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Brownsville Yacht Club
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Commodore's Report



Greetings Everyone,
Congratulations to Carolyn's committee and all the members who supported another successful Rummage Sale either by assisting or donating.



Thank you Sue Pederson for the beautiful deck flowers!

Thanks to Jonathan and Carolyn for a great cruise to Kingston. Although the weather was not perfect, it cooperated when necessary for our activities. Everyone enjoyed the games which were great and informative. As usual the food was plentiful and good.

Just a reminder, if you have not paid your dues which were due in June, please send them in soon. Also, the General Meeting for July will be at Bremerton YC during the Flag Officer's Picnic at 2 p.m. July 7.

As part of the club's support to Brownsville Appreciation Day (B.A.D.), we provide dingy rides through part of the day. If you would like to help, please let our B.A.D. representative Rear Commodore Carolyn know. Thanks in advance for helping in this community event.

Enjoy the summer cruise season as gas prices are going down so move the boat and get the cobwebs out.

May you have Fair Winds and Following Seas. -- Bob



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Upcoming Events:

- July 6-8th Flag Officer's Picnic and Cruise to Bremerton Yacht Club
- July 7th 2:00 pm General Meeting at Bremerton Yacht Club, 4:00 pm Flag Officer's Picnic
- July 31th Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- Aug 23rd Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm
NO GENERAL MEETING IN AUGUST

Please send your comments, stories, and club information to:
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Rear Commodore's Comments



Summer has finally arrived! This is my favorite time of year. To me there is nothing better than warmth, sunshine and to see people getting together and enjoying friendship and boating.

The month of July is certainly bringing our club much positive activity, which is evident in our club gatherings and club rentals. Rentals for this month consist of joyful gathering of birthdays, weddings, anniversaries and retirements. Thank you to all for assisting me in keeping the club clean and inviting for all who utilize the facility.

Please be aware that although members do have the use of the club house; please be respectful of the rental events that are in progress. Check the calendars, either on our website or the one posted in the club house.

I'd like to take the opportunity to remind all boaters to check their Boat US Vessel Assist Membership. It is quite important to have this current.

S/V Absolutely is current . . . Ask us how we know.

Fair Winds,
Rear Commodore
Carolyn



Brownsville Yacht Club
Flag Officers

Old Fashioned Family Picnic



with burgers, dogs and all the fixings!

July 7th Picnic

Social @ 2:00 pm

Food @ 4:00 pm

Games, Friends, Family,
Food, Fun!

Come by boat or car

Bremerton Yacht Club
2700 Yacht Haven Way
Bremerton, WA 98312

Club Cruise Weekend —
July 6, 7 & 8.

RSVP - Commodore Bob
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Arlo and Janis by Jimmy Johnson





Fleet Committee



Circus Circus Kingston Cruise June 22-24

Rain, rain go away . . . Well it finally did . . . Bringing sunshine and blue skies. Our Club cruise to Kingston started warm and dry early in the day Friday as boats arrived. However, by late afternoon the clouds opened up and down-pored bringing us a wet Friday evening.

This did not stop the socializing and array of crazy festive party circus hats on the dock. Thank goodness for the covered picnic table area.



Saturday morning muffins and coffee were shared with a bit of cold weather but dry, as many of us had discovered new leaks on our boats overnight.



Many enjoying the Kingston's Farmers Market and socializing on the dock . . . UNTIL the clouds opened again and brought a torrential downpour . . . We were quite worried this would dampen our planned circus games.



Miraculously, the rains stopped and the sun shined. Saturday afternoon BVYC was very entertaining in the challenges in the park with our version of Circus Circus Boating Safety Games. We all had some great laughs and all looked very stylish in the garb of orange life jackets.



The games consisted of rings toss, bowling, net-catching and monkey-fist throw. We were highly entertained by the creativity and imagination of our new members Fifi and Marcel the Tight-Rope actors.



Dinner followed with hotdogs, snow cones, popcorn, peanuts, and potluck. Sunday brought our traditional potluck brunch before all heading home.

Thank you to all who attended: Miss Marlene, Blue Soul, Sea Star, Last Waltz, Mumbo, Reely R's, Ruffy Anne, Blue Velvet, Absolutely and Motorhome.

Thank you for the opportunity to host our first cruise.

S/V Absolutely; Jonathan, Carolyn & Pearl



2012 Cruise Schedule

Dates	Destination	Host Boat
Aug 31-Sept 3 (Labor Day)	Everett	Dan & Denise Olson

Members Summer Cruising:

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Robert & Susan are finally off and sailing on their summer 2012 trip to explore the south coast of British Columbia. We spent two months in Bremerton, WA preparing for this trip. Our sailboat, *Aldebaran*, is a Catalina 30 with a good interior layout that allows for our lifestyle. Our intent is to use the sailboat as transportation and living space, while we sail, bike, canoe and hike. The BC coast is the ideal summer area for living off the sea, and finding some remote wilderness, both ocean and mountain.



An eleven day sailing trip in May through the southern Puget Sound in Washington State provided us with information for our summer-trip vision, from which we adjusted some of our gear. For example, we calculated our electricity, water, diesel fuel, battery consumption and expanded capacity where necessary. We decreased our electricity consumption by swapping in LED light bulbs, and increased our electricity capacity by adding a solar panel. We bought 12v (car) chargers and extra batteries for our phone and computers. We added water capacity and a solar shower. We bought an extra anchor and rode. We bought a crab trap and two fishing rods - one for salmon and one for cod.

We tuned into our boat, both upgrading rusty sailing skills and learning how *Aldebaran* acts in a variety of winds and tides. We practiced sailing on and off the anchor. We learned how much motoring vs sailing we can expect in a typical day and a week, thus the amount of battery charge we will typically get from the engine alternator. We learned what to expect from resources, such as, marinas and marine parks for fuel, garbage, recycling, showering, water tank refilling, and groceries.



The small marina where we spent April and May, Port of Brownsville, WA is a friendly community with a small deli as the meeting place. We chatted-up the salty seadogs to solicit advice on everything from navigation to power consumption to sail usage. It's easy; just get into a conversation about boats, then steer the conversation toward the subject that you are interested in. Ask three seadogs the same

question, and average the answer. You are bound to get sound advice that way! In addition, we joined the Brownsville Yacht Club with a view toward reciprocal yacht club moorage on our summer's voyage. We found ourselves in a friendly and enthusiastic group.

We sailed north from Brownsville with excitement and apprehension on June 1st, our boat loaded with supplies from groceries to charts. To date the trip has been an exhilarating crossing of Puget Sound with a strong tailwind, a pleasant sail northward up the east side of Whidbey Island, motoring through the Swinomish Channel and onward into the San Juan Islands. We particularly enjoyed the communities of Friday Harbor and Roche Harbor. From Roche Harbor, we sailed southwest to Victoria Harbour, flying the Canadian flag as we crossed the center of Haro Strait (the border) in a stiff southeasterly. Our reciprocal yacht club, near Victoria, is in Esquimalt Harbour at the Canadian Forces Sailing Association (CFSA). We met a very friendly and enthusiastic bunch of sailors. We received three free nights moorage, and we were welcomed into the clubhouse for a Friday evening beer. On Saturday morning, more than half the boats in the marina sailed out to greet a windy, sunny day for a race. We spent the weekend with family, visiting and entertaining aboard. Continuing north, we have sailed through the southern Gulf Islands stopping at Saltspring, Galiano and Thetis islands with a night spent anchored outside Chemainus Harbour in the so-called 'dog patch', the derelict boats. We have moored at the Swinomish YC in La Conner, the Anacortes YC, San Juan Island YC and CFSA.



In the next few days, we are set to sail across the Strait of Georgia into Vancouver, when the wind is right. So long for now. Feel free to write back if the mood strikes you!

Robert & Susan