



Cruise Report

A special thanks to the Sons of Norway, Poulsbo Lodge #44, for the use of their excellent facilities and for the dinner prepared for us. We have been invited to come back another year. Obviously, RHYC impressed them with our presence and we were impressed in return with their excellent services. Perhaps it had to do with the spiffily-dressed RHYC officers, who definitely add a great deal of class to our club. Thanks, officers, for making us all feel so "celebrated". (See Annual Meeting information in this newsletter.

Weather was certainly a factor in some boats using the greater part of valor by driving to the meeting instead of battling the wind and rain. It was great to see such a large attendance at the annual meeting and however you got there, thank you for participating in this very important responsibility. Members attending were: Forest and Carol Aldrich, Ed and Misti Allison, Ted and Hella Backmann, Jim Cannon (Peggy, sorry to hear you were ill!), Jim and Faith Chapel, Bob and Heidi Green, Pete Clarke (Pat is recuperating!), Chuck and Dorothy Cooper, Ted and Shirley Elder, Mark and Pam Elmore, Jim and Karin Gregg, Bill Hall and Norma Williams, Ken and Julie Hammer-



Our fearless leader

quist, Dick and Marilyn Hampton, Skip and Sandy Hanson, Harry and Teri Johnson, Mark and Jan LaFontaine, Dan and Raye Lohse, Ron and Pat Marshall, Jim and JoAnne Martenson, Jim and Cheryl Matheson, Lee and Debra Mattox, Terry and Carol McAdams, Bob and Dianne Mc McClintick, Andy and Mary Ann McDonnell, BJ and Gerri Mole, John and Joyce Motola, Don and Celia Paxton, Tony and Evelyn Piwowarski, Greg and Jackie Roberts, Bill Severson, Bob and Jan Stewart, Doug and Gail Stewart, Bob and Maidie Strellman, Mickey and Sara Swett, Cecil Tice and Dorothy Johnson, Chuck and

Michaela Turbak, and Don and Joanne Westerberg.

We know a couple of you paid at the door, and we apologize for any names omitted. Selling three sets of raffle tickets kept all of us workers busy and produced many winners. Many April birthdays were celebrated with Joanne Martenson putting the finishing touches on 3 large cakes with enough candles on all three to celebrate everyone's birthdays plus someone turning 62 years old on the 13th.

New members were recruited and attended the dinner. More information will be coming about Tom and Jude. Thanks to Lee and Debra for enticing Tom and

Jude for RHYC membership. We LOVE those new members!!!! Shopping in Poulsbo was a high light, as usual, but cruise captains kept an eye on Mary Ann McDonnell, as she was certain to give away the "Screw-up Award" and this was even a greater sense of accomplishment. And, guess what...if you watch long enough, you'll surely find someone to give it to. Mary Ann, you did a great "Eagle Eye". And, congratulations first to Tony Piwowarski, not to mention Evelyn who tried to get the captain off the hook, but we know everything that happens is the captain's responsibility, right? So, Tony got the Screw-up Award for flying his past-commodore's burgee upside down. However, not to be out done, Tony quickly presented the award to Bill Severson who will retain the Screw up Award until the next unsuspecting person. Just keep an eye on Bill Severson, because he will surely be keeping an eye on YOU!!!

If you attended the Annual Meeting, you will know there was a motion to dismiss with the reading of the RHYC minutes of the previous meeting. However, quick thinking member, JoAnne Martenson, suggested we read the minutes anyway, as a way to bring new members forth with greater knowledge. Commodore Jim Canon in his usual finesse reported that there were minutes to read, however the minutes were not present. Well, guess who didn't bring them?? Congratulations, Bill Severson!!

Your cruise captains, would like to thank everyone for making our jobs such easy ones. And, we pat ourselves on the back for being able to keep all

eight of us informed at all times about each other's responsibilities. It gets harder with more than one "chief", but we made a good "team".

Thanks to everyone for all the great times.

Cruise Captains:
 Dick and Marilyn Hampton
 Bill Hall and Norma Williams
 Ron and Pat Marshall
 Bob and Jan Stewart

Corrections

Please correct the following email addresses in the roster.

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Cooper -
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Severson -
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Turbak -
 turbakgrp6@aol.com

I apologize for the misprints.
 Carol McAdams

New Applicants

Tom and Jude Guyer
 Chahalis, WA
 32' Bayliner "Hey Jude"
 Sponsored by:
 Tony Piwowarski
 Lee Mattox

T. Lloyd Holmes
 Auburn, WA.
 23' Bayliner/Maxum
 "Conditions"
 Sponsored by:
 Ron & Candy Johnson
 Gary & Lenore Timm

Former members

We have received word that Nancy Hankemeier, wife of Bob Hankemeier, died April 7th after a long battle with cancer. Bob and Nancy were members of RHYC before Nancy's illness forced them to give up boating. A memorial service was held on April 11th.



COLLEGE CLUB OF SEATTLE

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The College Club of Seattle has extended an offer for reciprocal privileges at their club and the Roche Harbor Yacht Club has graciously accepted. So next time you are in downtown Seattle be sure to stop in and take advantage of the club. As you probably know the College Club is where we have had our annual Change of Bridge extravaganza the last few years so you know that it is a top notch place. Just remember the following:

1. Visiting RHYC members must present their signed current membership card upon arrival.
2. Visiting members shall be responsible for all charges incurred during the visit.
3. All visiting members are expected to comply with the by-laws, regulations, and house rules of the club.
4. The College Club of Seattle reserves the right to deny or revoke a visitor's privileges on such grounds as it sees fit.

Commodore Report

The official mailing address of our club is a Post Office box in downtown Seattle. Not much unusual in that except if you're the commodore, you get a key and the responsibility for monitoring and forwarding the various pieces of mail we receive.

I've found that one of the most interesting items we receive are the newsletters from the other boating clubs in our area. They vary considerably in content, writing style, and appearance. I'm prejudiced, of course, but I think our Anchor Watch measures up pretty well on all counts.

It's a learning experience reading about the other clubs and, not surprisingly, finding that we all seem to have similar problems and opportunities. Recruiting new members is a recurring challenge. Keeping the club healthy from a financial viewpoint is another. And improving the facilities and services offered to members yet another.

The more I learn about other clubs, the more I appreciate our own. It's far from perfect but it seems to offer an unusually attractive combination of benefits to the typical boater in our area. And, the recently announced Reciprocal arrangement with the College Club of Seattle will make it even better.

So, as we approach the peak of the boating season this year, let's enjoy what we have and work together to make it even better.

Jim Cannon
Commodore



Vice Commodore Report

By now, you know the other word in my vocabulary besides fun, synonymous with RHYC, is MEMBERSHIP.

It was great seeing such a large turn out for the spring business meeting, weather be darn. All our schedules are tight these days but I do hope many more of you will plug a cruise or two more in your plans for this cruising season.

The dock talk and business meeting chatter as to "who's that? Never seen them before... new members?" made my heart go a flutter. And yes, Ms. Shirley Elder of 25515, it was all the truth. (She's got a mind like a steel-trap, yet sometimes she just doesn't readily know which "folder" she filed it under.)

Thanks again for the support of my chair responsibilities, and your show of hands regarding this year's membership goal.

Lee Mattox
Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore Report

At our recent business meeting I discussed our outstations and how important it is to sign-in when using them. This is our only way to understand the value the outstations provide to the Club. When members fail to sign-in, the numbers just don't support the costs the way they should. In year 2000 for example, based on the number of members signing in, the cost per night's moorage at Kingston was \$110 per boat, and only 17% of the members reported using the

facility. It would be hard to justify the cost if this was an accurate count. The numbers significantly improved in 2001, the cost per boat dropped to \$56 per night and the number of members signing-in rose to 33%. This improvement can be attributed, in part, to the relocation of the logbook to a more convenient location, and the increase in membership.

Signing-in at Roche Harbor is a little different and less convenient. The logbook is kept in the Harbormaster's office. During the summer months the office is located near our slip. You simply need to ask one of the Roche employees in the office for the logbook to sign-in. This will be our first full year to properly track usage at Roche; there is insufficient data from last year to properly calculate the cost per night's moorage for a full calendar year. Some members reported that when they asked for the logbook at the Harbormaster's office they were told that it was not there. I telephoned Roche and confirmed that they do have our logbook and are willing to keep it available to us for sign-in purposes.

Please help us by signing-in whenever you use one of the outstations and if you forget to do so, a simple e-mail or telephone call to me confirming your stay will help keep our records current. Thanks for your cooperation.

Doug Stewart
Rear Commodore



Fleet Captain Report

What is it with this rotten weather? Can't we have more than a few hours of sunshine on a 2002 cruise, just once? Oh well, some sun is better than wind and snow! At least we had a good turn out for the Business Meeting. Congratulations to the Halls, Hamptons, Marshalls and Stewarts for a great weekend despite the elements. Well done!

Thanks to Ed Allison for meeting with the Opening Day participants and helping to coordinate this event. Cheer our RHYC members who will be wearing their uniforms aboard "Reflections" and enjoy the fes-

tivities.

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. This would be a perfect way to introduce potential members to club activities. We have had a lot of interest, so call soon.

The Third of July fireworks raft up in Liberty Bay at Poulsbo will be unstructured as no one was interested in helping as a cruise captain. A few of us are going to anchor together on the evening of the third then cruise the next day to watch the Fourth fireworks somewhere else. Call

me before July first if you want to join the fun.

Don't forget to sign up for the Roche Harbor Colors Cruise August 2, 3 and 4. Ted Elder and his crew have a terrific event planned.

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 please give him or me a call. Thanks for your help.

Dave Leonard
Fleet Captain



Memorial Day WAGON WHEEL Anchor Out Magic on Water 2002

May 24 - 27
Port Blakely Harbor
Bainbridge Island

Friday May 24

Arrive anytime after 1500h
Appetizers and dinner on your own.

Saturday May 25

Arrive anytime before 1200h
Breakfast and lunch on your own.
Games and festivities begin at 1300h
Blind dinghy race Cocktail Dinghy Parade
Salmon Dinner served off of *Reflections*

Sunday May 26

Pick up breakfast box at your leisure
White elephant exchange Cocktail Dinghy Parade
Dinner on your own

Monday May 27

Breakfast and lunch on your own.



Reservation deadline is May 20.
Contact any Cruise Captain

Cruise captains:
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Cost for everything is \$20.00 per person on your boat. Pay when you arrive.



Artificial intelligence is no match
for natural stupidity

Treasurer Report

I'm sounding like a broken record. But it's a good broken record. We're in good shape financially. We're going to wind up in the black for the fourth straight year. I distributed our financial report at Poulsbo so if you were unable to attend and would like one, please contact me.

If you have any changes for the roster, you can send them to Carol McAdams at roster@rhyc.org. We're going to try to post an updated roster periodically on the web site. It will be printable.

The weather is starting to turn nice so let's get out on those boats. See you soon.

Ken Hammerquist
Treasurer



Secretary Report

First of all, I did have a great time at the Poulsbo Cruise. I had been working hard and it felt good to get a day off. I took my wife to the airport for a trip back to Tennessee. I then grabbed my Secretary's binder and headed for the ferry for the trip across Puget Sound. The weather was just too rough for the trip in my small sailboat. I arrived in time to talk with some friends and have a snack before heading for the Board meeting.

It was then that things started to go wrong. I forgot last year's Secretary's book which had the minutes of last year's business meeting. Well everyone said that was ok, since someone always raises the motion to wave the reading of the minutes. I still felt uneasy.

Then off to the annual business meeting. Board members had to get all dressed up, blue

blazer, white shirt and black tie. The meeting was very well attended and got off to a good start. And then it happened, someone from the audience asked for the minutes to be read. I was sunk.

Later that evening at the dinner and presentations, Tony Piwowarski got up at the end of the presentations and called for Jim Cannon, Doug Stewart and Bill Severson to come forward. I knew what was about to happen. I was given the prestigious "Screw-up" award. Well, I won it fair and square. So be careful out there this year, I will be watching and anxious to hand the award to the next unfortunate sailor that makes a "mistake".

Bill Severson
Secretary



Our condolences to Jim & Cheryl Matheson. Jim's father, Ken Matheson, passed away recently. He was 89 years of age and an avid boater.

Remembrances may be sent to Evergreen Health Care Foundation Hospice, 12910 Totem Lake Blvd, Suite 200, Kirkland WA 98034.

Past Commodore/Trustee Report

As discussed during the April Business Meeting here is the latest information that I can find on the CANPASS program.

The word from Canadian Customs is that CANPASS, has been reinstated as of early April. As reported in the March newsletter, the CANPASS program had been suspended due to the events on 9/11/01.

Current applications for CANPASS are now being processed. Customs informed me that if you currently hold an unexpired CANPASS number, they are automatically extending it by 6 months. For example if your CANPASS number was to expire at the end of May 2002, it will now expire at the end of November 2002. The extra time is to make up for the recent suspension period.

The CANPASS officers are a little back-logged while getting CANPASS back on line. They are in the process of sending letters out to all CANPASS holders explaining the procedure and changes. There will be some small changes to the CANPASS system. In the meantime, if you are planning on boating to Canada you can just report in by telephone as before using your unexpired CANPASS number and follow the old procedures.

To report in via telephone please call 1-888-CANPASS. For questions about your CANPASS membership or to request a new application call CANPASS in Surrey, B.C. at 1-604-535-9346.

Thanks to the members that asked the questions.

Tony Piwowarski
Past Commodore/
Trustee





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

July 4th
 Liberty Bay
 Unstructured
 Raft-up/fireworks

August 2-3
 Roche Harbor
 Colors Cruise
 "Survivor" theme

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Vice Commodore

Lee Mattox.....253-927-6034

Rear Commodore

Doug Stewart.....425-392-1603

Secretary

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