

RHYC anchor watch



Cruise Report

Brownsville Discovered!

Richard and Merlyn Symms met Gene and Martha Paxton at the Brownsville Marina on Wednesday afternoon to get things set up. Many attendees said they'd be over on Thursday but due to 27 knot winds all but one stayed at their docks. Harry and Teri Johnson on their Steel Tiger braved the elements and arrived in the late afternoon. Steel Tiger is a 1976 Steel purse seiner built by Nichols Bros. in Seattle. It is one stout boat and Harry and Teri are remodeling it into a beautiful yacht. They graciously conducted several tours of their boat and explained the process they are going through.



But on Friday the winds had died down and almost all of the 29 attending boats showed up. There was a lot of rafting and Gallup Again, Emerald One and Lani Kai moored to the outside north breakwater. So, although we had more boats than dock space, we eventually got everyone settled. Only Dick and Marilyn's Island Flyer was shoehorned too tight and touched the boats at either end at the same time! It was thanks to Ron Johnson, Don Whatmore, Gene Paxton and many others that we were able to get each boat tied up before the next one was entering the harbor. Some members had to drive to Brownsville

for various reasons. Julie Hammerquist was ill so Ken drove. Seversons, Don and Celia Paxton, and guests Bob and Cherie Grimes also drove to the event.



Betsey from Le Garmache brought us the most fabulous prime rib and chicken dinner for 70 people and at least 30 people told me what wonderful dinner they had on Saturday night. Many suggested we use Le Garmache whenever possible!

The bingo games were held in the very nice Brownsville Yacht Club's facilities and of course who else but Don Whatmore called the numbers. One more time a club member yelled, "Bingo!" but was Discovered to have a missing number. Skip Hanson won the "warm-up game," Marilyn Hampton won \$130.00 and Terry Day's brother, Dale won \$150.00. Kaye Heun was by far the champion raffle ticket seller Thank you so much Kaye.

Jack Heun, waiting for any chance to unload his "Screw Up" toilet plunger trophy, found his moment when Paul Meshke could not lower a Canadian Flag from his mast and had to use duct tape and pike poles to get it down. But Wait! During his speech Jack admitted he'd fallen into the water last summer when he fell from the bridge deck of Finally. Our commodore Doug Stewart saved the day for Paul and re-awarded the Screw Up toilet plunger trophy back to Jack. Everyone

in the room was howling in laughter.

Don Paxton won TWO major raffle prizes - a free haul out at Lieb Marine and then a \$375.00 certificate for free labor from Waypoint Marine. Both of those marine companies are in Ballard and they like Roche Harbor yacht club members. So, tell them you are a member for special treatment. Jim Matheson won the first free haul out and then Harry Johnson on Steel Tiger was the lucky winner of the second free haul out at Lieb Marine. Lombardi's restaurants of Ballard, Issaquah and Everett donated a \$50.00 gift certificate. Other smaller prizes were also distributed.

Colors were done with Don Whatmore leading the way on Friday evening but Saturday was too wet for most so we postponed it for another outing.

Diane Fetzner and Denese Day have gotten the ship's store in full swing. There are many new and high quality items such as clothing and nice wine glasses with the club logo and if you wish, you can get your boat names etc on the items. Contact Diane or Denese for more information.

Those found discovering Brownsville were: Past commodore, Tony Piwowarski and Evelyn Piwowarski on Mary Kathleen. and Commodore Doug Stewart and Gail Stewart on Mirage. Other members were: John and Candice Brooks, Troy and Christina Childs and their son, Vern and Paula Cimmery, Terry and Denese Day, Gill and Diane Fetzner, Phil and Debi Freund, Bill and Norma Hall, Ken Hammerquist, Dick and Marilyn Hampton, Skip and Sandy Hanson, Jack and Kaye Heun, Ron and Candy Johnson, Harry and Teri Johnson, Jeff and Angie Kroeller, Terry and Carol McAdams, Dale and Lisa Mark, Jim and Cheryl Matheson, Paul Meshke and Charlotte Bertsch, Ed and Jean Norton, Jerry and Julie Podgorski, Don and Celia Paxton, Gene and Martha Paxton, Gary and Jeanette Robinson, Phil and Ann Marie Reunert, Bill and Laura Severson, Art and Noreen Stipan, Bob and Maidie Strellman, Richard and Merlyn Symms, Darrell and Pat West, Don and Carolyn Whatmore. Guests attending were: Jan Dorshkind; Bob and Cherie Grimes; and Jim's brother, Doug Matheson and his girl friend Amanda; Terry Day's brother, Dale.

Like the report in September's Anchor Watch, we also had so many helpers it is hard to give credits

to all in this article. But our co-captains, Gene and Martha Paxton were our saviors. Our club has many very generous and helpful people who are willing to lighten the load on the cruise captains. And all the support from the members made being the cruise captain's fun! Last, thank you very much Merlyn Symms, my love.

Richard Symms

In Memoriam

Our condolences go to Jan & Mark LaFountain and family on the sad news that her father, Warren Metteer passed away suddenly from a heart attack. Warren was a long time member of RHYC and had many friends who will sadly miss him.

Commodore Report

The cruising season is winding down and so is my term as Commodore. A lot was accomplished during the year including: the addition of our Gig Harbor outstation, expanded moorage through the innovative overflow program at Roche Harbor, maintaining membership at our targeted number, having a strong wait list for membership, maintaining a strong financial position and providing a diverse fun filled cruise schedule.

It has been my genuine pleasure to work with a great Board of Trustees and all of the other volunteers who are so instrumental to the success of the Club. I have often said that one of the best ways to enjoy what RHYC has to offer is to get involved at some level. It's truly a rewarding experience. Your 2005 Board and volunteers did just that and achieved some lofty goals during the year. There is not enough space to describe the ways they have contributed to RHYC so that we can enjoy the many benefits offered by the Club. I enjoyed working with each of you; "Thank You" for a job well done!

At the Change of Bridge in November a new team will take over and I will move on to the role of Past Commodore/Trustee. I look forward to working with the incoming Board for what should be our best year yet.

Thank you all for your support over the past five years, see you at Change of Bridge.

Doug Stewart
Commodore

Vice Commodore Report

Well darn, the on the water cruises are over for another season. Oh well, only 5 months to go till the Kingston St Paddys cruise so I guess we can start gettin ready early for that one. And of course there will be plenty of entertainment to be had in the meantime with Change Of Bridge, New Years, Ice Breaker and Tacoma YC Brunch, so I hope to see lots of you at those events.

Linda and I have recently returned from a fabulous trip to Spain which was partly spent on a Windstar cruise ship. The reason I share this with you is not to make you green with envy, quite to the contrary, it is to tell you how lucky we are to live where we do in the Pacific Northwest. I can honestly say that even with the great experiences we had on the trip we wouldn't trade our summer cruising in our own area and in British Columbia with good friends and Yacht Club companions for the overseas experiences. For us nothing is better than the sheer pleasure, adventure and the challenge of navigating our waters. We have never had "enough" of a boat trip and always hate to go home at the end. I'm sure that most of you can share in my feelings here, aren't we lucky to be boaters in the great Pacific Northwest!

Nat Collier
Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore Report

This year has been an exciting year for the club with two new outstations going on line giving us five slips from 80 to 90 feet to choose from.

In reviewing the log books we have had growing and continued high usage of all 4 outstations.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who contacted us this year to report issues and suggest improvements to our outstation sys-

tem.

It is this kind of good and helpful two way communication that makes our club what it is today.

As summer fades into fall we eagerly look forward to another great boating season in 2006.

See you at the Change of Bridge,

Jim Matheson
Rear Commodore

Treasurer Report

It has been a privilege for me to act as your treasurer during the past year, one in which the club made a number of advances of benefit to its members. In this last report before the Change of Bridge evening, I am pleased to report that the club continues in excellent financial health and, from this point of view, members have every reason to look forward to the coming year as one where RHYC will continue to develop its services and value to members. Let me also say what a pleasure it has been to work with the bridge members during the year. Their abilities and commitment stimulated me to work harder to match all that they do to make RHYC such a great club.

Steve Driscoll
Treasurer

Secretary Report

I have truly enjoyed being your Secretary this year and hope that you have enjoyed the Anchor Watch. It's hard to believe that this is the last issue I will be sending out.

Being a member of the Bridge for this great club has been an honor. My fellow board members are outstanding individuals and I am happy to call them friends. Being Secretary has provided me with many wonderful experiences. The best of which, has been getting to know so many of you better and spending time together at cruises. I want to thank those of you who contributed to the Anchor Watch this year with classifieds, stories, information and recipes. As we settle into Fall and Win-

ter, many other clubs scale back their activities. Not this club! RHYC has cruises scheduled every month until we hit the water again to Kingston. I look forward to each one. Until then, see you at Change of Bridge.

Jeff Kroeller
Secretary

Fleet Captain Report

As we look forward to our Change of Bridge event, we can reflect back on a great 2005 cruising season and cruise events hosted by a super group of Cruise Captains and Cruise Team members. Thank you all for a fine Job.

I offer support to our Fleet Captain for next year, Glen Dodge. Glen & Liz have already worked hard on the many preparations needed for next year.

Brownsville, YES... We Discovered Brownsville via flat water both ways and both sunshine and rain. We had their beautiful club house both Friday & Saturday and the Gazebo for our Sunday good & fresh breakfast. Everyone ate very well and I must say that our Saturday night catered dinner was as good as I have ever had. Delicious and lots of it. The raffle Items were worth winning, for sure. Nice job collecting those prizes.

We thank our Cruise Captains Richard & Merlyn Symms and Gene & Martha Paxton for their premiere efforts on the recent Brownsville Cruise along with other helpful team members. The outstanding success of this October cruise was the result of their hard work. Thank you all very much.

I am very impressed with our new Ships Store headed by Diane & Gil Fetzner and aided by the very capable Denese & Terry Day, offering a complete new line of clothing with a new improved RHYC logo. Thanks also for the Brownsville "Fashion Show" allowing us to view these new garments prior to our Bingo game in the warm BVYC clubhouse.

Speaking of members helping the Club, I want to thank Sandy & Skip Hanson for having Club burgee decals made up, at their own expense, and donating all of the proceeds from sales to the Club.

They brought in \$215.00 during just one cruise. Thanks for your contribution.

I very much enjoyed being your Fleet Captain this year, as it has been a fun season with all of you, our friends, and members of the best cruising club in the Northwest. My job was made easier because of our outstanding Cruise Captains and very much team Help.

We are looking forward to the Change of Bridge so, see ya there.

Don Whatmore
Fleet Captain

Dock Talk

Ever wish you had a beautiful portrait of your boat anchored or cruising your favorite body of water to hang with pride in your home or office?

We'll wish no more. Our very own Julie Hammerquist can make that wish come true. Julie is a very talented artist whose work has been displayed at the Boat Show and various galleries. Contact Julie at 425-827-8491.

Sunshine Lady

Our thoughts are with Dorothy Cooper as she recovers from recent gall bladder surgery. We wish you a speedy recovery, Dorothy, and we hope to see you and Chuck at an upcoming cruise.



Recruiters Honor Roll

*Art and Noreen Stipan
Bill and Janet Moffet
Bill and Laura Severson
Bob Mihailov and Pat O'Connor
Chuck and Dorothy Cooper
Chuck and Michael Turbak
Cory and Dian Swassand
Craig Smith
Dan and Raye Lohse
Darrell and Patricia West
Dave and Linda Leonard
Dave and Mary Mehlum
Dennis and Cathy Graham
Don and Carolyn Whatmore
Don and Felia Daxton
Doug and Gail Stewart
Duane and Susan Waltos
Ed and Misti Allison
Ed and Shirl Klein
Eldon and Rita Johnson
Gene and Martha Daxton
Glen and Liz Dodge
Greg and Barbara Swain
Harry and Teri Johnson
Jerry and Julie Podgorski
Jerry and Paula Saruffi
Jim and Cheryl Matheson
John and Candice Brooks
John and Jeanne Lloyd
John Masker
Ken and Patty Heany
Larry and Wendy Meyers
Lee and Debra Mattox
Nat and Linda Collier
Neil and Noreen Millen
Richard and Marilyn Gynms
Skip and Sandy Hanson
Terry and Carol McAdams
Tom and Chris Miner
Werner and Jan Otto*

Cruise Captain Honor Roll

*Jeff & Angie Kroeller
Mary Ann & Andy McDonnell
Robert & Janey Rath
Paul & Charlotte Meshke
Larry & Wendy Meyers
Bob Mihailov
Pat O'Connor
Dave & Linda Leonard
Kenneth & Linda Larson
Glen & Liz Dodge
Ray & Sue Biggs
Steve & Sandy Driscoll
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Ed & Jeanne Bushnell
Lee & Debra Mattox
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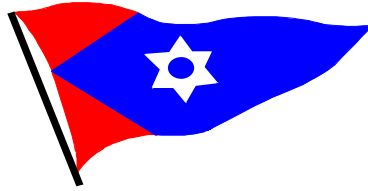
Commodore's Ball – Change of Bridge

*Saturday November 12, 2004
College Club, Seattle*

<i>6:00 pm</i>	<i>Reception</i>
<i>6:30 pm</i>	<i>Change of Bridge</i>
<i>7:15 pm</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
<i>8:30 pm</i>	<i>Dancing</i>

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

*Cruise Captains Gail & Doug Stewart
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ROCHE HARBOR YACHT CLUB
3rd ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
EVERETT YACHT CLUB CLUBHOUSE

RHYC Members & Guests are Invited to attend the EYC New Year's Eve Party on Dec. 31st 2005. The Port of Everett has authorized plenty of Dock Space for us right in front of the Club House.

For those who choose to come by car, we have arrangements for a 50% Discount at the Best Western Cascadia Inn (425) 258-4141. You just need to mention you are with the RHYC and you pay only ½ Price for rooms.

We also invite you to visit our Boat "Emerald 1" for a Cocktail Party New Year's Day. Wine & "hors d' oeuvres" provided, Sat. TV Dish too. Come & Go or Stay at your will. By "Land or Sea" come join in on the Fun and be sure to tell your friends too ! ! ! !

Great Music, Great Food, Great Friends

Gourmet Dinner Provided By Chef Ewrin

Music Provided by "PLAN B"

Inexpensive Drinks

Portraits Available

Champagne Toast

Fanfare, Hats, Horns, Etc.

The Cost of the Evening is Only \$125.00 per Couple

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Upcoming Cruises



November 12
Change of Bridge
College Club

December 31
New Years Eve
Everett YC

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Doug Stewart.....		425-392-1603
	Vice Commodore	
Nat Collier.....		206-714-9970
	Rear Commodore	
Jim Matheson		425-271-4989
	Treasurer	
Steve Driscoll.....		425-638-0142
	Secretary	
Jeff Kroeller.....		425-335-3473
	Fleet Captain	
Don Whatmore		206-725-4805
	Past Commodore/Trustee	
Lee Mattox.....		253-927-6034

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