

# RHYC anchor watch



## Cruise Report

Pirates at Gig 2005; September 2-5, 2005

The Wagon Wheel anchors were set on Wednesday afternoon with the vessels Emerald One, Candy Kiss, Panache and Gallup Again. Don & Carolyn Whatmore, Ron & Candy Johnson, Andy O'Donnell were treated to a fantastic steak dinner cooked by Gil Fetzner as a thanks for coming in early and helping set up the wheel. More boats showed up Thursday to help secure the wheel as we had winds gusting to 20knots. By Friday night we had 30 boats in the Wheel. Saturday brought more pirate ships and we ended up with 37 vessels overall.



By Friday evening the Pirates were ready for some Grog and the Wenchies started delivering the grog in those special one-of-a-kind plastic cups. The wheel was visited by some rogue pirates (peg leg and all) that blasted their way into the wheel and captured the two wenchies. The pirates eventually returned the wenchies and made a fast and noisy exit. We found out later they had put some of the fire works in the wrong way and almost blew up their pirate boat. Of course by this time everyone had had a few drinks and two of our members and one dog (no names) had taken a dip into the water.

Saturday we had Merchant Poker, more pirates ships arrived and then we did the "GIG" with the dinghies in time for the aerial photo. Diane

Fetzner had the pleasure of going in the helicopter and taking the photo. The dingy parade followed the photo and what a bunch of pirates and wenchies we had. You all did a great job of dressing up and I think it was the best dinghy parade ever. Now it was



time for MORE GROG! Again the wenchies served the grog to all the pirate ships. A few of us were still hurting from too much grog the night before...or was it the falling into the water? We then had dinner on the assigned host boat. It was a little shaky getting everyone to the correct boat (some boats no showed which left some boats a little short on people) but the food was great and everyone had a good time meeting different people. The evening concluded with our traditional colors ceremony.

Sunday we had continental breakfast served to our boat and then it was time to view the auction items. We did the auction at 11:30 and the big ticket item donated by Nat & Linda Collier, was a week at their Sun River, OR home. Art and Noreen Stipan were the winning bidders at \$850. We had a total of 26 items and took in a grand total of \$1,675. Ron and Candy Johnson donated a check for \$500 for the Salvation Army for Katrina relief. The proceeds from the auction (after expenses from the cruise) will be donated to the relief effort for Katrina.

Bingo was played at 1pm and we had a few people that really did think they won but forgot to put their glasses on..... The real winners came

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forward and everyone enjoyed themselves. This was followed by the raffle and awards. The best Pirate costumes went to Jim Matheson and Phil Grady. Best Wenches were Denese Day and Val Cody. Best Dinghy went to Dan and Raye Lohse and the best pirate package went to Dan Lohse (Dan how is that sock doing?). The best decorated boat went to Gil & Diane Fetzner on the Gallup Again. Emerald One received honorable mention. Merchant poker was won by Craig Smith. The evening concluded with Colors.



We woke up Monday morning to fog but by the time we broke up the wagon wheel it was gone. As all of you know you can't put on a cruise by yourself so I want to acknowledge all of you that assisted us with this cruise. Ron and Candy Johnson, Don and Carolyn Whatmore, Andy O'Donnell and Harry Hovey (from the Gig Harbor Yacht Club) who were all in on Wednesday setting the wheel. Denese & Terry Day for their assistance in selling t-shirts and sweatshirts, and of course my co-wench Denese for not making me be the only wench to hand out Grog! Jerry and Julie Podgorski for selling raffle tickets. Noreen Millen for all your assistance with the Auction and hosting the items on your vessel. Greg Swain for your great job at being the auctioneer and Barbara for being a spot-

ter and helping Noreen set the auction items up. Skip & Sandy Hanson and Art and Noreen Stipan for taking care of registration and getting all of the prizes donated from many generous companies. Jim Matheson for putting together the "GIG" for the picture. Jim, Andy, Gil & Ron and Dan for being the dinghy assistants and getting everyone into the wheel safe and sound. Don Whatmore for calling the bingo and all your assistance with anything we needed during the cruise. I can't forget Julie & Ken Hammerquist for selling bingo cards. Julie is the artist that put the logo together and ordered those wonderful grog cups. Again, thank you all for your assistance in making this a very fun and memorable cruise. For all of the attendees thank you for coming and participating in all the events. The Roche Harbor Yacht Club is nothing without it members and we have a great group of members.

Members and Guests that attended the Labor Day Cruise: John & Candice Brooks and their Guests Jim and Joni Harvey, Glen & Liz Dodge, Nat & Linda Collier, Don & Val Cody and their guests Jay & Peg Grady, Gary & Shirley Cummings and grandchildren, Terry & Denese Day, Steve Driscoll stopped by on Saturday, Gil & Diane Fetzner, Phil & Debi Freund whom hosted Ty Rice and Marlene Wallace, Ron & Candy Johnson, Pertis & Gloria Johnson, Harry & Teri Johnson, Jeff & Angie Kroeller, Dan & Raye Lohse and children & grandchildren, Bob & Verna Maruska, Jim & Cheryl Matheson, Lee & Angie Mattox, Neil and Noreen Millen, Andy & Mary Ann McDonnell, Ralph Newell and Lois Timmons, Guests Bob & Linda O'Connor, Tony & Evelyn Piwowarski, Phil & Ann Marie Reunert, Craig Smith & guest, Doug & Gail Stewart, Art & Noreen Stipan, Jerry & Julie Podgorski, Greg & Barbara Swain, Willard & Diane Thomas, Don & Carolyn Whatmore, Don & Jan Janus, Dave & Mary Mehlum, Dave and Linda Leonard, Patrick & Miriam Gill that came on Sunday.

Last but not least I want to thank all of you who volunteered to be a host boat on Saturday night. Graham's, Whatmore's, Fetzner's, Stipan's, Stewart's, Johnson's (Ron & Candy - Pertis & Gloria), Brook's, Matheson's, Collier's, Hammerquist's, Hanson's, Millen's, and McDonnell's. Gil & Diane Fetzner

## Commodore Report

Our boating season is winding down. Brownsville will be the last on-the-water cruise of the year and then it's on to the College Club for Business Meeting and Change of Bridge on November 12. We are limited to 180 attendees which hasn't been a problem in the past but given this years' enthusiastic cruise participation space may be a problem. The invitations will be mailed out shortly; it's important that you respond promptly if you plan to attend. Reservations will be on a first-come first-serve basis and members will be given priority over guests.

Reflecting back over the year it has been an action packed cruising season with attendance at record levels. The Wagon Wheel at Gig Harbor was a great example of the membership's spirit for having a good time. You just keep raising the bar with creativity to make our cruises more enjoyable. I imagine this is one reason why we have so many applicants; they see the camaraderie and want to belong.

I want to draw your attention to the notice elsewhere in this newsletter regarding our change of mailing address. We made note of this in a previous Anchor Watch but we're still receiving forwarded mail addressed to the old box number. This will stop shortly and mail sent to the old address will be returned to sender.

Doug Stewart  
Commodore

## Vice Commodore Report

It's Sunday afternoon at the wagon wheel in Gig Harbor as I write this report. What a great weekend it has been too. Even though the weather wasn't perfect, there was so much to do that we haven't had a dull moment. The cruise captains, Gil and Diane Fetzner have done a wonderful and innovative job of producing this cruise. Hats off to them and their team.

I am always so pleased to join in on cruises like this and get to know other members better in a great fun weekend. It's just this kind of cruise with it's

camaraderie that has made the Roche Harbor Yacht Club the envy of all cruising clubs in the Northwest and people scrambling to become members. We are a very diverse group of people united in our love of boating and having fun together.

In the interest of helping make the club work equally well for the diversity in the membership we as a board adopted a CODE OF CONDUCT AT OUTSTATIONS AND CRUISES at our board meeting in Gig Harbor. Please read it over in this publication and note that it will be with each new membership packet and roster starting in 2006.

Nat Collier  
Vice Commodore

## Rear Commodore Report

I want to congratulate Gil and Diane Fetzner and their fine cruise team, for doing an outstanding Wagon Wheel cruise at Gig Harbor on Labor Day. It was awesome fun!

Check out the photo below taken from the hill above the bay and you can see by the size of our wagon wheel in the foreground that we did have a much larger Wagon Wheel than our good friends from the Gig Harbor Yacht club.



We have had the following very good feedback on the outstations this month.

What should I do when I discover a non member squatter in an RHYC outstation?

First talk to them to make sure they are not a member.

If you determine that they are not a member do not confront them directly, but instead report them to the marina management. The marina management will get them out of the slip for you and there is no need for you to have that hassle.

It has been reported that The Fisherman Bay outstation is missing a 50 amp splitter and the remain-

ing splitter has been burned badly. Lopez Marina management has agreed to supply splitters free of charge to RHYC members. Simply go to the office and give them a security deposit and when you return the splitter you will get your deposit back.

#### Roche Harbor

At Roche Harbor when you are in the overflow outstation and the permanent outstation slip opens up you are to move immediately to the permanent outstation. The club should not pay for you to be in the overflow slip when the permanent slip is open. We are now getting a weekly fax report on occupancy so don't get caught staying in the overflow slip when the permanent slip is open or you will be charged for your nights stay.

There have been members signing the waiting list at Roche Harbor several days in advance. The waiting list is not a reservation sheet and you must be in the immediate harbor area ready to move into the slip as soon as it is open. We will soon merge the Roche Harbor sign in sheet with the waiting list sheet so it is readily apparent to those signing in, that someone has signed in the waiting list. We will also have a space for mobile phone contact and to monitor channel 16 on the VHF radio if they are not in the immediate area then you can go ahead and take the open slip.

If you cannot find the member waiting and cannot get them on the mobile phone or on channel 16 then you are free to take the open slip. We are happy to report that the Roche Harbor overflow outstation is working well and the overall occupancy at Roche Harbor outstation has increased by 40% over last year.

The Gig Harbor 90 foot outstation slip is now well marked now on the top edge of the dock and in checking the sign in sheet last week it is being well utilized.

We now have five 90 foot outstation slips working very well for the RHYC members. To keep it working well please take a few minutes to read your clubs outstation rules in your RHYC handbook.

Thanks again for reporting issues with our outstations. It makes my job much easier with this great communication.

See you at the Brownsville cruise.

Jim Matheson  
Rear Commodore

## Treasurer Report

It has been a pleasure to note in recent cruises that the cruise captains are turning in good expense reports, which is good for the club in terms of having more accurate accounting of revenues and expenses, but it also saves yours truly many hours of work chasing down receipts and trying to get them into the correct expense category. So thank you, cruise captains. Keep up the good work.

I will not be able to attend the Brownsville cruise, so I will arrange for the checkbook to be available with one of our alternative authorized signers so we can reimburse expenses in our usual timely fashion.

I've been out cruising one more week before you-know-what sets in, and I've enjoyed time at our Roche and Lopez outstations. September is such a great time to be out. I'm happy to report that the OFO arrangement at Roche Harbor worked seamlessly, no problem. Judging by the bills I'm paying, many members have used the OFO facility at Roche Harbor. It's easy- just call the harbormaster on the VHF and they respond right away. And I've just witnessed a fantastic sunset from the Fisherman's Bay outstation on Lopez. Great club!

Steve Driscoll  
Treasurer

## Secretary Report

What a great time Gig Harbor was! Thanks to the Fetzner's and their helpers for putting on a great wheel. In particular, Angie and I really liked their idea of assigning members to a host boat for the catered meal. As the club continues to grow, it becomes more challenging to meet and spend time with all our members. What a creative way to "mix it up" and spend quality time getting to know more fellow members. After all that is a big part of what this club is all about. Thank you Art and

Noreen Stipan for opening your boat to us and showing us a wonderful evening and thank you Gil and Diane for the great idea!  
See you in Brownsville!

Jeff Kroeller  
Secretary

## Fleet Captain Report

Well... we just completed our, very successful, Gig Harbor Wagon Wheel bringing us to the last three events of the year. Coming up is our Brownsville Cruise followed by our Change of Bridge and then the New Year's Eve Party at Everett.

We were unaffected from the terrible marina fire in Gig Harbor as it was very well contained. We sympathize with all who had such a loss, many of which were members of the Gig Harbor Yacht Club. They continued their wagon wheel near ours however, much reduced in size after losing about sixteen boats to the fire.

Gill & I invited their wheel to dinghy over to join us for our Sunday night Colors Ceremony and we welcomed them in, and acknowledged their tragic loss. They were very appreciative and thanked us before they left, saying we really had our act together and were a quality club. Some asked how to join our club as well.

The Pirate theme for the Gig wheel was a real hoot with interesting costumes and decorations. The entire cruise was well organized with good food, and many activities including our dinghy parade that drew much interest from everyone in the harbor. This is all thanks to our Cruise Captains, Gill & Diane Fetzner and the "Cruise Team" & Helpers. Gill & Diane went overboard with pre-planning, attention to every detail, and packing the event for maximum enjoyment by all who attended.

We thank our "Assistant Cruise Captains" Sandy & Skip Hanson and Noreen & Art Stipan for all their help & effort. They stepped up to the plate to help with this Cruise due to a Captain cancellation.

Thank you all very much.

I must acknowledge the help and expertise from our very own "Wagon Wheel King Guru" of the Northwest, Jim Matheson. Thanks Jim for everything. I owe you.

We also thank our Wednesday set-up boats: Panache, Candy Kiss, and Gallup Again,

Keying from the Emerald 1. Thanks to our many "Dinghy Bumper Tug" helpers including, in part, Ron Johnson, Andy McDonnell, Gill Fetzner, Jim Matheson, Neil Millen, and another "Guru" Dan Lohse. Help from others, too many to list.

The Wagon Wheel Auction was once again, a big hit, with excellent participation. Much of the monies, after expenses, will go to the "Gulf Coast" Relief Effort due to the devastating hurricane damage from Katrina.

Ron Johnson (Candy Kiss) wrote the club a check for \$500.00 to go for the Relief Effort Charity as well. Thanks Ron & Candy.

I want to thank, once again, our auctioneer Greg Swain along with team mate Noreen Millen for a very entertaining and profitable auction. Thank you both. I saw many good deals out there to the benefit of everyone. Thank you Linda & Nat Collier for donating the "high dollar deal" purchased by Noreen & Art Stipan for \$850.00.

The Stipan's also donated many cases of Starbucks Coffee. Thank you all.

This wheel approached the 4th of July Wheel for "Rubber Duckies" with two adults and two dogs to hit the water. They were: Bob Maruska who went in while holding his Dog, Gill Fetzner (our Cruise Captain), and dear Casey (Colliers Dog). The ladder on the "Progression" got used twice for the Duckies. Must be a dangerous place. Once again, no Rubber Ducky for Glen Dodge, who was snorkel swimming, practicing his "Seal" maneuvers.

The helpful Sail boats for our Colors Flag duties were Jeff Kroeller, Tony Piwowarski, Richard McCormick, & Lee Mattox. Thanks Guys.

Thanks to Ken & Julie Hammerquist for selling Bingo Cards via dinghy and Jerry & Julie Podgorski with Cathy for sales of raffle tickets.

You won't want to miss our next cruise to beautiful Brownsville. It is necessary to pre-sign-up, and pre-pay, and pre-select your dinner selections. You will also be told about your slip assignment based on the size of your boat. Please contact Richard Symms at: [richardsymms@comcast.net](mailto:richardsymms@comcast.net)  
We have the clubhouse and the event schedule looks very good. This is our last "water" cruise till the November C.O.B.

See Ya in Brownsville !!!

Don Whatmore  
Fleet Captain

# Nominating Committee

We are pleased to submit for your consideration the following Candidates for our 2006 RHYC Board of Trustees.

The Nomination Committee recommends:

Elective Positions:

**Commodore - Nat Collier**

**Vice Commodore - Jim Matheson**

**Rear Commodore - Jeff Kroeller**

**Secretary - Candy Johnson**

**Treasurer - Steve Driscoll**

Non- Elective Position:

**Fleet Captain - Glen Dodge**

( by Appointment)

**PC/Trustee - Doug Stewart**

( by Succession)

In accordance with our by-laws "Additional nominations to each elective office may be made by a petition signed by at least five (5) members in good standing, which will be submitted to the Chairman by the end of the first week in October, to be added to the ballot to be submitted to the membership for election."

Lee Mattox  
Chairman

Please note our new Post Office Box  
Number. Our new address is:

**Roche Harbor Yacht Club**  
**P.O. Box 94426**  
**Seattle, WA 98124**

## RHYC

### ***Cruise & Outstation Code of Conduct***

RHYC is a cruising club and therefore attendance at cruises is central to the life of the Club. It is important that all members feel comfortable, safe and welcome at all of the Club's events.

The following code of conduct is designed to enhance the enjoyment of cruises and outstations by all members present:

- Members and their guests will conduct themselves in a courteous manner at all Club functions.
- Members will be held responsible for their conduct and that of their guests.
- The rights and privacy of others must be respected.
- All boats will display the RHYC burgee during Club events and while at outstations.
- Generators will not be operated before 0800 or after 2300 hours.
- Sailboats are requested to "quiet" their rigging while attending a cruise and when occupying an outstation.
- Members and their guests are responsible for their pets. At all functions, (dock parties, community meals and when otherwise appropriate) dogs must be on a leash. It is the responsibility of members and their guests to clean up after their pets.
- Parties and music must not be disturbing to neighboring boats. Parties and music must be contained inside individual boats between the hours of 2300 and 0800.
- In addition to the Code of Conduct, members will conduct their Club activities in accordance with the Club's bylaws and Outstation rules.

Violations of the Code of Conduct may result in the appropriate remedial action by the Club's Board of Trustees.

## COLUMBUS DAY OCTOBER CRUISE DISCOVER BROWNSVILLE !!!!

And come to the last boating cruise of the Season.

September 30 (Friday) through October 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday.

Friday September 30 – Arrival – VHF 68 for Club Contact  
Check in with the dock hands.  
Buy your raffle tickets from our RHYC Representative.  
3:00 PM Cocktails on the dock and boats.  
6:00 PM At the Gazebo ‘dock party’ bring your favorite Hors d’ oeuvres to share  
and your own beverage.

Saturday October 1st:  
4:00 PM Wagon Wheel, Water “BINGO”  
6:00 PM Catered dinner of your choice: Prime Rib or Chicken and dessert at the  
BVYC Club House.

Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>:  
7:00 AM Continental Breakfast on the dock or at the gazebo.  
  
Get Lucky at Bingo or win a fabulous prize in the raffle.

Cruise captains: Richard and Merlyn Symms on Prime Time.

RESERVE YOUR PLACE NOW as the number of boats is limited!!! Send your reservation fee of  
\$25.00 per person to Richard Symms at 16059 SE 45<sup>th</sup> Pl. Bellevue, WA 98006  
For more information call: Richard at (425) 395-9562 or email [richardsymms@comcast.net](mailto:richardsymms@comcast.net).



### *Commodore's Ball – Change of Bridge*

*Saturday November 12, 2005  
College Club, Seattle*

*6:00 pm Reception  
6:30 pm Change of Bridge  
7:15 pm Dinner  
8:30 pm Dancing*

*Advanced registration is required  
Make your reservation early  
Don't be left out!*

*Cruise Captains Gail & Doug Stewart  
425.392.1603  
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# Upcoming Cruises



October 1-2  
Columbus Day  
Brownsville

November 12  
Change of Bridge

December 31  
New Years Eve

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**Vice Commodore**  
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