



*Change of Bridge
November 15th*

Cruise Report

What an awesome weekend in Kingston! Weather was great, a little chill in the air allowed members to show off their RHYC attire.

We had a large group at the yacht club for appetizers Friday night, Saturday the farmers market was in full bloom, Saturday evening festivities started at 5:00 pm with Maryann taking pictures at the South of the boarder photo booth, that looked very festive. Thanks to Debra and Keilly for the decoration talent. We had our guests Chuck and Linda Norton working hard at the front desk selling tickets and greeting folks as they showed up.

Barb and I were busy passing out margaritas at the bar and after a little visit and some munchies, dinner was announced. Thank you John and Rod for keeping the assembly line moving with hot food, and thanks to Deon for being such a good helper.

Then shortly after dinner, Keilly and I went to work passing out all the wonderful gifts for the drawing and very few left empty handed.

On Sunday morning, we had our traditional coffee and goodies on the guest dock and said our goodbye's. A perfect ending to a perfect weekend. My Family and I want to thank everyone for all the help and support in making this such a fun tour, we had a ball!

Scott Gillman and Family
Cruise Host

New Members

Please welcome the following new members to RHYC:

Christine Stewart
Sammamish, WA 98074
Sponsored by: Doug & Gail Stewart

David & Tui Oak
Seattle, WA
30' Bayliner
"Tess"
Sponsored by: Werner Otto & Doug Stewart

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

New Applicants

Randy & Nancy Wallis
Bellevue, WA
47' Bayliner
"Wally World"
Sponsored by: Skip & Sandy Hanson, Don Whatmore

Rudy & Diane Leighton
Bellevue, WA
33' Bayliner
"Affinity"
Sponsored by: Skip & Sandy Hanson

Doug Lindal & Terry Skok
Seattle, WA
34' American Tug
"Sea Bear"
Sponsored by: John Mottola & Don Westerberg

Brian & Andrea Dodd
Seattle, WA
65' Offshore
"White Star"

Sponsored by: Duane Waltos, Dennis Graham, Neil Millen

Kim & Jill Lorenz
Bellevue, WA
51' Ocean Alexander
"Tireless"
Sponsored by: Ken & Julie Hammerquist

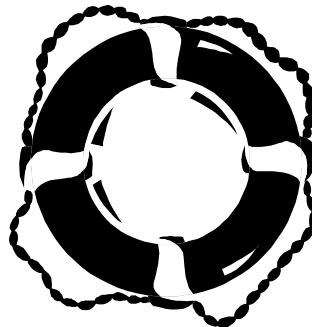
Richard & Merlyn Symms
Bellevue, WA
47' Bayliner
"Prime Time"
Sponsored by: Don & Carolyn Whatmore

Bob & Marge Hillmann
Kenmore, WA
36' Trojan
"Luisa IV"
Sponsored by: Ed Allison & Ted Elder

Recruiting Honor Roll

The following members have done an outstanding job of recruiting/sponsoring new members for our Club this year. In recognition of their efforts, their names will be placed on the RHYC Recruiting Honor Roll for the year 2003.

Ed & Misti Allison
Nat & Linda Collier
Chuck & Dorothy Cooper
Glen & Liz Dodge
Ted & Shirley Elder
Dave & Pam Ellard
Bill & Anneliese Farrell
Scott & Barb Gillman
Mark Goodspeed
Dennis & Cathy Graham
Jim & Karin Gregg
Tom & Jude Guyer
Ken & Julie Hammerquist
Dick & Marilyn Hampton
Skip & Sandy Hanson
Eldon & Rita Johnson
Ron & Candy Johnson
Ed & Shirl Klein
Dave & Linda Leonard
Dan & Raye Lohse
Rod & BJ Masella
Jim & Cheryl Matheson
Lee & Debra Mattox
Bob & Dianne McClintick
Andy & Mary Ann McDonnell
Neil & Noreen Millen
BJ & Gerri Molé
John & Joyce Mottola
Werner & Jan Otto
Don & Celia Paxton
Doug & Gail Stewart
Bob & Jan Stewart
Cary & Dian Swasand
Gary & Lenore Timm
Duane & Susan Waltos
Don & Carolyn Whatmore



In Memoriam

Troy Epting

Former member Troy Epting passed away September 18 after having been very ill all summer. Many within our membership heard the news regarding the loss of such a friend and have shared stories of many happy times with Troy, who will be deeply missed. RHYC extends heartfelt understanding and sympathy to his loved ones.

An excerpt from the email received from his first mate, Millie.

Dear Friends,

Troy passed away peacefully last night as he slept. We agreed not to have a service, but hope you will all celebrate his life as the vibrant man he was. He would want you all to be happy, live life to its fullest, and never put anything with single malt. Remember all of the escapades and experiences you may have shared with Troy, but most of all, down deep, he loved and appreciated you all.

*Love to all,
Millie, Erin, Lezanne & Family*

Sunny Recognitions

By Debra Mattox

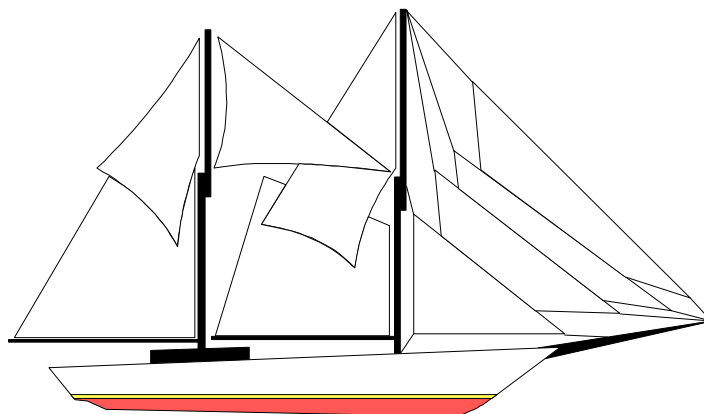
Last dance, last chance for me to wish on behalf of RHYC Happy Birthday greetings to: Sandy **Driscoll** (11/3), Anneliese **Farrell** & Marcia **Krell** (11/7), Maidie **Strellman** & Nat **Collier** (11/11), Mark **Goodspeed** (11/12), BJ **Mole** (11/13), Scott **Gillman** (11/14), Marilyn **Bueneman** & JoAnne **Martenson** (11/16), Thom **Permenter** (11/18), Gerri **Mole**, Bob **Strellman** & Lenore **Timm** (11/24), Terry **McAdams** (11/26) and Art **Stipan** (11/28).

And also to members: Tim **Lewis** (12/4), Old "Head" (12/7), Rod **Barber** & Samy **Khoury** & PC Jim **Martenson** (12/11), Dan **Lohse** (12/13), Sue **Biggs** (12/14), Carolyn **Whatmore** (12/19), Patti **Heany** & Mary Ann **McDonnell** (12/21), BJ **Masella** (12/23) and Sara **Swett** (12/24). Here's wishing each of you, and those who may have been missed, a year to enjoy and remember!

An **Anniversary Arpeggio** to celebrating couples: Gene & Martha **Paxton** (11/19), Dick & Marilyn **Hampton** (11/22), P/C Jim & Peggy **Cannon** (12/17), Jim & Marcia **Krell** (12/20), R/C Bill & Laura **Severson** (12/22), Neil & Noreen **Millen** (12/29) and Rich & Barbara McCormick (12/31). Reminisce the memories of your union and pause a moment to listen to your song.

Get your dance card ready, as I look forward to seeing you swirling around the dance floor at the COB Celebration, November 15th. If you haven't yet sent your RSVP, please do so.

Old "Head" bids farewell to all, with great appreciation to those that have assisted me with, my little contribution or should I say my interpretation of this past year's appointment as your Sunshine Lady. It's been a most rewarding way to open up a conversation and get acquainted with so many members of this club...but holy moly, keep the birth year to your self!!!



The aging process could be slowed down if it had to work its way through Congress.

Commodore Report

So little time left to thank so many...

Let me start with thanking Scott Gillman, Rod & BJ Masella and Family for the great time they provided us in Kingston. Tacos and Margaritas, it just doesn't get any better for a Mexican themed cruise. Ole and mucho gracias!

Where does one begin thanking ALL the 2003 Cruise Captains? You have given the membership many wonderful memories this cruising season. Thank you so much for your creativity, time and effort.

Yet another important group of people in our club are Recruiters. My thanks to all of you who have helped the club reach its goal of 150 Active Members. Great additions to our fold. "Great Job."

Another group of Members who work very hard are the Committee Chairs & Delegates. My sincere thanks to you for taking on the various tasks to run our club in the excellent manner you have.

One more group of individuals to thank, and they would be the 2003 Bridge Officers. Gentlemen, YOU leave me in awe. I'd like to express my gratitude to you for your many ideas, inspiration and contributions allowing me to be the best that I could be.

Last but certainly not least, my many thanks to you the Membership, for giving me the opportunity to hold this position this past year. It has been an interesting journey serving RHYC and an experience that I will cherish and remember for many years. Thank you all for letting Debra and me to play a part in contributing to this friendly, fun and active club. It has been most rewarding for us.

On a business note: I am sure that everyone is very curious as to the status of the Yarrow Bay Yacht Clubs proposal.

Members Tom McGrath, P/C

Ralph Baldwin and an independent CPA have looked over the final draft and have responded favorably. Your Board of Directors has reviewed this draft and voted unanimously to proceed with signatures of agreement. When the ink dries, the details will be published for the Membership.

Looking forward to seeing you at Change of Bridge and welcoming our Bridge for 2004.

Lee Mattox
Commodore



Vice Commodore Report

My time standing watch as Vice Commodore is rapidly coming to an end. Last year the Board set a lofty recruiting goal of 150 active members in the Club. As the person whose primary responsibility is recruiting new members, this seemed to be a daunting task, one that would take at least a couple of years to reach. In reality we achieved this goal last month, a lot sooner than I could ever have expected. Achieving our goal so quickly is directly attributable to the voluntary efforts of so many of our members who have performed an outstanding job recruiting throughout the year. They made my job easy. You will find their names listed on the Recruiting Honor Roll included in this month's Anchor Watch. Personally, I owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude and a sincere "Thank You" for the contribution they have made to the Club. It's through this type of commitment that RHYC continues to flourish.

I have enjoyed tremendously working with a great Board of Trustees and other volunteers who have spent countless hours making sure that 2003 met expectations. They did an excellent job throughout the year, performing the various tasks required to ensure the success of RHYC. Through their efforts we are well positioned to continue the long held Club traditions established over the years.

Doug Stewart
Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore Report

I would like to offer a big welcome to all the new members this year. The Board is excited about the enthusiasm for boating and fellowship you will bring to the club. We want you to make the most of our cruising club so give one of us a call, our phone numbers are on the back of this newsletter.

The best hint I could give you is to keep your copy of the Roche Harbor Yacht Club Burgee book handy. The book gives you the simple rules to follow when using our club Outstations at Kingston and Roche Harbor. Another section is devoted to the over one hundred reciprocal marinas we have arrangements with and complete details on how to get to the marina and the amenities to be found there. Remember to fly the club burgee flag. The membership roster section in my book gets well used, with boat names, cell phone numbers and email addresses. With all the marinas becoming internet hot spots, maybe I will get better at answering my email.

Bill Severson
Rear Commodore



Secretary Report

It has been my pleasure to serve as your club Secretary for 2003. A sincere thank you is due to several key club members who have helped me do my job this past year. This list is short but each is very important:

First, I want to give a special, big public hug and thank you to **Pat Clarke**. The Anchor Watch newsletter has never looked better. Pat, you have served above and beyond your call to duty.

Thanks to **Bill Severson** who took the time and had the patience to print all the newsletters in living color. We both will miss Amy who double-checked all of our work - RIP.

Thanks to **Doug Stewart** for taking many photos and laser printing the picture inserts for the newsletter. It is this sort of innovation that sets our club apart.

Thank you to the members of the **Board of Directors** for the opportunity to serve the club. It has been an interesting and banner year for the best cruising club in the Northwest. I wish Chuck and Michael Turbak best of luck as Secretary in 2004.

Finally HUGE hugs and kisses to my right arm, my lovely wife, **Linda**. Her insight, enthusiasm and energy are contagious and keep me going.

Ok ... wipe your eyes and give a cheer. We'll see you at the Change Of Bridge.

Dave Leonard
Secretary



Fleet Captain Report

Was last weekend just the best or what? Once everyone arrived in Kingston and found a place to tie up, the weekend of good eating, shopping and raffling began. The weather was terrific and of course the company was superb for the final boating weekend of the year. Scott & Barb Gillman were our official cruise captains. Scott's entire family pitched in to make a Grande weekend for us. Mom BJ and Dad Rod Marsella showed Scott the "ropes" on his first experience as cruise Captain. The entire family showed up to slice, dice, chop, stir and fry all the makings for a terrific Mexican Fiesta! Big brother John showed up on Saturday night to help his family in the festivities serving all of us. Oldest child Keilly was running around getting money from everyone. If it wasn't to pay for the weekend she wanted money for raffle tickets. This is one super, loving family. Don't you all want to be adopted by them? Thanks all of you for the great weekend.

Oh yes, thank you MS Commandorable for your help. Word has it you showed up and offered your help!

Since this is my last newsletter I'd like to thank all of the cruise captains for this last year. Without you this year would not have been the success it was. I have enjoyed getting to know many of you in the club. I hope everyone has some great memories of the 2003 RHYC outings. Thanks for a great year and see you at the change of bridge!

Don Paxton
Fleet Captain



Past Commodore

At the Change of Bridge next month, my tour of duty as a member of the RHYC Bridge will come to an end. It's been an enjoyable and rewarding experience and I will miss being actively involved in club management. But, at the same time, it will be a pleasure to step aside and let the traditional management succession take place because that's the way we keep the club fresh and vigorous.

For those of you who have not yet taken an active role in our club's management, I would recommend it highly. There's always the question of the time and effort required, and whether we can work it into our already busy work and family schedules. But believe me, the increased enjoyment of your boating experiences will repay you many times over for the commitment you make to keep our club running well.

There's a variety of opportunities available and lots of help to get you started. Do yourself a favor!

Jim Cannon
Past Commodore/Trustee





Co-op New Years Eve Party

The Everett Yacht Club has invited RHYC Members to Join with them in an effort to expand their NYE Party with us. I would like this to become an annual Event in Cooperation with the EYC.

I have talked to the EYC Commodore, Fleet Captain, and Event Director to arrange for our RHYC Participation. I also talked to Dianne from the Port of Everett and everything is a "GO" and I believe this event to be a positive addition during a slow time for our Club gatherings.

The dinner is "Premium Prime Rib" with all the trimmings and extras.

The Band is "Captain Jammers" providing Big Band, 50's Rock and & Roll, 60's, 70's, & up, with a large dance floor.

Their will also be a late night Snack Buffet included.

The RHYC will be acknowledged on Stage with the EYC.

New Years Celebration with much Fanfare, Hats, Horns, etc., etc.

The Cost for the evening is only \$125.00 per Couple and the Drinks are \$3 each.

Reserve early with: Don Whatmore, (206) 725-4805 dwhatmore@aol.com

11445 60th Ave. So. Seattle, WA. 98178

Make Checks Payable to: Everett Yacht Club or EYC

Mail Checks to: Don Whatmore or Betty Johnson, 4734 Harbor Lane,
Everett, WA. 98203

Please refer to RHYC with a note or on your Check.

Join in the FUN

Don Whatmore

Upcoming Cruises



November 15
Change of Bridge
College Club

December 31
New Year's Eve
Everett Yacht Club

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