



# Nautical Lines

Brownsville Yacht Club  
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December 2013  
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## Commodore's Report



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, December is a bountiful month with lots of celebrations occurring. No matter what holiday you and your family celebrate, I wish you a wonderful season of celebrating. December for the Brownsville Yacht Club is full of activity. The Christmas Tree Decorating and White Elephant Party, Christmas Angles, Monday Night Seahawks Football, Lighted Boat Parade, General Meeting, Executive Board Meeting and of course the New Year's Eve Party are just a few of the happenings for the Club in December. I look forward to seeing you all at one of these events. Check the Monthly Happenings Calendar.

November was a busy month, from the club house cleanup, General Meeting Potluck, and the Cruise to Shilshole. Trans-Siberian Orchestra concert was an amazing show, it certainly put me in the holiday mood. Thanks to Kathy and Bill Mark for hosting the cruise to Shilshole. We are in need of Cruise Hosts for the future cruises. Please look at the schedule and consider which one of the cruises you would like to host.

At the Executive Board meeting in November, the club budget was approved and with that, the reimbursement form for expenses. If you are hosting a club event please see one of the officers for the form for reimbursement.

The executive board meeting for December is scheduled for December 19<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at the club house.

Wishing everyone a wonderful and safe month of December.

Polar Plunge here we come.

*This is your club so let's make it the best around the sound.*

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

*Don't Miss Out!*

## Lighted Boat Parade

Friday, December 6  
And Saturday, December 7  
Decorate your boat for the parade  
and come up to the clubhouse after!

### Upcoming Events:

- December 6 & 7** ~ Lighted Boat Parade
- December 10** ~ Social 6:30 pm  
General Meeting 7:00 pm
- December 19** ~ Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- December 31** ~ New Year's Eve Celebration  
6:00 pm
- January 1** ~ Brownsville Marina Polar Plunge  
at Noon
- January 14** ~ Social 6:30 pm  
General Meeting 7:00 pm
- January 17-20** ~ MLK Cruise to Kingston
- January 30** ~ Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- January** ~ Bi-Laws Committee
- February 2** ~ Super Bowl Sunday
- February 11** ~ Social 5:30 pm  
Valentine Pot-Luck 6:00 pm  
General Meeting 7:00 pm
- February 14-17** ~ Land Cruise to Pacific Beach
- February 27** ~ Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm

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# Vice Commodore's Report



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November was a super fast month! I really can't believe we are already into

December and preparing for Christmas Ships and Christmas Parties, and New Years! Fortunately November was a fabulous month, as expected. My darling spouse came home, which many of you got to experience with me since I got the call during the general meeting, my son passed his drivers education class, and the parents came up to spend Thanksgiving with us.

But enough about me, lets get down to the real reason you are reading this. This month at the General Meeting the Commodore mentioned a few folks were interested in learning more about Navigating the Ballard Locks which can be one of the most challenging and nerve wracking adventures a Northwest boater can undertake.

To help the Brownsville Yacht Club be better equipped for such a trip, please take the time to

review the following videos and guides put out by the US Army Corps of Engineers. These informational aids provide a wealth of information for safe passage through the locks.

This US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) website provides videos on Locking through both locks, waiting to lock through, and what you will need before visiting the locks: <http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/LocksandDams/ChittendenLocks/BoaterInformation.aspx>

This article from the examiner provides good detailed information in simple step by step instruc-

tions. <http://www.examiner.com/article/boating-101-how-do-i-survive-the-ballard-locks>

Lastly, Christmas Ships is right around the corner, be sure to talk to your neighbor boaters and invite them to come along! It is a great way to introduce our club and gain a new member. We also have the upcoming New Years Party and Polar Plunge followed by New Year's Brunch. These are all great opportunities! Growing our membership is important for keeping our club healthy and prosperous. If you have new membership questions or need a membership application please contact me at [vicecommodore.bvyc@gmail.com](mailto:vicecommodore.bvyc@gmail.com).

I would like to take the opportunity share how wonderful it is that our members take advantage of the comforts and availability of the club house.

Please remember that this is our busiest time for rentals. Your assistance is much appreciated when, before you leave, you remember to:

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| check that the doors are locked   | furniture is in place                              |
| cabinets are locked               | fill out a work order if needed                    |
| floors are swept and vacuumed     | electronic equipment is turned off                 |
| trash and recycling are taken out | personal refrigerator items are labeled or removed |
| blinds are opened                 |  |



# Rear Commodore's Comments

Ho Ho Ho! Wishing All a wonderful December and a Season full of excitement and activities. December

for BVYC is very busy! Yahoo! Wonderful memories are made with sharing our time with each other.

The Club House will be well occupied, starting with our Tree Decorating and White Elephant Gift exchange, The Lighted Boat Parade evening gatherings, the many Holiday Celebrations Rentals and New Year's Eve. PLEASE check the website calendar for availability and also for when the club is being rented.

Giant Thank Yous to All that participated in the November 2<sup>nd</sup> Club House Cleaning. It certainly was a successful day of hard work with great results. Thank

You, Thank You, Thank You to Jerry M, Bob B, Nancy, JR, Tina, Sally, Guy, Carma, Noreen, Ron S, and Cheryl E.

The club carpet was cleaned by Paul's Carpet Cleaning who did a wonderful job. Please take note that if there happens to be a spill; please use a damp towel with water only to clean up the carpet. Water is all that is needed due to the protectant that was applied. Thank you for your assistance.

Many Blessings and wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Safe, and Wonderful Holiday Season. May you all have Much Wind in your Sails in the New Year!

Carolyn, Rear Commodore, s/v Absolutely



# Fleet Committee

## November cruise to Shilshole

Friday's cool, crisp weather saw seven boats arrive at Shilshole marina. Early evening brought everyone to RufyAnne for heavy hor d'oeuvres and socializing.

Saturday's field trip took everyone to the Hiram M. Chittenden locks for a guided tour of the gardens, the lock systems and the fish ladder viewing area. If you've not taken this free tour it is well worth it! Following the tour everyone made their way back to their boats to prepare for the Trans-Siberian Orchestra concert in Seattle at the Key Center Arena. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the concert and

thanks to our commodore for doing the leg work to get the tickets.

Sunday morning brunch was on RufyAnne, calm sunny weather and a great cruise home.



### Boats Attending:

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|--------------|-----------------|
| Kathy & Bill | Rufy Anne       |
| Tina & JR    | Sea Hound       |
| Ron & Noreen | Reely R's       |
| Bob & Nancy  | McKay's Holiday |
| Rich & Taffy | Scottish Mist   |
| Sue & Carl   | Last Waltz      |
| JT & Carolyn | Absolutely      |



## January 17-20 Cruise to Kingston Still needs a host boat!

No need to make reservations at this time but if you are planning on attending please sign up at next general meeting or email Bill and Kathy Mark at [rufyannemv@yahoo.com](mailto:rufyannemv@yahoo.com)

## 2013/2014 Cruise Schedule

Dates	Destination	Host Boat
January 17-20, 2014 (MLK)	<b>Kingston Marina</b>	<b>NEED HOSTS</b>
February 14-17, 2014 (Pres Day)	<b>Pacific Beach land cruise</b>	Linda & Lester Dent
March 14-16 2014	<b>Gig Harbor</b> <i>Boats can anchor out, Public Dock (no power), or individual reservations at Arabella's 253-851-1793</i>	<b>NEED HOSTS</b>
April 25-27, 2014	<b>Bell Harbor</b> <i>Reservations made for 10 boats, signup with host boat</i>	<b>NEED HOSTS</b>
May 23-26, 2014 (Memorial Day)	<b>Olympia - Swantown</b>	<b>NEED HOSTS</b>
June 13-15, 2014	<b>Edmonds</b> <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> <i>Locks - Lake Washington, Steward Park</i>	<b>NEED HOSTS</b>

# New Years Eve Party!

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## Dinner at 6:00 pm

Includes:  
Roast Beef & Ham  
Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans & Tossed Salad  
Dinner Roll and Dessert

Please feel free to bring an appetizer to share.



\$12.50 per adult

Kids meals will be available for  
12 and under at 1/2 price.

BYOB

Doors open to everyone  
at 9:30 pm

## Champagne toast at 9:00 pm.

Please RSVP by December 21:  
[vicecommodore.bwyc@gmail.com](mailto:vicecommodore.bwyc@gmail.com)

## Annual Land Cruise to Pacific Beach, February 14-17

Just when you think summer would last longer, in drops the cold cool weather of fall, then winter. If you don't take your boat out in the winter here is a great alternative to the winter blues; **The Annual Brownville Yacht Club's Land Cruise to Pacific Beach February 14-17 2014.** It's Valentine's Day on Friday, and President's Day on Monday so it fits with a great three day holiday right in the heart of Winter.

Pacific Beach is the Navy's premium recreational resort on the Washington Coast. If you want to see what it's all about go to their website at <http://navylifepnw.com/site/68/Pacific-Beach.aspx>.

This facility is family friendly and they have lots of things to do. Plus you are just feet away from the ocean and a drive away from Ocean Shores (about 45 mins). There are houses to rent, suites (both allow dogs) and hotel rooms. They have a restaurant/bar, a gym area, a hot tub, movie room, a 6 lane bowling alley, and a game room.

While the town itself is Very sleepy during the winter this is usually clamming time and the beaches fill up fast. We plan a day so you can explore and usually have a pot-luck dinner, along with other activities, but the one thing we've always had was fun!!!

So here are the particulars: The resort is limited to active/retired/reserve military personnel and DOD active and retired employees. **THIS SHOULDN'T STOP YOU FROM COMING** because if you do not meet these requirements, we have a number of people that are going who do and we can still get you a reservation by you being a guest. You will owe them the reservation costs, but you can work that out later!!

If you want to be part of this cruise but want to stay in the town of Pacific Beach or nearby Seabrook, there are some options there too, but Google the towns for lodging!

There are three Brownsville YC members who have already

reserved three, four bedrooms - 2 bath, beach front homes at Pacific Beach and we'd like to extend an invitation to you to come with us. If you think you'd like to join us and you don't qualify as military or DOD email myself (Linda Dent) at [Rhome4me@hotmail.com](mailto:Rhome4me@hotmail.com) or Kathy Mark at [Rufyannemv@yahoo.com](mailto:Rufyannemv@yahoo.com) and let us know you are interested and we'll help you out. You can also call me, Linda Dent, at (360) 620-9322, or Kathy Mark at (253) 279 3964, and we can make the reservation for you as our guest.

If you do qualify on your own-the phone number to call for Pacific Beach reservations is **1-877-NAVY-BED**. Please let us know by email if you make a reservation or would like us to make one for you!

Sooner is better as reservations go fast, but if you don't mind staying with your YC friends we do have those three houses. Those of us who have done this land cruise the last few years have really had a great time!

# POLAR PLUNGE

Brownsville Marina

January 1<sup>ST</sup>

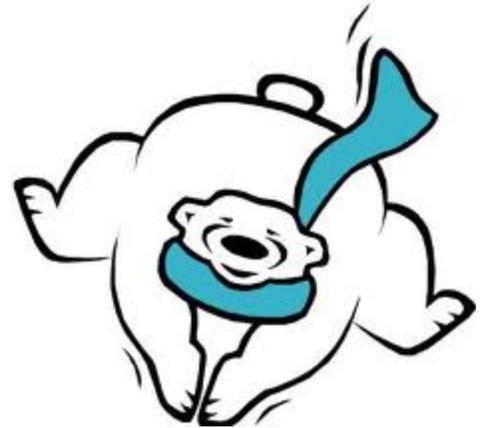
12:00pm / NOON

Diving in from beach area  
going to pavilion

Meet in front of Deli

*Participants are encouraged,*  
bystanders are welcome

The Brownsville Yacht Club will have  
a member-sponsored brunch and hot beverages waiting in the  
clubhouse after the event.  
Donations will be accepted.



**Thanks to all  
for a successfull  
Club House  
Clean Up!!**



**FYI: The Boat Guy,  
aka Chip Hanauer,  
is organizing a rendezvous  
at the Port of Poulso  
on February 7-9, 2014.**

It looks like it will be a lot of fun.  
Several club members have already  
purchased tickets to attend.

They have a lot going on  
including an all day bonfire,  
opening ceremony, art walk, wine tasting,  
marine swap meet, poker walk,  
official winter rendezvous dinner party,  
and live music.

You can get all the information at  
[www.theboatguy.com](http://www.theboatguy.com).

I will also put the flyer on the bulletin board  
in the clubhouse. If you decide to attend  
make sure you call the Port of Poulso to  
reserve a slip after you buy your tickets from  
The Boat Guy website.

Cheers,  
JR & Tina, Sea Hound