



# Nautical Lines

Brownsville Yacht Club  
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## Commodore's Report



Wow, where did March go? I hope all survived the weather that March is so famous for. With the clocks turned forward, I have enjoyed the extra hour of sunlight. Thanks to Charlene and Jim for hosting the club cruise and what a great meal was had by all that attended.

Please make it to the April meeting, as this is where I will present the results of the survey. The meeting is scheduled for April 14th, and then the next day is tax day. I hope everyone is prepared for that.

Mays meeting is scheduled for Tuesday the 12th of May and the Health Department presentation will start at 6pm which will last about 45 minutes. The presentation will be on water quality of Steele Creek. This portion is open to the public and is being advertised by the Health Dept. We are expecting a crowd, so come early to get a good seat.

Future dates for the club, the rummage sale is May 2nd, save your treasures for our annual fund raiser.

June is the vote for officers; remember that dues must be paid for you to vote as a member in good standing.

See you all at the April meeting, Tuesday the 14th.

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

## Upcoming Events

### April

- 14 ~ General Meeting - 7pm
- 23 ~ EXB Meeting - 7pm
- 17-19 ~ Cruise to Bell Harbor

### May

- 1 ~ Newsletter Input Due
- 2 ~ **Rummage Sale**
- 12 ~ General Meeting - 7pm
- 15-17 ~ Cruise to Gig Harbor
- 28 ~ EXB Meeting - 7pm
- 30 ~ **Clubhouse Clean-up**
- 31 ~ Newsletter Input Due

### June

- Annual Dues Due**
- 9 ~ General Meeting - 7pm  
& **Voting for Officers**
- 12-14 ~ Cruise to Bremerton
- 25 ~ EXB Meeting - 7pm

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**SATURDAY**  
**MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
9 AM -- 3 PM

It is time to save your treasures for our annual Rummage Sale set for Saturday, May 2nd.

This is our **BIGGEST** and **BEST** fundraiser for our club!

The week prior to the Rummage sale, the club will be available for you to drop off all your donated items. Starting Saturday April 25 - Thursday April 30th. We ask that all donations be dropped off by Thursday evening allowing the rummage sale committee to be well organized for the Friday member pre-sale.

Volunteers needed for sale day!

E-mail the Rear Commodore and/or attend our General Meeting to sign up for help hours.

Thank you in advance.



## Rear Commodore's Comments



Spring has definitely started out beautiful with the bright and warm sunshine. I have started my vegetable garden and mowed the grass! Now it is time to clean up the boat for an anticipated great boating summer.

New Members for the April general meeting are Phil and Debbie Freund, M/V Our Sweetheart @ Brownsville marina. Their sponsors are Terry and Mary Asla. Please welcome them and introduce yourself.

The calendar rentals are filling up with upcoming events of celebration. 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 are taking advantage of our reciprocal. Reservations have already been booked for December 2015 and March 2016.

May will bring us our big annual fundraiser, the Rummage Sale. I have been saving boxes and cleaning out for months. I do believe my family is pleased with that! Ha! We need all of our members to participate. 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 the new treasures and goodies. The clubhouse will be closed from Saturday April 25th - Sunday May 3rd for the drop-off, set-up, Main Event Rummage Sale and clean-up.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Mark your calendars!!! Club House Clean-Up.... Saturday May 30th. Carpet will be cleaned the next week.

Carolyn — Rear Commodore — s/v Absolutely



*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!

## Facebook

We now have a public Facebook group for our club. To find it on Facebook just go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/brownsvillyachtclub/>

We have also created a closed (members only) group that is for the exclusive use of Brownsville Yacht Club members. Use this group to extend all of the good fellowship and fun beyond our meetings and get together. Once you join the group, you can post photos of your boating adventures, invite other members to join you on your next one, or simply stay in touch with fellow members between meetings. Give it a try...postings to our closed Facebook group are not visible to non-members.

The closed group may be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bvyc1/>

Both groups are in their beginning stages and waiting for you! Please check them out.

# Fleet Captain

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How do you tell if an Irishman  
is having a good time?

*\*He's Dublin over with laughter.*

Corny joke, but we did have a good fun St. Patrick's weekend cruise to Kingston. Four members by sea, Sue and Carl, Bob and Nancy, Charlene & Jim, Bill and Kathy—with Kathy getting the prize for most forms of transportation taken to arrive at the Port Of Kingston and 2 members by land, Ron and Noreen along with J.T. and Carolyn. Gathering in the guest pavilion Friday night for hors d'oeuvres, we were dazzled by the deep water shrimp puffs that Bill brought. We are still marveling. Afterwards, we accepted the hospitality of the Kingston Cove Yacht Club for a cocktail and social mixer in their clubhouse. Nice folks.

Saturday the members took full advantage of the activities Kingston had to offer. We spread to the four winds, taking advantage of great dining venues, movie theater, shops, walks and my personal favorite...the hardware store. Later in the day we gathered in the pavilion, joined by our land cruisers for a lively costume contest and a traditional St. Patrick's Day dinner of Corned Beef and Cabbage with Irish Soda bread and Guinness Stout cupcakes. Nancy's crock pot peach crisp was an extra treat along with Carolyn's Irish themed cookies. We know nothing if not how to eat well.



Costumes were judged by the attendees, with Sue, Carolyn and Carl being the winners, taking home prizes for the best costumes. We bid our land cruisers adieu and battened down the hatches for a stormy night.

Sunday morning brought more rain and stormy conditions to the hearty participants so we made a committee decision to head over to the Oak Table for breakfast rather than try to have it in the pavilion under inclement conditions. It was a capital meal in a great setting. The rain never let up and all participants made their way back to home ports after breakfast on what would be the third wettest March day in recorded history.



**#1 winner of green  
(with tapes)**

## 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 before the cruise
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 Newsletter by sending a recap and pictures to Sally 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 !!

**There is more cruising fun to be had this month, April 17-19 at Bell Harbor Marina in Seattle.** If you have not called for a slip, you will take your chances with availability as our reserved spaces were released Friday, April 3rd. Bell Harbor is a favorite destination with many activities to enjoy. An added bonus is the \$10 coupon off of a night's moorage available from your Fleet Captain at Bell Harbor. Hope to see you there.

**May Memorial Day Cruise** to Gig Harbor. May 22-25 with current plans to anchor out.

**June Cruise** to Bremerton Marina. June 12-14 Reservations have been made for this cruise. Please call them for slip assignment.

**July Cruise** to Edmonds. July 24-26 Reservations have been made. Those planning to attend please notify me as I need to forward a list of participants and their LOA to the Port in advance. This date is a change from the previous scheduled cruise of July 17-19 as the Port of Edmonds is taking no reservations that weekend because of the King run.

**Labor Day Cruise** September 4-7 is still tentatively scheduled for Andrews Bay Float, although suggestions for another location are welcomed.

# Craft Night . . . Fun was had by all !

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**Thanks  
to everyone  
who joined in to  
make this evening  
egg-tastic!**



## Calendar

### FOOD BANK DONATIONS

*The needs of our community  
continue all year long!*

***Please keep those donations coming!***

*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.

Frequent deliveries are made. -- Thank You!!

#### ***Brownsville Yacht Club Purpose***

*This is a family club and our purpose shall be to  
encourage and promote the sport of  
yachting and boating, to further safety  
on the water, to promote the science of seaman-  
ship, and navigation, and to afford  
a means of good fellowship among the devotees  
of this sport and recreation.*

### May

- 1 ~ Newsletter Input Due
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- 13 ~ Port Commissioners Mtg - 7pm
- 22-25 ~ Cruise to Gig Harbor
- 28 ~ EXB Meeting - 7pm
- 31 ~ Newsletter Input Due

### June

- Annual Dues Due**
- 9 ~ General Mtg - 7pm &  
**Voting of Officers**
- 10 ~ Port Commissioners Mtg - 7pm
- 12-14 ~ Cruise to Bremerton
- 25 ~ EXB Meeting - 7pm
- 29 ~ Newsletter Input Due

### July

- Financial Audit**
- 8 ~ Port Commissioners Mtg - 7pm
- 11 ~ General Meeting & Officers Picnic
- 17-19 ~ Cruise to Edmonds
- 23 ~ EXB Meeting - 7pm
- 27 ~ Newsletter Input Due

### August

- NO General Meeting**
- 12 ~ Port Commissioners Mtg - 7pm
- 27 ~ EXB Meeting - 7pm
- 31 ~ Newsletter Input Due

### September

- 12 ~ **Installation Dinner**