

RHYC

anchor watch



Cruise Reports

4th of July Wagon Wheel – Poulsbo

Unlike the previous cruises the weatherman predicted a typical 4th of July week-end - rain. Thank goodness he was mostly wrong. 6 boats headed for Poulsbo on Thursday morning to set up the wagon wheel. The weather was cloudy and the wind was blowing about 20 miles per hour. None of us had ever been in charge of setting up a wheel, but under the leadership of Don Whatmore and

after helpful instructions from Jim Matheson we got it done. Thank you to the anchor boats who took time out to come to the event early and help us reserve space and set up the wheel: Ron Johnson - Candy Kiss, Jack Gordon - 5 Daughters Later, Greg

Swain - Cross Wind and Don Whatmore - Emerald I. To add strength to the wheel Bill Moffet - Y Knot and Neil Millen - Progression anchored on the windward side.

By Friday night about half of the boats had arrived and with the help of our inflatable tug boats (dinghies) our wheel was starting to take shape. Thank you to Ron Johnson, Greg Swain, Bill Moffet, Jim Matheson, Don Whatmore, Glen Dodge, Dan Lohse and Neil Millen for helping



the new arrivals anchor and get situated in the wheel. Friday night everyone enjoyed progressive appetizers. Some will not forget the chocolate martinis on the Progression.

Saturday morning we woke up to liquid sunshine. More boats arrived and the wheel grew. By 1 p.m. everyone was ready for a dingy parade around the harbor. Led by Jim Matheson we were pulled by all the anchored and docked boats. We got an opportunity to show other boaters what a fun group RHYC is. After the dinghy parade we got back in time for wagon wheel bingo called by Don Whatmore. The first game

was free, played for prizes but the last 2 were purchased cards. The pots were high. In game 1 a guest of Jerry Podgorski won \$100 and in game 2 the pot of \$200 was split by another guest of Jerry Podgorski and Jane Janus. (Next time I want to be a guest of Jerry's!) Thank you to Lenore Timm

who sold all those bingo cards. Dinner (all but the meat) was prepared by the cruise team and served in 4th of July Hats. Everyone barbecued their own meat on their boats and enjoyed the evening. The day ended with a moving colors ceremony. Thank you to the colors crew: Patrick Gill, Jeff Kroeller, David Oglevie, Ron Ruchek and Bruce Carlin.

Sunday morning under sunny skies we all enjoyed a fantastic biscuits and gravy breakfast.

What a hit! Some even had seconds. In the afternoon the wagon wheel auction was held. 22 items were donated by the members. There was a wonderful variety of items from a novelty item (can't list it for publication but DeAnne Brenneis modeled it and Craig Smith bought it) to a generous donation of a 16x20 portrait of your boat by Julie Hammerquist. It was sold to Jack Gordon for \$420. Our auctioneer, Greg Swain made the auction a fun event for all and in the end the club made \$808. The auction was followed by the raffle. Thank you to all the businesses who donated raffle items: Elliott Bay Marina, Palisades Restaurant, Arabella's Marina, Foss Landing Marina, Port Ludlow Marina, Julie Hammerquist and Millen Autobody. Please let these businesses know how much we appreciate their support. The best decorated boat awards were announced. Many boats were decorated to the theme "Proud to be an American". Honorable mention was given to Sea Jay (Matheson), Cross Wind (Swain) and Progression (Millen). The Grand Prize winner was Wind Song decorated by John and DeAnne Brenneis. Thank you to Patrick Gill and John Brenneis for selling raffle tickets and Jane Janus and Candy Johnson for judging the decorated boat contest. The evening ended with colors and a wonderful fireworks display.

Monday morning the wheel was disassembled without incident and everyone headed to other 4th of July activities.

Attending were 38 boats and 82 people: Craig Smith, Phil & Anna Marie Reunert and guests, Don & Jane Janus, Jeff & Angie Kroeller, Kim & Paula Cimmery, Ron & Candy Johnson, Don & Valery Cotey, Jay & Peg Grady, Julie & Jerry Podgorski and guests, Don & Carolyn Whatmore, Dan & Raye Lohse, Glen & Liz Dodge, Jim & Cheryl Matheson, Miriam & Patrick Gill, Therese & Jack Gordon, Gary & Lenore Timm, Troy & Christina Childs, Chris & Tom Miner and guests, Steve & Michelle Nelson and guests, DeAnne & John Brenneis, David Mehlum, Dave & Linda Leonard and guests, Diane & Gil Fetzner, Mike & Julie Young and guests, Bill & Pat Shafer, Ron Ruchek & Barbara, David Oglevie, Bruce Carlin and guests, John & Candice Brooks, Ken & Julie Hammerquist, Jerry Laruso, Peggy Ald and guests in Sea Life (sorry I did not get their names).

The week end was success due to all the help from members. Everyone seemed very willing to pitch in and do anything we asked. We have a special club with very special members. I would like to

give a special thank you to our cooks for the week end: Barbara & Greg Swain, Bill Moffet and Swain's guests Susan & Jim (Cupcake).

Cruise Captains
Barbara & Greg Swain
Bill Moffet
Neil & Noreen Millen

Bell Harbor Cruise



It was a fun and congenial group of 37 people from 17 boats that spent the weekend in Seattle at the Bell Harbor Marina. The weather cooperated beautifully especially since Bell Harbor has no place to take cover during meals.

Friday night's dinner was baked potatoes with all the trimmings. Our hats are off to the several cooks that heated up their ovens and finished baking the potatoes for us. Dinner was served on a beautifully decorated buffet table depicting the nautical weekend theme, which talented Jeanne created. Many delicious salads and yummy desserts provided by the members rounded out the meal. Because it was a lovely evening, most of us put tables and chairs on the docks to eat.

Saturday was a day of leisure with some people shopping for a unique nautical purchase. Late afternoon was the awarding of prizes. Two door prizes of \$25 gift certificates to be used at Cutty-sark Nautical Antiques in Pioneer Square were won by Ron Ruchek and Skip and Sandy Hanson. Gloria Grant won cute decorative birds for wearing the cutest nautical shirt. Noreen Millen won a night's moorage, at Port Orchard Marina, for her purchase of nautical ditties and a new sign for the head. Jim Matheson introduced the past commodore in attendance as well as guests. Ed explained the wine tasting procedure. Following the short meeting we moved amongst four boats (Whatmore's, Symms, Hanson's and Lloyds being

hosts). tasting wine and sampling appetizers, changing boats every half hour. A good time was had by all. Concluding the evening, people did their own thing in the city.

Sunday morning the non-sleepyheads met for breakfast on the dock before departing for home ports.

Those in attendance were: Bob & Maidie Strellman, Ed & Jeanne Bushnell, Mike & Gloria Grant, Skip & Sandy Hanson, Richard & Merlyn Symms, Dan & Raye Lohse, Patty Dills, Don & Carolyn Whatmore, Neil & Noreen Millen, John & Jeanne Lloyd, John & DeAnne Brenneis, Steve Driscoll and his brother Robert & sister-in-law Margarita, Jim & Cheryl Matheson, Debra and Lee Mattox, Greg & Barbara Swain, Bill Moffet, Ron Ruchek, Ralph Newell & Lois Timmons, Jack McDaniel & Pamela and Joanne Martenson.

Cruise Captains
Ed & Jeanne Bushnell
Bob & Maidie Strellman
Lee Mattox

Vice Commodore Report

I hope that this report finds you all enjoying the best of summer boating fun. I can assure you that I am doing so as I should be somewhere in the cruising waters of British Colombia at this very moment. I will show you the pictures anytime you want.

Our membership continues to be strong; we have a wait list now of about 10 who are probably going to have to wait till about the first of 2006 before there is an opening in the club. Oh well, good things come to those who wait.

I hope to see you at Roche Harbor in August.

Nat Collier
Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore Report

It has been reported that at the Gig Harbor outstation it is difficult to tell which side of the dock is the RHYC outstation. In addition to the RHYC sign mounted high on the dock piling, I have asked the Peninsula Yacht Basin Marina management to

paint the edge of the dock in white with "RHYC Members Only" in red letters, clearly identifying the entire 90 feet of our outstation. Peninsula Yacht Basin Marina management graciously agreed to do that for us and by the time of this writing it should be completed. Please report on the progress and quality of this improvement.

It has also been reported that the Fisherman's Bay outstation electrical box is loose on the dock. This is the result of boats hitting the plastic electrical box which is mounted at the edge of the dock (Thanks to Steve Driscoll and his brother in the photo below, who visited Fisherman's Bay recently and sent me this photo, you can easily see the problem.)



Since this moorage is right in the path of an all too common southerly wind it is possible for a boat to be pushed hard against the dock. The easiest way to destroy a box like this is when you are approaching the dock at an angle and you hit it with the rub rail of your hull.

I know from experience that it is easy to break one of these boxes off the dock because two years ago at the Special Peoples Cruise at Carillon Point, I easily destroyed a similarly mounted box while approaching the dock and it cost me a \$1,500 to replace it.

We have asked the Fisherman's Bay marina management to repair the box and reattach it away from the edge of the dock. In the meantime, please be extra careful to avoid hitting the box with the rub rail on your hull when approaching the dock. We all have an occasional boating boo boo so if you accidentally hit the box and break it please let me know so we can get it repaired promptly.

Thanks to all of you that have kept me informed on outstation needs and issues. It is only through your fine help and communication that we can provide the best outstation service for our club members.

See you at colors,

Jim Matheson
Rear Commodore

Secretary Report

Hard to believe that this issue of the Anchor Watch brings us right up to Colors in August already. Time flies when you are having fun and I certainly am enjoying our cruising so far this summer. The Poulsbo wagon wheel was our first and will most certainly not be our last. What a great way to spend the weekend on the water. Once again our Cruise Captains did an outstanding job. A truck stop in Georgia could not produce a better Biscuits and Gravy then what we were served up!. Angie and I finally acquired a dinghy and towed it to Poulsbo for it's first cruise. Now I understand why everyone is always so anxious to launch their dinghies at club events. They are a blast!

Don't forget that I am always looking for something to put in Dock Talk and the new Marine Classifieds section. So if you have something to share or have something to sell or even something you want to buy, please drop me an e-mail. Also, don't forget any candidates you may encounter for the Good Mariner Award.

See you at Colors.

Jeff Kroeller
Secretary

Treasurer Report

The treasurer of this great and financially sound cruising club wishes all members a wonderful cruising season.

Steve Driscoll
Treasurer

Fleet Captain Report

Two cruises have been successfully completed since my last report, which has put us beyond the midway point of our 2005 Cruise Schedule. Both of our recent cruises each had, once again, a beautiful weather window enhancing our enjoyment. I am referring to the fun and companionship we experienced at both the "Bell Harbor" and "4th of July" Events

I want to thank Ed Bushnell, Bob Strellman, Lee Mattox, and Team for their efforts in programming and executing the great "Bell Harbor" Cruise which received a quality and comfortable turn-out of boats and people attending.

The food was good and the well planned activities, along with a new "Wine Tasting" progression from boat-to-boat. We tried many new labels and I actually remember the first few. Our Cruise Captains made up blocks of people and a block diagram with arrows to the "Wine Boats" in order of Progression.....nice Idea. Nice Cruise.



One of our finest Wagon Wheel events was the "4th of July" event, to Liberty Bay at Poulsbo with about forty boats, with an appropriate theme of: "Proud to be an American." Noreen Millen broke new ground on this cruise by, much to our delight, making expenses with only a \$10.00 cruise fee. We had fun activities and great food provided, including a super dinner on Saturday night and an excellent HOT breakfast on Sunday morning, thanks to Bill Moffet. All Cruise Team Members chipped in to make this cruise a huge success, consisting of: Noreen & Neil Millen, Greg & Barbara Swain, and Bill Moffet, along with help from others.

Activities included were: "Wagon Wheel Water BINGO"... Big Raffle... "Best Decorated Boat"... and a very enjoyable "Auction" with quality donated Items from members. The biggest Auction bid was \$420.00 from the M/V "Five Daughters Later" (Jack Gordon) and it was a hand painted portrait of their Boat, donated by Julie Hammerquist. The Auction was a big Hit and we thank our Auctioneer, Greg Swain. Nice job Greg.

Other activities were: traditional dinghy parade, Colors presentation, and the FIREWORKS display with our wheel being in the best spot for viewing. I have not heard of any "Fall-Out" reports from our group. Jim Matheson led the dinghy parade, once again. Thanks Jim.

We do have a new "Rubber Ducky" Award going to Dave Oglevie, who was one of four adults & two dogs to hit the dink, during the event. Dave went in, right behind our boat (BUSTED) and he then spent some time drying out his wallet etc. A few decided to swim our pond on purpose, like Glen Dodge, of course. Sorry no "Rubber Ducky" for those guys.

The Wheel went together very well, in spite of a Thursday breeze and was disassembled in a very orderly fashion. I thank the help from our "Dinghy Tug" people, helping to place boats etc. They are Ron Johnson, Dan Lohse, Jim Matheson, Bill Moffet, Neil Millen, Greg Swain, Glen Dodge, and others. We must thank the "Anchor Boats" that came early to set-up the four corners of the Wheel. They are: mv's "PROGRESSION"... "CANDY KISS"... "FIVE DAUGHTERS LATER"... CROSS-WIND... "Y KNOT"... which all referenced from the "EMERALD 1" completing the circle.

I also thank the flag Sail boat owners for their support with our club banner and participation with our "COLORS" ceremony. They are: Jeff Kroeller, Dave Oglevie, Ron Ruchek, & Patrick Gill. Patrick had the newest and largest sailboat in the Wheel, at over 50 feet.

Great Wheel, Great People.

Our next cruise is our annual "Colors" Cruise to "Roche Harbor Marina" and this cruise is always one of our favorites. Contact Craig Smith at: craig.a.smith2@boeing.com

After that is "Gig Harbor" and you can contact Gil & Dianne Fetzner at: gaf@centurytel.net

Please sign up early as it really helps our Cruise Team planning food, etc., etc.

See you at Colors,

Don Whatmore
Fleet Captain

Past Commodore



Nominating Committee

This year's committee has been formed and will consist of Lee Mattox as Chair, working with Past Commodores Cecil Tice, Ed Allison, and Pete Clarke.

Their choice of nominees for the Roche Harbor Yacht Club Bridge Officers 2006 will be published in the September Anchor Watch.

Should you have comments or questions please contact any member of your Nominating Committee.

Dock Talk

Have you ever thought about stopping through Everett on an overnighter or even a weekend and then thought; "Why...there's nothing to do there". Think again. Last weekend Angie and I along with the Dodge's and a couple dozen members of the Everett Yacht Club ran our dinghies up the Snohomish River and beyond with a stop in Snohomish to walk around and enjoy a great lunch. Then it was off to Jetty Island just across from the main marina entrance where you could spend a day walking the beaches and enjoying the sea life and bird sanctuary. That was an 8 hour day. So unless you are moored here like we are, forget the overnighter and come for the weekend! Just let us know you are coming so we can come say hello.

Jeff & Angie Kroeller

Marine Classifieds

FOR SALE: 1996 Bayliner 4788. Cummins engines <1000 hr. 6kw radar. 12.5kw Westerbeke genset. 12' Zodiac w/40 hp Merc. Call for details. Kept in covered moorage on Lake Union. 320,000. Contact B.J. Molé @ 425-746-1111

By popular request, thank you Debi Freund for sharing your granola recipe that we all enjoyed so much:

PEANUT BUTTER GRANOLA

6 cups dry oatmeal
½ cup wheat germ
½ cup toasted coconut
½ cup sunflower seeds
½ cup raisins or dry blueberry
1 cup butter
1 cup peanut butter
1 cup brown sugar

Combine oatmeal, wheat germ, coconut, sunflower seeds, and raisins in large slow cooker.

Melt together butter, peanut butter, and brown sugar. Pour over oatmeal in cooker. Mix well. Cover. Cook on low 1 ½ hours, stirring every 15 minutes.

Allow to cool in cooker, stirring every 30 minutes or so, or spread onto cookie sheet. When thoroughly cooled, break into chunks and store in airtight container



RHYC Colors Cruise @ Roche Harbor August 5-7

Space is limited so register EARLY.

We need to know your boat name, length over all and arrival date.

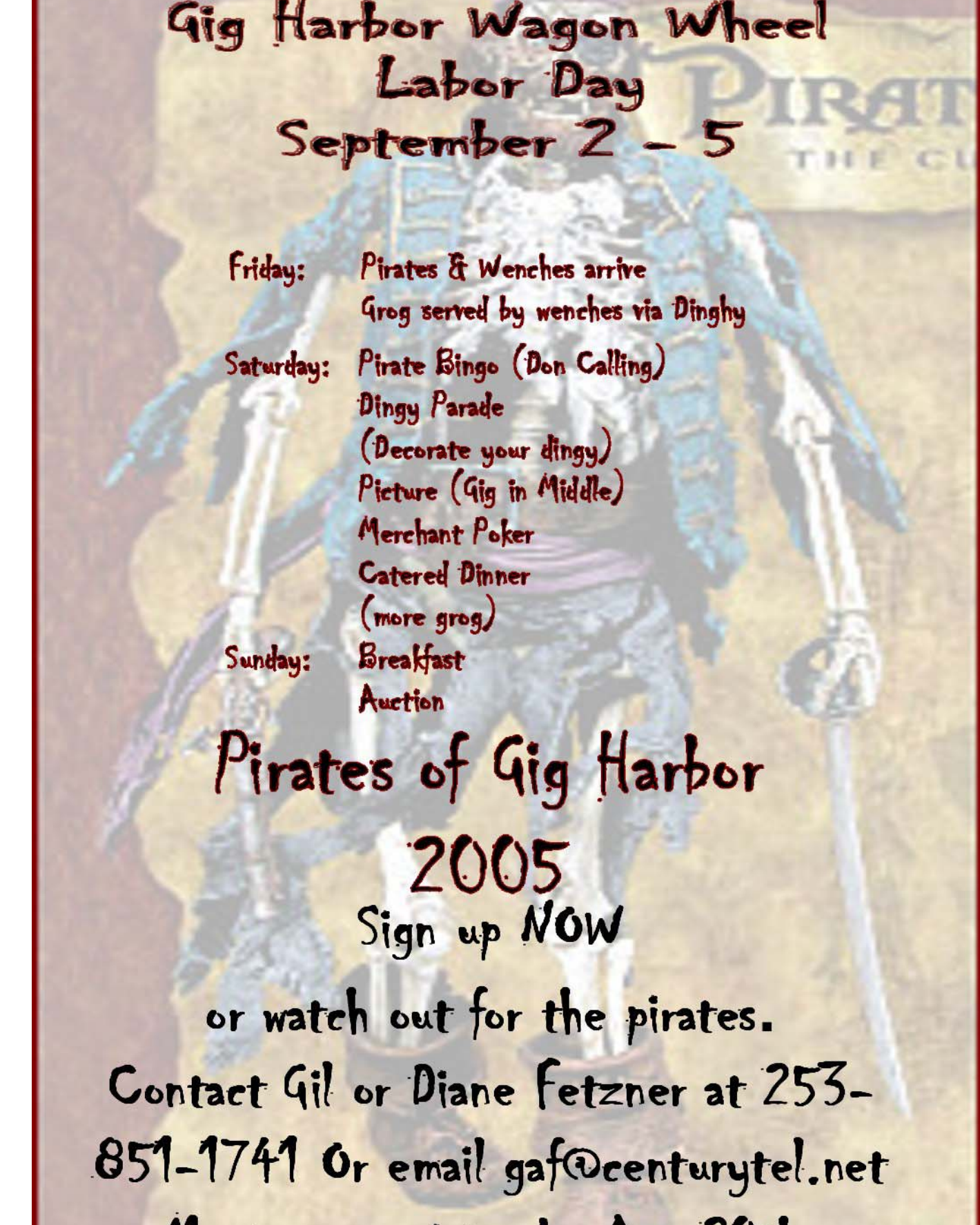
For reservations contact Cruise Captains: Craig and Debra Smith
Phone: 425.750.0445 E-mail: craig.a.smith2@boeing.com

Friday 8/5: Wear your second best Island shirt, skirt and sandals
6:30—Un-Official Part on the Party barge

Saturday 8/6: Wear your best Island shirt, skirt and sandals
5:30—Cocktail Hour
6:30—Buffet Dinner on the party barge
Sundown—Colors Ceremony and dunking of the bridge
9:15—Social time on the dock

Sunday 8/7
8-9:30am—Coffee and famous Roche Harbor donuts on the barge

Please note at the time of reservation with Craig the cost will be **\$30.00 per person**, payable to RHYC and mailed to:
Craig A. Smith
3123 174th PL SE
Bothell, WA 98012



Gig Harbor Wagon Wheel
Labor Day
September 2 - 5

- Friday: Pirates & Wenches arrive
Grog served by wenches via Dinghy
- Saturday: Pirate Bingo (Don Calling)
Dingy Parade
(Decorate your dingy)
Picture (Gig in Middle)
Merchant Poker
Catered Dinner
(more grog)
- Sunday: Breakfast
Auction

Pirates of Gig Harbor

2005

Sign up NOW

or watch out for the pirates.

Contact Gil or Diane Fetzner at 253-
851-1741 Or email gaf@centurytel.net

Must pre-register by Aug 20th.

Upcoming Cruises



August 5-7
 Colors Cruise
 Roche Harbor

September 1-4
 Labor Day
 Wagon Wheel
 Gig Harbor

October 1-2
 Columbus Day
 Brownsville

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