an illness or death in their family. It is important that we are there to support and help each other and it is through you we are able to do so and that is a special strength of Our Club. Have a great month of June, our beautiful outdoor weather is finally here. Sue Karahalios 675-6455

skarahalios@oakharbor.net

Public Relations Committee Report

Volunteers Needed – Relay for Life

For the past 23 years our community on North Whidbey has worked together with the American Cancer Society to help find a cure for cancer through a commitment and support to the Relay for Life. The Oak Harbor Yacht Club support of the Relay for Life event on June 3rd at North Whidbey Middle School is an incredible way to show your support of the community's efforts during the relay.



We are looking for volunteers to assist serving dinner to relay participants on the evening of June 3rd. If you would like to participate either add your name to the sign-up sheet at the club or call and leave a message (675-1314). It's fun and you'll be glad you did!!

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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or 360-675-8696

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

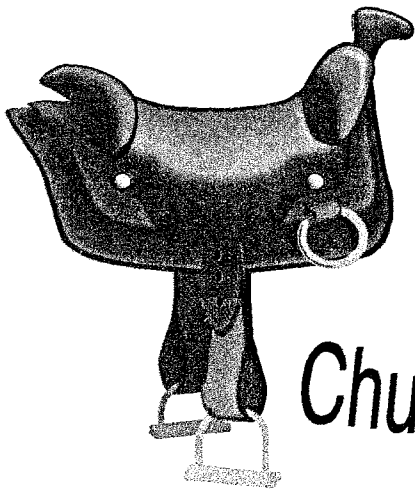
Mark Casteel, markcasteel@peoplepc.com
or 360-240-1546



June 2011

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

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><i>1</i> Steak & Chicken BBQ Reservations South Sound Cruise Begins</p>	<p><i>2</i> Games Night</p>	<p><i>3</i> Burger Night</p>	<p><i>4</i></p>
<p><i>5</i></p>	<p><i>6</i></p>	<p><i>7</i></p>	<p><i>8</i> Steak & Chicken BBQ Reservations *** Mah Jongg 10 am</p>	<p><i>9</i> Games Night</p>	<p><i>10</i> Burger Night</p>	<p><i>11</i></p>
<p><i>12</i></p>	<p><i>13</i></p>	<p><i>14</i> Board Meeting</p>	<p><i>15</i> Steak & Chicken BBQ Reservations *** Mah Jongg Class 10 am</p>	<p><i>16</i> Games Night</p>	<p><i>17</i> Burger Night *** Social Bridge</p>	<p><i>18</i> WESTERN NIGHT PARTY</p>
<p><i>19</i></p>	<p><i>20</i></p>	<p><i>21</i></p>	<p><i>22</i> Steak & Chicken BBQ Reservations *** Mah Jongg 10 am</p>	<p><i>23</i> Games Night</p>	<p><i>24</i> Burger Night</p>	<p><i>25</i> FAMILY FUN DAY 4-6 PM</p>
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SADDLE UP

FOR WESTERN NIGHT
ohyc corral

Saturday, June 18th

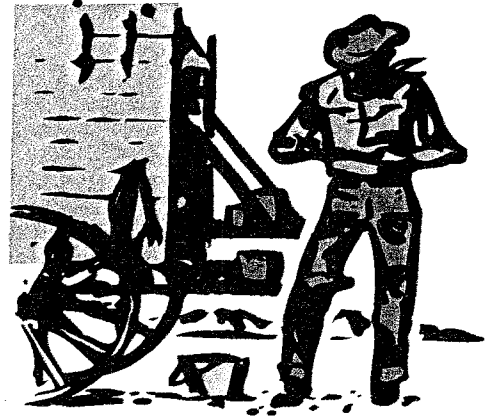
Chuckwagon Grub

Baby Back Ribs & bbq Chicken

Open Range Beans

Cole Slaw & Potato Salad

Strawberry Shortcake



Vittles by Vel

\$17.00 per person



Music by Polecat

Sheriff Jeff will NOT lynch or shoot you if you:

Do not wear western clothes or do not dance

But he just might do it if you don't

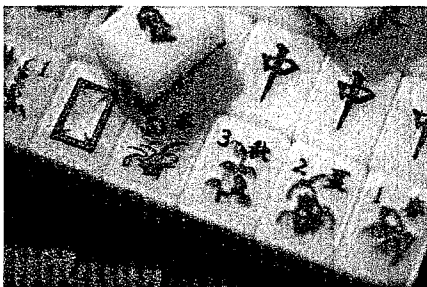


Make reservations and buy a ticket

by Wednesday, June 15th

See all ya'll

LEARN MAH JONGG
JUNE 15 AT 10 AM



The OHYC Mah Jongg group is offering you a chance
To learn how to play this fascinating Chinese game.
Everyone is welcome to come.
Lesson: June 15 at 10 am at the Club

REGULAR SESSIONS THE
SECOND AND FOURTH WEDNESDAYS 10 AM

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.

PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: (sponsor)

Gary Stuntz, (Rex DuPuis, Co-Melinda White)

Gail & J.M. Kiel, (Melissa Wissel, Co-Steppe Williford)

**Prospective New Members: (sponsor)**

Kari & Mark Szypula & Family (Melissa & Jeff Wissel)

Marjorie & Trimaine Scribner (Cheryl & Gary Jandzinski)

Mitch Rinella (Gary Stuntz)

Kim & Joe Martinez & Family (Melissa Wissel)

NOTE: NEW MEMBERS ARE WEARING RED NAME TAGS. WELCOME THEM

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.

JUNE: Who am I?

What ring-knocking Past Commodore

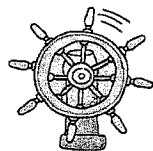
Born in Atlanta, Georgia,

Was responsible for bringing Race Week to Whidbey Island?

If you think you know who this member is, send an email to rhodenbaugh@sprintmail.com with your answer. The first person that responds correctly wins a prize! This member's spouse may not win).

Congratulations to Paula Lindemans. Although she did not correctly guess last month's mystery member (Suzie DuPuis) she was the first person to respond.

CRUISE FLEET:



The attendance at the shakedown cruise consisted of two boats and a motor home. Half a dozen more showed up at The Anacortes Yacht Club's Hamburger night. As warm and as gracious our welcome was at the AYC, I prefer our version of Hamburger night. We had lunch at the Rock Fish Grill and walking back to the marina on a beautiful sunny day we came across Ed and Anita Johnson out for a ride on their Harley Davison motorcycle. I must say that both Ed and Anita look quite dapper outfitted in black leather.

The Opening Day boat parade is not a Cruise Fleet event, but 12 boats participated in the ritual blessing of the fleet marking the official start of the boating season. Sun Dancer served as the Commodore's barge and Ellen and I were happy to host the OHYC Bridge and spouses, several former commodores, the Chaplin and his wife, and the photographer for the traditional passing in revue.

The next cruise, the Memorial Day Cruise to Spencer Spit in the San Juan Islands, was canceled because of a conflicting cruise planned by some members of the Power Squadron. Although this incident was unintentional, it was unfortunate. We have operated with a tacit understanding that the two organizations would not schedule conflicting cruises and would welcome each other's members to their events. Both groups serve the boaters of our community, advocating boating protocol and boating etiquette. The cruise fleet will ask the board to consider formalizing an agreement to help minimize the risk of future scheduling conflicts between our two groups of boaters.

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

2011 CRUISE SCHEDULE *

May 28-30	Spencer Spit - San Juan Is.	Memorial Day Anchor out	Ellen Harman
Jun. 1-16	South Sound	Various Marinas	Willifords
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

* See **DPSPS 2011 Cruise Schedule** on inside front cover

SAIL FLEET

We have a consistent group of dedicated sailors; it is great to see that activity on the docks every Wednesday evening. Your Yacht Club will continue to conduct Wednesday racing throughout the summer -- and for five or six local boats that practice is extremely valuable. They are tuning up for a big event in June.



OHYC is helping to host the San Juan 24 National Regatta here June 10-12. Along with our local San Juan 24 racers (the Vikings), you will see another 15 out of town boats competing for the top San Juan 24 in the country. There will be a lot of activity on the docks and around the Club that weekend. Come down and watch.

Last month the McKinnon clan in Skye Rocket competed in WINSAs Round Whidbey race, a 70 mile event from Deception Pass around the outside of the island back to Oak Harbor. They finished 2nd out of a fleet of over 20 boats. Good Job!

Since school is soon to be out, you will be seeing the Kids in the little boats of the OH Youth Sailing Program on the water. That all begins in July.

See you on the water.

Larry Munns, Sail Fleet Captain

360 675-3019 ljmunns@comcast.net

Youth Sailing Lessons

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.

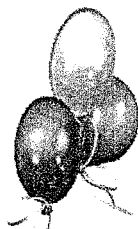


SOCIAL EVENTS:

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18 WESTERN NIGHT

25 FAMILY FUN NIGHT



OUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Offers of help, suggestions, questions:

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Sally Crelly	679-4743
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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!**



FAMILY FUN DAY IS FUN-TASTIC!

MAY RESULTS:

10 families
7 member families
3 guest families
25 kids

COMING
SATURDAY
JUNE 25
4-6 PM



1 new membership application received!!

WHAT A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS!! Thank you especially to: Steppe & Mary Williford, Paige Stanley, Suzie DuPuis, Bob Nelson, Bob Greathead, Sueann Carter, and Jack Casey... and the Anacortes Remote Control Sailors who came with their model sailboats for a live demonstration!! Thanks to all our OHYC families who participated!!!! Sally Jacobs, Tim & Linda Miller, Sheila and Bill Weinsheimer, Tricia & James Hart, Gary Stuntz, Melissa & Jeff Wissel, Pat & Patty McKinnon (with son, Tom, and grandkids)... and our visiting families - Kate Hauter, Celine & Joel Servatius, and Kim & Joe Martinez (our newest Pending/Prospective Members - YAY!!)

The next Family Fun Day is **Saturday, June 25th...** If you can't make it for 4th of July, be sure to come down for this one! We are going to invite the RC Sailboat Club from Anacortes again... and hope they can come back for more fun RC Sailing!! There was plenty of activity in the clubhouse, outside on the lawn and down on the playground. And the weather held-off just long enough so that most kids played outside and entertained themselves... even after the rain came - we especially enjoyed the "Nerf Special Forces Team" who kept us safe for our festivities!!!

If you missed it, you won't want to miss the next one!

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events. Pay at the Club
or by phone with a credit card.