

RHYC

Anchor Watch



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Cruise Report

This year's Labor Day Cruise, "Do the GIG," shattered all previous records for RHYC WagonWheels with 44 boats and 104 members and guests.

Attending this cruise were: Ed & Misti Allison, Jim & Peggy Cannon, James & Faith Chapel, Kathy DiStefano, with daughter Jaime, Brian & Andrea Dodd, Glen & Liz Dodge with daughter Nicole and friend Heather, Marty & Jan Eichenberger with son Kyle, Bruce Ford with son Gary and grandson Ryan and friend Merritt Furman, Warren & Inge Geri, Dennis & Cathy Graham, Jim & Karin Gregg, Ken & Julie Hammerquist, Dick & Marilyn Hampton, with daughter Karen, Dave & Linda Leonard, Tim & Mary Lewis, Dan & Raye Lohse, John & JoAnne Masker, Jim & Cheryl Matheson with friends Robert & Janey Rath and Bill & Dianne Conley, Jim & JoAnne Martenson, Lee & Debra Mattox, Terry & Carol McAdams, Rich & Barbara McCormick, Andy & MaryAnn McDonnell, Tom & Melinda McGrath, Dave & Mary Mehlum, Neil & Noreen Millen, with friends Kenny & Cindy Spiker, Tom & Chris

Miner, Bill & Janel Moffet, Werner & Jan Otto, Dave Oglevie, Mary & Paisto Pesola, Thom Permenter and Dione Murray, Don & Celia Paxton, Gene & Martha Paxton, Jerry & Julie Podgorski, Henry & Shana Revelez, Bill & Laura Severson, Bob & Jan Stewart, Doug & Gail Stewart, Greg & Barbara Swain, Cary & Dian Swasand, Mickey & Sara Swett, Chuck & Michaele Turbak, Duane & Susan Waltos, Vance Webster, Don & Carolyn Whatmore. Other Guests: Mike Goodman & friend, Bill.

First, we want to thank all the cruise team members who made this cruise a great event. Thanks to the anchor boats, Dave Leonard, Marty Eichenberger, Don and Carolyn Whatmore, Bruce Ford, and JoAnne and Jim Martenson. Setting up a wagonwheel in the wind is a task that takes patience, skill, and some faith. Thanks to Marty and Jan Eichenberger for greeting everyone with a smile, a registration packet, and collecting money for the event. Bruce Ford did an outstanding job of selling raffle tickets and he sold 26 RHYC WagonWheel tee shirts. The rest of the t-shirts are available at the club store.

Friday started out waiting for boats to arrive and getting the wheel set up. Everyone was relaxing, shopping, or doing as they pleased.

The action started Saturday after lunch. Don and Carolyn Whatmore did a fantastic job of creating exciting games and gave away 26 prizes including many raffle ticket winners. Game winners were:

Blind Dinghy Race: Thom Permenter and Dione Murray

Tennis Ball Throw: 1st Place: Henry & Shana Revelez; 2nd Place: Glen & Liz Dodge

Nautical Trivia: Ken Hammerquist

Water Fight: Mickey Swett. Mickey started it and with great preparation he finished it like a champ! He was renamed Mickey's Wet!

Bingo (which seemed to be one of the favorites) had six winners and there were 21 raffle ticket winners.

Thanks to Liz and Glen Dodge and their team for preparing a wonderful breakfast for 100, consisting of 270 eggs, 20 lbs of sausage, bananas, and croissants. And to Gail Stewart who helped with preparing and serving breakfast.

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Thanks also to Glen Dodge and Tom Miner, Jim Martenson and Tim Lewis for their tug boating skills to get the wheel set up and taken down.

We set a record Saturday afternoon for the longest dinghy parade in the past 5 years, with over 36 dinghies in tow, and the longest wait for dinner. In fact some of us are still waiting for the Saturday night dinner.

The Karaoke on the Water was a success with Millennium Sound and we have the sore throats and photos to prove it. Special thanks to song leaders Nicole Dodge, Jamie DiStefano and Kyle Eichenberger who got things started and kept them going. It was a wonderful sight to see all of the happy singers on the boats and in their dinghy's, singing their hearts out.

The aerial photo was again successfully completed by Vice Commadore Doug "the Velcro Man" Stewart. As promised, all attendees will receive an 8X10 color photo taken from the Robinson R22 helicopter. Doug also produces the very popular photo montage that is inserted in the Anchor Watch.

Many thanks to Tim and Mary Lewis and Bill and Laura Severson for having us all for Sangria and Hors D'oeuvres on Star Search Sunday eve. It was a wonderful surprise treat for all of us.

An unexpected bonus, we received a set of photos and compliments from Gig Harbor resident Jim Nelson, who shot photos from his home deck, and sent the photos and a fine e-mail to Lee Mattox complimenting RHYC. He got our e-mail address from the RHYC banner we were flying. We can all be proud of the tradition and reputation that RHYC has developed over the years.

Thanks also go to the following contributors for the prizes: Arabella's Landing Marina, Boaters World, Bremerton & Port Orchard Marinas, Fisheries Supply Tim & Mary Lewis, Dave & Mary Mehlum, Noreen &

Neil Millen, Oak Harbor Marina, West Marine

If we have missed you or your guest in this report, we apologize. Please let us know and we will correct it in the next issue of Anchor Watch.

We thank you for supporting this record setting WagonWheel and look forward to seeing you all again soon at future cruises.
Jim and Cheryl Matheson
Cruise Captains

New Members

Please welcome the following new members to RHYC:

Bob and Margaret Anderson
Port Orchard, WA
32' Island Gypsy
"Messin Around"
Sponsored by: Whatmore

Steve and Sandy Driscoll
Clyde Hill, WA
44' Island Packet
"Crescendo"
Sponsored by: Stewart and Mattox

Warren and Inge Geri
Gig Harbor, WA
42' Ocean Alexander
"At Ease"
Sponsored By: Stewart

Andrew Himes and Alix Wilber
Seattle, WA
43' Stephens
"Seven Bells"
Sponsored by: Goodspeed and Stewart

Bob and Vera Maruska
Kirkland, WA
41' President/Double Cabin
"Vina Del Mar"
Sponsored by: McClintick and Mattox

Cary and Dian Swasand
Bellevue, WA
57' Tollycraft
"Stars"
Sponsored by: Waltos and Grahams

New Applicants

Bob and Maria Desautel
Seattle, WA
57' Carver – "Hanukah Mutate"
Sponsored by: Waltos and Graham

Jim and Susan Hubly
Bellevue, WA
38' Bayliner – "JACS IV"
Sponsored By: Matheson and Whatmore

Jack Johnson and Sharon Clark
47' Bayliner – "Risky Business"
Sponsored by: Otto and Allison

Dan York & Neil Evans
Seattle, WA
26' Laguna – "Suzie"
Sponsored by: Werner Otto and Doug Stewart

Robert & Vicky Kunold
Sammamish, WA
26' Chris Craft
Sponsored by: Werner Otto and Doug Stewart

Chuck and Pam Lowry
Beau Arts, WA
43' Bayliner – "Summation"
Sponsored by: Waltos and Swasand

Larry and Connie Maher
Tualatin, OR
35' Carver – "Pride'n Joy"
Sponsored By: Stewart and Guyer

John and JoAnne Masker
Kent, WA
47' Bayliner – "Inamorata"
Sponsored by: McDonnell and Paxton

Richard and Barbara McCormick
Spanaway, WA
36' Islander/Freeport
Sponsored by: Mattox and Whatmore

Tom and Chris Miner
Gig Harbor, WA
37' Marshall/Californian
"Miner's Debt"
Sponsored by: Matheson and Dodge

Ross and Katherine Murray
Beau Arts, WA
47' Bayliner – "Great Panes"
Sponsored by: Graham, Swasand and Waltos

David & Tui Oak
Seattle, WA

30' Bayliner – "Tess"

Sponsored by: Otto and Doug Steward

Phil and Linda Osterli
Poulsbo, WA

36' Uniflite – "Starfish"

Sponsored by: Otto and Allison

Henry and Shana Revelez
Seattle, WA

52' Vic Frank

Sponsored by: McDonnell and Paxton

Robert and LeNiese Rothe
Bellevue, WA

52' Ocean Alexander
"Starlight Express"

Sponsored by: Waltos, Graham and Swasand

George Selfridge and Julie Parmentier
Hood River, OR

44' Island Gypsy – "Danny Boy"
Sponsored by: Colliers

Bill and Pat Shafer
Mercer Island, WA

39' Tollycraft – "Liberty"

Sponsored by: Waltos, Graham and Swasand:

Jon & Sherry Whitworthi
Issaquah, WA

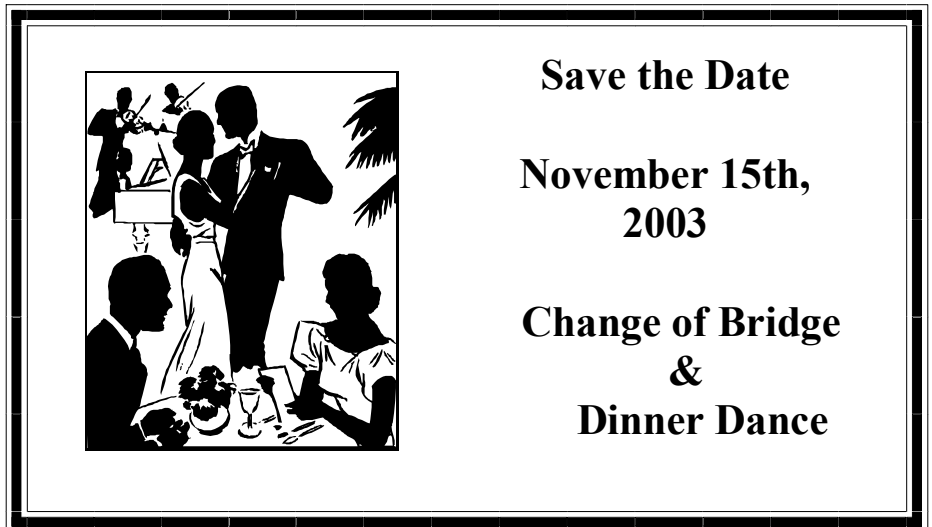
46' Sea Ranger – "Opus"

Sponsored by: Cooper, Eldon Johnson, Otto and Allison

Mike and Julia Young
Bellevue, WA

35' Sea Ray – "Duet"

Sponsored by: Waltos, Graham and Swasand



Save the Date

November 15th,
2003

Change of Bridge
&
Dinner Dance

Sunny Recognitions

By Debra Mattox

To the fantastic summer weather we've had in the Northwest! "Old Head" heard outings have been a plenty, and brimming over with fun-filled memories. Some of you should really write a book...

Before the north winds bring the coolness of fall nights, I couldn't miss this opportunity to wish Greg Swain (8/24) a belated **Happy Birthday**. As birthdays are special – so are good friends and we have a harvest celebrating: Joyce **Barrott** & Dave **Mehlum** (9/10), Scott **Gillman** (9/11), Bob **Anderson** (9/14), Barb **Swain** (9/17), Jason **DiStefano** (9/20), Pete **Clarke** (9/23), Peggy **Cannon**, Angie **Kroeller** & Jan **Otto** (9/24), Dick **Hampton** (9/26), Jan **Eichenberger** (9/29), Brooke **Mattox** (10/4), Ken **Weatherill** (10/9), Lynn **Weatherill** (10/12), Dave **Ellard** (10/14), Paul **Bennett** (10/16), Joyce **Mottola** (10/20), P/C Cecil **Tice** (10/22), Noreen **Millen** (10/23), John **Mottola** (10/25), Jan **Stewart** (10/26), Rod **Masella** (10/28) and

Vance **Webster** (10/29). Hope your birthday is filled with love and warmth and happiness... Hope your day is as special as you are.

With warmest wishes for everything that can make your **Wedding Anniversary** day a special joy for you: P/C Mark & Jan **LaFontaine** (9/3), P/C Ted & Shirley **Elder** (9/8), Ed & Shirl **Klein** (9/15), Paul & Kim **Bennett** (9/21), Amos & Mary **Leviant** (9/22), Skip & Sandy **Hanson** (9/23) and Don & Carolyn **Whatmore** (10/16). All the best, always!

Election Of 2004 Bridge

In accordance with RHYC By-Laws the following candidates are presented to the membership by the Nominating Committee.

Commodore - Doug Stewart
Vice Commodore - Bill Severson
Rear Commodore - Andy McDonnell
Secretary - Chuck Turbak
Treasurer - Nat Collier
Trustee/Pc - Lee Mattox



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

Commodore Report

What a summer this has been. Wow... "Mardi Gras" at Roche Harbor in August! What a culinary feast and sensational Colors celebration our cruise captains provided for us. Thanks to Laura & Bill Severson, JoAnne & Rod Barber and Joyce & John Mottola. You folks, with friends and family thought of everything for all ages. The Roche staff was wonderful, helpful and welcoming, as always.

Then RHYC descends on the South Sound, doing the "Gig." My many thanks to the hard working team: Cheryl & Jim Matheson, Carolyn & Don Whatmore, Liz & Glen Dodge, Jan & Marty Eichenberger, Bruce Ford, family members and all, who just pitched in. The biggest wheel yet, that brought kudos from the community and others visiting the harbor. And it was most interesting to me to witness the grace of Misti Allison and the spryness of Don Whatmore, as they tried walking on water, while the rest of us took the most typical route of stern to stern.

Special thanks to the Allisons for volunteering and following through on securing the Burgee Book, 4th Edition from Dave Kutz.

On a business note: The proposal presented to RHYC, by YBYC, was voted on at our "Special Membership" meeting, held in August at Roche and was accepted unanimously by the attending members.

I would like to thank RHYC member and YBYC Commodore, Noreen Millen and our own Vice Commodore, Doug Stewart for their continuing efforts in completing the transfer of membership from YBYC to RHYC. We all look forward to personally welcoming these members into our fold, as the projected date for completion is 10/01/03. See you in Kingston...
Lee



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Vice Commodore Report

In the past, the main theme for my report was the importance in recruiting new members, what our goal was and what we needed to do to get there. Our goal was to achieve an optimum of 150 active members.

A lot has happened since our last newsletter in July. Many of you have done a tremendous job of introducing prospective new members to RHYC and I am happy to report that, with the few additional applications we expect to receive over the next few weeks we will have reached our goal. This doesn't mean that we should stop accepting applications for membership, but we don't have to be quite so gung-ho in our recruiting efforts. Accepting a few more new members will give us a jump start on our 2004 initiatives.

We have had a tremendous recruiting year and, with few exceptions, it is the result of the efforts of many of you. Your effort will allow RHYC to flourish and continue the traditions established over the years.

Thank you to the following members who sponsored one or more new members during the last couple of months, Tom Guyer, Andy McDonnell, Don Paxton, Lee Mattox, Don Whatmore, Mark Goodspeed, Jim Matheson, Glen Dodge, Duane Waltos, Dennis Graham, Cary Swasand, Nat & Linda Collier, Werner Otto and Ed Allison.

Doug Stewart
Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore Report

I hope you made the most of our "endless summer". The Colors Cruise and the Gig Harbor Cruise were both a load of fun and we enjoyed perfect weather. While at Roche Harbor following the cruise, I stopped by the outstation and

found the log book in good shape and two boats from our club comfortably tied to the outstation dock. The log book showed that the outstation has been busy, with heavy use of the wait list. Thanks to everyone for keeping the book accurate. I only found one member who has been staying a little close to Roche Harbor this year, I'm sure it was a one time summer event. We are working on perhaps two more outstations in the islands for next season.

On my way back to home port from the San Juan trip we utilized reciprocal slips with Anacortes YC and Oak Harbor YC. It was neat not having to pay. Had some fun conversations with neighbors from other yacht clubs. I found the information in the Burgee Book to be very helpful.

Bill Severson
Rear Commodore



Secretary's Report

Wow, what a summer! None of us wanted it to end. In this issue you can see why. Thanks to Doug Stewart for printing the picture insert of the Colors and Gig Harbor cruises. Thanks also to Bill Severson and Pat Clarke for their continued work on the newsletter. There are more pictures on the website. Visit it when you can.

Active members should have received the annual election ballot by the time you read this. Please mark your ballot and mail it to the election committee not later than October eleventh. Your vote counts - so VOTE to be counted!

Having our web address on our banner at the wagon wheel brought us this message via our website that we thought should be passed along.

From: Jim Nelsojnels@centurytel.net
To: RHYC.org
Sent: Monday, Sept 01, 2003 9:35AM
To Members of the Roche Harbor

Yacht Club visiting Gig Harbor –
 We hope you enjoyed your stay – you appeared to be having a great time. Your Labor Day Dinghy Parade was great fun to see. And we appreciated hearing the Roche Harbor Evening Ceremony with the Colonel Bogey march and National Anthems.
 We were glad to have you with us. Attached are a few photos. We'll be happy to get the full sized ones to you if you can use them.

We appreciate Mr. Nelson's kind words and pictures that we used in this issue.

Shortly we will be offering you the opportunity to receive the Anchor Watch via email rather than in printed form. This is being done because of our increased membership, cost and time considerations. Look in your in-box for more information coming soon.

See you at Kingston October 3rd and at the Change Of Bridge November 15th.

Dave Leonard
 Secretary



Fleet Captain Report

My goodness, is it really September already? We only have one more water cruise planned for this boating season!

Our last two cruises have been wonderful. Celia and I were unable to make it to the Colors Cruise, but heard the food and entertainment were terrific. I'd like to thank the Seversons, Bill and Laura, for all the work they did. I'd like to tip my cap also to Ron and Joanne Barber for all they did to make the August Cruise a fun and enjoyable time for everyone. Jim Matheson, thanks for

standing in for me.

Last weekend there was one grand WagonWheel down in Gig Harbor. We played games, ate, drank and made merry for the long Labor Day Weekend. Thanks to Jim Matheson and his crew. We were kept busy all 4 days. I think we need to contact the Guinness record people next time we have a dinghy parade. (I'm not just talking boats here).

Thank you to everyone who worked at putting together these last 2 events. A lot of work was done to make them successful. The only way we have to show you how much we appreciate you is by showing up at the event and having fun and then giving you our heart felt THANKS. WE LOVE YOU GUYS!

Next Month we will all meet in Kingston on October 3-5. Scott Gillman along with the rest of the family, Rod and BJ Masella, will be our cruise captains. Remember it is first come first served for moorage. I'm officially on vacation. Goodbye for now and see you in Kingston.

Don Paxton
 Fleet Captain



Past Commodore

About this time each year, as many of you know, our club holds an election to choose Bridge officers for the coming year.

The Nominating and Election Committee for this year, consisting of Jim Cannon, Pete Clarke and Ed Allison, has submitted a list of candidates for this year's election to be published in this issue of the club newsletter.

Later this month the club Secretary will mail to each Active member in good standing a ballot and a pre-addressed postage-paid envelope for returning the ballot once you have voted. These return enve-

lopes must be post-marked not later than October 11, 2003 to be included in election results. *Return envelopes post-marked after this date will not be included.*

Election results will be announced during the Business meeting at the Change of Bridge in November.

If you have questions regarding the election process, the club By-laws contain a good description of nominating and election procedures. Or, if you prefer, contact any member of the Nominating and Election Committee. They will be glad to help.

Jim Cannon
 Past Commodore/Trustee



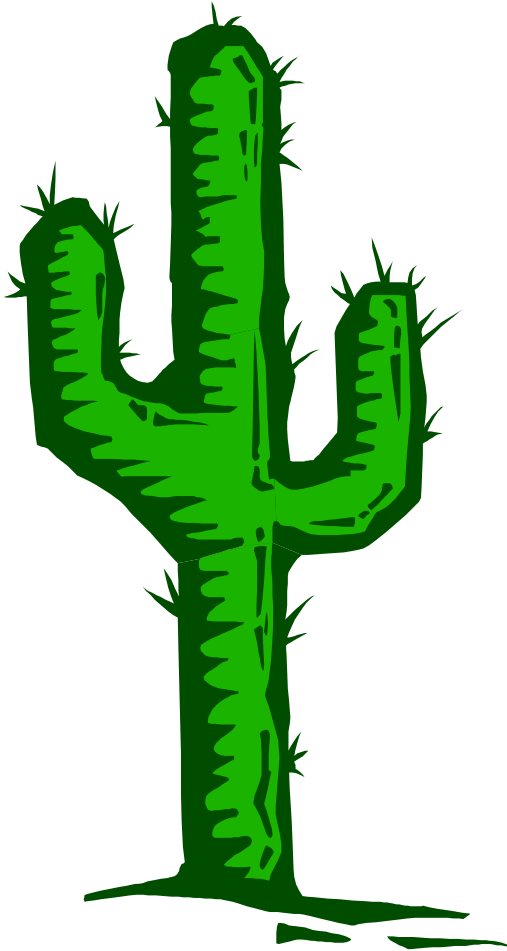
Treasurer's Report

At the beginning of every year the Treasurer makes rather large deposits into the clubs savings account. This money, a large majority of our income, is generated from dues. Our expenses are then covered during the year by making savings account transfers. On December 11, 2002 I transferred money into checking to cover year-end expenses. To date no savings account withdrawals were required since we met all our expenses with revenues received from new member initiation fees and dues. We will finish this year in a very strong financial position.

The membership levels targeted by the board were based on the objective of dues income offsetting club expenses. Currently we are at that level. If we can replace lost membership due to attrition with new members, next year should be another good one.

Andy McDonnell
 Treasurer





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Kingston cruise is
 South of the Boarder
 theme, (Mexican)

ZFriday night bring your
 own appetizers to the
 yacht club

ZSaturday night
 games, prizes, picture
 booth, and delicious
 Mexican

food.

ZSunday - coffee, tea, and donuts, and say
 your goooooood bye's !!!!!!!

Call and tell us you're coming but moorage is first
 come, first served.



BATTER UP!

JUNE 11, 12 & 13, 2004

“Mariners Catch” Cruise to Bell Harbor

**Part of the fun-filled weekend
Includes an evening with the
Seattle Mariners**

**To reserve our block of seats for the game
& your slip at Bell Harbor Marina
We need your commitment
By October 3rd.**

Contact:

**Lee Mattox (253-927-6034) for your reserved seats at the
Saturday, June 12th, 2004 Mariner’s game
Don Whatmore (206-725-4805) for your Bell Harbor
moorage reservations**

**Don’t get left at home plate...
Be a part of the RHYC wave
&
Call today!**

Upcoming Cruises



October 3-5
Columbus Day Cruise
Kingston

November 15
Change of Bridge
College Club

Commodore

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

Vice Commodore

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

Rear Commodore

Bill Severson.....253-393-9287

Treasurer

Andy McDonnell.....253-946-3191

Secretary

Dave Leonard.....425-644-7700

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