



Nautical Lines

Brownsville Yacht Club
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Commodore's Report



Wow, where did August go? The crowd that was on the breakwater has all been dispersed back to their own slips. One of the common statements I heard from all on the breakwater this summer is what a great time and view they had. I though was not one of the lucky ones to be on the breakwater. May be this would be a great location for a Non Cruise for the club. Any takers?

The nautical question for the month is when two (2) boats meet either by head on, crossing from port or starboard or over taking, what are the ways to communicate your intentions to pass? Bonus question, what rules does Puget Sound use as determined by the U.S. Coast Guard. I will discuss August and Septembers questions at the general meeting on Saturday, September 13.

Speaking of the September General Meeting, it was scheduled as the Installation Dinner. Since we still have a

vacant Bridge position, Rear Commodore, and the Fleet Captain elect Charlene Holms is out of town on a family issue, there was no reason to hold the Installation Dinner in Sept. The Installation Dinner will be rescheduled at a later date. The general meeting will be for presenting the budget for 2014-2015 and proposed cruise schedule for 2014-2015. Hope to see you on Saturday September 13, Social at 5pm, Potluck at 6pm and meeting at 7pm.

Other positions needing filled are 2-year Board Member, Secretary, Treasurer, and

Sunshine. If you are interested, please give me a call.

Other items for the club in September are BAD, Brownsville Appreciation Day, on Saturday, September 27th. We need members to man the booth, and to give dinghy rides. The club house will once again house the art show.

Remember BVYC is your club, so let's make it the best around on the sound.

Commodore Jonathan Thomas, S/V Absolutely Clear channel 68, monitoring 13 and 16.

Upcoming Events

September

- 8 ~ Clubhouse carpet cleaning
- 13 ~ Member Social, Potluck & General Meeting
- 17 ~ Commissioners Meeting
- 27 ~ BAD -- Brownsville Appreciation Day

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Member Social, Pot-Luck & General Meeting

Saturday.

September 13, 2014

Social 5:00 – 6:00

Pot-Luck Dinner 6:00 – 7:00

BYOB – Lemonade & Water Provided

General Meeting 7:00 – 8:00



Vice Commodore's Report

Happy September Boaters, August was here and gone in a flash! It was a great month that was super busy for me, but

FUN! This last month my family has enjoyed all sorts of boating activities. Chris came home in July so he was finally able to drive his own boat, YEAH! Jeremy has enjoyed some warm weather kayaking with one of our favorite dock mates, Mark. Rebecca enjoyed some sun bathing on the fly bridge and I enjoyed my wine while rocking on the waves. We also got out of the marina and jollied over to Poulsbo for the Art Festival and Street Dance, and that was great fun, I recommend everyone do this next year. We also just cruised around the dog fish bay area and enjoyed the beautiful summer weather. I certainly hope everyone else has enjoyed everything North West August has to offer, there is no place prettier than the North West this time of year!

August was also the ABC class offered by the Power Squadron at the Brownsville Yacht Club.

The class was well attended by non-members and was a great class. My family had some struggles getting to it so I totally understand

how hard it is to fit into our busy schedules, Chris was working nights, Becca had band practice, and Jeremy had football practice, so they only managed to get there for part of it for a refresher, but I got to enjoy meeting some great people and relax at least two nights a week, instead of my normal nights of running around. The classes were long, but the instructors were very entertaining and I am sorry more of our club were not able to attend, I hope future classes are more agreeable to schedules. Luckily they have already scheduled their next class, their Seamanship Course will be held on Thursday nights only, starting September 18th, may be easier to fit into busy lives, The first few classes will be held at the Fire and Rescue house in Central Kitsap on Old Military Road

(week 1, 2, 6, &7), and then they will have to move the classes out to the Seabeck station for a few classes (week 3, 4, & 5). The class is ten weeks, so they will still be scheduling the last few classroom days plus one day on your boat, or another member's boat. The cost is \$53 additional family \$5 for members, and \$159 additional family \$49 for non-members. This is a great class so please email me adeokp@gmail.com for additional information or to sign up.

I have also decided to resign my post. This last month was very difficult for me and my family. I need to cut out some of my extra activities so I am always available for them. I have been asking too much from them and I can no longer continue to do that.

I hope someone will be able to step up for the upcoming year. The club needs a full board, but my family needs me more.

It has been a pleasure to serve this club.

Have a great September!
Jodi Fitchett, Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore's Comments



September brings activity for BVYC, starting with Clubhouse carpet cleaning, many rentals, the Member Social, Pot-Luck & General Meeting on Saturday, September 13th and BAD at the end of the month.

BAD will be Saturday September 27th and the Clubhouse will be displaying the art of the many talented students in our local schools.

I am looking forward to working with the Officers in this New Year when our Board becomes complete.

The position of Rear Commodore is full of activity, excitement and fun. It truly is quite easy, caring for our Clubhouse, chatting with members, non-members and boating clubs.

Please check our website for available days for your next activity.

Fair Winds and Continued Sunshine,
Carolyn, Rear Commodore, s/v Absolutely



BVYC Labor Day “Lonely Boat” cruise to Andrews Bay *Where was everyone??*



Brownsville Yacht Club In History

- ~ Our BVYC was formed in June 1971.
- ~ L.H. “Dick” Atkinson of Illahee was the first Commodore installed.
- ~ The club met the first Tuesday of each month at the Brownsville Volunteer Fire Hall at 7:30pm.
- ~ The formation of the club comprised primarily of boaters mooring at the Brownsville Marina.
- ~ The Brownsville Yacht Club was the 6th yacht club to charter in Kitsap County. The other five were Bremerton, Poulsbo, Port Orchard, Kingston Cove and Port Madison.
- ~ BVYC’s 1st Cruise was to Black Island July 1971
- ~ BVYC’s 1st Fishing Derby October 24, 1971
1st Place Winner – a Women!
Mrs. Ruby Johnson proudly displayed her 13-pound, 14-ounce Blackmouth which earned her the top prize in the Brownsville Yacht Club sponsored salmon derby. She caught the salmon trolling a cut-plug herring with eight ounces of lead in the waters off University Point. Her fish was nearly twice as large as the 2nd place winner. (Bremerton Sun)

Join in the Fun!!!

What you get by being a Host Fleet Captain

1. **You get** to pick an unhosted cruise to host
2. **You get** to contact your Fleet Captain for assistance
3. **You get** to plan creative weekend activities
4. **You get** to spend your \$100 cruise budget for supplies, prizes, food, etc
5. **You get** to advertise your cruise activities in the BVYC Newsletter by sending your advertisement to Sally at seastarsally@hotmail.com before 1st of the cruise month
6. **You get** to watch your fellow BVYC members have a funweekend
7. **You get** to brag what a great weekend everyone had in the BVYC Newsletter by sending a recap and pictures to Sally at seastarsally@hotmail.com for newsletter following the cruise
8. **You get** recognition and praise from your fellow BVYC members for being a great Host Fleet Captain
9. **You get** your name entered in the end-of-year Host Fleet Captain drawing for a great prize.
10. **You get** to tell yourself that was easy and I can do this again next year !!

Please send your comments, stories, and club information to:
SeaStarSally@hotmail.com

Save Our Ships:

10 Tips to Prevent a Boat From Sinking

Summer is the perfect time to take a boat out on a lake or the ocean, whether it is just to soak up the sun with friends and family, waterski or maybe fish. But a fun afternoon on the water could turn into a disaster should corroding parts give way to gradual leaks, and the boat unexpectedly begin to sink.

Unfortunately, when a boat sinks, that is likely the end of her simply because repairs to a sunken boat often cost more than the value of the boat; therefore, boaters want to prevent a sinking at all costs.

Approximately two out of every three boats sink at the dock or mooring, and the remaining 31% sink while underway. But according to a study by the Boat Owners Assn. of the United States (BoatUS), which analyzed boat insurance claims since 2006, most boat sinkings are preventable.

According to the study, out of all of the dock or mooring sinkings, 39% occur when some small part ceases to function due to wear and tear or corrosion. The slowly failing parts can give way to gradual leaks, causing boats to exist in a "zombie state," which is somewhere between floating and sinking, dependent on the bilge pump, which may postpone the sinking until the pump fails or is overwhelmed.

For boat sinkings while underway, the most common cause (43%) is hitting something, whether it is the log, the bottom, or perhaps colliding with another boat or dock. These sinkings could be prevented if boat owners had taken some extra care in advance and through proper maintenance. For boaters, taking the right steps to maintain their boats can save them a boatload of money in the long run, as the expenses of replacing the watercraft are high.

1. For inboard-outboard powered boats, be sure to inspect sterndrive bellows on an annual basis, and replace every three to five years. The shift bellows is usually the first to fail, according to BoatUS.
2. Boaters who own inboard powered boats should check the stuffing box every time they visit the boat, and repack every spring, rather than simply tightening down the nut.
3. For engines with raw water hoses, replace them the moment they begin to show some wear and tear. Signs of dilapidation include the appearance of small cracks or feeling "spongy" when squeezed. Rusty hose clamps should also be replaced.
4. Replace the engine cooling system impeller approximately every two to three years.
5. Inspect the boat's cockpit and livewell plumbing. Take careful consideration to look at hoses, clamps and cracked or broken fittings. All of the plumbing

should be inspected, and if a boat owner is unable to inspect the plumbing in its entirety, installing inspection ports can make the task easier.

6. Look at all below-waterline fittings, hoses and clamps before the start of each boating season.
7. Don't forget the drain plug!
8. When boating with friends and family members, ask guests to help keep their eyes peeled for deadheads. If the boat has grounded or hit something, consider a short-haul to inspect the bottom or drive gear.
9. When storms are in the forecast, always pull trailerable boats from the water. These boats generally have too little freeboard to stand up to any kind of wave action.
10. Dock line management systems that keep the boat centered in the slip can prevent snags that could potentially lead to a sinking.



SeaStar and crew enjoyed Blake Island!

(check out the awesome mooring by Art -- inches to spare bow, stern and depth!)

