

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

October 2011



October Events

- 1-2 Scott Cline Regatta
- 11 Board Meeting
- 15 Nominations & Business mtg.
- 29 Halloween Party

Plus Monday Night Football
Wednesday Night BBQ
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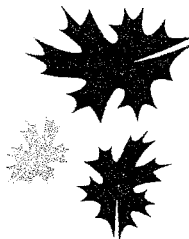
Nominations Dinner Octoberfest

Saturday, October 15, 2011

*Social 5:30PM to 6:30PM
Dinner at 6:30PM*

\$15.00 per person

*Nominations and budget business to follow dinner
Purchase tickets at the bar by October 13th
See enclosed flyer for details*



ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

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.

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DETACH AND RETURN TO THE CLUB

Messages from the Bridge



From the Commodore

Farewell Summer ... It's beginning to look a lot like autumn everywhere I go on Whidbey Island. Our guest, "La Nina" has apparently decided to stay for another year and gift us with wetter and colder than usual weather – a la 2010.

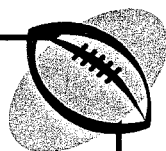
The Nominating Committee has done a great job and has presented a slate of candidates to the Board of Directors. We will seat one new Board Member and a new Rear Commodore. All the candidates will be presented to club members at the Nominations Dinner; additional nominations from the floor will be entertained in accordance with the OHYC Bylaws. The Nominations Dinner is planned for Saturday, October 15th. Make sure to review the candidates and then vote at the Elections Dinner (which is *free*) on Saturday, November 19th. Remember, our Club's future relies on your vote!

The 2011 year is winding down and has been a successful one for our Club. I cannot remember a previous year where more activities and amenities have been presented to our Club members. No other yacht club offers a third of what our members receive for their membership at extraordinary low costs. We truly have the best yacht club in the Northwest!

Until next month,

Hook'Em

Jim



MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

**Potluck
Happy Hour Prices**

From the Vice Commodore

This was a busy month for the OHYC executive committee as we struggle with the operating budget for the OHYC 2012 fiscal year. As I am sure you are well aware in your own household, costs are going up all over the place. At the Club we are facing increased costs for food, liquor, and supplies. We are also seeing our utilities and services increasing. The challenge to our board is to figure out how to continue our high level of service with minimal impact to the wallets of our members. The budget that you will see when you attend the October 15th Nominations Dinner has some limitations on planned spending. During this last quarter of 2011 we will look carefully at what our revenue sources are and how we might be able to increase revenue enough to cover increased costs.

Through this hectic effort I really want to thank Paige Stanley, our Treasurer, and Terry Caton, our bookkeeper, for their help in preparing the financials and reviewing the proposed budget.

The Liar's Club evening on September 10th was a great success. It was a kick to be one of the liars. We need to recognize Joan Minckler for her outstanding effort orchestrating this event.

At the Nominations Dinner on October 15th the new slate of officers and board members for 2012 will be presented and there will be a call for nominations from the floor. The theme for the Nominations Dinner is Oktoberfest and the cost will be \$15/person, reservations due by October 13th. The Election Dinner on November 19th is our traditional free event and will be a full Thanksgiving dinner. This event also requires reservations for planning purposes. From a voting perspective you will be receiving your absentee ballot in the November newsletter. Each membership certificate is allowed two votes. If you do not plan to attend the November meeting you will need to drop off or mail your absentee ballot to the Club before November 19th. More information about the voting process will be in next month's newsletter.

In the newsletter last month, and again this month, we were asking how you wish to receive your newsletter. We are moving towards a digital link to the newsletter stored on the OHYC website. This will be a cost savings both from the standpoint of fewer printed copies and reduced postage. If you so elect you will receive an email containing a link to the newsletter posted on the website. Clicking on the link in the email would take you to the latest newsletter where you can read it on line or decide to download it to your computer. Our plan is to send out the November newsletter as both a paper copy and an email notice. We will continue to mail a printed version of the newsletter to those of you who prefer that version but we will need to know what your preference is.

Steppe Williford, Vice Commodore



From the Rear Commodore



This past month, we made two improvements to our club. The first was electrical. There were a couple of electrical issues that needed to be addressed. We hired an electrician to correct the problems and bring us up to city code.

The second, and most noticeable, was an improvement to the deck surface on our upstairs outside balcony. Our old rubberized coating was wearing and cracking, causing water damage. Tom Hawkins took this project on and the end result is a very professional job that looks great! Tom took great pains in patching and repairing before the final finish coat. Dennis Carter, as he often does, lent a helping hand. Thanks guys.

This year, many of our projects were done with volunteer labor which resulted in cost savings for our club. I recently chatted with visitors from other yacht clubs. One gentleman from Royal Vancouver said it costs \$25,000 to join their club. The other visitor, from Seattle Yacht Club, said it cost him \$14,000.

We have such a good thing going here. It is beyond comprehension. The reality of it is, that at \$370 per year and no membership fee, how will we be able to maintain our services and benefits. It is true that we do realize some revenue from catering and race week, but there are a lot of operational expenses involved in running this club. Certainly revenues and expenses must balance, but beyond that it is recommended that we set aside \$10,000 each year to our capital improvement fund. This fund covers repair and replacement needs for both building and equipment.

It is my intent, during my time on the bridge, to be fiscally responsible and have closer accountability for committees and others who receive yacht club funds.

Steppe worked hard and, in my opinion, did an outstanding job in preparing the 2012 budget. It will be presented at the October 15th nominations dinner.

At our September 13th board meeting, our nominations committee recommended Dennis Carter as the new Rear Commodore. I am thrilled with their choice. Those who are lucky enough to know Dennis, realize that he is qualified, hard working, and dedicated.

Although we may have a few blips and bumps, we have a good thing going here at OHYC.

Thanks go to Pat & Ellen Harman who hosted a wonderful cruise for my family and our house guests. The cruise was donated for the Buccaneer's Charity Auction. We had a blast!

Bob Greathead



ARRGGGHH!

That's Buccaneer talk for THANK YOU to all the Oak Harbor Yacht Club members and their guests who so generously supported our White Elephant Auction on August 20th. An extra special thank you to Ellen and Pat Harman for donating 2 wine and cheese cruises (for 6) aboard Sun Dancer and to Kathy and JJ Jones for adding to the excitement that evening by offering a cruise aboard Intruder, and then, Kathy and Al Collantes joined in by donating lunch to go along with that cruise! WOW! This was a new endeavor this year and went over quite well.

We are looking forward to adding many more families to our Thanksgiving baskets this year thanks to all of you!

Additionally, we really appreciate all the feedback that was offered by everyone regarding suggestions for our next Auction including some ways to improve and generate even more fun and support.

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 Rodenbaugh

George Smith

Melinda White

Steve Williams

Membership Report

Welcome New Member

Voted September 13, 2011

Christina & Jason Joiner

Sponsored by Craig Cooley, Co-sponsored by Gary Stuntz

Kathryn & Steven Smith

Sponsored by George Smith

Jean & Bill Coltrin

Sponsored by Patti & Pat McKinnon

Pending Applications

Upcoming Board Meeting, October 11, 2011

Kathleen & Stephen Merrin

Sponsored by Dorothy & Dave Day

Les Cummins

Sponsored by Steppe Williford

Martha & Ronald Yount

Sponsored by Beth Munns, Co-Sponsored by Stan Stanley, Ellen Smith, Donna Grate

Marilyn & Dave McNeely

Sponsored by Barb & Dan Wright

Penny & Mark Bucholz

Sponsored by Ruth & Peyton Perkins, Co-sponsored by Melinda White

Frederick P. Turner

Sponsored by Steppe Williford

Sara and Dan Fisher

Sponsored by Avis Berney and Dave French

REMINDER: Membership Drive ENDS with November 16, 2010. All New Membership Applications must be received in time for approval at December 2011 Board Meeting. ~



October 2011

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>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)</i></p>						<p>1 Scott Cline Regatta</p>
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<p>30</p>	<p>31 Monday Night Football</p>					

Sail Fleet News



The sailing year is slowly wrapping up. Last month we had a great time watching our young sailors on the water. Every Wednesday in September from 4:30 until past 6 we had a dozen or so boats, off the "F" dock racing in close around the marina. These boats all sailed by kids 14 and under. It was fun to hear the kid's chatter on the water, see the smiles and more. Quite frankly, these kids are a part of the future for local sailing and for our club.

October 1st and 2nd will be the last OHYC sponsored regatta of the year. The Scott Cline Classic Regatta is a two-day event. Buoy racing on Saturday and a distance race down to Holmes Harbor and back on Sunday. We hope to have a good turnout and cooperative weather.

It has been great year and I want to thank all the club members that have participated and helped out to make our sailing program successful.

Larry Munns
Sail Fleet Capt

START PLANNING NOW FOR THE YOUTH SAILING WINE TASTING FUND RAISER

January 28, 2012 Will be the best party of the new year!

If you were at last years Youth Sailing Wine Tasting you remember how much fun it was! Ken and Terri Hulett are again planning the event so you know it will be great. Tables are limited so make your plans now to invite your friends and fill your table.

Talk to Ken or Terri or Avis or Dave for more info.



Newsletter update

Many thanks to Phyllis Hawkings, Dennis Carter, Melinda White, Peyton Perkins and Ruth Perkins for all of their help making quick work of assembling the September newsletter.

As you have been reading, it is extremely important that you let me know if you DO NOT want to receive your newsletter/newsletter notification online, as soon as possible.

In the next two months it is hoped that OHYC will be converting the bulk of the newsletters to an online process. We will still mail to the few who wish but we are trying to become more efficient and cost effective for the Club's bottom line. It is understood that some of you either do not have internet access or you are having to still rely on dial up, so let me know so you can be kept on the "snail mail" list. As of right now only two families have requested "snail mail" but again the rate of return on the form is very low. The turn in box is on the bookshelf by the bar.

Thanks for your help on this new matter and continuing to keep me informed when you are out of town the last week of the month for the next two months and if you know of any members who need our help or have lost a loved one.

Happy Fall, Sue Karahalios

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November 18

Please send your input to the Dumits at tb Dumit@comcast.net

Cruise News



Radar our lovable "Boat Cat" passed away recently. Radar was a member of our family, and our boating adventures for about ten years. We will miss the little guy.

As I write this article we will be having the Beer Tasting at the club house this afternoon. We will have five beers with food pairings. Food and beer will be from Flyers, our local brew pub. Ellen made a large batch of pickled eggs for the beer tasting. Pickled eggs are common in most taverns in the Northeastern part of the country.

On September 23rd-25th, Andy Markley, the Cruise captain for the Bowman Bay Land and Sea Cruise has put together an impressive program of events. Friday evening we will have Pu Pu's on the dock. There will be water taxi service from the dock out to the float where the club boats will be moored.

Saturday is when most of the action will occur. A treasure hunt and a dingy rodeo will be events sandwiched between a Cowboy Breakfast, a family fun day, a lunch of burgers and hotdogs for everyone, and dinner, also with a cowboy theme. So if you are only coming for a day then plan for Saturday.

The Bowman Bay Cruise completes the Cruise Fleet events for this year, except for the Lighted Boat Parade.

Patrick Harman
Cruise Fleet Captain

Notice of Annual Meeting and Elections

November 19th at the Club

Mark your Calendars!

**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!

Halloween Party

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27th

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Bridge and Board of Directors
Nominations for 2012

Presented to the Board on
September 13, 2011

Commodore Steppe Williford

Vice Commodore Bob Greathead

Rear Commodore Dennis Carter

Treasurer Paige Stanley

Secretary Patty McKinnon

Director through 2014 George Smith

Director through 2014 J.J. Jones

Any other nominations must be in accordance with Article X of
the Oak Harbor Yacht Club By Laws.

Nominating Committee:

Past Commodore Byron Skubi

Member Mark Casteel

Member Sue Karahalios

Social Events

Oct 15 Nominations Dinner

Oct 29 Halloween Party

Offers of help, suggestions, question

Linda Bruner 675-8216

Sally Crelly 679-4743

Dee deLeeuwe 678-4710

Ricki Greathead 279-2704

Julie Williams 679-4399

Barb Wright 679-7435

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Tickets must be purchased for all
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