

RHYC

anchor watch



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Cruise Report

Our 2nd wagon-wheel cruise actually began on Thursday of Memorial Day weekend with the early arrival of our cruise captains and some anchor boat volunteers. Anchor captain Dan Lohse, with the help of Ron Ruchek, set the wheel in motion. Dan & Raye Lohse, Ron Ruchek, Ted & Shirley Elder and Andy & Mary Ann McDonnell served as the four anchor boats, with Nat & Linda Collier and guest, fleet captain Dave Leonard as well as Jim & Cheryl Matheson, arriving Thursday evening. With the weather good and all happy, the festivities began early with the winning of a rubber ducky award. Ron Ruchek, while attempting the difficult task of boarding his boat from his dinghy, missed. Nearby in the Collier's dinghy, Nat & Linda Collier, Jim & Cheryl Matheson and Dave Leonard, concentrating on not spilling our evening beverages, heard the splash. As Ron's dinghy floated away with him clutching the side, we decided to come to his aid.

Friday dawned bright and sunny. While a few of the ladies went shopping in Winslow, boaters arrived, tied up by our hard working anchor captain Dan. Arriving Friday through the afternoon and evening were Bill & Joyce Barrott with guests Charlie & Nancy Welsh, Ken & Julie



Opening Day of Boating and RHYC

Hammerquist, Skip & Sandy Hanson, Ron & Candy Johnson, Bernie Larson with guests, Bill & Patsy Pitt and Ken & Linda Larson along with son Paul, Tim & Mary Lewis, Jim & JoAnne Martenson, Lee & Debra Mattox, Dave & Kathy Oglevie, Bob Stewart & Bill Hall, Doug & Gail Stewart, Patty Dills and Linda Hill. The lovely sunny afternoon and evening was enjoyed by all as we shared food and beverage.

Saturday we awoke to the patter of the expected rain...but by late morning things had improved. The circle was not yet closed as we awaited the Saturday arrivals. Looking out our

stern windows, we saw the Lohses alone on their lines. Speculation was rampant. Was it the beans or was it Reggie? Did they forget their Right Guard? Was the noise going to be too loud? Or was Dan just protecting his Heineken? Oh well. The circle did fill as the morning progressed with the arrival of Bill & Laura Severson, followed soon after by Jim & Peggy Cannon, new members Carl Dalton & Vickie Moore, and prospective members Paul Walchenbach, son Peter, and friend Wanda Layton. Later, Ed and Misti Allison visited while moored at QCYC. The circle was closed thanks to the expert guidance of

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Dan Lohse and the games began.

Dave Leonard, Fleet Captain and MC, announced the events. Lots of participants joined in on the blind dinghy race, with the greatest fun, confusion trying to get the dinghies out of the circle's entrance. Prizes were awarded for both a paddling winner and a rowing winner. After a short break, a game of boat poker was played, with five cards being drawn from five strategically located dinghies. Linda Collier, judge of the event, decided on two categories here as well...cheaters and non-cheaters. The cheaters combined hands for the best five of ten cards, while the non-cheaters played theirs individually. Oh well. The non-cheaters received the better prize.

A cocktail dinghy parade was led in early evening by Jim Matheson to the great enjoyment of other boats anchored or rafted in the bay. Just after our parade returned it was reciprocated by one from five sailboats rafted nearby. Great fun!

Dinner followed soon after with dinghies arriving at the stern of Reflections for individually served gourmet salmon dinners. Fifty-two dinners were prepared and fifty-two served.

A salute to colors occurred Saturday evening. With a cannon fired by Ron Ruchek and a CD of the National Anthem played by Jim Matheson, two huge American flags were retired, one from the top of Doug & Gail Stewart's mast and one hanging over our wagon-wheel entrance. It was a moving way to end the day.

A fun late evening followed as members walked across swim platforms visiting and sharing food and beverage. The fun

turned raucous when Lee Mattox borrowed a water cannon and began firing from his dinghy on all in range. Not wanting to take it, Tim Lewis jumped in his dinghy with a bucket...later joined by JoAnne Martenson... and you can imagine what came next.

Sunday morning all arose to a substantial box breakfast with champagne and orange juice served from the stern of Reflections. Many of us dinghied into Eagle Harbor for several hours of enjoyable shopping and lunch in Winslow. Ask Raye and Linda about the new appetizer introduced to us by Mary Ann. We ate it with complete class. Anyone heard of 'endame'? Or something like that.

When the shoppers returned, we had a white elephant exchange, moving (carefully) along swim platforms, followed by another dinghy parade. At 8:54 pm we once again saluted and retired our colors.

On Memorial Day the circle began to break up. For those remaining, JoAnne served a lovely breakfast aboard Summer Wind. A few of us then took dinghies out to Blakely Rock, now a full-blown island on this lowest tide of the year. Then of course it was time for lunch, so we had to barbeque hamburgers aboard Reflections. I think we were all having trouble saying goodbye after a wonderful weekend.

Thank you to everyone who helped and to all who participated, making it as fun, warm and friendly as it was.

Cruise captains
Nat & Linda Collier
Dan & Raye Lohse
Dave Leonard & Linda Hill
Ron Ruchek

New Applicants

Nick and Marilyn Suhadolnik
Seattle 98109
33' Carver
Danny Buoy
Sponsored by Colliers and Cannons

Editor note:

July's newsletter will be done entirely by Bill Severson, so please send anything to go into it to him at :
secretary@rhyc.org



WANTED

High & Dry or Afloat

Information leading to probable denial and/or fabrication of an actual ground breaking boating occurrence.

All information will remain confidential until COB.

**Send all leads to
vicecommodore@rhyc.org**

**\$\$CASH REWARD\$\$
to person who tenders award winning recipient.**

Commodore Report

I'm writing this on May 5, the day after Opening Day of the boating season in our area. As Commodore of RHYC this year I had the opportunity to participate in the ceremonies at the Seattle Yacht Club, as my predecessors have in the past.

It was a fun experience for all concerned and I came away with the feeling that it was a privilege for our club to participate. And participate we did! You would have been enormously proud of our entry in the parade of boats that is the high point of this celebration.

Under the leadership of Ed & Misti Allison, 23 of our fellow members donned their formal nautical gear and put on a show that would have earned them a place on Broadway (and that's Broadway in Manhattan I'm talking about!)

Nat & Linda Collier graciously volunteered the use of their boat "Reflections" for this extravaganza and for those of you who don't know the vessel, it could easily substitute for the ferry Walla Walla if needed. And you should have seen them, lined up from stem to stern, standing tall, resplendent in their dress uniforms and executing a salute that would have made a Marine Drill Sergeant grunt with pleasure.

So, this was a good day for the Roche Harbor Yacht Club. It will live in my memory never to be forgotten.

Jim Cannon
Commodore



Vice Commodore Report

My first thought as I sit here and write my report for this month is to thank the Port Blakeley Harbor cruise captains for a wonderful fun filled weekend. May I personally salute you for your choice of dinner attire for the "opening" wagon wheel of the season? My question is: Were you *standing tall* to volunteer for a prospective Bridge position? If so, I'd vote for anyone of you!

One of many highlights was to have new members Carl Dalton & Vickie Moore and prospective applicants Martin & Joy Neilson in attendance. It is always great adding to our circle of friends. Larson family, you have been missed.

The water activities were not only a highlight to onlookers, it brought back memories of days long past for others.

Our club benefits and the good times we share as RHYC members serve as testimony to why we are one of the best cruising associations in the NW. So please, get on the bandwagon, spread the word and invite prospective members to one of our upcoming events. Contact me if and when you'll be attending a cruise with an applicant or prospective applicant for "special" news.

Lee Mattox
Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore Report

We have received letters from the Meydenbauer, False Creek and Waikiki Yacht Clubs renewing our reciprocal agreements for the year. Some changes to the Meydenbauer Yacht Club's policies that should be noted are:

Visiting moorage is limited to the outer bulkheads of Docks 2 and 3 only. Rafting is permitted. All guests must register at the Clubhouse upon arrival and complete a guest moorage card. Registration packets are also available at the head of Dock #2 when the office is closed. Retain and display the large portion of the card aboard your vessel. The small portion of the card is to be left with the manager.

Guest boats must be occupied overnight. 30 amp power is available for a \$2.00 fee per day.

MBYC "is located in the heart of downtown Bellevue, tucked into Meydenbauer Bay off Lake Washington." Their moorage is "in easy walking distance of restaurants, shops and Bellevue Square shopping center." Their approximate latitude/longitude coordinates are 7*36.5'N, 122*12.4'W. Additional information may be obtained by visiting their home page at www.mbycwa.org

Some additional False Creek Yacht Club information that should be noted: One night free moorage per visit/ two visits per year per vessel. Shore power is additional at a rate of \$5 per day for 15 amp and \$10 per day for 30 amp. Telephone numbers are: Marina 604-868-4275 Office 604-682-3292

There are no significant changes at the Waikiki Yacht Club other than that they can accommodate your boat at their new docks as long as it's not over 140' in length! Other privileges offered by the Club include the restaurant, snack bar, wet bar and pool facilities. Additional information is available by visiting their web site at: www.waikikiyc.com
Doug Stewart
Rear Commodore



Money Talk

This article is addressed to our cruise captains and potential cruise captains. Thank you. You've done a terrific job so far and I'm looking forward to many more wonderful cruises. The comments below are for clarification and general guidance only. I'm not talking about any specific past cruises.

Most cruise captains simply hand write their cruise financial report. One column is income, one column is expenses and it is totaled at the bottom. This method works fine. There has been a form floating around for a number of years but it doesn't seem to get to those who need it. By the time you read this, we hope to have the form updated and posted on our web site at www.rhyc.org/forms.

Also, the club is in good shape financially. The target for cruise income should be \$0. While we don't want to get into the habit of losing money on a cruise, we don't need to make anything either. If you have a profitable raffle, that is terrific. Some people are sensitive to the cost of the cruise so we don't want to get carried away there.

Cruise captains are the lifeblood of this organization. You've done a terrific job. If you haven't been a cruise captain lately, contact Fleet Captain Dave. It's a blast and it is the best way to meet other members. If you have financial questions, call me or e-mail treasurer@rhyc.org.

Ken Hammerquist
Treasurer



Secretary Report

Our club has found a new way to advertise for new members. It is called the Dinghy Parade. Each evening during the cruise to Blakely Harbor on Bainbridge Island we formed a long chain of dinghies and toured the harbor. This generated enthusiastic responses from folks anchored in the harbor. We needed a big sign with our website link. Of course this was only part of the fun during the cruise. We were anchored in a "Wagon Wheel" configuration which makes me think of the movie Waterworld. So a water fight was bound to happen. Jim Matheson and Ray Lohse keep improving the wagon wheel process and provided outstanding leadership during the cruise with the focus always on safety.

The electronic Anchor Watch is posted each month on our website and it is very easy for you to read online or download and print. This could be handy if you are away from home, hopefully on a long cruise. If you would prefer the electronic version instead of snail mail send me a note and the club can save some postage.

We hope you are going to have a busy boating season. The weather is warming up and I plan to be out on my boat every chance I get this summer. You are the Anchor Watch reporters, so share a story about your boat ing trip with the club. Send a note to me and I will get it published in the next Anchor Watch.

Bill Severson
Secretary



Fleet Captain Report

Our first wagon wheel for 2002 on Memorial Day weekend was a rousing success. The weather cooperated beautifully and everything was well organized. The cruise report says it all. Boy, we had a great time! Congratulations to Cruise Captains Nat and Linda Collier, Dan and Raye Lohse, Linda Hill and Ron Ruchek. You have all earned a resounding salute once again. If you missed this wagon wheel be sure to sign up for Labor Day in Longbranch.

The Third of July fireworks raft up in Liberty Bay seems to be drawing renewed interest. It will still be unstructured but several have said they will be there to drop their hooks. A few of us are still planning to anchor together on the evening of the third then cruise the next day to watch the Fourth fireworks somewhere else. Call me before the evening of July first if you want to join the fun.

Ted Elder and his crew have a terrific event planned for the Roche Harbor Colors Cruise August 2, 3 and 4. The theme sounds like it will lead to lots of fun. Look at their flier then call to reserve your spot.

Jim Matheson has everything under way for the wagon wheel in Longbranch on Labor Day. For those of you who haven't volunteered year, this would be a good time to help your club. Give Jim a call; he would appreciate anything you could do.

Dave Leonard
Fleet Captain



A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory



*July 4th
 Liberty Bay
 Unstructured
 Raftup/Fireworks*

*August 2-4
 Roche Harbor
 Cobis Cruise
 "Survivor"*

*September 1-2
 Labor Day Cruise
 Longbranch
 Wagon wheel/dance*

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