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March 2011

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17 St. Patrick's Day Dinner
19-20 Land Cruise
26 Soup & Bread Cook-off

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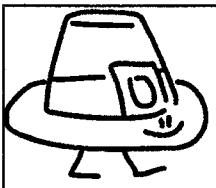

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER
THURSDAY, MARCH 17
ABOUT 6:30
$13

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 following.

Tickets available at the Bar— Deadline: March 12
See flyer for more details

SOUP AND BREAD CONTEST AND TASTING!!!

Saturday, March 26 after Happy Hour

Sign up is on the door:
Bring bread
Bring Soup

Come to Sample them:
Cost to Sample: $2 for all

AT THE HELM

Commodore:
Jim Byrne

Vice Commodore:
Steppe Williford

Rear Commodore:
Bob Greathead

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OAK HARBOR YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

March 2011

FROM THE COMMODORE

"Off and running"...March already! The saying, "Time flies by when you are having fun" characterizes our Yacht Club.

The St. Valentine's Day Massacre Race (OHYC Sail Fleet) was fun, exciting and successful with a strong first place finish by Magic Juan (a.k.a. Secretariat of the Sail Fleet). Also overheard, "I finally beat someone!" shouted by Jeff Campbell, our Club Manager. What a great start to our season.

Make sure to check out the Cruise Fleet schedule. Pat Harman, our Cruise Fleet Captain, has come up with great new ideas so non-boaters can also participate in Cruise Fleet events. The train to McMinamens (our first event) sold out overnight. So, review the Cruise Fleet schedule and sign up early!

Our 2011 Membership Drive – "Cruise to 300" is ready to launch and provides strong incentives to participate. Bring in new members! Good work, Melissa.

Our Yacht Club has been approached to host the San Juan 24 Fleet Nationals, scheduled for June 10-12 here in Oak Harbor. This event would attract SJ24 boats from Seattle and Bellingham, as well as locally, and could become another major victory for our Club.

Our St. Patrick's Day dinner is fast approaching. This popular event will be a full corned beef dinner with the trimmings – make sure to sign up early and purchase the tickets in advance. No ticket, no admission. Check the Newsletter for more details.

Once again, our Club shines as the place to hold events and activities. Our Yacht Club ... the premier yacht club of the Northwest!

Until next month, Hook 'Em ***Jim***

P.S. **Directory Update:** send all changes, or new information for our new members to Jim Bruner **ASAP** at jbruner12@earthlink.net

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FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

What a great start to a new year. The Cruise Fleet met in January and has set up a preliminary schedule for both land and water cruises for the year and we had an extremely successful bus trip to the Seattle Boat Show on Jan. 22. Many thanks to Pat Harman for jumping into the job of Cruise Fleet Captain.

We have had an extended football season with the surprise advancement of the Seahawks into the playoffs, plus a big attendance at the Super Bowl Party on Feb. 6. Monday night football has been an overwhelming success and we will be continuing it again next season. Vicka, Vel and their staff did an outstanding job on the Valentine's Dinner Party, as did Laura and Heather tending bar. The food was absolutely fantastic and everyone had a really good time. Finally on Feb. 27 there was a potluck Academy Awards party in the lower level Clubhouse. Coming up in March are the St Patrick's Day dinner on Thursday, Mar. 17 (tickets must be pre-paid and it is always a sellout), a land cruise via Amtrak to Centralia to stay overnight at McMenamins Pub, and then a very informal soup cook-off on Saturday, Mar. 26.

On Saturday, Feb. 5 Members Ralph Young and Leigh Hollywood represented both the OHYC and the Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron (they are members of both) by staffing an informational booth at the annual Island County Beach Watcher's SoundWaters event in Langley. Both the Power Squadron and OHYC contributed to the support of the event Thanks to both gentlemen and to my lovely wife Mary for setting up the booth and arranging our attendance at this event.

Steppe Williford, Vice Commodore steppen@frontier.com

FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

The New Year is speeding along ! It's March and the Club is in high gear.

In February, we enjoyed the upstairs dinners, Super Bowl and Academy Award parties, Youth Sailing Wine Tasting, and the Seattle Boat Show land cruise.

Ricki, Bobby and I were part of the OHYC contingent (16 to be exact) that traveled to Tucson, Arizona to witness Erin Williams and Colin Hedrick become Mr. & Mrs. Hedrick. We all had a good time.

This month we look forward to a St. Patrick's Day dinner, a land (train) cruise to Centralia, and a Soup Cook-Off. If you're not taking part, you are missing out on the action. Sign up early to insure a spot.

"It takes a village" to pull all this off and I am very appreciative of our team. A measure of our Club's success is participation and we are on a steady course for continued success.

Bob

COFFEE-DONUTS-WORK SESSION

On Saturday, Feb 19 we had our first Coffee, Donuts and Work session at the Club. Seven members showed up to brainstorm ideas for improvement and maintenance projects around the Club. In the next couple of weeks we will build a list of projects, tentatively schedule them and post sign up sheets for each at the Club. Club members will be asked to help out by signing up for a project (not unlike the sign up sheets for Race Week).

Many of the projects will be small maintenance jobs capable of being accomplished in a single day. Some of the ideas, like adding on to the office/storage rooms or redesigning the gravel patio area near the BBQ will be bigger and more involved. More information to follow.

PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: (sponsors)

Charles & Carolyn Gordanier– Oak Harbor (Dupuis)
Joe Novotny-Coupeville (Carter)
Connie & Al Reyes-Clinton (Rhodenbaugh)

Prospective New Members:

Rhea & John Nelson, Jr. (Enriquez)
J. Mitchell Reed (J. Jones)

***URGENT:** We do NOT have ANY pending memberships in the queue for April!! Let's get moving!!!*

NOTE: New Members will be wearing RED nametags so you'll easily know who they are! Please introduce yourself and give them a warm Oak Harbor Yacht Club welcome!!

2011 Membership Drive: Cruise to 300

INCENTIVE ANNOUNCEMENT:

The contest period is for this calendar year and will run through December 2011 Board Meeting. This will include approval of those new memberships submitted through November 15, 2011.

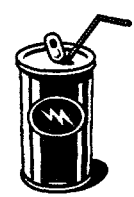
- YOUR 2012 Dues will be discounted in 10% increments, based on the number of new memberships YOU SPONSOR
  - § Sponsor 1 new membership, receive 10% off your 2012 dues
  - § Sponsor 2 new memberships, receive 20% off your 2012 dues
  - § Sponsor 3 new memberships, receive 30% off your 2012 dues, etc.
  - § Sponsor 10 or more new memberships, your 2012 dues will be waived
- You cannot "rollover" new memberships beyond 10 into the following year
- Only the Sponsor will be credited for the contest, not co-sponsor
  - § Sponsors and Co-sponsors will receive $5 in Club Bucks when they are present at the Yacht Club on the evening when their sponsored/co-sponsored new membership is introduced
- Three Recognition Opportunities
  - § First round of the contest is through June board meeting, recognized at 4th of July party
  - § Second round of the contest will be recognized at Nominations Dinner in October.
  - § Final count will be recognized at Commodore's Ball

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION: SUE KARAHALIOS

Thank you to Jeff Hansen, Steppe and Mary Williford and Melinda White for their help putting the newsletter together for mailing. While I am at it I also want to thank Jack at Bay Printing. He has been so easy to work with and does repeatedly such a quick and efficient job for us here at the Yacht Club month after month. To all the members who sent in "change of address" information to either Melissa Wissel, myself or leaving the information on the Yacht Club's answering machine so that we can either hold mail for you or redirect your OHYC mail to another address while you are out of town. It has saved the Club money. Always remember we have extra newsletters available for you to share with people who may be interested in becoming members. You can find them in the white basket right near the door by the bar. Thank you for another terrific month,

Sue Karahalios 675-6455 skarahalios@oakharbor.net

CAN CRUNCHERS ADVENTURE

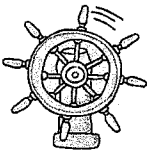


A committee of seven OHYC members has been collecting aluminum cans for approximately three years and after crunching them have received a total of $775. They decided to buy something for the Yacht Club and heard the need for a new freezer, priced at $693. Rex DuPuis and Bob Greathead selected the freezer and picked it up at Sears, which saved a delivery charge. It is now at the Club in good working order.

Members of the can cruncher committee include Chuck and Suzie King, John Upah, Edie Bjaaland, Jeanne Wilson, Jerry Brooks and Sandi Carrothers.

They plan to continue crunching cans for a local community charity organization, the Oak Harbor Lions Club, sponsors of Camp Horizon for the handicap. Hopefully, the OHYC will help in this endeavor by contributing their cans and also the tabs from cans.

Our best wishes for a Healthy and Happy New Year!
The Can Crunchers



CRUISE FLEET:

The Cruise Fleet had their planning meeting and the schedule is on our website and in this Newsletter. I am experimenting this year with events that you can drive to or go by boat (surf & turf), some field trips (land cruises), Clubhouse events and traditional cruises. I believe we have a balanced Cruise Fleet Calendar.

We had a land cruise to the Seattle Boat Show, with a lasagna dinner at the Club after we got back. There were significantly more exhibitors and people attending the boat show compared to the last two years. Our next event is a land cruise on March 19-20, by train to Centralia, and spending the night at the McMinamens Pub and Hotel. You can check the hotel chain at http://www.mcmenamins.com/. There is a signup sheet in the Club, but I am sure it will be sold out by the time you read this.

I have gotten a couple of cruise ideas from people, who made it clear that they would attend the event, but did not want to be cruise captain. I will always take suggestions for events, but without a cruise captain there is not much chance of the idea coming to fruition. I will be glad to work with anyone wishing to lead a cruise.

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

2011 CRUISE SCHEDULE

Mar. 19-29	Mt. Vernon to Centralia	Train to McMinamens	Suzie DuPuis
Apr. 22-24	Anacortes	Shakedown	Harmans
May 1	OHYC	Opening Day	Andy Markley
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
TBD	Woodenville	St. Michelle Winery & Concert	Lori Rhodenbaugh

SAIL FLEET

In February we began our 2011 sailing/racing events. Pat Harman and his crew provided the Committee boat for Erik Mann, our Sail fleet Co-Captain, who headed our Race Committee for the St Valentine's Day (almost) Regatta on Sunday, Feb. 13. Erik's post-race comments are, "We had a good race today, with a turnout of 5 boats. Magic Juan as usual emerged victorious, followed by Ana Maria, Renaissance and Braveheart. Steven Whipple (boat name unknown) withdrew. We ran a course starting at G5, rounding Snatelum to port, R2 to port, and then finished between RC and the dredging barge in the harbor." Some pictures of the action are attached on our website, if you are interested.

March also brings the return of daylight savings time! -- more afternoon sun beginning March 13. Look for the return of weekday racing!

More to follow! See you on the water.

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

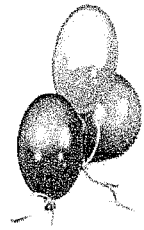
BASIC BOATING COURSE

Time to touch up your knowledge and skills for the summer boating season. Reserve your spot in The Basic Boating Course taught by the Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron, part of the US Power Squadron, a nationwide nonprofit boating education organization. This class will qualify you to receive your Washington State Boater Education Card and provide a serious introduction to boating knowledge including: Boat Operation; Docking; Radio Operations; Seamanship; Chart Reading; Knots; Anchoring; Navigation Aids; Coast Guard Regulations; Trailering; Navigation; Piloting; Rules of the Road; Types of Boats; Boating Safety; and, much more.

The class will start March 7 and be Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 -8:30 PM for five weeks in room 308 Oak Hall, Skagit Valley Community College, Oak Harbor Campus. Cost will be $60 to cover books and room fees. Other family members without books pay $25. For reservations or questions call John Hudson (360-240-2517), Claire Acorde (360-240-1235), Doug Bishop (360-678-2296), or email: johnahudson@comcast.net. Registration will take place the first night.

John Hudson
Squadron Education Officer

SOCIAL EVENTS:



March 17 St. Patrick's Day Dinner
March 26 Soup & Bread Contest

OUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE:
Offers of help, suggestions, questions:

Linda Bruner	675-8315
Dee deLeeuwe	678-4710
Ricki Greathead	279-2704
Julie Williams	679-4399
Barb Wright	679-7435

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!

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

YOUTH SAILING

Oak Harbor Youth Sailing
2011 Registration !!

We will be having an "in-person" registration on **Saturday, March 5, from 10-12 Noon** for parents to register their own children or grandparents to register their grandchildren. All other registrations will be taken via the post office after March 5th. Please download and complete registration forms from the website: www.OHyouthsailing.org. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis with completed forms and fee.

2011 SCHEDULE:

Adult beginning lessons: Byron Skubi instructor
May 3,10,17,24, 31 and June 7
For students 16 and older ....5:30 - 8 PM...$200 includes book

Session 1 - Level 1 youth lessons: Dave French instructor
June 20 through the 24th
For youth 9-15....10 AM - 3:30 PM....$150 includes book

Session 2 - Level 1 youth lessons: Dave French instructor
July 11-15
For youth 9-15....10AM - 3:30 PM....$150 includes book

Session 3 - Level 2 youth lessons: Craig Cooley instructor
August 1-5
For youth 9-15....10 AM - 3:30 PM....$150

Students who have completed at least the Level 1 youth lessons will also have an opportunity to sail on a San Juan 24 for some races. That schedule is TBD. For more information, go to website or call Dave French at 678-1799 or Avis Berney 675-5374.

Marine Swap Meet

April 9, 2011
Oak Harbor Marina
Sponsored by Deception Pass Sail & Power Squadron
8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
For information call Mark Casteel at 360-240-1546

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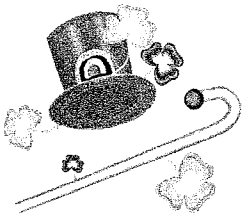

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Questions or Reservations: call: 360-675-1314 or email: theyacht-

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
CLUB CLOSED SUN.-TUES. OPEN WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY 4:00 PM TO 9:00 PM *HOURS MAY VARY FOR SPECIAL EVENTS (CLUB CLOSES EARLY IF NO ONE THERE)*		*1*	*2* Steak & Chicken BBQ Reservations	*3* Games Night	*4* Burger Night	*5*
6	*7*	*8* Board Meeting	*9* Steak & Chicken BBQ Reservations *** Mah Jongg 10 am	*10* Games Night	*11* Burger Night	*12*
13	*14*	*15*	*16* Steak & Chicken BBQ Reservations	*17* St. Patrick's Day Dinner	*18* Burger Night *** Social Bridge	*19* Train Cruise
20 Train Cruise	*21*	*22*	*23* Steak & Chicken BBQ Reservations *** Mah Jongg 10 am	*24* Games Night	*25* Burger Night	*26* Soup & Bread Bake-off & Tasting
27	*28*	*29*	*30* Steak & Chicken BBQ Reservations	*31* Games Night		

Oak Harbor Yacht Club
Planning Calendar for 2011—Cruises added

Mar 17 (Thu)	OHYC St Patrick's Day dinner
Mar 19 – 20	Land Cruise to Centralia (OHYC Cruise Fleet)
Mar 26 (Sat)	OHYC Soup Cook Off
Apr 6 – 27 (Wed nights)	Warm-up Series races (OHYC Sail Fleet)
Apr 9 (Sat)	Power Squadron sponsored swap meet at OH Marina
Apr 16 (Sat)	OHYC Spanish Wine Tasting Party
Apr 22 – 24 (Fri – Sun)	Shakedown Cruise to Anacortes (OHYC Cruise Fleet)
Apr 23 (Sat)	Holland Happening Small Boat Regatta (OHYC Sail Fleet)
Apr 27 (Wed)	OHYC Business Meeting
Apr 30 (Sat)	Holland Happening Regatta (OHYC Sail Fleet)
Apr 30 (Sat)	Holland Happening Parade (Pirates)
May 1 (Sun)	OHYC Opening Day Brunch, boat parade and blessing of the fleet
May 3 – Jun 7 (Tue)	Adult beginning sailing lessons with Youth Sailing
May 7 – 8 (Sat and Sun)	WINSA Round Whidbey Race
May 21 (Sat)	OHYC USO Party
May 22 – 27 (Sun to Fri)	National Safe Boating Week
May 28 - 30 (Sat – Mon)	Spencer Spit Anchor Out Cruise (OHYC Cruise Fleet)
Jun 1 – 16	South Sound Cruise (OHYC Cruise Fleet)
Jun 1 – Jul 13 (Wed nights)	Summer Series I races (OHYC Sail Fleet)
Jun 18 (Sat)	OHYC Western Night Party
Jun 20 – 24	OH Youth Sailing, Session 1, Level 1 youth lessons
Jul 4 (Mon)	Oak Harbor July 4th Parade (Pirates)
Jul 4 (Mon)	OHYC Old Fashioned July 4th Family Picnic at the Club
Jul 9 (Sat)	OHYC Pirates Kids Fishing Derby
Jul 11 – 15	OH Youth Sailing, Session 2, Level 1 youth lessons
Jul 16 – 17 (Sat and Sun)	Dinghies Whidbey Island (DWI) races (OHYC Sail Fleet)
Jul 16 (Sat)	OHYC Race Week Volunteer's Party
Jul 17 – 22 (Sun to Fri)	Whidbey Island Race Week
Jul 27 – Aug 24 (Wed nights)	Summer Series II races (OHYC Sail Fleet)
Aug 1 – 5	OH Youth Sailing, Session 3, Level 2 youth lessons
Aug 3 (Wed)	OHYC Business Meeting
Aug 10 – 26	Princess Louisa Cruise (OHYC Cruise Fleet)
Aug 20 (Sat)	OHYC Bayou Night and Pirate Auction
Aug 31 – Sep 21 (Wed nights)	Dinghy Series races (OHYC Sail Fleet)
Sep 10 (Sat)	OHYC Liars Club Dinner
Sep 22 – 24 (Thu – Sat)	Bowman Bay Surf and Turf Cruise (OHYC Cruise Fleet)
Sep 22 – 24 (Thu – Sat)	American Tug Owners' Rendezvous at OH Marina
Oct 1 – 2 (Sat and Sun)	Scott Cline Regatta (OHYC Sail Fleet)
Oct 15 (Sat)	OHYC Business Meeting and Nominations Dinner
Oct 29 (Sat)	OHYC Halloween Party
Nov 19 (Sat)	OHYC Election Dinner
Dec 3 (Sat)	Lighted Boat Parade (OHYC Cruise Fleet)
Dec 10 (Sat)	OHYC Commodore's Ball
Dec 31 (Sat)	OHYC New Year's Eve Party

Dates and events may change as the year progresses.

14-Feb-2011