

RHYC

Anchor Watch



Cruise Reports

Our 2nd Annual New Year's Eve Party at the Everett Yacht Club was a huge success. We had good water and weather and a good turnout with eight more of our members than last year for a total of 28.

The live music was provided by "Rhapsody" and the dinner provided by Chef Erwin consisting of Beef Tenderloin, Salmon & Halibut followed by Chocolate Fondue. The food was fabulous and plenty of it as most of us opted for all the offerings. Michelle Long was the EYC Event Director and she was very pleased with our club turnout and has already invited our club for next year's event. We were well received by all of our EYC friends and they are looking forward to our return.

The walk back to our boats was easy as we were moored next to the Club House on the Port of Everett dock as in the past.

Glen Dodge and Tom Miner launched their shore boats and motored up the Snohomish River on

New Year's Day and I heard they plan to do it again next year. Nice ride.

Our Members and Guests in attendance were as follows: Don & Carolyn Whatmore, Glen & Liz Dodge, Jeff & Angie Kroeller, Richard & Sharla Freese, Craig & Debra Smith, Tom & Chris Miner, Paul Meshke & Charlotte Bertsch, Bob & Delores Eggers, Riley & Lora Cissne, Jim & Cheryl Matheson, Neil & Noreen Millen, Ken & Cindy Spiker, Patrick & Mariam Gill (new applicants), Don & Jane Janus.

We thank Jim Matheson for his help and group photo after just having a knee replacement ten days prior to this event. Jim and Cheryl stayed on our boat "Emerald 1."

The "M/V Emerald 1" had a higher water line on New Year's Day as we enjoyed food and adult beverages along with much conversation and jokes. We are looking forward to next years 3rd annual. Same place, same time.

Don Whatmore
Cruise Captain

Ice Breaker Brunch

And we're off to another great cruising year! The Ice Breaker was at a different venue this time, "The BluWater Bistro". Don and Carolyn Whatmore found out about the BluWater from one of our fellow club members whose son owns it. The feedback was overwhelming by members that this was a very welcome change this year. The view is wonderful. It doesn't matter what table you were at, you had a view of Lake Union. And the best part is there were no stairs to get to the buffet! The restaurant knew we were looking for a new place and they really rolled out the red carpet for us making sure there was more than enough staff and even including a complimentary glass of champagne. Since it was by the Boats Afloat Show, we were able to just walk there first and then take the shuttle to the Boat Show. Even the weather held out for us. No rain storms! We are looking forward to hearing if anyone purchased a new boat!

All of the gifts we raffled at this event were donated. We would like to especially recognize Boaters World, West Marine and Fisheries Supply for their contributions. Every couple received a canvas bag from West Marine and a tide book from Boaters World. Between the three suppliers they donated over \$500 worth of door prizes! The Blue Water Bistro donated two gift certificates, the Boat Show donated 4 passes and we had overnight moorage at the Everett Marina to give away. The raffle tickets continue to be a fun tradition at our cruises.

We had another great turnout with 85 members and guests. Those attending were: Ed & Misti Allison, Ted & Hella Backmann, Ray & Sue Biggs, Jim & Peggy Cannon, Jim & Faith Chapel, Pete & Pat Clarke, Nat & Linda Collier, Bill & Kay Connell, Carl & Vickie Dalton, Jim & Linda Dean (guests of the Daltons'), Patricia Dills, Jeff & Beth Drake, Steve & Sandy Driscoll, Ted & Shirley Elder, Richard & Sharla Freese, Ken & Sandi Free (guests of the Daltons'), Patrick & Miriam Gill, Dennis & Cathy Graham, Mike & Gloria Grant, Bill & Norma Hall, Ken Hammerquist, Dick Hampton, Ed & Shirl Klein, Jim & Marcia Krell, Jeff & Angie Kroeller, Mark & Jan LaFountaine, Raye Lohse, Mary Ann McDonnell, Joanne Martenson, Jim & Cheryl Matheson, Paul & Charlotte Meshke, Neil & Noreen Millen, Janet Moffet, Barbara O'Brien (guest of the Daltons'), Jim & Faith Paddock (guest

of the Daltons'), Phil & Anne Marie Reunart, Craig & Debra Smith, Kevin Spellman (guest of the Daltons'), Doug & Gail Stewart, Christine Stewart, Bob Stewart, Bob & Maidie Strellman, Cecil Tice & guest, Chuck & Michael Turbak, Don & Carolyn Whatmore, Duane & Susan Waltos, Samy Khoury & Heidi Hendrickson.

Thank you again to all those who attended making this another successful event. We are looking forward to seeing you all again throughout the boating season!

Jeff and Angie Kroeller
Cruise Captains

New Applicants

*Philip & Debi Freund
Seattle, WA*

*Boat: 1989 46' Sea Ray Express
Boat Name: OUR SWEETHEART
Sponsors: Skip Hanson
Art & Noreen Stipan*

*Patrick & Miriam Gill
Bellevue, WA
Boat: Catalina 42'
Boat Name: Spirit
Sponsors: Neil Millen
Don Whatmore*

*Douglas & Melanie Grenz
Eugene, OR
Boat: 2004, 32' Albin, Tournament Express
Boat Name: DIV'OCEAN
Sponsors; Nat Collier
Doug Stewart*

New Members

Please welcome the following new members to RHYC:

*Terry & Denese Day
Gig Harbor, WA
Boat: Tollycraft 25'
Boat Name: Lani Kai
Sponsored by: Doug Stewart
Nat Collier*

*Bob Desautel
Seattle, WA
Boat: 2001 57" Carber Voyager
Boat Name: HAKUNA MATATA
Sponsored by: Dennis Graham
Cory Swasand*

*Jeff & Beth Drake
Puyallup, WA
Boat: 2001 37" Bayliner
Boat Name: NEVER SAY NEVER
Sponsored by: Ken Heany
Lee Mattox*

*Michael & Gloria Grant
Olympia, WA
Boat: Cheoy Lee/Sedan Trawler, 35'
Boat Name: Ode to Cheoy
Sponsored by: Ken Heany
Terry McAdams*

*Phil & Anne Marie Reunert
Bellevue, WA
Boat: Sabre/Tri-cabin Cruiser
Boat Name: Minx
Sponsored by: Dave & Linda Leonard
Dave & Mary Mehlum*

Commodore Report

It's that time of year when the new Board of Trustees begins the planning process for the upcoming boating season. Getting involved is what it is all about and we have a new Board that is already working on ways to ensure a successful year. We have a mixture of seasoned veterans and new members on the Board each taking on new responsibilities and with them new ideas how we can build on the successes of past Boards.

The Board met early in January to set goals for 2005. It was exciting to see the enthusiasm the new Board has toward making this a great boating year. New ideas were put forth to improve on cruises, the Anchor Watch and innovative ways to offer more outstations. The legwork is already underway to convert some of these ideas into reality. Suffice to say, this Board is off to a flying start on what should be an exciting boating season.

In addition to the Board we have many volunteers working behind the scenes taking care of the many tasks we all take for granted. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their help.

The last ingredient required to make this a successful year is your participation. By getting involved you can make a difference. Jointly we can build on the successes of the past and have the best boating season possible.

Doug Stewart
Commodore

Vice Commodore Report

I really look forward to the "Icebreaker" every year. It is a good chance to see old and new friends and start the ball rolling for the year's cruising activities. This year was especially great because of all the new applicants there (5) and all the guests up from Portland. Looks like Carl & Vickie Dalton are trying to recruit the entire Portland cruising community. Also, the BluWater Bistro was a welcome upgrade from the old Pyramid. Did you know that the BluWater is owned by Dan Anderson, the son of RHYC member Marilyn Suhadolnik? Let's keep that relationship healthy by visiting often and mentioning the club.

Our club has agreed upon an active membership roll of 150 members. While it is a bit hard to know exactly where we stand with our membership number I believe it is safe to say that we will be fairly close to 150 when everyone gets their dues in for the year. We currently have about 20 in the application process and not all of these will ever complete the process based upon historical evidence. We are still accepting applications so go ahead and invite friends and boating acquaintances who you think would be a good addition to the club.

Finally, I want to say Thank You to Doug Stewart who has begun his unprecedented second year as our Commodore. Let's all do what we can to make his job even more fun and enjoyable in 2005.

Nat Collier
Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore Report

As reported in the last issue of Anchor watch we are aggressively pursuing additional popular outstations for the RHYC members. Although we are in early mid term discussions with Roche Harbor Marina Management we feel somewhat positive about increasing our outstation space at Roche Harbor Resort on a first come first serve basis in the peak season months. More details on Roche Harbor later.

We are also hot on the trail for an outstation at Gig Harbor but it is too soon to say we have a site se-

cured and we will keep you posted in future Anchor Watch issues on our progress.

Several popular Canadian Gulf Island destinations have been contacted to "test the water" for possible virtual outstations but the challenge will be to ensure equity for all members to benefit from such a plan.

See you at the Tacoma Yacht Club Brunch.

Jim Matheson
Rear Commodore

Secretary Report

As much as I like snow, I am really looking forward to longer days and getting out on the water. I am honored to be a part of the Board and am very much looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible in the cruising season ahead. With my first Anchor Watch under the belt, the process is getting a little easier already. What I could use, is a little input from you. Have something you want to share? Send it to me at secretary@rhyc.org and let's see if we can't get it into Dock Talk.

In the mean time, read your Anchor Watch carefully for useful information and write down those important cruise dates in your calendar. See you in Tacoma

Jeff Kroeller
Secretary

Treasurer Report

The club continues to be in excellent financial condition. We are working on preparing the year-end financial statements and the 2005 budget for presentation at the annual business meeting. The dues billing went out just before Christmas, and as of mid-January there were about 80 responses. It will be appreciated if remittances can be returned promptly along with the member information de-

tails. The latter is necessary to facilitate the major effort we are making to improve the accuracy of the club roster.

IMPORTANT NOTICE- ALL DUES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE TREASURER BY APRIL 1 IN ORDER FOR THE MEMBER'S NAME TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RHYC DIRECTORY. SO IF YOU WANT YOUR NAME TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ROSTER, YOU MUST HAVE YOUR PAYMENT BACK TO ME BY APRIL 1."

Steve Driscoll
Treasurer

Fleet Captain Report

We have now completed our "New Year's Eve" cruise and the "Ice Breaker" event of which both were very successful. We thank Jeff and Angie Kroeller for a fine job of hosting the January event at the BluWater Bistro and keeping the price low. The Tote Bags and Prizes were all donated.

Our next event is February 13th at the Tacoma Yacht Club in their Club House for a wonderful Champagne Brunch and most of you know that TYC does it right. Let's sign up early with Mary Ann McDonnell (253) 946-3191 For you NASCAR Fans, I scheduled this event to miss the Daytona 500 Race, so as to avoid a conflict of dates this year.

The following Cruise is our March Kingston event on March 18-20. Cruise Captain Paul Meshke would like some help with this one, although, we have everything set up, so he just wants some help to carry it out. Please contact me at 206-725-4805 or dwhatmore@aol.com if you can give Paul a little help. You can sign up for this cruise anytime by contacting Paul Meshke 425-277-9398 pmeshke@comcast.net

The 2005 cruise season is action packed and I'm looking forward for the Fun to Fly !!! See you in Tacoma.

Don Whatmore
Fleet Captain

"I am not discouraged, because every wrong attempt discarded is another step forward."

Thomas Edison

Keep this in mind the next time you have a bad landing at the dock!

Past Commodore

Sounds like we're off to another great year... As your second term PC, it's an honor to serve as a volunteer for the RHYC membership.

As your RBAW Delegate, with much thanks to Webmaster Ken Hammerquist, I hope you're still finding their alerts of interest. If you're a contributing member to the Recreational Boating Association of Washington, you will receive your membership card from our Treasurer, Steve Driscoll. Be patient! As your dues are paid with your membership renewal, your monies will then be paid to RBAW. In the past, it has taken a bit of time for them to process the info and send our new membership cards to the club's PO Box.

A little bit of big news... Member Dave Leonard was inducted on January 16 to the Elected Office of Vice President, 2005 Northwestern Boating Coun-

cil. Deb and I had the pleasure of joining Dave and Linda for the honors and the evening's festivities. RHYC has been a member of NBC for two years. Made up of over 25 local boating, cruising and yacht clubs, this organization has lobbyists at the national level and monitors marine activities. If you wish more info on NBC activities and their NW boating community contributions or regarding an individual membership please contact me.

Regarding BOAT US - RHYC should be listed as a "cooperating group." Discount should be expected. Our RHYC Group # is GA82999Y.

I look forward to working with your Board Elect. And as a member, contributing in this capacity to what I believe is the "Best Cruising Club" in the Pacific Northwest!

Lee Mattox
Past Commodore



Champagne Brunch Tacoma Yacht Club Sunday February 13 at 10am

5401 N Waterfront Dr
Tacoma, WA. 98407

Reservations are required. Price is \$25 per person.

Driving directions: From SR-16 take the 6th Ave. exit to Pearl Street. Proceed north on Pearl. Just prior to the Ruston (Pt. Defiance) Ferry entrance, turn right onto North Waterfront Drive. Proceed around the basin to the Tacoma Yacht Club.

Please send checks made out to RHYC to :
Mary Ann McDonnell no later than February 7th.
412 South 289th Street
Federal Way WA 98003
Phone 253-946-3191 or Email maryann.m@comcast.net

Dock Talk

Along with several other vendors, Fisheries Supply donated a nice water proof Puget Sound chart book as a raffle prize for the Ice Breaker Brunch. Those of you at the Ice Breaker knew that but did ya'll know that Roche Harbor Yacht Club members get a discount at Fisheries Supply? That's right...just show your RHYC membership card and receive a discount.

Did You Know?

The town of Kingston, back drop for one of our outstations, was platted April 24th, 1890 as a 175 acre village. Logging and small farms had been the principle income since the 1850's. Many logged off their own homesteads and worked for the Pope & Talbot mill in Port Gamble. Until WWII, Kingston's fields and orchards supplied fruits and vegetables to Seattle markets via boats in the "mosquito fleet". The Edmonds-Kingston car ferry service began in 1923 and made Kingston the Gateway to the Olympic Peninsula.

2005 Cruise Schedule



<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Cruise Captains</i>
February 13	Tacoma Yacht Club	Brunch	McDonnell & Rath
March 18-20	Kingston	St. Patrick's Day	Meshke & McKeta
April 22-24	Poulsbo	Business Meeting	Meyers & Mihailov/ O'Connor
May 7	Montlake Cut	Opening Day of Boating	Leonard, Larson & Dodge
May 27-30	Pleasant Harbor	Memorial Day	Biggs & Driscoll
June 24-25	Bell Harbor	Mariner's Game	Strellman, Bushnell & Mattox
July 1-4	Poulsbo	Fourth of July Wagon Wheel	Millen & Moffet
August 5-7	Roche Harbor	RHYC Colors Cruise	Smith
September 1-4	Gig Harbor	Labor Day Wagon Wheel	Neilson & Fetzner
October 1-2	Brownsville	Columbus Day Cruise	Symms & Paxton
November 5	College Club	Commodore's Ball Change of Bridge	Stewart
December 4	Carillon Point	Christmas Ships & Special Peoples Cruise	Matheson
December 31	Everett Yacht Club	New Years Eve Party	Matheson & Whatmore

Boater's Dictionary

Helm

For common people - 1. The steering gear of a ship 2. A position of leadership or control.

For boater's - Steering position from which the Captain screams audible yet incoherent commands. Especially in situations when there is actual crew on board.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

St. Patrick's Day Cruise

March 18 – 20 2005

Kingston Marina, Kingston WA

Don't be a' missing this exciting cruise
Run to the helm and sign up now



Contact Paul Meshke:
email pmeshke1@comcast.net
Phone 425 277 9398



PS: Who'll be a wear'n the best Green???

Agenda:

Arrival of boats Friday

Friday night Potluck Dinner, bring your favorite Irish dish.

Sat. Dinner hosted by Kingston Yacht Club and Live Music.

Raffle and Prizes for the best-dressed Irish Lass and Lad.

Sunday Continental Breakfast and departure.

Upcoming Cruises



February 13
 Brunch
 Tacoma Yacht Club

March 18-20
 St. Patrick's Day
 Kingston

April 22-24
 Business Meeting
 Poulsbo

- Commodore**
 Doug Stewart.....425-392-1603
- Vice Commodore**
 Nat Collier.....206-714-9970
- Rear Commodore**
 Jim Matheson425-271-4989
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