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Brownsville Yacht Club
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Commodore's Report



I'm still smiling over the Thanksgiving Pot-Luck and November meeting. We had one of the best Club participation in years. Maybe it was the rolls? A special thanks to JR and Tina for cooking the scrumptious turkeys; to Jonathan and Carolyn for the delicious ham; to Bob and Maggie for the mashed potatoes and gravy; and to everyone for all the salads, desserts and the tasty dishes that made this evening so special. I know that we all appreciated our Vice Commodore, Jonathan, for taking the time to re-train us on the use and various types of Fire Extinguishers. Safety on the water is one of our Clubs mission statements and Jonathan is 'walking the talk'.

A big "thank you" to Sue and Carl for hosting the cruise to Bell Harbor on November 16th through the 18th. For those who haven't been to Bell Harbor with the Club before; this is billed as the "Shop 'til you Drop" cruise. Carl and Sue always have fun plans and it's always one of the special cruising events of the year. Please consider volunteering to be a Fleet Captain or Fleet Hosts; it a fun way to get to know everyone, and you can set the theme and cruise itinerary.

December 1st, Saturday will be our Christmas tree decorating party and Holiday gathering; but this event will have already happened by the time you get the Newsletter. I hope everyone could attend and participate in the White Elephant gift exchange, hosted by Santa Ron. And the best of all Event is about to take place and that is the Lighted Boat Parade & Christmas Cruise, December 14th and 15th. Please let Jonathan and Carolyn, fullcookiejar@yahoo.com, know that you will be participating. All decorated vessels will be gladly accepted into the parade. Even if you can't take your vessel out this year, please come to the Club House after each cruise and share in the excitement with everyone.

Remember the Christmas Angels! Sue Pedersen is coordinating the Christmas Angels this year. (See the Flyer that went out on November 21st). Giving has always been one of the greatest attributes of the Brownsville Yacht Club.

Happy Holidays and
Safe & Happy Boating
John Watson, Commodore

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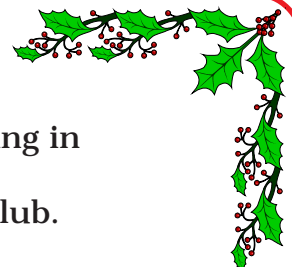
Upcoming Events:

December 1 -- Christmas
Tree Decorating and
Holiday Celebration
6:00 pm
December 11 -- Social
6:30 pm; General Meeting
7:00 pm
December 14 -- Lighted
Boat Parade, Illahee Side
December 15 -- Lighted
Boat Parade,
Bainbridge Side
December 31 -- BVYC
New Year's Eve Party --
RSVP -- Italian Dinner
6:00 pm
January 1 -- Brownsville
Marina Polar Plunge
12 Noon
January 8 -- Social 6:30
pm; General Meeting 7:00
pm
January 18-21 -- Cruise
to Dock Street

Food Bank Donations

Please continue to bring in
non-perishable
items to the Yacht Club.

As caring and generous boaters
and club members,
we can make a difference in the
Bremerton Community.





Vice Commodore's Report



Wow, it's December all ready? As with other years, it grew wings and went flying by! Happy Holidays to all! So, just a recap on the November Meeting . . . If you discover a fire PASS The Word and then use the acronym PASS for using an extinguisher. P . . . pull the pin, A . . . aim at base of the fire, S . . . squeeze the handle, S . . . sweep across the base of the fire. If you use one fire extinguisher and the fire did not go out, maybe it's time for you to get out or off the boat.

West Marine is having a customer appreciation sale at the local West Marine Store. Some great discounts on boating items, Christmas presents or a good time to look at a new fire extinguisher.

Hope to see you all at one of the events in December — Tree party on the 1st, General Meeting on the 11th and the Lighted Boat Parade on the 14th and 15th. Also, ring in the New Year at the club house this year, Carolyn and I have already RSVP'd with Jodi Fichet as she is hosting the New Years Eve party.

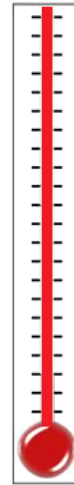
First item for January 2013 is the Polar Plunge, 1pm in between the launch ramp and the pavilion. It promises to be a F-F-F-F-F-F-F-F-U-U-U-N-N-N-N time.

This is your club, so let's make it the best around the Sound.

Vice Commodore
Jonathan Thomas

S/V Absolutely clear 68
and monitoring 13 and 16

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Thank You!!

Brownsville Yacht Club will be forever etched into history with our brick at Evergreen 911 Memorial Park.

Now that we have raised the total funds we are moving forward to make this happen, we will keep you posted.

Contributors:
Kathy & Bill, Diana & Bill, John, Maggie & Bob, Paul & Lenora, John & Carolyn, Dan & Denise, Sue & Carl, and the BVYC Membership



Rear Commodore's Comments



Saturday November 3rd was our Club House Clean-Up. I have searched my brain and my heart to find the words that can express my gratitude as Rear Commodore to all that showed up with their elbow grease, time and enthusiasm. I realized that there is more beyond my appreciation of just Thank you. So I went in search of the one word that says it ALL to our members who care and appreciate our club.

Pride n. ~ a sense of personal dignity; a feeling of pleasure because of something achieved, done, or owned.

'Webster's Classic Reference Library Dictionary'

I'm looking forward to seeing all the decorated festive boats out on the water for the Lighted Boat Parade. The Club House will be open afterwards ~ go on up to get warm and socialize both nights.

Please check the website calendar for available dates for your events and celebrations.

Carolyn; Rear Commodore
BVYC; s/v Absolutely

Lighted Boat Parade

Friday December 14 & **Saturday December 15**
Illahee Side Parade starts just outside Keyport 6:30pm
& Bainbridge Island Side Parade starts just outside the Fish Pens in Rich Pass 6:30pm



Ho, ho, ho, who wouldn't go?

Contact Jonathan or Carolyn
@ 360-698-5201



Fleet Committee

Dock Street Cruise January 18-21

Our January cruise to Dock Street is fast approaching.

Where has the year gone?

If you are planning attending you must make individual reservations by calling 253-572-2524.

This is a great location with lots to do, so don't miss out.

Details of activities will be forthcoming.

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 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 by 1st 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 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 !!

Land Yacht Cruise February 15-18

Are you ready for something different? Do you not like to go out on your boat in the winter? Well Brownsville Yacht Club has just the cruise for you!! Lester and Linda Dent are chairing the 3rd Annual "LAND YACHT" cruise to the Pacific Beach Resort and Conference center. This is the Navy's recreational facility that is right on the Pacific Ocean in the sleepy town of Pacific Beach. The cruise is scheduled for the February President's weekend; February 15 -18 2012.

This facility is family friendly and has cottages to rent (3-4 bedroom), hotel type rooms, and small suites. The houses and the suites are pet friendly so if you can't leave your animal friend at home, bring them along. It is located just a short trip north of Ocean Shores so even though it's quiet you can drive down there for additional excitement. But we are planning our own excitement at the resort!!! (More details to follow)

Here is the website so you can take a look at what's there: <http://navylifepnw.com/site/68/Pacific-Beach.aspx>

Because this is a military facility there are some restrictions for reservations, BUT we can get around that a bit. If you are active duty, retired military, current or retired civil service employee (with ID), you can make your own reservations at 1-877-NAVY-BED or online at www.dodlodging.net.

If you do not meet these requirements, don't worry, we have a number of people who do and we can still get you a reservation by being their guests. You can call Lester Dent 360- 620-9344, or Bill Mark 360-981 3965, and they can make the reservation for you. You will owe them the reservation costs, but you can work that out later!! If you want to stay in the town of Pacific Beach there are some options there too, but Google the town for lodging!

So look at your calendars, check out the website and join us for great fun and of course we always have FOOD!

2012/2013 Cruise Schedule

Dates	Destination	Host Boat
January 18-21 (MLK)	Dock Street -- Tacoma 253-572-2524 Individual reservations	
February 15-18 (President Day)	Pacific Beach Land Cruise	Linda & Lester Dent
March 15-17	Poulsbo	JR & Tina Leaman
April 19-21	Port Madison YC	Chris & Jodi Fitchett
May 24-27 (Memorial Day)	Longbranch	
June 21-23	Gig Harbor -- Anchor out	
August 30-Sept. 2 (Labor Day)	Friday Harbor	Kathy & Bill Mark

BELL HARBOR CRUISE



We had a great time despite the weather with most group activities held on Last Waltz - Social Friday night,

Wonderful pizza from Zeek's Saturday night and Brunch on Sunday. In between, there was a car show to attend, lots of shopping, trips to the Pike Place market and a high end arts and craft fair out at Pier 91 - no lack of things to do. Just needed to keep the raincoats handy! We opted not to do the wheel as it was supposed to be quite windy - we'll wait for better weather.



Those attending were JR and Tina, Ron, Noren and nephew Scott from Utah, Rich and Taffy, new members who just fit right in, and the Pedersens.



Brownsville Marina
Tuesday
January 1, 2013
1:00pm

Diving in from beach area going to pavilion

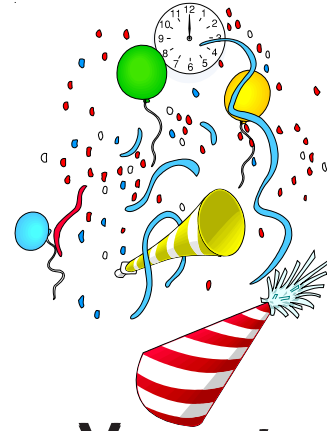
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Participants are encouraged,
bystanders are welcome.



Happy New Year

Brownsville Yacht Club



New Year's Eve

6:00 PM

Italian Dinner
& after-dinner
Champaign Toast

Please bring an appetizer to share
\$15 members -- \$20 non-members
Includes a 21 oz. Limited Edition Brownsville Yacht Club stemless monogrammed wineglass.

Music, Dancing and Socializing
will follow dinner

Expecting you ~ Jodi Fitchett

Glasses are limited
please RSVP by December 7, 2012

There will be limited white and red wine available with dinner.
Please BYOB and an appetizer/snack to share.
Additional sets of glasses can be ordered from Jodi for \$10 per set if ordered in advance, \$6 individually the night of the party.