



Nautical Lines

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Commodore's Report



Did you take the Polar Plunge? I can't imagine myself doing it, but kudo's to those who did! I understand there were as many as eight brave souls, maybe more. I can't wait to hear all the details.

A big "thank you" to Jodi Fitchett for hosting the New Year Eve's party at the Club house this year. I know she spent many hours planning and cooking up a storm to make it a successful event. Next time you see Jodi, please let her know how appreciative you are. Our Club events are built on volunteering to make these types of events happen; and this includes volunteering to host Club cruises too. 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. Contact: Bill and Kathy Mark Rufyannemv@yahoo.com our Fleet Committee, and let them know that you are interested. There are still cruises that need Hosts.

This past December 14th and 15th was our Lighted Boat Parade to kick off the Holidays. It was another very successful and enjoyable Club event. Jonathan and Carolyn did an outstanding job orchestrating this effort. It was their third year doing all the planning and we all owe them big hugs and thank yous for all their efforts. I know they loved doing this, but they need a break. Please consider volunteering to be the next year's event coordinator for this historic club event. We are the only Yacht Club who takes names of the children; so Santa can give a shout out at their homes and docks. The neighboring families love this and plan their holiday parties around our cruise schedule. We need new blood to step up and take the reins and host next year's event. Please let me know if you are interested. You won't be alone in the planning. Jonathan and Carolyn can guide you; so that you too can be a successful club host for this event.



Christmas Angels

We want to thank all those members who generously contributed to our Angel family this year.

We took a car load of gifts to Kitsap Resources including a beautiful princess bike, shavers, jeans, sweatshirts, etc. and a whole bunch of goodwill from our club to our community. We appreciate you, one and all.

Also a big thank you to all who have and continue to contribute to our food bank collection.

Angels Chairman, Sue Pedersen

Our next cruising event is to the Dock Street Marina in Tacoma on January 18th - 21st. Tacoma is a wonderful place to visit and the marina is centrally located to many of the most interesting sites Tacoma has to offer. Let's start the New Year off with a lot of Club enthusiasm. Start planning today to spend the Martin Luther King holiday weekend with us.

On a sad note; Bob Steven's mom has past. Please join me in letting both Maggie and Bob know that our hearts and prayers are with them during this sad time.

Safe and Happy Boating -- John Watson, Commodore

Upcoming Events:

January 8 -- Social 6:30 pm;
General Meeting 7:00 pm

January 18-21 -- Cruise to Dock Street

January 24 -- Executive Board Meeting

February 3 -- Super Bowl Sunday

February 12 -- Social 6:30 pm;
General Meeting 7:00 pm

February 15-18 -- Land Yacht Cruise

February 28 -- Executive Board Meeting

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Vice Commodore's Report



Happy New Year! I know that I will still write 2012 for another 3 months. So January 2013 is here and what a great year it looks to be already. It started for me with a refreshing dunk in the Puget Sound on New Year's Day. It was actually colder (31°F with wind chill) waiting to run into the water than being in the water (46°F) on that cool, bright, sunny day.

Just a reminder, hypothermia affects people differently. If you have a man overboard whether it is in January or July the best thing to do is get them out of the water and into dry clothes. Puget Sound averages about 48 to 50 degrees F throughout the year and water cools the body quicker than air.

Hope to see you all at the January meeting. This month's training is on VHF Marine Radio and Digital Selective Calling or DSC. I will also talk briefly about Automatic Identification System (AIS). If you would like to do some research prior to the general meeting here is a link to some great info from Boat US. www.boatus.com/foundation/dsc/player.html

There are no new members to initiate this month, but be sure to talk to your friends and neighbors and other boaters about membership in the Brownsville Yacht Club.

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

Lighted boat parade

Many thanks to all who participated, attended and supported the Parade this year! Again it was Successful!

Ginormous Thank You to Lead AND Santa Boat by Members Steve, Cheryl and family on Elysian

Participating Boats of parade:
Members ~ Last Waltz, Sea Star, Scottish Mist, Bobbin Antsy, Reely R's, and Sea Hound
Guest boats ~ Whisper, Shindig, Solitude, and Moon Angle

See you all again next year!
Jonathan & Carolyn
Lighted Boat Parade Chairs



Rear Commodore's Comments



Happy Happy 2013! The past month has been full of friendships, activities and much joy! Starting with the white elephant gift exchange, tree decorating and Christmas party was a lot of fun and a great starter to the holiday season. Our general meeting was short, sweet and to the point. I thank all who attended.

Please make a point to mark your calendars that the 2nd Tuesday of every month is our General meeting and social time.

The Lighted Boat Parade was again a very successful event. The weather co-operated, the boats looked festive, and our after parade gathering was again ~ a lot of fun!

Lastly, New Year's Eve was delicious, enjoyable and a great way to end 2012 and bring in 2013. Thank you to Jodi and Sally! Assisting them in the set-up and clean-up was well worth the effort for this great celebration event of bringing in 2013 with member friends.

I would like to extend a Thank You for the care and support of our Club House received from all the members in 2012. Take a moment to review your calendars and consider hosting a club gathering for February ~ Super Bowl Sunday, OR March/April ~ a Social, OR May ~ Kentucky Derby or Cinco De Mayo. Our club has an array of decorations and supplies for you to use. Other clubs are making their reservations for the use of the Club House. Let me know what date you would like to reserve the club for!!!!

Happy New Year -- Carolyn, Rear Commodore, s/v Absolutely



Fleet Committee

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Dock Street Cruise January 18-21

Hope all had a great holiday season but now it's time to go cruising.

Our first cruise of the New Year is to Dock Street in Tacoma. To attend you must make individual reservations by calling 253-572-2524 and shoot us a quick email at rufyannemv@yahoo.com.

We are planning on having a good time, eat, drink, see old cars and hopefully watch the Seahawks on their road to the Superbowl. Details to be revealed upon your arrival.

Also note that our Labor Day cruise is returning to Everett by popular demand.

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://navylifeprnw.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!

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

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)	Everett	Kathy & Bill Mark

New Years Eve at Brownsville Yacht Club!

**Thanks to Jody for
having a great idea
and organizing
such a popular
& fun function**



'The Plunge of Refreshment!'

At least that is the statement from the brave souls who took the challenge of the 2013 New Year's Day Polar Plunge.

Bystanders of course, did not feel they needed the refreshing. However, the support by many was given. A total of 17 and 8 of them BVYC Members took the dive! Now there are 11 months to prepare for the 2014 Plunge.

Thank you, Jonathan & Carolyn

