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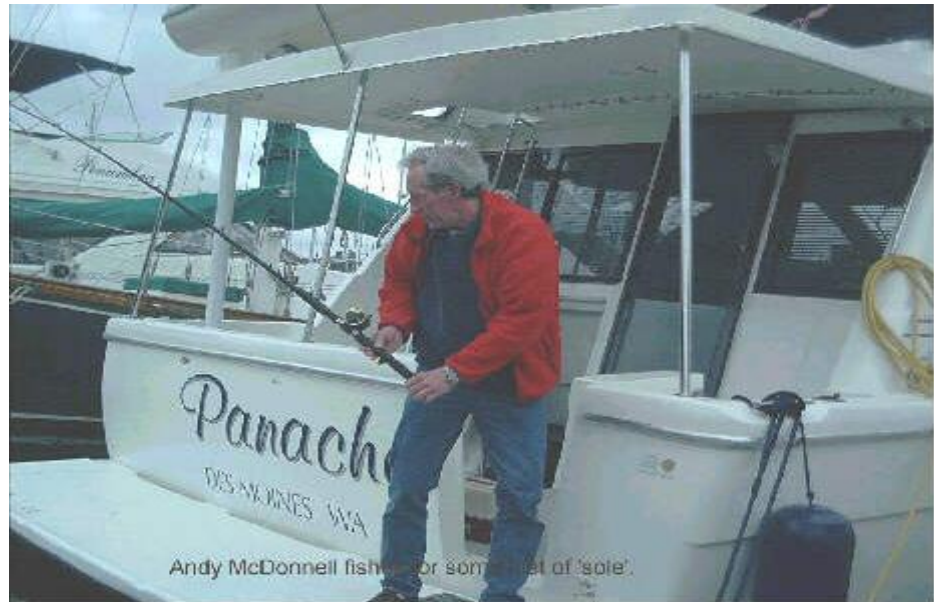
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Cruise Report

Global Warming? Yeah, right....
A Chilling Cruise Report

Three dozen hardy RHYC members attended the first on-the-water cruise of 2002 to Kingston over the St. Patrick's Day weekend. Braving high winds, cold temperatures and occasional snow flurries, our intrepid cruisers, Ed & Misti Allison, Ralph & Cathy Baldwin, Jim & Peggy Cannon, Nat & Linda Collier, Chuck & Dorothy Cooper, Ted & Shirley Elder, Jim & Karin Gregg, Ken & Julie Hammerquist, Ron & Candy Johnson, Dave Leonard & Linda Hill, Tim & Mary Lewis, Dan & Raye Lohse, Ron & Pat Marshall, Rod & BJ Masalla (and guests Ed & Judy Rolf), Lee & Debra Mattox, Andy & Mary Ann McDonnell (with guests Bill & Janel Moffet), Bob & Jan Stewart, and Doug & Gail Stewart, occupied themselves composing nautical theme limericks, huddling around space heaters and maintaining their levels of anti-freeze liquids.

Small flakes were a-flying early Saturday morning as a breakfast service area was erected on the dock. Then it began to really snow! Hardy spouses were dispatched to the breakfast area to grab some of



Andy McDonnell fishin' for some fillet of 'sole'

the fresh baked goodies and quickly returned to their boats to eat in relative comfort. Bill Hall made three or four runs to the breakfast bar claiming that he was supplying all of the surrounding boats. What a prince!

Later in the morning a few brave souls ventured out into the snow flurries to tour nearby world famous Heronswood Nursery. We saw many exotic and rare plants that nursery co-founders Daniel J. Hinkley and Robert L. Jones have brought back from their collecting tours around the globe. Some of these plants looked very strange covered with a dusting of snow. If you folks like gardening, then you should consider ordering the

Heronwood catalog at <http://www.heronwood.com>

Even though it did snow early Saturday, there was green bursting out everywhere later in the evening as we again enjoyed the hospitality offered at the Kingston Cove Yacht Club's annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. Live music got toes-a-tapping and booties-a-bustling. Both KCYC and RHYC held raffles of gift certificates and baskets. Ted & Shirley Elder won the KCYC's big basket of Irish goodies which they then generously shared with our members aboard their yacht, Pua Kai II.

Sunday morning dawned clear and cold with Canadian air

Deadline for next newsletter.....April 28th

rushing over the docks. As members huddled behind a hastily erected windbreak and munched on fresh pastries from Wildflour Cafe, Commodore Cannon unveiled the new club award, The "Screwup" Pendant, to Mary Ann McDonnell for a very ungracious entry onto her boat late Friday evening. How many of you know that Sperry boat shoes float? Evidently not Mary Ann's spouse, Andy, who spent a lot of time trying to snag the errant shoe from the bottom of the marina. The shoe was recovered after it floated ashore nearby.

Sunday must have been Mary Ann's lucky day as she was to receive yet another award. Her entry into the limerick competition was chosen as the winner!

*There once was a club from Roche Harbor,
with Oceans, and Tolleys and Carvers.*

*Some preferred sails that traveled like snails
but the Bayliners traveled much farther.*

For her clever ditty, Mary Ann won a gift certificate to Arm-Chair Sailor. Congratulations! Other entries can be viewed on the club's website. We are a club loaded with rhyming talent!

Respectfully submitted,
Dione Murray
Thom Permenter
Kate & Dave Oglevie
Cruise Captains



Welcome New Members

Harry & Teri Johnson
28323 185th Ave. SE
Kent, WA. 98042
Email: formytiger@aol.com

58' Nichols Seiner "Steel Tiger"
sponsored by:
LaFountaines and Meterer

Please welcome them and add them to your roster.

New Applicants

Carl Dalton & Vickie Moore
Ridgefield, WA. 98642
Email: card@dm2.com

34' Trojan "Elizabeth Ellen"
Sponsored by:
Doug Stewart & Lee Mattox

Say hello to them when you see them at the next cruise.



Bmmrrrrrrr.. ... FaithandBoga!



RHYC

BUSINESS MEETING

POULSBO

APRIL 12, 13, and 14

FRIDAY, APRIL 12
Bring Hearty Appetizers to
Poulsbo Marina Club House.....6:00 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 13
Business Meeting at Sons of Norway Hall
upstairs...1:30 -3 PM
No Host Bar in Viking Room..5 PM
Dinner ...in Viking Room...6:30 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 14
Pastry and coffee at
Poulsbo Marina Club House..... 8-10AM

Commodore Report

Most successful organizations seem to develop, at some point in their existence, a clear idea of what they want to do and how they want to do it, and then communicate the results to members of the organization. This is usually called a strategic plan or a mission statement. During a recent Board of Trustees meeting we discussed the fact that RHYC doesn't have such a plan and whether or not we need one.

We seem to be getting along pretty well these days and we quickly agreed that we should keep in mind the old adage that "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!" We also agreed, though, that it would be equally wise to recognize that perfection is rarely attained, at least for any length of time, and it may indeed be possible that we could be doing a better job.

So we intend to pursue this subject in a reasonable way and see if it is possible and worthwhile to develop a set of long-term guidelines for operation of the Club which could serve successive generations of management, the goal being to keep the Club vigorous and healthy. The results of the recent member survey will be the basis for this work.

We're just beginning this process so we are at a good point to benefit from your further input. If you're not much into this sort of thing, then we don't need to hear from you. On the other hand, if you would like to have a direct influence on how the Club is managed, then this is your chance!

You can send your thoughts to

me or to any member of the Board. We will welcome your help.

Jim Cannon
Commodore



Vice Commodore Report

The count is in, 11 non-renewals for 2002. Thus far this year we have received 3 new applications, meaning we need 8 more new applicants just to get back to where we started.

As the weather starts to get better and people start using their boats more, it should give all of us more opportunities to meet with more prospects. It seems that when we invite "guests" to one of our club functions, 9 out of 10 times they want to become a permanent part of our organization.

Just an FYI recruitment note: we have placed an ad again in Northwest Yachting. Our website still proves to be beneficial but members "word of mouth" is still the #1 recruiting source. The whole secret to this recruiting game is exposure, if boaters don't know about us, how can they know how join in *our* fun?

REMINDER: Roster deadline is here. Contact Carol McAdams immediately with any changes.

Lee Mattox
Vice Commodore



Fleet Captain Report

Neither sleet nor snow nor cold winter winds kept our members from their appointed rounds at Kingston and St. Patrick's Day cheer. Dave and Kate

Oglevie and Thom Permenter and Dione Murray turned up the heat and battled the elements to put on a really fun cruise. Congratulations on a fine job as their first time as cruise captains. See, it's easy and you will have fun.

The next cruise is the Business Meeting in Poulsbo, April 12 – 14. The Halls, Hamptons, Marshalls and Stewarts are ready to welcome us. Sign up soon and reserve your moorage with the cruise captains then pay the marina upon arrival. The captains will collect a \$5.00 cruise fee from each boat when you arrive. An exact count is needed for Saturday night – sorry, no late arrivals!

Ed Allison has arranged for "Reflections" to take part in the opening day parade May 4. Cheer our entry and enjoy the festivities. Call for details.

The first wagon wheel anchor out is Memorial Day weekend, May 24-27, in Port Blakely on the east side of Bainbridge island. Look at the flier and call the cruise captains to sign up. I still need volunteers for The Third of July fireworks raft up in Liberty Bay. This should be easy and fun. It will be a great way to start the long weekend.

It's not too soon to contact Ted Elder about reservations for the Roche Harbor Colors Cruise August 2, 3 and 4.

Jim Matheson needs help with the food preparation and games at the wagon wheel in Longbranch on Labor Day. I know it's a way off but give him or me a call. Thanks for your help.

Dave Leonard
Fleet Captain



Rear Commodore Report

Reciprocal letters keep rolling in with a few new clubs requesting reciprocity. The Board approved acceptance of the following clubs' applications:

WEST SEATTLE YACHT CLUB

The Club offers reciprocal moorage at the Port of Brownsville Marina. The marina is located in Burke Bay on the western shore of the Port Orchard Waterway between the port towns of Bremerton and Poulsbo. Maximum usage per yacht club is four boats per month. Tie up at the guest dock upon arrival and check in with the Harbormaster.

TOTEM YACHT CLUB

The Club offers 100 feet of dock space at the Foss Waterway Marina (formerly Totem Marina). See page 48, third edition of the Burgee. Check-in is between 0900 and 1700 hours. The marina may be reached by telephone at 253 272-4404.

MUKILTEO YACHT CLUB

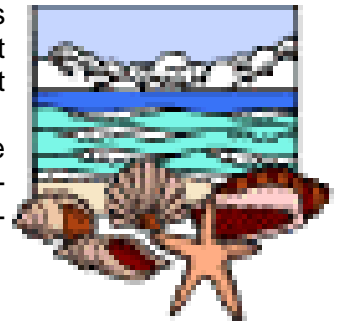
The Club has a reimbursement program with the Port of Everett. Prior to arrival, contact the Port Office for slip assignments (two slips are available on a first come first serve basis). The Dockmaster may be reached on VHF channel 16 or telephone (425 252-6001). Payment must be made upon arrival, for reimbursement mail a copy of the receipt to:

Mukilteo Yacht Club
PO Box 915
Mukilteo, WA 98275
Attn: Reciprocal Moorage

THE CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB OF TACOMA

The Club is located at Tye Marina on the northeast side of Commencement Bay, about one mile south of Browns Point. Available moorage may be obtained at the CYCT container (middle box) located 200 feet to the left of the entrance gate. A marina map and gate key may be obtained from the locked mailbox adjacent to the container. As the newsletter is posted on our web site, and in the interest of security, the lock combination is not included with this report. Give me a call if you require the combination prior to it being published in the RHYC handbook.

All of the above clubs offer two nights moorage. With the addition of these clubs we now have 84 yacht clubs with which we have reciprocity. Always remember to fly your RHYC burgee when visiting and have your current membership card for identification.



Doug Stewart
Rear Commodore



***Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves
for they shall never cease to be amused.***

Treasurer Report

The roster is about to go to print. Carol McAdams has done a fine job. The roster looks very good this year. Please check the 2001 roster one final time. If anything has changed that you haven't already sent in with your renewal, please let us know ASAP. You can call or send an e-mail to roster@rhyc.org. Rosters for 2002 will be distributed at the annual meeting in Poulsbo. They will be mailed afterwards to those unable to attend. Extra copies will cost \$5.

St. Paddy's day in Kingston was a lot of fun. See you at Poulsbo.

Ken Hammerquist
Treasurer



ceived on the writing class paper you wrote back in High School? Well time to dust off that talent of yours and get creative. I would like to talk to you about it at the cruise. See you there.

Bill Severson
Secretary



Cice.....is that you?

Secretary Report

Definite signs you are working too hard when: a) You can not even get down to the boat to make sure it is still floating, never mind scrubbing the decks, or. b). Out of town on business and can not make it back in time for the St. Patrick's Day Cruise. I have been having a very busy winter and sure hope I can slow things down a bit. I did finally get back in town and the first Saturday in spring was beautiful. I am confident the weather for the April Cruise to Poulsbo will be perfect and I can't wait.

Before I can sail away into fine spring day, I need to work with Pat Clarke on completion of this newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading the Anchor Watch, we are anxious to make it better and more informative. I am on the look out for interesting articles. Remember that "A" you re-

Past Commodore/ Trustee Report

The days are longer, the boat show is over, and the rain is warmer so it must be the start of the boating season. As you prepare for the start of the season it's a perfect time to do an equipment safety check.

At a minimum you should check to make sure your horn works, your signal flares haven't expired, your PFD's are in good shape and not only check your fire extinguisher but take it out, turn it over and rap on the bottom a few times to loosen the material as it will have settled over the winter. Also take the time to check your lines for chafe and if you use plastic ties to hold a shackle pin in place make sure it hasn't gone brittle over the winter.

As you can imagine, crossing the border into Canada has gotten tougher. The CANPASS

Private Boats Program has been suspended. All boats entering Canada via water must arrive at a designated marina as noted on the following list. The owner/operator must report to our telephone reporting center at 1-888-CANPASS (226-7277). A customs inspector will request the necessary information and instruct you on what to do to receive your legal entry into Canada.

Fisherman's Dock West,
Bamfield
Kingfisher's Marina, Bamfield
Coast Marina, Campbell River
Discovery Harbour Marina,
Campbell River
White Rock Government Dock
Crescent Beach Marina
Coal Harbour Marina,
Vancouver
All Marinas Until Further Notice
False Creek
Steveston Gas Station
Breachin Point Marina, Nanaimo
Nanaimo Port Authority Basin
Government Dock, Port Alberni
Government Dock, Powell River
Government Dock (Fairview),
Prince Rupert
Government Dock (Rushbrook),
Prince Rupert
Bedwell Harbour (May-Sept.),
S. Pender Island
Canoe Cove, Canoe Cove,
Saanich Peninsula
Port Sidney Marina, Sidney
RVYC, Tsehum Harbour
Van Isle Marina,
Tsehum Harbour
Oak Bay Marina, Oak Bay,
Saanich Peninsula
RVYC, Cadboro Bay,
Saanich Peninsula
Victoria Customs Float
CFSA: Canadian Forces Sailing
Assn. -Club Memb only

Tony Piwowarski
Past Commodore/
Trustee





**April 12-14
Annual Business
Meeting
Poulsbo**

**May 24-27
Wagonwheel
"Magic on the Water"
Port Blakely Harbor
Bainbridge Island**

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Lee Mattox.....253-927-6034
- Rear Commodore**
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- Treasurer**
Ken Hammerquist.....425-827-8491
- Fleet Captain**
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- Past Commodore/Trustee**
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