

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

**March 2010**



March Events:

- 6 Soup & Bread Cook-off
- 9 Board Meeting
- 17 St. Patrick's Day Party

Plus Wednesday Night BBQ  
Thursday Games and  
Friday Burger Nights

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## Social Events

### **Soup and Bread Contest – Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup> after Happy Hour ...** Not too late to sign up at the door at the club.

If you plan to come and sample the soup and bread, please sign up on the sheet below the contest sheet.

The cost to sample is \$2.00 for all.

### **St. Patrick's Day Dinner - Wednesday, March 17th**

After the Wild Irish Society sponsored parade, the Community Band will be playing downstairs for about an hour. A traditional St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be served upstairs about 6:30PM.

\$12.00 per person

Purchase your tickets at the bar by March 15th

See enclosed flyer for details.

### **Easter Brunch Sunday, April 4th**

11:30 AM to 2:00 PM

\$15.00 per person

Children 5 and under are free, 6-10 \$7.00.

Purchase your tickets at the bar by April 1st.

See the enclosed flyer for details.

#### *Offers of help, suggestions, questions*

*Ricki Greathead 279-2704*

*Joan Minkler 679-1891*

*Barb Wright 679-7435*

*Dee deLeeuwe 678-4710*

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## Messages from the Bridge



### From the Commodore

Our Valentine's Dinner Party was truly an elegant event. The very talented Jake Sele entertained us with his piano playing; what an extraordinary young man he is and only a senior at Coupeville High School. Vel and her staff provided most excellent service and a superb dining experience. Thanks also to the Social Committee and all who helped.

March looks to be another very busy month. On the 6th we have the Homemade Soup and Bread cook-off, a judged event. Yummy! On the 13th, the Wild Irish Society with their Luck of the Irish celebration complete with music will happen in the clubhouse. The club will hold our annual St. Patty's Day Dinner party on Wednesday, the 17th, with green beer, food and all that's Irish.

Sunday March 14th @ 2:00 am. **Pacific Daylight Time** begins. Spring forward!

I see that everyone concerned with membership is busy. Let's get out and solicit new members while the incentives are still in place. Don't forget that perspective new members who are under age 35 will pay dues at a reduced rate.

We'd like to publish our 2010 Directory soon after the end of the month of March; that being said, please review your information in the 2009 directory then send all additions, deletions, corrections and picture updates for both you and your boat to Jim Bruner ([Jbruner12@earthlink.net](mailto:Jbruner12@earthlink.net)). Please note that the Directory and the Roster are two different documents. The Roster tracks membership status and the Directory provides information about club members in good standing to the membership. The Roster is a dynamic tool that changes throughout the year and the Directory is printed once yearly.

Keep checking the calendar here and on the website ( [ohyc.org](http://ohyc.org) ) to see where there is an opportunity to volunteer; it is fun and a great way to better get to know your OHYC kindred souls.

Till next time, "Ya'll keep a strain on it".

## FROM THE VICE COMMODORE



**SPRING** ... days are longer with more sunshine, plants and trees are flowering, tulips are emerging, thoughts are turning more and more to cruising and sailing ... hip, hip, hooray!

Our Yacht Club is also blossoming with numerous events and activities; check our newsletter as well as the activities board downstairs in the club (by the stairwell). Sign up early for the bread and soup contest on March 6th and do not forget St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, with song, celebration, and corned beef at the club! It's a great celebration for the Irish and those who wish they were Irish!

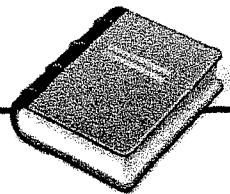
Let's not forget the great job both the cruise and sail fleet captains, J.J. Jones and Larry Munns have done with the scheduling of cruises and races for the year; volunteers are needed so please sign-up!

Remember membership is our life blood - let's showcase our club through our activities and events. Sponsor your friends and/or neighbors and convince them we are the best yacht club in the Northwest!

'Til next month ... Hook 'Em



Jim



### THEY'RE HERE- OHYC 2010 COOKBOOK

The Oak Harbor Yacht Club's 2010 Cookbook is available for purchase now. 104 of your club members' favorite recipes in one book. Buy one for yourself, and more for friends and relatives. Makes a great hostess gift for the next party you attend (she already has a shelf-full of homemade jam), and your purchase will help support the many activities and needs of your club. The price is a mere \$20, and that includes tax. This is less than 20¢ a recipe! Pick yours up at the bar now.



## **From the Rear Commodore**

February has been amazingly balmy with almost spring like weather. Some of the rhodies at the Club are already blooming! People are starting to think about boating again.

If you have a boat at Oak Harbor Marina and have been down to visit her lately you couldn't have missed the work being done by the city to improve the docks and the access ramp to the marina. It's a good sign that the improvement efforts are taking shape. We have five OHYC members who are appointed members of the Marina's Citizen Advisory Committee. They are Dave French (the chair of the committee), Debbie Skinner, Rip Harbour, Al Koetje and Bob Nelson. Their efforts with the marina have helped guide the planning and prioritization of marina redevelopment.

We had a close call in late January when the alarm on the Club's sewer lift pump went off and I had to close the restrooms for two days (a Sunday and Monday so only limited impact to Club operations). We have a vault and lift pump that moves waste water from the Club up the hill to the city sewer system. With the help of Gary Hansen we were able to get Diamond Construction to quickly make repairs to a broken connector.

My plea for help on Monday mornings with cleaning the BBQ has been answered by three additional volunteers. Helping Mark Casteel (who has been volunteering for over a year) and I on Monday mornings are Bob Nelson, Ed Drum and Mahmoud Abdel-Monem (just plain Monem). Thanks to all our volunteers.

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# March 2010

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2		3 Steak Night Reservations	4 Game Night	5 Burger Night	6 Soup Cook-off
7	8	9 House Comm Meeting Board Meeting	10 Mah Jongg Steak Night	11 Game Night	12 Burger Night	13
14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Party	18 Game Night	19 Social Bridge Burger Night	20
21	22	23	24 Mah Jongg Steak Night	25 Game Night	26 Burger Night	27
28	29	30	31 Steak Night Reservations			

# Sail Fleet News

Well sailors, our dark winter is almost over. March brings the official arrival of Spring and the beginning of our sailing season. Weekly sailing begins on Saturday, March 6th, but more on that later.

Thanks to Pat Harman and the crew of Sun Dancer, we had a warm-up event last week. It was Pat's idea to have a St Valentine's Day regatta. It brought out six local boats and Pat awarded a box of chocolates to the first boat to finish with a "sweetheart" on onboard.

So racing resumes for 2010 on 6 March. WINSA is sponsoring their Frostbite Series on Saturdays' in March. More Info is on their we site [www.WINSA.org](http://www.WINSA.org).

The full calender of this year's events, along with our Sailing Instructions and Entry Form, is under the Sail Fleet tab of our website.

Looking forward to a great year. See ya' on the water.

Larry Munns  
Sail Fleet Capt



## Cruise News

On 30 January 23 members of the OHYC attended the Seattle Boat Show. The weather was fine, refreshments plentiful, and the camaraderie great. The show was also fine with lots to look at and plenty of items to help deplete your wallet of green. The day started with departure from OHYC at 8:00 in the morning. We stopped at the afloat show and then proceeded by shuttle to the Quest Field show. We returned to the OHYC about 6:00PM to a great Lasagna dinner prepared by Vel. Many thanks to Tom Winkle who drove the bus, and to Curtis Adams of **Bristol Yachts** for providing the tickets to the show. A great time was had bÿ all!

cial thanks are in order



Wednesday evening, February 18th the Oak Harbor Yacht Club hosted "Night Out" with the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce. This was an opportunity to open our Club to the community and to display some of our treasures.

Provided appetizers and wine plus awarded a few door prizes. What significant was that this was one of the best attended "Night Outs" with over 60 people in attendance. The event was scheduled for only one hour but visitors stayed on enjoying the view and socializing with our members and with each other.

A really big thank you goes to Fern Miller who orchestrated the entire event and coordinated photo displays of various Club attractions. Vel Docken and Campbell represented and promoted our catering and venue offerings, Berny represented Youth Sailing, Lori Rhodenbaugh answered questions about membership, and Sally Crelly and Michelle Suggs did the work for the Pirates. Barb Jacobs, Marta Page, Maria Litrenta and Geri An brought some of the new logo wear for display and sale to the members. Melinda White, Sue Karahalios and Mardi Dennis also pitched in and boozed with the visitors.

Would like to give a really big THANK YOU to all our members who made this special reception such a major success.

Bob Williford, Rear Commadore

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Please send your input to Barb and Tom Dumit

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## Treasurer's Report



Many thanks to those of you who offered to help with the Assistant Treasurer's position. I am very pleased that Commodore Rex DuPuis has appointed Bill Hotard to be the Assistant Treasurer. Bill and Lola Hotard are long time OHYC members and Bill has helped with our books in the past. Bill's appointment was approved by the Board at the February meeting, and I will start working with Bill in March. Thank you, Bill.

Susan Wood has agreed to continue balancing our bank accounts each month. Susan has a commitment to tracking down and resolving discrepancies in our bank accounts. She also provides a very important control –another set of eyes – to help assure that nothing is amiss in our recording of our income. Thank you, Susan.

The January Financial Reports were approved by the Board and are posted at the Club House. I plan to post Financial Reports following their approval each month. If you have questions about these reports, please ask. It's your club and you should know what's happening finance-wise. I will be happy to answer (or find answer's to) your questions.

Wishing you a balanced month,

Ellen Harman  
OHYC Treasurer

### **Membership**

Pending Applications

Bridget & Christopher Middleton, Oak Harbor, WA

### **CLUB RESERVATION POLICY**

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

## Youth Sailing Schedule Set

The 2010 schedule has been set for the Oak Harbor Youth Sailing Program.

The youth program is open to children ages 9-16 years. Sailors will learn the basics of sailing in Opti's or El Toros. Level 2 sailors will sail Lido 14's and Lasers.

Oak Harbor Youth Sailing was able to purchase three new Opti's thanks to the support and generosity of many from the Oak Harbor Yacht Club and Island County community members at the fall dinner.

The five-day camps will be:

Youth Sail Camp I - June 28 – July 2;

Youth Sail Camp II - July 12 – 16;

Youth Sail Camp III - July 26 – 30

The cost of a camp session is \$150.

Adult lessons are slated for Tuesday evenings: May 4 through June 1. Lessons are \$200 for the session.

Registration forms will be available on line in March via [www.ohyouthsailing.org](http://www.ohyouthsailing.org).

For more information, contact Dave French at 678-1799 or Avis French at 675-5374.

## 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](mailto:barbara.smith1@comcast.net), Phone 360-682-5538

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