



# Nautical Lines

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## Commodore's Report



As the countdown started, I thought . . . WHAT AM I DOING?  
Oh this is gonna be COLD! 3 . . . 2 . . . 1 . . . GO. Here goes, all or nothing!  
SPLASH, SPLASH, SPLASH and under I went. Oh, this is actually warm, or is that the numb feeling you get when running into 50\* F water? Then I realized, the water is warmer than the outside air. Time for one more dunk. Ok, where is my towel and a bee line to the showers. Ah Yes, another polar plunge done. This year there was a lot more observers than doers. Hopefully that will change for 2015. I invite all to join me.

The club house is looking great with the heater grates removed and dry walled over. Kudo's to the Rear Commodore for all the attention our club house receives.

Thank you to Firefighter/Paramedic Doug Bekenyi of Team Central Kitsap for the presentation on the Firefighter Stair Climb of the Columbia Center in support of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The club voted to donate \$100.00 in support of Doug and his climb to the top. If you are wishing to add to the cause here is the link to the website. [http://llswa.convio.net/site/TR/Events/FirefighterStairclimb?px=1642300&pg=personal&fr\\_id=1350](http://llswa.convio.net/site/TR/Events/FirefighterStairclimb?px=1642300&pg=personal&fr_id=1350)

The bylaws review committee needs 2 to 3 more members to complete the review. If you are interested please contact me via email or at the next general meeting. Also, Nominations for election of Officers in June has begun; contact Jr. Past Commodore John Watson for information.

Super Bowl Sunday will be hosted at the club house by JR and Tina, hope to see you there . . . Go Hawks!

See you at the next general meeting Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, Valentines Pot Luck.

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

## Upcoming Events:

### February

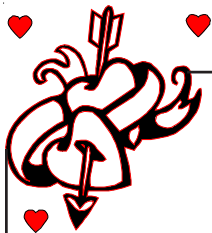
- 2 ~ Super Bowl Sunday
- 11 ~ Social - 5:30pm  
Valentine Pot-Luck - 6pm  
General Meeting - 7pm
- 14-17 ~ Land Cruise  
to Pacific Beach
- 27 ~ Executive Board  
Meeting - 7pm
- 24 ~ Newsletter Input Due

### March

- Nominating Committee
- 11 ~ Social - 6:30pm  
General Meeting - 7pm
- 14-16 ~ St. Patty's Day  
Cruise to Gig Harbor
- 27 ~ Executive Board  
Meeting - 7pm
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## Valentine's Day Pot-luck

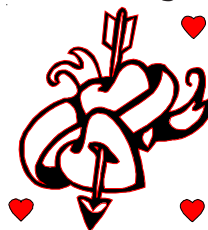
Tuesday – February 11

5:30 pm Social – 6:00 pm Pot-Luck – 7:00 pm General Meeting

Bring a Dish to Share

BYOB (bring your own beverage)

This event still needs a Host/Hostess/Co-Host  
If you can help out, please contact  
Rear Commodore Carolyn. Thank You.





## Rear Commodore's Comments

January brought much activity to the club house which was under maintenance the first week of month. The Electrical wall heaters and the bathroom insert have exited the building. Installation, dry wall, taped/mud, texture & paint . . . New Walls!!!! Thank you, Thank you to the wonderful help I received from our construction crew Jim & Jonathan. The Stereo system has been replaced and installed. Thank you to member Christian for setting it up and connecting the speakers. We have surround sound. It was perfect for our movie night feature film of Captain Ron on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup>, and will be great for Super Bowl Sunday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>.



In making my list as Rear Commodore of up-keep and jobs to be accomplished, **volunteers are needed** for the tiny jobs that need to be done. At our last general meeting many signed up to assist and I thank you.

I will continue to leave a small jobs list in the club house for further volunteers. Please take a look and sign up for one of the tiny jobs you might be available to assist in.

Our Inventory Saturday was very successful, a four hour job only took an hour with the assistance of members; Sally, Rich, Janice, Voni, and Bob K. Thank you very much.

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.

Your assistance is much appreciated, before you leave the club house at ANYTIME, please remember to:

- Turn off electronic equipment
- Check that the doors are locked
- Cabinets are locked
- Trash and recycling are taken out
- Blinds are opened
- Floors, swept, mopped and vacuumed. When you have a rental these are required. However, if you are up here hanging out - mopping might not be necessary, however please check for spills and sticky floors.

Looking forward to all the exciting events in February.

Carolyn, Rear Commodore

### Movie Night



Captain Ron is quite an entertaining movie.

Movie night was very successful with 22 members and guests in attendance.



Starting off with our favorite old time cartoons, (Thanks Bugs Bunny!) to old time popped popcorn for everyone.

What a great way to spend a Friday evening!

Jonathan & Carolyn



Thanks to Wes & Jonnie for providing January's very tasty general meeting snacks.

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



# Fleet Committee

## Annual Land Cruise

### Pacific Beach, February 14-17

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!

### 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 !!

## 2013/2014 Cruise Schedule

Dates	Destination	Host Boat
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>



## Polar Plunge 2014



Back in 2004, past member Clark Jelly, a live aboard on E dock, boat Frolic, had this bright idea — on New Year's Day . . . let's all run into the Puget Sound at the Brownsville

marina. — Hence the 1<sup>st</sup> Brownsville Marina Polar Plunge.

Due to an opportunity — Clark & Saranell moved away to Florida . . . But not before he made Jonathan and I promise to continue the newly found tradition going.



It has been 5 years now and yes . . . on January 1, 2014 Jonathan hosted the Brownsville Marina Polar Plunge.

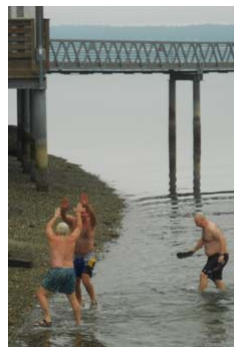
We have always had a wonderful attendance . . . the 1<sup>st</sup> consisted of 7 brave participants and not many observers. Every year fluctuates. Last year we had 18 brave souls.

To mark our 5<sup>th</sup> year of this event . . . Well we had 5 brave souls, (4 of which were BVYC members), and many observers.

Clark calls Jonathan every January 1<sup>st</sup> to get the details.

After the 5<sup>th</sup> annual polar plunge . . . The Fitchett family members hosted a brunch.

Although not a Yacht Club sponsored event, it was well attended by Yacht Club members.



## Hi Everyone,

Maggie and I left home 7 Jan. in our motorhome for some sun and to visit friends and family. We stopped overnight in Eugene, OR to visit old friends from my submarine days in the Navy and then continued to Seven Feathers Casino in Canyonville, OR where we met up with Carl and Sue Pedersen. Traveling with the Pedersen's, our next stop was Rolling Hills Casino in Corning, CA then on to Orange Grove RV Park outside of Bakersfield, CA. There we picked many very sweet,



larger and juicy oranges. (Photo shows the largest at 1.5 lb.) Next stop was Needles, CA and then on to Lake Havasu where Carl and Sue continued to Quartzsite, AZ. Mag and I stayed at Havasu visiting friends and attending the Balloon Fest (see photo). On the 18<sup>th</sup> we joined the Pedersen's,



Bailey's, and others at Quartzsite where we shopped for 3 days. The 22<sup>nd</sup> found us in Yuma where we went sightseeing, visited Bailey's at their winter home and Pedersen's who were staying in Yuma prior to continuing to Buckeye, AZ to take in baseball spring training. The 27<sup>th</sup> we stopped at Borrego Springs, CA for a couple of nights and then continued to Camp Pendleton, CA to visit our son and his family for a couple of weeks before heading back home.



P.S. Have had no rain except the 1<sup>st</sup> day of travel and only two days of no sun.

Bob/Maggie

**RUMMAGE SALE** SATURDAY MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>

*Time to round up all those things you can live without!*

## Spring is just around the corner and so is our club rummage sale.

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 Rummage Sale Committee has wonderful ideas forming to make BVYC's Fundraiser successful once again. *Start saving your treasures.*