

Nautical Lines

Brownsville Yacht Club
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Commodore's Report



Greetings Everyone,

Winter finally arrived and I for one hope it is on its way out. I am ready for spring and some sunshine.

Thanks to Ron and Noreen for the TGIS Party and Open House. There was a great turnout, good food, and everyone appeared to have a great time. It was good to see several folks

there with their kids. I hope others will step up and host other functions at the club. It doesn't have to be elaborate and takes very little effort or time to do so. It is also a good way to have a social gathering when the weather is not conducive to cruises.

The National Boating Federation has two brochures that you can download from their web site www.n-b-f.org concerning emergency communications: "DSC-Digital Selective Calling- Today's SOS" and "Cell Phone Brochure-Only You Can Take Search out of Search and Rescue". Additional info is posted on the club's Bulletin Board.

May you have Fair Winds and Following Seas.

Bob



The Club needs your help!!

The club needs a new Treasurer to finish the year as Kristin will be departing the area by the end of February to join Bret who has accepted a job in Guam. Please contact me right away if you are interested in supporting the club.

I thank you Kristin for a great job and wish you and your family the best of times during your stay in Guam. You and your family were a great addition to the club and we will miss all of you.

Due to a family situation in Alaska, Donita is not available to continue as the Rummage Sale Chairperson scheduled for 5 May, 2012. Without a chairperson, we will be unable to have our only fund raiser of the year. Please let me know if you are interested even if you are unsure what has to be done. The bridge will provide you with guidance and assistance. Thanks in advance for your support.

Commodore Bob Stevens

General Meeting

Valentine's Day Pot-luck

Tuesday -- February 14, 2012

6:00pm Pot-Luck

7:00pm General Meeting

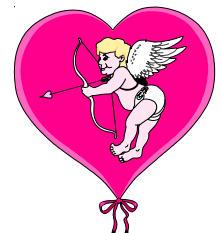
Chocolate Fountain

Bring a Dish to Share

Byob (bring your own beverage)

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The Vice Commodore's Report

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Last month I mentioned that I was enjoying the milder weather. Well I guess I spoke too soon. The snow and ice storms last month were interesting and challenging. Even though Scorpio's moorage is under cover, the snow drifted in and up around the windows and it reminded me of a Norman Rockwell painting. I am so looking forward to warmer boating weather.

The Boat Show of 2012 is in full swing. Is anyone upgrading? Keep us posted; so we can all enjoy the excitement too. My wish list has several items; one is for a new radar and the other is for an upgraded depth sounder. Such simple items but they cost more than my budget at this time.

My challenge to all, to increase our membership this year, still stands. We are off to a great start. Get the word out and let every boating friend know the advantages of joining our Yacht Club. Invite them to an event and mentor them. The Club will sell itself.

There is still time to make arrangements for the Presidents Day land event to the Ocean. Contact Linda and Lester Dent to let them know that you are interested and they can help with reservation ideas. Also March's event to Shilshole Marina is coming up fast (March 16th - 18th). JR and Tina will be hosting. Shilshole is a great marina with nice amenities and is always fun.

If you have never been a cruise fleet captain, but are interested; please let Bill and Kathy Mark know. They can help you with ideas, themes and planning. Being a Fleet Captain is fun and you will really enjoy the experience. And you can make the cruise event, the way you want.

Safe and happy boating!

John Watson
Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore's Comments



February.... Will our little friend the Groundhog get a sunny day and see his shadow? Indicating there will be 6 more weeks of winter. Or will he be so lucky to have a typical northwest gray day, seeing no shadow? Indicating winter shall soon be over. Although I do not like gray days, I will wish for February 2nd to be just that for a short winter. We can only hope that we will be warm and dry again soon. This would be of great help to all of us whom wish to get those boat projects done.

Speaking of projects to get done, now is the perfect time to work on the inside maintenance of the club house. Looks like some wood working repair and painting are in the near future. Dates, times and information will be announced soon.

Everyone Loves Chocolate especially from a Chocolate Fountain! So mark your calendars for the General Meeting Valentine's Day Pot-luck. Ms. Maggie will have her fountain set up for our enjoyment.

Look ahead at your special event dates and get your BVYC rental reservations in as soon as possible. The 2012 calendars are filling up.

Thank you, Carolyn -- s/v Absolutely



Fleet Committee

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GETTING COSE TO THE BVYC LAND CRUISE to PACIFIC BEACH!!

It is scheduled for February 17-20th (President's Weekend – a three day holiday for most). We are planning a Aloha/Wishing for Warm Weather theme. We have a house on the bluff volunteered for our famous dinner (or infamous?) and I suggest we visit the “pub” again for lunch one day when everyone is out sightseeing. There is also a bar and restaurant at the resort, so plenty of options if you don't want to cook.

For those of you who can make reservations on your own, you should do so as soon as possible as they fill up fast for this weekend. (see direct contact info below). Once you have made a reservation let me know so we can get information to everyone and plan where everyone might be. Right now I think we have only three couples signed up, but for those of you with kids, this is a VERY kid friendly place both outside and inside. They have a great bowling alley and game room that is always a highlight with the younger set.

Pacific Beach Resort lodging is open to all military, active, retired and reservists, as well as DOD and federal employees. Authorized users may sponsor family members and friends as their guests, and many of us are authorized users and would LOVE to sponsor you.

They have houses (but those may be filled by now) and if you don't need an entire cottage- Check into their affordable hotel suites or try an economical RV spot. They have the right accommodations for every need. There are a few other lodging choices in town, but if you let us know we can get you something at the Resort first.

If you qualify as an authorized user please call the resort to book your individual reservations. First night's stay must be paid at time of making your reservations.

If you would like to be a guest, Bill and I or Linda and Lester Dent will be able to sponsor you. We must make your reservations for you so please contact us directly.

Check out their website to see all they have to offer: <http://www.navylifepnw.com/site/68/Pacific-Beach.aspx>

Resort Contact information
for authorized users: (888) 463-6697
or direct at (360) 276-4414

Contact information for guest:

Kathy & Bill Mark
(360) 981-3965 rufyannemv@yahoo.com

Linda & Lester Dent
(360) 620-9344 ldent@centurytel.net

2012 Cruise Schedule

Dates	Destination	Host Boat
Feb 17-20 (Presidents Day)	Pacific Beach land cruise	Lester & Linda Dent
March 16-18	Shilshole Marina	JR & Tina Leaman
April 27-29	Poulsbo Marina	Bob & Maggie Stevens
May 25-28 (Memorial Day)	Des Moines Marina	?
June 22-24	Kingston	JT & Carolyn Thomas
Aug 31-Sept 3 (Labor Day)	Everett	Dan & Denise Olson

Please note Poulsbo cruise dates have changed to the following weekend April 27-29, 2012. Club reservations have been made but if you are planning on attending you will need to make individual reservations by contracting Poulsbo Marina at 360-779-3505. Bob and Maggie Stevens are host and will be providing additional details as time comes closer.

Memorial Day cruise location has changed from Quartermaster to Des Moines Marina. We are still looking for a host boat. If you are interested please contact us.

January 14th TGIS Party

Thanks to everyone that came to our Open House/Social on Jan. 14th.

It wasn't quite the same as a cruise to Port Madison. But in looking back at the weather that weekend, we are very glad that we were in our clubhouse surrounded by good friends and great food instead of being anchored out with a smaller group of good friends and great food!

There was a good turn out of our members including our newest members Jim & Charlene Holmes, Robert Gelder and Bryan Johnson. We also had quite a few local boaters, neighbors and families with kids. And did I mention the great food?

Rebecca Fitchett performed at her first solo recital by playing a piece on the keyboard (*Becca - you did a great job!*). Brought back memories to quite a few people....

Noreen LeBlanc & Ron Smith,
Cruise Hosts



Cruise to Shilshole Bay Marina

We are happy to be hosting the BYYC March Cruise to the lovely Shilshole Bay Marina.

The dates of the cruise are March 16-18, 2012.

This is St. Patrick's Day weekend so **THINK GREEN.**

We have 10 slips reserved. Each boat needs to call the marina at 206-787-3006 and make an individual reservation at least two weeks prior to the cruise.

Please let Sea Hound know if you are planning to attend. We will have more details in the next newsletter.

See you out on the water!

Cheers!

JR & Tina, Sea Hound

Upcoming Events:

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| Feb 14th | Valentine's Day Potluck Dinner 6:00 pm
General Meeting 7:00 pm |
| Feb 17-19 | Land Cruise to Pacific Beach |
| Feb 23rd | Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm |
| March 10 | Mardi Gras Social 6:00 pm |
| March 13 | Social 6:30 pm, General Meeting 7:00 pm |
| March 16-18 | Cruise to Shilshole |
| March 22 | Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm |



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



*“Wondered if u would put this pic in the newsletter.
And by the way we also heard
you guys got a little snow.”*

Bill & Diana Bailey

Paul and I are in Fort Lauderdale, we just bought a 34' Citation sloop. It needs cosmetic work, but otherwise looks good for a Bahamas cruise. We'll try to get together with Clark and SaraNell while we're down here. Say "hi" to everyone, we'll be back in late Feb.

Cheers, Kathryn Hill

Hope you received the pic from Diana and Bill B.

Just a bit of trivia - some of us are now also charter members of the Quartzsite Yacht Club!

We have hats, shirts and laminated cards. Now we are waiting for the flash flood for boating season to begin. Or maybe we can hit the Colorado River with a party barge!

On our way to Yuma for a month soon.

Carl & Sue Pedersen

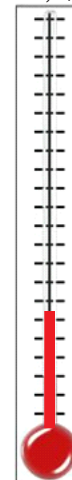


**New Members
were installed
at the
January BVYC
General Meeting**



Etch
Brownsville Yacht Club
into History
by contributing to the
BVYC 911 Memorial
Brick fund.

Goal; \$250



\$70
Raised

This brick will forever be a reminder that BVYC will never forget the events of 9/11.

Please see Kathy or Bill Mark if you are interested in making a contribution.

Contributors:
Kathy & Bill
Diana & Bill
John