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Brownsville Yacht Club
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Commodore's Report



I'm guessing most of you are full of turkey or ham after our potluck meeting and Thanksgiving with

your family and/or friends. Now we have to face the Christmas parties with cookies, candy, and all the other goodies.

Remember to come to the Christmas gift exchange and Tree decorating with heavy hors-d'oeuvres' December 3rd and Christmas Ships December 16th and 17th. Also, we are collecting food items for the Food Bank. Please support your community in these difficult times by dropping off non-perishable items when you come by the club. I thank you for your support.

I will be unable to attend the gift exchange or General Meeting as I will be in Georgia visiting my Mom who is quite ill.

I should be back for Christmas Ships.

Thanks to Carolyn and her volunteers for the club clean up.

May you have Fair Winds and Following Seas.

Bob



Tree Decorating and Gift Exchange:

Get your Christmas spirit in high gear by joining us at our annual Christmas Tree Decorating and Gift Exchange on Saturday, Dec. 3rd at 6:00! Bring an appetizer to share and BYOB.

If you would like to get in on the gift exchange, bring a gift to exchange (no minimum, but a maximum amount of \$25.00). We always have fun and it's a great way to get the holiday spirit started.

HO HO HO ! --- Santa's Elf Noreen

Christmas Angels - Reminder to all who signed up to provide gifts for our Kitsap Resources Family. If you would please have them to the Club by Dec.3rd the night of our club Christmas party with children's I.D. numbers attached, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you ALL for your generosity for "our" 6 children!! Any problems or questions...please call Sue Pedersen 360-613-1888.

P.S. And - remember, that is a good time to bring donations for our food bank box as well.

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The Vice Commodore's Report



Winter is here and it's a great time to schedule your vessel's maintenance upgrades. Many marine stores and yards are also having specials on their items and yacht repairs. I know that during the Halloween Cruise to Bremerton, "Scorpio" found a few new leaks. It looks like renewed caulking is required and soon.

I hope everyone enjoyed the annual cruise to Bell Harbor and are looking forward to decorating your vessel and participating in the Christmas Lights Cruise on December 16th and 17th. Even if you don't plan on taking our your vessel out these nights, why don't you come down to the Club House after each cruise and share in the warmth and fellowship.

Now with two new families having joined the BVYC family and a new individual has expressed interest; we are off to a great start increasing our membership this year. The challenge still stands. If each of us mentors just one new family through the coming year, we will be in great shape to secure the future of this Club.

We still have a few openings for cruise Fleet Captains for the coming season. If you have never been a Fleet Captain, it is a lot of fun and you can set the agenda and pace of the rendezvous. Please contact Bill and Kathy Mark, Rufyannemv@yahoo.com, if you are interested. You will have no regrets.

Fair winds, safe yachting and the Happiest of Holidays to you and yours.



Rear Commodore's Comments



Ho Ho Ho! December is upon us and the excitement of the Season with all its activities. While you might experience white snow falling on the Christmas Day, my family and myself will be experiencing and enjoying the white sand on the beach of Mexico with good friends. :) Whether it be cold or hot many wishes to you all for a Happy, Safe, Loving and Wonderful Holiday Season.

Ginormous Thank Yous to All that participated in the November Club House Cleaning. It certainly was a successful day of hard work with great results. Big HUGS to Bob K, Lori B, Jerry M, Jodi F, Noreen L, Ron S, and Bill & Diane B.

Rentals of the Club House are booked solid for December and many have come in for the New Year. I suggest looking at your calendars for 2012 and making your reservations in advance to book your special event.

Remember when vacating the Club: Please double check the Entertainment Corner making sure all electronic equipment is turned off and doors locked.

Fleet Committee



We had another great cruise to one of our more popular destinations - Bell Harbor. Friday night there were 25 of us for a very special dinner with a tremendous view at "The Portfolio" restaurant at the Seattle International Culinary Inst.. Saturday many were off to the Market or uptown shops and a half dozen of us went to the Clink for the Pacific Marine Expo to view the latest in equipment. The Expo was not crowded so the opportunities to speak to vendors were plentiful. Last Waltz hosted the social hour with many super hors d'oeuvres - especially Noreen and Ron's crabcakes. Bill and Kathy Mark were kind enough to host us for brunch on Sunday. For this time of year, the weather Gods were with us, clear partly sunny skies, not a drop of rain, very little wind, but...mighty chilly at night - a good test of heaters and furnaces.

Those attending were: Honky Tonk, Liahona, Sea Star, Sea Hound, Liberty Call, Keel's Song, Home Run, Rufy Anne, Last Waltz, Reely Ours and the Stevens by car. P.S. Thanks to Diana B. for helping Sue net the 8-10lb. salmon in the marina on Sunday. P.S.S. We let the poor thing go as it had seen better days!



January 2012 Cruise:

Our first cruise of 2012 is just around the corner (hard to believe!). We are scheduled to go to Port Madison the weekend of January 13th-15th (for some, the cruise will stretch into the 16th).

We can get a few boats in at the dock, but most will be anchoring out. Port Madison has generously offered to let us use their wonderful clubhouse. We have an afternoon of games and dinner planned for Saturday and brunch on Sunday at the clubhouse. Please let us know if you would like to attend. So far, we have not had a lot of interest expressed. Please let us know by December 14th if you plan to come and join in.

Noreen LeBlanc & Ron Smith -- Cruise Hosts

2011/12 Cruise Schedule

Dates	Destination	Host Boat
Jan 12-16 (MLK)	Port Madison	Noreen & Ron
Feb 17-20 (Presidents Day)	Pacific Beach land cruise	Lester & Linda Dent
March 16-18	Shilshole Marina	JR & Tina Leaman
April 27-29	Poulsbo Marina	Bob & Maggie Stevens
May 25-28 (Memorial Day)	Des Moines Marina	?
June 22-24	Kingston	JT & Carolyn Thomas
Aug 31-Sept 3 (Labor Day)	Everett	Dan & Denise Olson

Please note Poulsbo cruise dates have changed to the following weekend April 27-29, 2012. Club reservations have been made but if you are planning on attending you will need to make individual reservations by contracting Poulsbo Marina at 360-779-3505. Bob and Maggie Stevens are host and will be providing additional details as time comes closer.

Memorial Day cruise location has changed from Quartermaster to Des Moines Marina. We are still looking for a host boat. If you are interested please contact us.

Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 3rd Christmas Tree Decorating and
Gift Exchange 6:00 pm
- Dec. 13th Social Gathering 6:30 pm
General Meeting 7:00 pm
- Dec. 16th Christmas Ships Parade
(Bremerton side)
- Dec. 17th Christmas Ships Parade
(Bainbridge Island side)
- Dec. 19th Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- Jan. 10th Social Gathering 6:30 pm
General Meeting 7:00 pm
- Jan 13-15 Cruise to Port Madison
- Jan 26th Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm

From The Quartermaster:

We now have burgee's for sale if you need a replacement.

The cost is: \$30.00 Large Burgee's
(for the big boats!)

\$25.00 Regular Burgee's
\$15.00 Dingy Burgee's

We also have a few 40th Anniversary ball caps available for purchase at \$12.00 each and a DVD set for \$10.00 covering highlights during the last 20+ years of our club.

Please see Ron Smith for purchasing any of these items.

Pacific Beach Land Cruise

It's never too early to be thinking about our LAND CRUISE to PACIFIC BEACH. It is scheduled for February 17-20th (President's Weekend - a three day holiday for most). And we hope to put together some fun things to do. We already have a house on the bluff volunteered for our famous dinner (or infamous?) and I think we'll visit the "pub" again for lunch. There is also a bar and restaurant at the resort, so plenty of options if you don't want to cook. We'll send out more info as we get closer.

For those of you who can make reservations on your own, you should do so as soon as possible as they fill up fast for this weekend. (See direct contact info below)

Pacific Beach Resort lodging is open to all military, active, retired and reservists, as well as DOD and federal employees. Authorized users may sponsor family members and friends as their guests, and many of us are authorized users. The resort has reasonably priced, fully furnished three and four bedroom cottages with kitchens line the ocean bluff providing guests with panoramic ocean vistas. Don't need an entire cottage? Check into their affordable hotel suites or try an RV spot. They have the right accommodations for every need. There are a few other lodging choices in town, but we can get you something at the Resort.

If you qualify as an authorized user please call the resort to book your individual reservations. First night's stay must be paid at time of making your reservations.

If you would like to be a guest, Bill and I or Linda and Lester Dent will be able to sponsor you. **We must make your reservations for you so please contact us directly.**

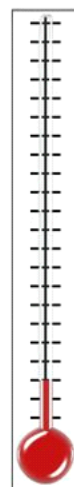
Check out their website to see all they have to offer: <http://www.navylifepnw.com/site/68/Pacific-Beach.aspx>

Contact information for authorized users:
(888) 463-6697 or direct at (360) 276-4414

Contact information for guest:

Kathy & Bill Mark -- (360) 981-3965 -- rufyannemv@yahoo.com
Linda & Lester Dent -- (360) 620-9344 -- ldent@centurytel.net

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Brownsville Yacht Club
into History
by contributing to the
BVYC 911 Memorial
Brick fund.



\$250

This brick will forever be a reminder that BVYC will never forget the events of 9/11.

Please see Kathy or Bill Mark if you are interested in making a contribution.

Contributors:
Kathy & Bill
Diana & Bill

\$45

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