

# RHYC anchor watch



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## Cruise Report

To those of you who didn't attend the Annual Colors Cruise at Roche Harbor, you missed one hell of a fun weekend! To those of you who came, congratulations, you survived!

There were 79+ people on thirty boats at Roche Harbor on the first weekend of August attempting to survive the many challenges put before them. On arrival at the Survivor site on Friday afternoon, each castaway was assigned to a tribe, given a tribe headband and given their first challenge. For starters each team was instructed to select a name that would properly reflect their true character and values. Any similarity of the following names and resulting standards of performance was purely coincidental....

- \*Boomchakalakas
- \*Beauty and Banditos
- \*Ken Jake & Dave's Hot Desert Dames
- \*Kan-Doos
- \*The Cinco Roos
- \*The Tyees
- \*Luna Cucarachas
- \*Safaris
- \*Team Extreme.

Over the weekend, tribes were presented with 5 Survivor Challenges. Tribal jug mailboxes were used to deliver challenges. During Friday night cocktails and heavy hors d' oerves, another challenge was found in tribe mailboxes at the party barge.

Test 1 – A balancing test. Back to back arm linking held during Friday's cocktail social. This one the most "Physical" of the 5 tests. Won in a boisterous and frantic manner by Ken Jake and Daves Hot Desert Dames.



Test 2 - This was a crab catching test on Saturday and won by the Beauties and Bandito Team with a measly total of 5 crabs. Some very interesting spousal conflicts on sharing of pots and catches. Feeble excuse award to the Tyee team for turning in a chicken wing, saying they couldn't get the crabs to take their bait. Ya-sure folks--especially when the pot is still on the boat! The judges strongly suspect many crabs got diverted before they were even delivered to the Committee.

Test 3 – A true Survival exercise, involving a list of items salvaged from a boat wreck off the Mexican Coast. Lots of interesting team decision building at the party dock classrooms and won in a landslide by the Kan Doo Team. The judges suspecting, but not able to prove, some kind of an insider "leak".

Test 4- A Survivor Trivia challenge was based on the 4 Survivor TV shows and we learned who watches TV the most. Won in a close race by the Luna Cucarachas Team with 64 correct answers out of a possible 74.

Test 5- A Survivor challenge of dressing in the most survival gear to be found on a boat produced some hilarious results. Bill Stock looked like some kind of surviving flasher in his get-up. The creative survival skills of all the teams shone through on this one with Luna Cucarachas edging out the pack with a total of 77 stashed survival items on their team representative.

Saturday night dinner consisted of Sucia Island Snake marinated in a secret sauce [tasted like chicken] and filet of Orcas Island Rodent [tasted like flank steak] with a few handfuls of yummy rice and a nutty

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salad.

Congratulations to the Luna Cucarachas for being the overall weekend winning team winning 2 of the 5 Tests. Special thanks to Deb (Elder) Atkinson for serving as Test organizer and coordinator. To Ted Elder for his creative work on the desert survival test and to Pat Clarke for her creative work in putting together the TV Show test. Also to Deb and Misti Allison for donating of prizes for the winning team.

Our officers were very impressive at the Roche Harbor Colors Ceremony. After the last flag was lowered and the cannon fired, Lee Mattox and Dave Leonard joined the Roche Harbor Color Guard in leaping into the beautiful and aromatic waters of the Roche Harbor Marina fuel dock. Following Colors, dessert of some sort of cocoa bean delight with a frosty bean topping was served in wind and tiki torchlight.

Sunday's breakfast of pancakes and sausage and ham helped to fill any empty Survivor tummies that were left.

Among the competing Survivors were the Aldrichs, Allisons, Bennetts, Biggs, Cannons, Clarkes, Vicki Moore and Carl Dalton, Jason DiStefano, Patti Dill, Elders with cruise helpers daughter Deborah Atkinson and grands Sydney and Mark Atkinson, Elmores with son Jake and guests, Farrells, Goodspeed, Hamptons, Heanys, new members Teri and Harry Johnson with guests Ann and Frank Hankins, Hill and Leonard, Lohses, Mattox with daughter Brooke and guests Lamont Cole and Jamie and Jeff Daugherty, McDonnells with guests [daughter] Diane and Chris Root and grands Jeanette and Austin, Mehlums, Mottolas, Ruchek, Bob Stewarts, Doug Stewarts with guests Jeff Stewart and Jody Katahara, Stocks, Strellmans, Turbak, Weatherills, Westerbergs, and prospective new members Jan and Walter Friesen and Duane and Pat Schoepach with their daughter Christi, granddaughter Kasey York, and John Schoepach and Karen

Bartlett.

Thanks to all who participated and made it such a fun weekend.

Cruise Captains:  
Ted and Shirley Elder  
Deborah Atkinson  
Pete and Pat Clarke  
Ed and Misti Allison  
Don and Joanne Westerberg



whozat???

## Golden Shoehorn?

On our way to the Colors Cruise at Roche, we stopped off at LaConner. The dock is full, the current is running fast. There is only a small space between us and the boat in front of us. Several 25ft boats eye the spot but figure no way will they fit and go elsewhere.

Suddenly we look up and Ken and Julie Hammerquist, in their 33ft *Shortcake*, are asking if there is room for them. Andy paces the space off and shouts to Ken there is about 39 feet between the two boats. Ken says his boat is 39 ft overall so decides he will go for it. He maneuvers sideways, against the current and slips right into the spot. The space is so close that Julie tilts their dinghy forward so they can fit under our bow pulpit!

Everyone on the dock is amazed at Ken's docking ability and we are quick to explain that all RHYC members possess great boating skills.

Perhaps it is time to introduce a "Golden Shoehorn" award and make Ken and Julie the first recipients!

*Story contributed by Maryann McDonnell.*

## New Members

Please welcome the following new members to RHYC

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Martin & Joy Neilson  
Federal Way, WA  
44' Ocean Alexander  
*Windfall*  
Sponsored by Skip Hanson & Art Stipan

Carl Dalton & Vickie Moore  
Ridgefield, WA.  
34' Trojan  
*Elizabeth Ellen*  
Sponsored by Doug Stewart & Lee Mattox

Chuck & Brenda Bates  
Coupeville, WA.  
28' Camano  
*Explorer*  
Sponsored by John & Joyce Motola

## New Applicants

Rod & Joanne Barber  
Tacoma, WA.  
30' Baba Cutter  
*The Flying Pelican*  
Sponsored by Mark & Pam Elmore and Lee Mattox

Walter & Janine Friesen  
Mercer Island, WA.  
38' San Juan  
*Wave Guide*  
Sponsored by Dan & Raye Lohse and Ron Ruchek



**A conscience is what hurts  
when all your other parts feel so good.**

## Vice Commodore Report

All who attended the RHYC Colors Cruise seem to have a wonderful time. The Cruise Captains did a phenomenal job with food, games and entertainment. (Just loved that pig song duet and our theme song...Oh Lord it's hard to be humble).

As a group in Roche, we drew a lot of attention and signed on some great new applicants: Kevin Carlton, Rod and Joanne Barber, and Walter and Janine Friesen. May I speak on behalf of the club and thank you again for choosing to join in and to become members of one of the best cruising club's in the NW.

I'd like to acknowledge at this time the following members for their sponsorship of new applicants thus far this year; Jim & Peggy Cannon, Nat & Linda Collier, Mark & Pam Elmore, Mark Goodspeed, Ron & Candy Johnson, Skip & Sandy Hanson, Mark & Jan LaFontaine, Dan & Raye Lohse, Warren Metteer, Tony & Evelyn Piwowarski, Ron Ruchek, Doug & Gail Stewart, Art & Noreen Stipan and Gary & Lenore Timm.

Recruiting efforts do make a difference, so please continue spreading the word and inviting others to join in on one of our upcoming cruises.

Lee Mattox  
Vice Commodore



## Rear Commodore Report

Now that I can say that I **SURVIVED** the Roche Colors Cruise, it's time to cobble together yet another Anchor Watch Report. But first I want to say what a great job the Cruise Captains did and how much their hard work was appreciated. It was a great cruise!

During the cruise, I took a walk out to the Harbormaster's Office to collect the sign-in sheets. The number of members registering their use of the outstation suggests that most, if not all, members are remembering to sign-in. Thank you, it

makes my job a lot easier.

In reviewing the logbook I did notice something that causes me to believe there is some confusion regarding the use of the wait list on the inside front cover. The purpose for this list is to establish a convenient queuing method to make sure that members wishing to use the outstation do so on a "first come" basis. In other words, the first member to sign the list on any given day has priority for the first available vacancy; the second member registering is second in line, etc., etc. The confusion appears to be that some members are using the list to reserve space for a future date. This is not the purpose for the list. Use of both the Kingston and Roche outstations is always on a "first come" basis only.

Doug Stewart  
Rear Commodore



## Secretary Report

Laura and I have returned from our trip to Europe just in time to help get this newsletter out and enjoy the best weather in the World. We had a great time, with one of the highlights being the boat trip down the Rhine River in Germany. Also stopped by the Barcelona Yacht Club, maybe a candidate for reciprocal someday.

I am anxious to get caught up on my sailing and club duties. So hope to see you in Longbranch for the next cruise

Bill Severson  
Secretary



## Money Talk

All's quiet on the financial front. This job is pretty easy during the summer. We're right on our budget. As I've said many times before, we expect to finish the year with a modest surplus.

It sounds like the Colors Cruise to Roche Harbor was a terrific. I'm sorry we couldn't make it. We're looking forward to Longbranch. For anyone who hasn't been there, it is a terrific place to drop anchor. Hope to see everyone there.

We are starting to look at doing some improvements on the web

site. We're looking for some advisors. Anyone with an opinion is eligible. (I know I'm leaving myself open on that one.) All you have to do is check out the web site and let us know what you think as we make changes. You'll be our beta testers. If you're interested, send your comments to [treasurer@rhyc.org](mailto:treasurer@rhyc.org) or [webmaster@rhyc.org](mailto:webmaster@rhyc.org). This is about the easiest job the club has to offer.

Ken Hammerquist  
Treasurer



## Fleet Captain Report

Ted Elder and his crew have reached a new plateau for creativeness and mental challenge at the Roche Harbor Colors Cruise August 2, 3 and 4. We certainly found out who watched TV on Thursday nights the past few seasons. Despite the reference to snake and mountain beaver, the meals were tasty and creative. The survivor games proved to be very innovative and fun to participate in. I was amazed at all the survival stuff we found in our boats. Here is a wave of the tribal bandana to all of the brave and hearty members that attended. Also, here is a special salute to the cruise captains for hosting a memorable event. The Colors Retreat was moving but the water sure was cold!! I am looking forward to doing it all over again next year.

Jim Matheson and his crew have things well in hand for at the wagon wheel in Longbranch on Labor Day. It should be well attended with several other clubs showing some interest in anchoring with us. Help with prizes and games would still be appreciated. We especially need donated or raffle items. This is a good chance for new members to please step up and help. It doesn't take much time and is really fun. If you haven't assisted this year please call Jim soon.

Lee Mattox and his cruise captains have a fun Columbus Day celebration planned at Kingston October 11-13. As always the KCYC will be doing their best for this end of the season event. Any additional help would be appreciated.

Next year's cruse planning is already underway. Please call me or the Paxton's with any ideas you may have.

Dave Leonard  
Fleet Captain





**DON'T FORGET.....**

**RHYC August 31 Labor Day Wagon Wheel**

**MAGIC WEEKEND ON WATER**

**When: August 31 through Sept 2**

**Where: Longbranch**

Your incredible MAGIC WEEKEND ON WATER adventure will start by arriving at Longbranch any time after 10 AM on Friday August 31 and all day on Saturday September 1 to raft up to 4 pre selected anchor boats.

On this cruise you can just hang out on board with friends or be as busy as YOU want to be, participating in the weekend activities.

For further in formation or if you have questions please contact your Longbranch cruise team listed below.

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR & Reply today:**

***OCTOBER 11 - 13***

### **CRUISE TO RENO "KINGSTON"**

Arrive Kingston Friday October 11 with heavy hors d'oeuvres for our welcome social to begin a fun filled cruise.

One highlight of the weekend: Saturday you will be shuttled to the **Point No Point Casino** for a Prime Rib buffet (other menu choices can be made available), gambling and entertainment. Elvis has left the building, but the entertainment is a "live" event to be revealed in the flyer, which will be in the September Anchor Watch.

The Point No Point is a new casino that opened in April. They will provide us with free shuttle vans. The dining area is open to all ages, but you must be 21 to enter the bar and casino area. In addition to a ticket for the dinner, you will also receive \$5.00 in script for your first go at winning.

More details will follow in the September flyer. **Save the dates, October 11 – 13 and start saving your spare change**, to claim your share of the casino jackpots.

To secure your place at a winning table, send an **email today** to [turbakgrp6@aol.com](mailto:turbakgrp6@aol.com) or phone – 253.927.6034.

Your Kingston Cruise Captains,

Chuck & Michael Turbak

Mickey & Sara Swett

Lee & Debra Mattox



Aug. 30th – Sept 2  
 Labor Day Cruise  
 Longbranch

"Magic Weekend on the Water"  
 Water wheel/dance

October 11-13  
 Columbus Day Cruise  
 Kingston

November 9  
 Commodore Ball  
 Change of Bridge  
 College Club  
 Seattle

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