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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH
LIARS CLUB**

Social 5:30PM to 6:30PM

Dinner at 6:30PM Show at 8:00PM

\$15.00 per person

Buy your tickets at the bar by September 9th

Form a team [a table of eight] to see if you can win the prize.

Bring friends to join the fun.

See enclosed flyer for menu and details



**MONDAY NIGHT
FOOTBALL
STARTS SEPT. 12**

Potluck
Happy Hour Prices
Everyone Welcome

FAMILY FUN DAY IS FUN-TASTIC!

FOR SURE we're going to join the Cruise Fleet @ Bowman Bay in September - so mark your calendars NOW: **Saturday, September 24th.**

**COMING
SATURDAY
SEPT. 24**



This cruise is open to all Members and owning a boat is not necessary. Pat Harman plans to bring his bicycle and riding the trails in the park.

Family Fun isn't just for summer! We are planning a "Minute To Win It" Family Fun Day event in the fall... Watch for Details!!

Youth Sailing

Two children's Level 1, a Level 2, and an adult beginning class are now in the books for the summer of 2011. It's hard to measure the success of the program by attendance numbers alone. The smiles, happy chatter, new friends, boat safety information, and sailing successes are now part of happy summer memories.



Thanks go to all the volunteers - instructors, dock helpers, and boat drivers who spent countless hours making this program a success.

Continuing through September will be an OHYS/OHYC Sail Fleet coordinated dinghy racing night for the OHYS student sailors and volunteers. A small entry fee will be collected along with registration forms at the OHYS shed. Boat check out is on a first come, first served, basis starting at 4 PM with races starting at the end of "F" dock at 5 PM. For more information, contact islander1569@comcast.net or ljmunnns@comcast.net.

**OHYC 2011 Directory is
HERE!**

The latest edition of the member directory is available for pickup at the Club. Club member Jim Bruner has once again donated many hours to revise and produce the directory. Please stop by the Club and pick up your copy.

REMINDER: The OHYC directory, which lists our member information, is for the personal use of our membership. It should not be used for commercial, political, religious or other non-Club related solicitations or distributions.



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BEER TASTING SAT. SEPT. 17

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SOCIAL EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER 10 LIARS CLUB
 SEPTEMBER 17 BEER TASTING

**OUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE:**

Offers of help, suggestions, questions:

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Julie Williams	679-4399
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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!

**MONK 36 RENDEZVOUS**

On September 9 – 11 Ken & Terri Hulett will be hosting the
 Monk 36 Rendezvous.

OAK HARBOR YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

September 2011

FROM THE COMMODORE



Reciprocity: 1. a reciprocal relationship 2. an exchange of favors

Membership in the Oak Harbor Yacht Club has many benefits such as our social events, marine education, sports parties, etc. However, one of the most valuable, least understood and underutilized is our reciprocal arrangement with other yacht Clubs. This is especially true for Members who do not cruise or who do not own a boat. Our Club has reciprocal privileges with over 120 other yacht Clubs in Washington, Oregon, California and British Columbia. The names and locations of these yacht Clubs are on file at our Club for Members' perusal.

Let's say that you are planning a day trip to Bellingham or Seattle or perhaps a longer West Coast auto trip, and you're seeking activities and places to eat or relax. Reciprocal yacht clubs may be your best choices. All you need is your Oak Harbor Yacht Club Membership card showing you are currently a paid-up Member and the reciprocal yacht club facilities will be available to you. This benefit is at no additional cost to Members, and is, in essence, an in-house travel guide.

Our Club offers so many benefits in exchange for Club Membership – don't leave home without your Membership card! Just another reason why we are the "best yacht Club in the Northwest!"



Until next month, Hook 'Em

Jim

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FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Last month was particularly busy from a financial point of view. Race Week was very successful, again demonstrating its value to the Club. We made a bit over \$10,000 on food and apparel sales. Compliments to Treasurer Paige Stanley, our bookkeeper Terry Caton and Member Kathy Jones (Jones Accounting) for doing a great job on the 2010 Federal Tax reporting.

On Aug. 18, OHYC hosted the O.H. Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon and we had an opportunity to tell the local business community about the benefits of membership and what a great Club we have. Commodore Jim Byrne invited Chamber members to consider membership in the Club. Many thanks to Kathy and Jack Casey for helping organize and coordinate our attendance and to the many Members who talked up the Club.

Coming up is the ever popular Liars Club dinner on Sat., Sept. 10. Make your reservations early. The Club will also host visiting boat clubs: the Puget Packeteers (9/2-4), the Monk 36 Owners (9/9-10) and the American Tug Owners Association (9/22-24). The last two were here last year and they enjoyed the Marina and our Club so much they decided to come back this year.

For those of you who love a good glass of beer, the Club is having a Beer Tasting on Sat., Sept. 17. And 9/23-25 we are planning a Surf and Turf Cruise to Bowman Bay. Look for details elsewhere in this Newsletter and at the Club. Busy month!!!

On the horizon for October will be our Nominations Dinner and annual business meeting. We will present the slate of nominees for the 2012 year and ask the membership for nominations from the floor. We will also present the financial data from 2011, propose a budget for 2012 and ask for your approval.

Steppe Williford

SAIL FLEET—



It has been another great month of sailing. We will continue with dinghy sailing on Wednesday evenings in September. There should be a good view of the activities from the Club during steak night. Racing starts at 5:00 though about 6:30, in and around the marina.

On 13 Aug our YC hosted Milltown Sailing Association from Everett in our annual Challenge Cup. Last year we went to their waters. We had 17 boats participate in a race in Penn Cove, followed by hospitality and burgers at the Clubhouse. Ron deRu, Avis Berney and Crag Cooley ran the RC. Everyone had a great time and it is fabulous to be able to show off our Club to our reciprocal partners.

See ya' on the water.

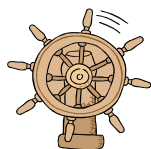
Larry Munns, Sail Fleet Captain 360 675-3019 ljmunns@comcast.net

WALTER MEYERS April 30, 1942—July 27, 2011

We are saddened by the death of our friend and former Member Walter. He is survived by his loving wife Donna, his mother Blanche and many relatives. A memorial service was held at Oak Harbor Lutheran Church on August 20.

CRUISE FLEET:

As I write this the Princess Louisa cruise is underway. Princess Louisa is considered one of the premier cruising destinations. Except for a youth camp at the entrance, the fiord is pristine wilderness. At the head of the inlet is the magnificent Chatter Box Falls and there is a dock with a great view. A primitive trail leads to the falls and beyond. Ellen and I will attempt to do this trip over the Christmas-New Year's holidays again. Last year the weather stopped us from crossing the Strait of Georgia, and we had to "settle" with celebrating New Year's Eve dinner at Poet's Cove.



I conducted the class on transiting Deception Pass and re-scheduled the field trip for August 21. We will transit the Pass twice and, as is the practice with cruise fleet events, no one will experience a pang of hunger; sobriety is optional.

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The Bowman Bay cruise, (weekend of Sept. 23-25) is shaping up; Andy always does a super job planning cruises. A dingy rodeo, treasure hunt, and lots of good things to eat are being planned. This cruise is open to all Members and owning a boat is not necessary. I plan on bring my bicycle and riding the trails in the park.

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

2011 CRUISE SCHEDULE *			
Sept. 20-25	Bowman Bay	Poker Run & Rodeo	Dinghy Markleys
Dec. 3	OHYC	Lighted Boat Parade	Byron Skubi

DPSPS 2011 Cruise Schedule Open to all OHYC Members
9-14-25 State Parks Cruise
10-1-2 Holmes Harbor Raft-up

FROM THE REAR COMMODORE



Finally summer is here...but as you read this it might be gone. The rest of the country would gladly trade their heat, rain and storms for our summer season.

The Club has been active and, we hope, providing activities and an environment that makes each Member want to partake frequently. This is one reason we have had many new Members joining. We also have many reciprocal guests and they rave about our Club. (Of course, if they didn't we would have to throw them out.) Many of us went to the Chamber luncheon to pass the word on about what we have to offer; we hope this will gain some new Members, as well.

Maintaining the facility is ongoing and under control. This is in part due to the many volunteers who assist in different ways. Every little bit helps. People often point out needs, but it has to be spread out over time. One project for the fall months is updating our complete Club inventory. We'll tackle that one as a committee.

Congrats to Dennis and Sueann Carter on their new (used) Catalina 27'. They went from power to sail, opposite of Byron.

And don't forget: Monday night football starts Sept. 12. Pot luck, happy hour prices.

Smooth sailing (boating) to all.

Bob



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Call for Nominations

Members who have an interest in serving on the Executive Board of the Oak Harbor Yacht Club are encouraged to contact one of the members of the Nominations Committee to discuss opportunities and openings for the year beginning January 2012. The Nominations Committee this year is composed of:

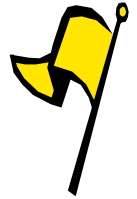
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Mark Casteel, markcasteel@peoplepc.com
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PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: (sponsor)

Garrie Hawkins (Marge & Trim Scribner)
Joy & Lee Miesbauer (Lindemans and Scribners)
Jeff Malmgren (Jeff Hansen)
Doris & Jeff Roush (M. Wissel, co Rex DuPuis)
Leola & Lloyd Richards (Dennis Carter)
Pamela Hill (Fern & Wendell Miller and Sandi Carrothers)



Prospective New Members: (sponsor)

Christina & Jason Joiner (Craig Cooley, Gary Stuntz)
Kathryn & Steven Smith, (George Smith)
Jean & William Coltrin (Patti & Pat McKinnon)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Don't forget to join the fun and games at Bowman Bay, Saturday September 24th! Members, Families, Kids are Welcome! See Cruise Fleet News 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.

PLEASE PRINT ALL ANSWERS and mark the appropriate box.

(your name)

(your email address, if it is different then the one printed in the directory)

You wish to receive your OHYC Newsletter online.

You wish to continue to receive your OHYC Newsletter in the mail.

Thank you for your help and support.

DETACH AND RETURN TO THE CLUB

MEMBER TRIVIA...A new contest!

As part of the membership committee's efforts we are starting a "Member Trivia" section. This is an effort to get members to engage in conversation with other members. There will be a new contest each month with the answer the next month.

September Who am I?

Email rhodenbaugh@sprintmail.com with your best guess. The first correct answer wins \$5 club bucks. Relatives of the member are not eligible for the prize.

OHYC 31st Annual Kids Fishing Derby a Huge success!

The sun graced us with her presence on July 9, the day of the 31st Annual Kids Fishing Derby.



70 fisherkids turned out to compete for the prizes- which included the first fish caught, the most fish caught, the largest fish and the smallest fish. We even had a fish that looked a bit like our own Cap'n Terry! Squeals of delight were heard on F Dock as kids reeled in their prize catches. And, there were oohs and ahhs when the 7 lb. 12 oz spiny dogfish was brought forward to be weighed. One dogfish extracted his revenge in the form of minor bloodshed from the finger of pirate Gary Jandzinski, although the pirate themed bandage solved the medical crisis.



Following the fishing portion our hungry fisherkids and their parents were treated to a hot dog lunch- complete with chips, watermelon, ice cream bars, assorted snacks, soda and bottled water, most of which was donated.

Thanks to all of our hardworking buccaneers- Andy & Jan Markley, Cheryl & Gary Jandzinski, Chuck & Michelle Suggs, Barb & Dan Wright, Myra & Terry Mills, Paula Lindemans, Ellen Harman, Lori & Ralph Rhodenbaugh, Patti Daugherty, Bea & Gary Hansen. A very special thank you to Joan & Sherwood Minckler and Steve & Julie Williams for not only working the event but also for donating the bicycles and scooters for prizes.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION: SUE KARAHALIOS

Thank you so much to all of the OHYC members, OHYC had only three newsletters returned this month; all of them change of addresses, two locally and one moved out of state so each of you is doing a tremendous job helping keep our overhead costs down. (We also had over 22 newsletters held at the Club or redirected this month alone which emphasizes what an active group we are. Your vigilance and help is greatly appreciated.) I thank the current members and sponsors of the new members for being so helpful in explaining the bulk mail issues that our newsletter being sent bulk mail presents and that it cannot be held by the postal service and will not be forwarded-- bulk mail rules. It is returned to the Club at a huge penalty.

I also want to let you know that in the next four to six months it is hoped that OHYC will be transitioning its newsletter from an all "snail mail" to a limited "snail mail" with the majority of the members receiving their newsletter either through a direct email to the members or an alert to the members to go re-view the newsletter online on the webpage. (The OHYC took action several years ago to go ahead and our electronic abilities are just becoming capable. The Board will be reviewing the steps as the information comes forward and helping to see this is done appropriately and incrementally.) This will be a major endeavor and all of you will be alerted and all emails verified prior to this, as well as each membership will be polled for either electronic or "snail mail". So please be looking for further information and help us make this transition the best it can be for the membership. Any questions please do not hesitate in contacting me but again note it will be four to six months before implementation. Enjoy this wonderful weather that finally arrived, Sue Karahalios 675-6455 skarahalios@oakharbor.net



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<p><i>CLUB CLOSED MON-TUES. OPEN WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY 4:00 PM TO 9:00 PM HOURS MAY VARY FOR SPECIAL EVENTS (CLUB CLOSES EARLY IF NO ONE THERE.)</i></p>						
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