

OAK HARBOR YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBR 2011

FROM THE COMMODORE



Indian Summer ... blue skies, dry, sunny with gentle breezes. It's probably just a north-west weather teaser. Last week we were returning from the Winthrop area and encountered snow at Washington Pass (5,488' elevation). Here comes winter.

Nominations are done. Now we need to vote and show our support for these volunteers who will run our Yacht Club through 2012 and beyond.

Budget: Vice Commodore Steppe presented an excellent and detailed accounting of our Club's finances. It is obvious, at least to me, that we cannot repair/maintain/upgrade our Yacht Club, provide for the present number of activities and amenities, and deposit money for future needs in the Capital Expense Account with the present dues and the impact of rising food and beverage prices. Please take the time to examine and understand the budget and vote for the modest dues increase. This is very important for the future of our Yacht Club and should not be a knee jerk decision. I was disappointed to see less than 10 percent of our membership at the budget meeting. We all continue to enjoy the high level of excellence in our Club and its activities and benefits; let's not regress.

**UPCOMING EVENTS
For NOVEMBER**

8 Board Meeting
 19 Elections & Dinner
 Dec. 3 Lighted Boat Parade and Potluck
 Dec. 10 Commodore's Ball

Plus Monday Night Football
 Wednesday Night BBQ
 Thursday Games and
 Friday Burger Nights



Until next month, Hook 'Em

Jim

**MONDAY NIGHT
FOOTBALL & POTLUCK
HAPPY HOUR PRICES!**

**OHYC CLUBHOUSE CLOSED
for the Thanksgiving Holidays
from Wednesday, 23 November through Sunday,
27 November. The Club will reopen for Monday
Night Football on the 28th.**

AT THE HELM 

Commodore:
Jim Byrne

Vice Commodore:
Steppe Williford

Rear Commodore:
Bob Greathead

Secretary:
Patty McKinnon

Treasurer:
Paige Stanley

Board of Directors:
Avis Berney
Bob Nelson
Lori Rhodenbaugh
George Smith
Melinda White
Steve Williams



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FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

We held our annual Nominations Dinner on Oct.15. It was very encouraging to have so many Members taking an active interest in Club business issues. Those in attendance accepted the slate of candidates presented by our Nominations Committee with no additions from the floor. Absentee ballots have been included with this copy of the Newsletter and each membership certificate is entitled to two votes. Mail your ballots back to the Club or drop off your ballot in the Club's ballot box. If you are not planning on attending the Members-only election dinner on Nov. 19, your ballot must be in not later than Nov. 19. I would like to thank Byron Skubi, Sue Karahalios and Mark Casteel for serving on the Nominations Committee.

The other major issue covered at the Nominations Dinner was the proposed Operating Budget for 2012. As the incoming Commodore it is my responsibility to develop a budget and to define what financial goals we are trying to accomplish. To this end I would like to dispel some rumors...we are not broke and we are not having a financial crisis. Over the last couple of years we are breaking even on our income vs. expenses. We are keeping our head above water but we are not doing as good a job as we should in saving for the future. We have had a general policy that each year we contribute a minimum of \$10,000 to a "capital improvement fund". We have made no contributions over the last couple of years and, in fact, have been "borrowing" from savings to cover monthly payments.

The Exec Committee has unanimously agreed that we need to take some specific steps to insure our future as a club. Those recommendations, listed below, were accepted by those in attendance at the Nom. Dinner and will be implemented in the coming year. We urge the Membership to approve the dues increase.

Reestablish a Ways and Means Committee to review costs and pricing of goods and services.

Implement cost controls on what we spend.

Increase revenue.

Increase the dues to \$400 per year.

We must plan to put away at least \$10,000 per year into a Capital Improvement Fund for planned replacement of equipment and future improvements to the Clubhouse.

We have not increased dues since 2007. A \$30/year increase (\$2.50 per month) will provide about \$6,500/year additional income. The entire board and I encourage you to approve this very minor increase in dues. In accordance with our bylaws any dues increase must be approved by the membership at the annual elections meeting in November.

We have elected not to include a copy of the proposed 2012 Operating Budget in this Newsletter. Copies are available behind the bar or can call or email me and I will get a copy to you.

Other news, I am very pleased to announce that Past Commodore Bob Mitchell has agreed to become our new Club Manager. Bob will replace Jeff Campbell who did an absolutely outstanding job as the Club Manager for the last three years and is sorely missed. On a positive note, Jeff and Bev have applied for membership and will be presented to the board as candidate members at the December board meeting. Bob Mitchell's membership will be "suspended" while he is employed by the Club yet he and Deanna will still enjoy social privileges at the Club. I am really pleased that Bob has agreed to take this really important position.

Steppe Williford, Vice Commodore

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DO YOU HAVE OLD RED NAME TAGS?

The round club logo on the tag costs us \$2.25. The badges, if no longer in use, are certainly for you to keep;. However, if you have no need for them there is a recycle box sitting on our entry bookshelf.

Thanks,
The Cost Savings Guru

IN MEMORIAM

The Club notes the passing of our Member Roby McGee. A memorial reception was held at the Club on October 22. Our deepest condolences to her husband, Dutch Strehle, and her family.

FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

For those of you that did not attend our nominations dinner, besides missing a fine meal from Vel and Vicka, you also missed our O.H.Y.C, business presentation.

Our new slate of officers, as recommended by your nominating committee, was approved without opposition. So now I have to prepare as the next Vice Commodore. The Vice oversees most of the Club committees. Check the bulletin board for a list of those committees. Let me know if you have an interest to serve as I would like them all in place by January 1.

The bottom line is we are doing well as a Club, both fiscally and with our amenities. Steppe presented our 2012 budget which appeared to be well received. Many hours were spent in research and meetings going over each line item. The conclusion was that income and expenses were about equal, but we did not meet our goal of setting aside \$10,000 into our capital improvement fund. We can do this in 2012 by raising income or by cutting expenses.

Steppe will reinstate our Ways and Means Committee to review all Club charges and expenses. Increasing our annual membership fee by \$30, our first such raise since 2007, will generate over \$6000 to help override the rising costs of doing business.

Welcome to our past Commodore Bob Mitchell as our new Club Manager. His track record has proven that we are very fortunate that he has accepted the position.

Many hours are spent "behind the scenes" in making Club decisions. Often times that process is not communicated to the membership. For an example, I was asked why the new no parking sign by the front entry? The background on that one was because the Post Office wanted us to relocate our mail box to the street. The Post Master agreed if we put up the sign the box could stay.

Continued efforts and planning are in the works so you can enjoy the Club. After all, that's what it's all about.

Bob

PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: (sponsor)

Kathleen & Stephen Merrin (Dorothy & Dave Day)

Les Cummins (Steppe Williford)

Martha & Ronald Yount (Beth Munns, S Stanley, E Smith,
D Grate)

Marilyn & Dave McNeely (Barb & Dan Wright)

Penny & Mark Buccholz (Ruth & Peyton Perkins, Melinda White)

Frederick P. Turner (Steppe Williford)

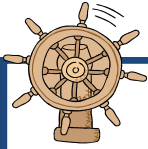
Sara & Dan Fisher (Avis Berney, Dave French)

Prospective New Members: (sponsor)

Sherry & Ron Rhinehart (Frank Gallo)



Boating News



CRUISE FLEET: Bowman Bay Cruise

It was summer's last hurrah as the cruise fleet headed to Bowman Bay. Boats, RV's and tents were all a part of the contingent as well as a few souls that drove in to spend the day with the hearty "cruisers".

Saturday morning was bright and sunny; cruisers were welcomed with a delicious Cowboy Breakfast; little did we know that from then on our day would be filled with activities, including the dinghy rodeo, potato sack races, and poker run. (Thank goodness for the breakfast of waffles, biscuits, gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon, juice and coffee!) It was great to see so many people turn out for the event.

Teams of boaters were paired with landlubbers- and the fun and games began.

Team Barnacle- Dave and Karen Stromme, Ralph & Lori Rhodenbaugh

Team Geoduck- Dennis & Sueann Carter, Jack & Cathy Casey

Team Sea Urchin- Rex & Susie DuPuis, Pat & Ellen Harman

Team Flounder- Terry & Myra Mills, Bob & Deena Mitchell

Team Crab- Gary & Cheryl Jandzinski, Jalana & Breanna Dent

Competition was stiff as the teams competed in the Buoy Race, Buoy Lasso and Ball Herding; land crews searched for their poker cards using oftentimes cryptic clues to find their locations.

Overall standings were-

1st place- Team Barnacle

2nd Place- Team Flounder

3rd Place- Team Sea Urchins

4th Place- Team Geoduck

5th Place- Team Crab

A delicious dinner was provided for all of the weary competitors and a few folks that came to share in the evening's festivities- Steppe and Mary Williford and Paige & Stan Stanley. All enjoyed the yummy field

hens, potato salad, and homemade blackberry cobbler.

The evening closed with S'mores and songs around the campfire. Thanks to Jan and Andy Markley, Cruise Captains, for a fun-filled cruise.

Except for the Lighted Boat Parade, Bowman Bay was the last event on the Cruise Fleet Calendar. The Cruise Fleet had a generous budget which we did not use and we have recommended a smaller budget for next year.

Recently some Club Members have questioned why the Club funds the Cruise and Sail Fleets. In the past the Cruise Fleet raised its own money by running Friday Hamburger Night every week. This generated from \$2.5k-\$3.5k each year for the cruise fleet. The Club took over responsibility for burger night during a period of financial distress, and in exchange gave the Cruise Fleet an annual budget. My response to Members who wonder why the Cruise and Sail Fleets are funded by the Club is this: This is a Yacht Club and Yacht Clubs sail and cruise. If the majority of Members do not want to fund us, then give us back burger night and both the Cruise and Sail Fleets can be self-sufficient again. Being self-sufficient has numerous advantages for both groups.

As Club Members you have a number of "perks." There are Members who pay their dues just for the reciprocal privileges of being a Member. As well as being able to find free or discounted moorage at other yacht clubs, Members can take advantage of the facilities at other clubs. For example, OHYC Members can dine at the Seattle Yacht Club and pay the same price as SYC members. The perks of being a Member can easily exceed our annual dues. The advantages of being a Club Member is a bargain compared to the miniscule budgets given to the Cruise and Sail Fleets. Pat Harman, Cruise Fleet Captain

ppharman@yahoo.com 360-682-5110

2011 CRUISE SCHEDULE

Dec. 3	OHYC	Lighted Boat Parade	Byron Skubi
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SAIL FLEET

It was a great year. We finished our last event of the season, the Scott Cline Classic Regatta, on Oct. 1 & 2. Shannon Buys in Magic Juan won the event. Our San Juan 24 fleet also had great success up at PITCH in Bellingham last month when they won the Kelly O'Neil Trophy for best YC performance. I expect to host Neil Bennett, the BYC PITCH Regatta Chair, at one of our upcoming evening dinners when he presents the Club with the award.

This is a quick summary of your Club's on-the-water involvement for sailors this year. We hosted nine different events: including National championships, exchange YC Challenges, local weekly series and junior sailing events. Some of the events had nearly 20 boats on the water with over 50 sailors participating (and enjoying our hospitality in the Clubhouse afterward). I started tracking a new participation metric, a

"Sailor-day" - one sailor on the water one day. I think it is great that OHYC generated nearly 1,100 sailor-days this past year! Plus we took in over \$600 dollars in entry fees and stimulated the burger and beer sales on Wednesday nights!



We just found out that the North American San Juan 24 Fleet wants to return to Oak Harbor again next June for their Championship Regatta. They had a great time last year and would like to repeat! Can't wait.

Until next season -

Larry Munns, Sail Fleet Captain

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SOCIAL EVENTS



Nov. 19 ELECTIONS FREE DINNER

Dec. 3 Lighted Boat Parade

Dec. 10 Commodore's Ball

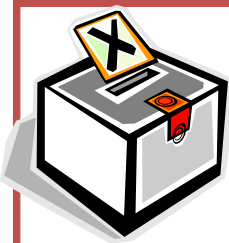
Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

OUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Offers of help, suggestions, questions:

Linda Bruner	675-8315
Sally Crelly	679-4743
Dee deLeeuwe	678-4710
Ricki Greathead	279-2704
Julie Williams	679-4399
Barb Wright	679-7435

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



ELECTION DINNER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

SOCIAL 5:30 DINNER 6:30

FREE TO MEMBERS

YOU MUST LET US KNOW

YOU ARE COMING

Call the Club or sign up on the door

Deadline for reservations: November 17

See flyer for menu and more details

LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

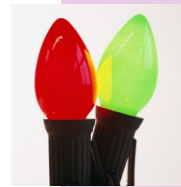
POTLUCK

SATURDAY, DEC. 3

CLUB PROVIDES

HAM & TURKEY

BRING A SIDE DISH



Dinner about 7 pm

When boats return.

Parade depends on weather



COMMODORE'S BALL

SATURDAY DECEMBER 10

SOCIAL 6:00-7:00 PM

DINNER: 7:00 PM

\$40 PER PERSON TICKETS AT THE BAR

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 7

SEE FLYER FOR MORE DETAILS





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!



Youth Sailing—Save the Date:

JAN. 28

YOUTH SAILING

WINE TASTING



For more information, contact islander1569@comcast.net or ljmunn@comcast.net.

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Thank you so much to the many from the Monday Night Football Group who helped with assembling the October newsletter: Don Hulett, Maria Hulett, Barb Wright, Roger White, Ross Reed, Gary Stuntz, and Shelley Stiles, your help is really appreciated. Yes, this is the month we hope is the last month we will assemble the full newsletter for everyone because as of today there are only 15 people who have formally requested continuing "snail mail" newsletter delivery. We are again publishing the form in case some of you who really want "snail mail" have still not let us know. The box to turn in forms is on the counter near the bar. Your help through this transition has been wonderful and again in behalf of the OHYC we hope to realize some real cost saving. Have a great time greeting this new fall weather, the coming of Halloween and our celebrations of Thanksgiving,

Sue Karahalios 675-6455 skarahalios@oakharbor.net

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

NEWSLETTER CHOICES: EMAIL OR POST OFFICE

In an effort to streamline costs and to work more efficiently, **OHYC** is steering toward an online news format for the majority of its membership. **PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING** and turn it in to the labeled box at the Club near the bar.

PLEASE PRINT ALL ANSWERS and mark the appropriate box.

(your name)

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You wish to receive your OHYC Newsletter online.

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Thank you for your help and support.

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**PLEASE
READ
AND
RESPOND**

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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 CLOSSES EARLY IF NO ONE THERE)		1	2 Streak & Chicken BBQ Reservations	3 Games Night	4 Burger Night	5
6	7 Monday Night Football	8 Board Meeting	9 Streak & Chicken BBQ Reservations *** Mah Jongg 10 am	10 Games Night	11 Burger Night	12
13	14 Monday Night Football	15	16 Streak & Chicken BBQ Reservations	17 Games Night	18 Burger Night *** Bridge 10 am	19 ELECTION NIGHT & Free dinner reservations
20	21 Monday Night Football	22	23 CLUB CLOSED	24 CLUB CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving	25 CLUB CLOSED	26 CLUB CLOSED
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Tickets must be purchased for all events. Pay at the Club or by phone with a credit card.

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