



# Nautical Lines

Brownsville Yacht Club  
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## Commodore's Report



Ahhhhh, the spring forward has worked. The sun is sticking around longer now. It feels good to feel the warmth from the sun! March; it started like a lamb, then a lamb, ended like a lion and of course, why not 9 inches of rain with all that. Please take a moment for the community of Oso, Washington with the tragedy of the mud slide.

I was hoping someone would remind me of the nautical terminology at the March general meeting. Since I did not discuss the answer at the meeting, I will give it here. A Solar day is 24 hours, and a Lunar day is 24 hours 50 minutes. So, this month's question is . . .

### One minute of latitude is equal to what?

Thanks to all that participated in last month's activities, meeting, cruise, and movie night. Where did all that rum go? Thanks JR and Tina for hosting the movie and I know the March cruise was well attended by the Foley Clan.

April brings lots of items for the club. Nominations for Officers of the club officially open. June is the voting meeting. To cast your vote, you must be a member in good standing, which means annual dues must be paid by the June meeting. April 25<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> is the cruise to Bell Harbor, get your reservations in. If you are not going to the cruise, Agate Pass Sail and Power Squadron has invited all to their safety weekend here at Brownsville Marina.

Rummage, Rummage, Rummage . . . Come get your treasures at the BVYC Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

See you all at the April meeting, Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Commodore Jonathan Thomas,  
S/V Absolutely

Clear channel 68 and monitoring channel 13 and 16

## Upcoming Events

### April

- 8 ~ Social - 6:30pm,
- General Meeting - 7pm
- 24 ~ Executive Board Meeting - 7pm
- 25-27 ~ Bell Harbor Cruise

### May

- 3 ~ Rummage Sale
- 13 ~ General Meeting - 7pm
- 29 ~ Executive Board Meeting - 7pm
- 23-26 ~ Memorial Day Cruise to Olympia

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**Collect your treasures for donation and sign-up to participate.**

Your donations to the rummage sale are very much appreciated, this is BVYC's annual fundraiser and the proceeds help the club to cover operating costs for our activities of enjoyment.

**The club will be closed from Monday April 28<sup>nd</sup> - Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>**

for the drop-off, set-up, Main Event Rummage Sale and clean-up.

**Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup> ~**  
Member Pre-Sale 6:00 pm  
*please remember this is Cash & Carry -- NO HOLDS!*

**Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> ~**  
Members please arrive 8:00 am  
Doors open to public 9:00 am

Sign-up sheet will be at the April general meeting or e-mail rearcommodorebvyc@gmail.com

Thank you for all your support, treasures, and donating your time!  
Rummage Sale Committee

Please remember we can't accept paints or other hazardous materials.



# Vice Commodore's Report



Happy Spring everyone! It is wonderful to have the weather warming and the water calming. I am so excited to have boating season right around the corner, because for me it has been one LONG winter. As we all get out and wash our boats for the upcoming cruises, take some time to check out other things as well. Make sure your flares and fire extinguishers are all up to date and in good working order. Check your life jackets to make sure they haven't started to go bad, they will deteriorate after a period of time, and also check your hoses and fittings, pumps, gauges, lubricants and all the other things we need to keep our boats running smoothly. Boat safety begins with boat maintenance and it is best to do this maintenance

before we go on a cruise.

The Coast Guard offers a vessel safety check and boating safety courses. You can find great resources on their website at <http://www.uscgboating.org/safety>.

Also, Port Ludlow is hosting an annual training day April 12 for anyone who is interested in boosting their safety expertise in person.

I also want to thank Ron Smith and Noreen LeBlanc for continuing to promote the club. Their continued efforts have resulted in another new member application. Thanks again for your efforts in keeping our club going!

Happy and Safe Boating!

Jodi Fitchett, Vice Commodore

## General Meeting Raffles

Quartermaster Wes provides a Raffle Goody at our general meeting. Raffle tickets are generally \$1.00 - \$2.00 or you can purchase a deal. Also, in the event that you fail to wear your name-tag to the general meeting... Oops on you ~ the Name-tag fine is \$0.25.

Want to know what the Raffle money goes to?????

- Club House paper towels
- Club House soaps (hand & dish)
- Club House air fresheners
- Club House paper plates, cups, plastic ware, napkins,
- Club House coffee, filters and cups
- Club House cleaning supplies

Oh did I say...Club House? Yes our Quartermaster Raffles supply BVYC Club House with the needed items for our members.

Find your dollars and have them ready for the next General Meeting Raffle.



Could Be.....

**Commodore** – YOU GET TO –

- *Be the Boss and Make Decisions*

**Vice Commodore** – YOU GET TO –

- *Assist the Boss and Welcome New Members*

**Rear Commodore** – YOU GET TO –

- *Be in Charge of Club House Rentals*

**Two Year Board Member** – YOU GET TO –

- *Be Involved in Important Club Decisions*

**Quartermaster** – YOU GET TO –

- *Go Shopping*

**Treasurer** – YOU GET TO –

- *Play with Money*

**Secretary** – YOU GET TO –

- *Take Notes*

**Photographer** – YOU GET TO –

- *Take Lots of Pictures*

**Newsletter Editor** – YOU GET TO –

- *Be in the KNOW First hand*

**YOU - Wanted and Needed!**



# Rear Commodore's Comments



As we leaped forward with

daylight savings time so did the sunshine and warmer days. I took advantage of two beautiful days of no rain and the decks of s/v Absolutely are once again white.

The calendar rentals are filling up with upcoming events of celebration. Many weddings, reunions, and anniversaries have been reserved. Our clubhouse and marina truly do offer a wonderful venue. Many clubs are taking advantage of this venue and have scheduled their cruises to the Port of Brownsville and they are taking advantage of our reciprocal and what the club house offers. The Chief Seattle Sea Scouts had a wonderful weekend cruise here recently and we are expecting Edmonds Yacht Club in April. Please take a moment to welcome them when

you cross paths.

May 3rd will bring us our big annual fundraiser, the Rummage Sale. The last week of April the clubhouse will busy with preparation for this event. Please drop off your items Monday - Thursday April 28 - May 1. Please donate and allow others to enjoy their new found treasures. What's the old saying ~ 'Someone's trash is another one's treasures'. Also please give your time for the big day. Remember, Friday night is the Member Pre-sale for all your new treasures and goodies.

The clubhouse will be closed from Monday April 28th - Sunday May 4th for the drop-off, set-up, Main Event Rummage Sale and clean-up.

Looking forward to see everyone!

Carolyn , Rear Commodore,  
s/v Absolutely



# Fleet Committee

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**April 25-27 Bell Harbor cruise** is fast approaching. At this point in time no boats have called to pay their first nights moorage and you have until close of business April 11 at which time our group reservations will be released. If you are planning on attending please call Bell Harbor marina at 206-615-3952 ASAP.

In addition please send us an email so that we can plan weekend activities. If we receive no additional confirmation of attendance by April 11th we will wing the weekend activities.

Here's who on the signup sheet from the general meetings:

Rufy Anne, Kathy & Bill -- Last Waltz, Sue & Carl  
Sea Hound, Tina & JR -- Reely R's, Noreen & Ron

**May 23-26 (Memorial Day) cruise** destination has changed to Des Moines. It's so simple, all you need to do is signup, no need to make individual reservations. If interested please signup at next general meeting or contact our host boat Bryan Johnson & Rob Gelder at [bryanj56@comcast.net](mailto:bryanj56@comcast.net).

## Join in the Fun!!! What you get by being a Host Fleet Captain

1. **You get** to pick an un-hosted cruise to host
2. **You get** to contact your Fleet Committee Kathy & Bill Mark at [rufyannemv@yahoo.com](mailto:rufyannemv@yahoo.com) 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](mailto:seastarsally@hotmail.com) before 1<sup>st</sup> of the cruise month
6. **You get** to watch your fellow BVYC members have a fun weekend
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](mailto: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 !!



## ST. PATTIES DAY CRUISE

St. Patricks' day cruise to Bremerton was attended by the Thumper Clan and Really R's. It was mighty green and the parade entertaining.



## 2014 Cruise Schedule

| Dates                             | Destination  | Host Boat                             |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| April 25-27, 2014                 | <b>Bell Harbor</b><br><i>Reservations made for 10 boats, signup with host boat</i> | <b>Kathy &amp; Bill Mark</b>          |
| May 23-26, 2014 (Memorial Day)    | <b>Des Moines</b>  | <b>Bryan Johnson &amp; Rob Gelder</b> |
| June 13-15, 2014                  | <b>Edmonds</b><br><i>Reservations made for 10-15 boats, signup with host boat</i>  | <b>NEED HOSTS</b>                     |
| Aug. 29-Sept. 1, 2014 (Labor Day) | <b>Andrews Bay</b><br><i>Locks - Lake Washington, Steward Park</i>                 | <b>NEED HOSTS</b>                     |



## MOVIE NIGHT



"But why is there no Rum?" .....  
One of the most famous lines in  
movie history

Arr . . . but there was rum . . .

Thanks to the Crew of the  
Mighty Lobster Yacht Sea Hound  
on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> Movie Night  
featuring  
Pirates of the Caribbean #1.

Attendance included many members of BVYC  
and visiting Trawler Crawlers.



## Doug Bekenyi

69 flights (1,311 steps) 788ft of  
vertical elevation  
Climb. Conquer. Cure.

Doug Bekenyi participated in the  
Scott Firefighter Stairclimb on  
Sunday, March 9th in support of  
the Leukemia & Lymphoma  
Society (LLS).



The Scott Firefighter Stairclimb  
is a timed race up the stairs at  
the Columbia Center in down-  
town Seattle in full fire gear and  
SCBA. Although it was challeng-  
ing, it pales in comparison to  
what blood cancer patients must  
go through. All proceeds benefit  
The Leukemia & Lymphoma  
Society.

Thank you to the members of the  
Brownsville Yacht Club for their  
support. Your donations will help  
make a big difference in the fight  
against blood cancers. Thank you  
for your generosity!

As sponsors Brownsville Yacht  
Clubs name and Burgee was  
printed on the shirts made.

## Agate Pass Power Squadron Invitation

Agate Pass and Bremerton Sail and Power Squadrons invite the  
Members of BVYC to attend their Safety Rendezvous at the Brownsville  
Marina April 26, 2014.

Meet at the Pavilion at 2:00. Discussion on Man-Overboard procedures,  
hypothermia treatments and a demonstration by a brave volunteer.  
BRR. The emphasis will be on showing and educating real life action of  
how to save a loved one.

Vessel Examiners will be available in the afternoon for Vessel Safety  
Checks.

## Chief Seattle Sea Scouts Rock the Docks in Brownsville

Mert Wells Sea Scout Regatta  
2014 was a Smashing Success at  
the Port of Brownsville, on March  
25, 2014.

Mert Wells Regatta is a time for  
Chief Seattle Council Sea Scout  
Crews to shake off the cobwebs of  
winter and get back out on the  
boats, doing those things that  
Sea Scouts do. And that's just  
what three dozen Sea Scouts and  
their leaders did.



Ships from Port Townsend, Seattle, Bellevue, Port Orchard and  
Edmonds in the Mount Baker Council made the trip by boat, by van and  
by any way they could.

The Chief Seattle Council Sea Scout Fleet would like to thank all of  
the members of the Brownsville Yacht Club for the hospitality of the  
Club House for the evening. The Scouts loved being warm.

## FOOD BANK DONATIONS

*Please continue to bring in nonperishable items to the Yacht Club.  
Items collected do not necessarily need to be food.*

Collection of Clothing (coats/scarves/gloves), Toiletries  
(toilet paper/ toothbrushes & paste/combs/ brushes/feminine hygiene  
products/shaving cream & razors), and Baby needs (diapers/wipes),  
just to name a few.

As caring and generous boaters, we can make a difference in the  
Bremerton community. Monthly deliveries are made. -- Thank You!!