

ISLANDER

FROM THE BRIDGE

CLUB EVENTS:

BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, March 10

BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday, March 18

THURSDAYS AT THE CLUB
6:00 PM

Games (Bring your own)
*Order Food, Come Fed, or
Cook a Burger*

BRIDGE AT THE CLUB

*Every 3rd Friday
10:00 A.M. \$2.00
Call Bev Campbell 682-6104
or Sandi Carrothers 675-1306*

BURGERS AT THE CLUB

*Friday Nights at 6:30
Come Enjoy YOUR Club*

*Meet Your Member
March 25
Reserve by March 21!*

SOUP/BREAD TASTING

**Homemade Soup
Homemade Bread
MARCH 26 \$2.00**

*...But Wait! There's more!
See the Web calendar for
more events...*

You may be wondering why you have not seen your Commodore around the Club for the last two or three weeks. As you read this, I am partaking in a great sailing adventure – a Panama Canal transit, and a passage from Panama to the Galapagos Islands on a friend's sailboat. **Jane** will be meeting us in the Galapagos. Hope to have some great stories and photos when I return in March.

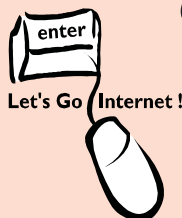


Meanwhile, your Vice Commodore Rex, has got the con and promises to keep things running smoothly at the Club. Thanks, Rex.

See you at your club

Byron Skubi, Commodore 2009

OHYC WEB SITE



Check it out at: www.ohyc.org

Members only section:

**Username: ohycmember
Password: boating4u**

Featuring:
*Newsletter; On-line Membership Roster;
Galleries;
On-line reservations
Calendar of Events*



FROM THE VICE COMMODORE ★★

“Splice the Main Brace.” More about that later; keep your eyes open. Thanks, **Ross Reed**.

For all of you who attended the Valentine’s Day dinner, I’m singing to the choir, preaching to the pulpit, etc., when I say “Wow!” What an elegant affair; the décor, the atmosphere, the company, the food and the service, all top-notch. “Thank you,” Social Committee, for all your hard work and great ideas. **Vel** and her crew did a wonderful job on the dinner and service. The OHYC Past Commodores made quite a presence; I counted 5 for sure but may have missed 1 or 2. **Bob Mitchell** and **John Hudson** have teamed up to frame and hang most all of the Past Commodores’ pictures about the Clubhouse. Lookin’ good!

The Super Bowl party was a great success. Lots of participation by our Club Members with the potluck food and the game was a good one. Put that on your to-do list for next year. So much for last month, let’s move on.

We will be starting Happy Hour at the Club in March. Every Saturday from 4p.m. till 6p.m. all drinks will be fifty cents (\$0.50) off the regular price and hopefully we’ll have some bar snacks, too. This will be a 3 month trial period, so if you like the idea, come on down and join in.

Don’t forget to “spring forward” on March 8 as Pacific Daylight Time begins – set your clocks one hour ahead.

The *Fidalgo Yacht Club* has invited us to join them in a St. Patty’s Day celebration and dinner at their Club on Saturday, March 14. The sign-up sheet is on the door and the

deadline will be shortly after you read this letter, so sign up and let’s make our presence known. They came to our Club last year for our St. Patty’s party and I think they out-numbered us. ‘Nuff said.



Don’t miss the business meeting on the Mar. 18. **Doug Bishop** will be sharing “*Local Knowledge*” with us. It is nice to know where the not-so-obvious dangers are in and around our local waters. This information could save a lot of heart ache down the line.

The Social Committee is hard at planning for March Movie Madness on Mar. 21, complete with Gerlie and Co. for singing and dancing. On Mar. 26 they have planned a *Soup and Bread Night*. As always, check with the bartenders for details. Hope to see you all there.

And the envelope please (drum-roll)! Congratulations! **Sally Crelly** and **Lynn Carpenter** are the winners of last month’s Newsletter trivia question contest. Correct answer: Museum Of History And Industry (MOHAI). Now they have to figure out which one gets the drink.

There are tons of fun things to do so come on out and join in. Volunteer to help while you’re at it and double your fun.

See you at our club

Rex ‘R’

Vice Commadore



FROM THE REAR COMMODORE ★

How lucky we are to belong to the OHYC on Whidbey Island!

We have just returned from a ten day trip to the “big city,” Houston, Texas, which we called home for thirty years. The trip made us realize how our lifestyle has changed after almost three years of fantastic island living. We experienced several situations or events that underscored the good life on Whidbey Island. We were dismayed and shocked at some of our experiences in Houston, such as:

>Driving only two miles in two hours on a major highway without any warning signs or evidence of much work being completed.

>Wondering why the majority of car drivers excessively used their auto horns for any reason.

>Since there was no highway patrol everyone but us appeared to be playing bumper cars

>Encountering armed guards at our favorite eating spots, Houston Garden Center (with its thousands of rose and camilla bushes and live oak trees) and local businesses.

>Witnessing the devastation of a major

city (Galveston, Texas) created by a hurricane with a twelve foot tidal surge.

During our stay in Houston, I said to myself, “Self, you are not in Oak Harbor anymore.”

The best part of our trip was returning to Whidbey Island and attending Burger Night at the Yacht Club the very next evening. Even with all the turmoil happening in the U.S., the Club Members still have positive attitudes on sail races, power cruises and upcoming social events and it was refreshing to be part of that again. The Club offers friendship, new ideas, a great place to socialize and plan for the future. As the saying goes, “There’s no place like home,” and our Oak Harbor Yacht Club.



Until next month, Hook’Em!

Jim Byrne
Rear Commodore



*P.S. – Note my new email address:
jim_r_byrne@yahoo.com*



APRIL DEADLINE: March 18

SEND TO: tbdumit@comcast.net

Sail Fleet News

March marks the beginning of the 2009 sailing and racing season. The first series of the year will be sponsored by WINSA, their Frostbite series. It begins on Saturday, March 7 at 1300. The Skippers Meeting will be earlier that day.

More info, Notice of Race and forms will be up shortly on their website -- winsa.org. Get down to your boats, brush that green stuff off your decks, and let's see you on the water.



Larry Munns,
Sail Fleet Captain

*Thank you, Vel
for an
outstanding
Valentine's Day Dinner*



HOSPITALITY & MEMORIALS: BARBARA SMITH

Please notify her if you know of a member who is ill or has passed away. She will send cards of Get Well or Condolences.

Thanks.

Barb's email is: barbara.smith1@comcast.net.

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OHYC 2009 Racing Calendar

April Fool/Warm-up Series

Apr 1 thru Apr 29 Wed evenings, 1800 Start

Summer Series I

June 3 thru Jul 8; 6 weeks, Wed evenings. 1800 Start

Summer Series II

Jul 22 thru Aug 26; 6 weeks, Wed evenings. 1800 Start

Dinghy Series

Sep 2 thru Sep 23; 4 weeks, Weds, 1800 Start

Scott Cline Regatta

Oct 3-4; 1200 Start. Day one buoys, Day two distance

Notes: OHYC club and grill available post racing every Wed.

WINSA Racing Schedule

Frost Bite Series: Feb 7 thru Feb 28; 4 weeks, Saturdays. 1300 Start

Spring Series

May 7 thru May 28; 4 weeks, Thurs Evening. 1800 Start

Round Whidbey

May 9 – 10; Weekend, 0900 Start

Challenge Cup

Aug 8th; Weekend, 0900 Start

Saratoga Sprint

Aug 29th; Weekend, 0900 Start

Fall Series

Sept 5 thru Sept 26; 4 weeks, Saturdays. 1300 Start

----- info on; winsa.org

OHYC Sail Fleet Captain: Larry Munns, 360 675-3019



PLEASE:

VOLUNTEER: *We need your help. Every little bit helps!*

RESERVE EARLY: *We need to make plans in advance and so we need you to sign up ASAP.*

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SOCIAL EVENTS:

Mar 14 **Fidalgo YC Irish Dinner**
Mar 17 **Wild Irish Society Party**
Mar 18 **Business Meeting & Speaker**
Mar 21 **March Movie Madness Dinner**
Mar 26 **Soup & Bread Tasting Contest**

Offers of help, suggestions, questions:

Ricki Greathead **279-2704**
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2009 INFORMATION

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2008 Elected Officers:

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Rex DePuis.....talisman@pugetsound.net

Rear Commodore

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Treasurer*Sally Crelly*

Port Captain*Keith Hall*

Membership.....*Virigina Cooley*

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18th of the month

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CLUB RESERVATION POLICY

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

*Please call 675-1314 or
Email: theyachtclub@comcast.net*

FROM THE E-EDITOR

What a wild winter! Oak Harbor's reputation as having snow "only every couple of years"



has not proved to be fact while I've been here! March has its share of snow, too, and I'm remembering last year as we visited La Conner to see the tulips. We were in the lovely nursery there when it started snowing! April! Egad...

The weather sure makes the Sound do interesting gyrations. Wild white-caps surging all over the water to that incredible glass-like sheen in te calm. I've heard that the color of the water reflects the sky, so we check that out each time we see the water. It seems to be in fact true!

As I watch so many here flee to the wamth of the Mexican sea during the winter, I more thoroughly understand why that escape into the sun is just the tonic so strongly needed for a sense of peace.

Until April...

Jonie Craig

E-Editor

CRUISE NEWS

On 24 January, 23 OHYC Members made the trek to the 2009 Seattle Boat Show. We enjoyed both the Afloat and Indoor venues. The good weather and ample refreshments made for an enjoyable trip. Although the show was smaller than previous years, there was plenty of opportunity to walk more than one needed and plenty of opportunity to empty your wallet if you so desired. Our trip ended back at the Yacht Club with a Lasagna supper prepared by Vel.

I want to extend a large thank-you to **Curtis Adams** of *Bristol Yachts* who provided tickets for the group, and to **Tom Winkel** for driving the bus.

No trip is without incident. As we prepared to leave Seattle, we found our bus trapped in the parking lot by an unthinking driver of an SUV. When we could not move the SUV, it was amusing to see a group of grey beards moving a Jersey Barrier to free our bus. A movie camera is a must for future trips.



OHYC COOKBOOK!

Linda Flomerfelt and Karen Nelson are compiling an OHYC Cookbook with recipes from our Members. Please bring a printout of some of your favorite recipes to the club (there is a folder at the bar) or email them to either Linda at lindaflo@comcast.net or to Karen at knelson2007@gmail.com. Don't forget to put your name on the recipes!



FROM THE BUCCANEERS: LAYING LOW!



OHYC BUSINESS MEETING & SPEAKER

Wednesday, March 18

Social 5:30 Dinner 6:30 UPSTAIRS

Menu: Beef Burgunday, \$11.00/person

DOUG BISHOP

Boating in our waters: Local Knowledge

Mr. Doug Bishop, the Deception Pass Sail & Power Squadron's Assistant Education Officer, will discuss the tides and currents in the local area; the effect of wind vs. current; where the worst of these conditions occur and how to know when those conditions are happening. Discussion will include the currents in Deception Pass and the hazards that can occur with the currents.

Doug will also discuss the two main types of fog in the area and what to expect for clearing. As time allows, he will also talk about navigational hazards that are in the local area.





CRUISE SCHEDULE

Dan Wright and Bob Mitchell
2009 Cruise Fleet Coordinators

Jan 24	Seattle Boat Show	Dan Wright/Bob Mitchell
Apr 17-19	La Conner Shakedown	J.J. Jones
May 3	Opening Day	Steppe Williford
May 22-25	Fisherman's Bay	Bob Nelson/Ralph Young
June	OPEN	
Jul 4	Home Port Party, OH	Andy Loehr
Jul 23-27	Sequim/Port Angeles	Bob & Karen Nelson
Aug 14-17	Reid Harbor (+scuba)	Pat & Ellen Harman
Sep 4-7	Victoria BC	Terry & Myra Mills
Oct 9-12	Friday Harbor	Dan Wright/Andy Markley
Dec 5	Lighted Boat Parade	Byron Skubi

NOTES: **Bob Mitchell** is investigating the possibility of a trip to the Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival during the September 11-13 time frame. This would probably be a bus/ferry trip.

Also, June is open. If you have an idea for a cruise in June or any other time frame, please contact **Dan Wright** or **Bob Mitchell**. We will apportion the Cruise Fleet budget to help defray the cost for each approved Cruise.