

Commodore Jonathan's July Article 2014

While reading the newspaper, it stated that Summer is in the air. Wow is it ever, warm days, and lots of sun. I even had to buy another bottle of sunscreen, SPF 30.

The nautical question of the month is bridges and lighting at night or reduced visibility. How do you know what is the center of the channel under the fixed Bridge?

Junes general meeting was very busy with voting of officers. I was voted in as Commodore for my 2nd consecutive term. Thank You very much to all that voted. Congratulations to Carolyn being voted in for Vice Commodore. I am sure she will serve the membership well. We are still looking for a Rear Commodore, and a 2 year Executive Board Member. Anyone interested please contact me for information. The Bylaws changes were voted in, they will be sent out in September prior to the Installation Dinner on Saturday September 13th.

July's meeting is the Officers picnic, Saturday, July 12th at the Brownsville Yacht Club, 1pm is the time to enjoy Ron's famous Pork Butts and I am cooking hamburgers and dogs. The theme is Hawaiian, so please wear your grass skirt and sun glasses. 2pm is the general meeting.

Once again, this is your club , so lets make it the best around on the sound.

Commodore Jonathan Thomas

S/V Absolutely

Clear channel 68 and monitoring 13 and 16.

Vice Commodore Report: July 2014

June was an amazing month for the Brownsville yacht Club. The cruise was great fun, the weather was fantastic, and we installed new members. The cruise to Bremerton during Marina Days was so much fun. Bill and Kathy hosted and their boat was as usual a fabulous place gather. The cruise over to Bremerton proved to be another great adventure for the Fitchett Family. Jeremy had football practice, so he did not join on the ride over, so Rebecca and I braved the wind, rain, and currents on our own. The Brownsville group waiting on the dock was a welcoming sight and I am truly grateful to have such a wonderful group of knowledgeable "captains" who can give me guidance from the dock when I am in over my head. The Marina days event with the Boat Guy was well worth the adventurous boat ride over, and I will recommend anyone see him if the opportunity arises. His presentation was funny and

eye-opening. He reminded me even more how important it is to ensure we are always safe on the water, whether a seasoned boater or a newbie sticking their tow in for the first time. The only safety on the water is the safety we prepare for in advance. With that in mind I have worked out a plan with the Commodore Jonathan to do some navigation and safety classes over the next few months. I purchased some charts and I will be working with the commodores to be mounting them and laminating them so we can always be prepared for upcoming cruises. I have also scheduled an American Boater Course for August 12-21. This course will be open to the community, since it is Brownsville policy to promote Boating Safety, but all members will receive a discount. This year all boaters 59 and younger are required to have a boater's license. This class meets the requirement for getting the license it is also a good refresher course! Please watch for the flyer for all the details. Our July meeting is coming up and we have another new member installation. Please come out and meet our new members and enjoy the picnic festivities. It is sure to be a Hawaiian GREAT TIME!

July 2014 Rear Newsletter entry

Summer has finally arrived! This is such a great time of year and to me there is nothing better than warmth, sunshine and to see people getting together and enjoying friendship and boating.

The month of July is certainly bringing our club much positive activity, which is evident in our club gatherings and club rentals. Rentals for this month consist of joyful gathering of birthdays, weddings, anniversaries and retirements. Thank you to all for assisting me in keeping the club clean and inviting for all who utilize the facility.

Please be aware that although members do have the use of the club house; please be respectful of the rental events that are in progress. Check the calendars, either on our website or the one posted in the club house.

Looking forward to seeing everyone and enjoying the day at the Officers Picnic.

Fair Winds,

Rear Commodore

Carolyn

June cruise to Bremerton to help celebrate Marina Day:

Thursday June 12 found some early arrivals but the most noteworthy was Jodi on Wabitt arriving in very windy conditions. After several conversations on the VHF with under tones of nervousness from Jodi, Wabitt made her approach and executed a near perfect docking.

Friday June 13 the rest of the fleet arrived to mild conditions. Bill Mark was busy being fleet captain to the arriving brokerage boats and Brownsville Yacht Club, to the club members that helped a big thank you! After settling in, all boarded Rufy Anne for h'orderves, drinking, socializing and more drinking.

Saturday June 14 National Marina day started with a number of activities featuring Chip Hanauer speaking about boating. Also attending was Mark Bunzel of Waggoner Cruising Guide, Bremerton Sail and Power Squadron, Sea magazine, Emerald Yachts boat show and more. Dancing, live music and beer garden aboard the ferry MV Kirkland was excellent and a case could be made that some may have over indulged? Later that evening a potluck aboard Rufy Anne with "chef" Bill barbecuing and Laurie Berg as the "bun lady".

Sunday June 15 Ron and Noreen hosted brunch as Bill and Kathy "had" to go to the Mariners game, thank you Ron and Norren.

Boats attending were;

Rufy Anne, Reely R's, Miss Marlene, Wabbit, McKays Holiday, Sea Hound, Seastar, Scorpio, and Dream Catcher.

Walk-in's were Paul and Laurie Berg.

Thanks to all that attended. This couldn't have happened without all of you!

Needing something to do on Friday night in Keyport.

Mark Lewis is playing saxes and flute, every Friday with a different guest musician, at Los Corales one of the best authentic Mexican restaurants in the Northwest USA!

Boater Bonus - Los Corales is just two blocks from Keyport public dock where you can pull up for free for the evening (up to 6 hours), or stay overnight for \$10 (boats under 25') or \$15 (boats over 25').

July

31 ~ Executive Board Meeting - 7pm

August

NO General Meeting

13 ~ Port Commissioners Meeting - 7pm

28 ~ Executive Board Meeting - 7pm

28 ~ Newsletter Input Due

29–Sept 1 ~ Labor Day Cruise to Andrews Bay

(Locks – Lake Washington – Steward Bay)