



Nautical Lines

Brownsville Yacht Club
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Commodore's Report



Our Fleet Committee has planned a great year of exciting cruises and events. Be sure to check the calendar on our Web Site to keep up with the cruising and event schedules. March 15th through the 17th is the cruise to Poulsbo. JR and Tina Leaman are hosting this cruise. Poulsbo is a favorite destination for our club with many restaurants and fun shops to explore. 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.

Speaking of cruises and events for 2013, we're in dire need for someone or a committee to orchestrate this year's Lighted Boat Parade & Christmas Cruise in December. I know it's a ways off, but it takes time and effort to pull off one of the most exciting events of the year.

We need you!!!! Jonathan and Carolyn Thomas, fullcookiejar@yahoo.com, have taken on this challenge for the past three years and have done the impossible and grown this event. Can you take the challenge and raise the bar set by Carolyn and Jonathan? Please let me know if you are interested in hosting by yourself or starting a committee to make this happen this year.

A big hurrah is out to our Vice Commodore, Jonathan Thomas. Through his guidance he has raised our collective discount rate at West Marine at last week's event. We needed to spend over a thousand dollars to raise our discount rate at this event and he did the impossible and achieved it. Please let him know if you are planning any large expenditures to get the new discount rate.

Remember the Christmas Angels! Sue and Carl Pedersen received a most heart-warming 'thank you' letter on behalf of our Club from the families who benefitted from your generosity. It will be posted on the Club's board. And a big thank you to Sue and Carl for over-seeing this worthwhile project.

Also, starting saving those items for our rummage sale event. More information will be coming out as Carolyn and her committee, finalize the date.

Safe and Happy Boating! -- John Watson

Upcoming Events:

- March 10** -- Day Light Savings, Spring Forward
- March 12** -- Social 6:30
General Meeting 7:00 pm
- March 15-17** -- Poulsbo Cruise/St. Patrick's Day
- March 25** -- Guest Speaker 7:00 pm;
"Transiting through the Locks"
- March 28** -- Executive Board Meeting
- April 9** -- Social 6:30 pm;
General Meeting 7:00 pm
- April 19-21** -- Port Madison Cruise
- April 22-26** -- Rummage sale drop off
- April 25** -- Executive Board Meeting
- April 26** -- Rummage sale pricing &
pre-shop & dinner outing
- April 27** -- **RUMMAGE SALE**

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:
Your Boat Picture is Needed!
Please Provide a 4x6 Picture
for Club House Picture Wall

Thank you, Vice Commodore Jonathan



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Vice Commodore's Report



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March.....ROAR or BBBAAAA? Which will it be a LION or a LAMB? I guess as long as it's sunny it doesn't matter much to me. February was an exciting month, Super Bowl, Valentines Pot Luck, and the BVYC Day at Port Supply. We were successful with our day at Port Supply to be bumped up to the next level of dis-

count. If anyone needs to purchase something at port supply, please contact one of the card holders. The list of card holders is posted at the club house on the bulletin board.

We want you.....or rather we need a picture of your boat for the wall in the yacht club. If a picture of your boat is missing like S/V Absolutely please submit a picture suitable for the frame size (4x6) on the wall. You can leave your picture in the yacht club inbox and I will get it placed.

Training this month is Transiting the Locks, presented by Dave Carpenter of the United States Army Corp of Engineers, Chittenden Locks. The training will be Monday, March 25th at 7pm in the club house. This is a 2 hour class loaded with information and a Q & A period. Please sign up on the class roster posted on the bulletin board as soon as possible.

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



Rear Commodore's Comments



Yahoo! We get to Spring Forward in March! Ok so it's for the time change, however it does bring us closer to flowers budding up, warmer days, and more boating. Also rentals on the club house are springing in quickly with Friendly Boating Clubs, Celebrations of Life, Birthdays, Gatherings, and Weddings. Get your reservations in for your special event. We have such a wonderful venue for celebrating and creating memories.

March, April and May are great months to host a members gathering. It could be a social, cooking activity night, movie night, TV show night, Day Light Savings, Kentucky Derby, or Cinco De Mayo.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming April 27th Rummage sale. Please note that when arranging a reservation for your special activity event; the club will be closed from Monday April 22nd - Sunday April 28th for the drop-off, set-up, Main Event Rummage Sale and clean-up. Collect your treasures for donation and sign-up to participate.

Fair Winds, Carolyn
BVYC Rear Commodore, s/v Absolutely

April 27, 2013

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

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

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.

Thank you for all your support, treasures, and donating your time!
Rummage Sale Committee

(We want you to be part of this awesome committee! contact Carolyn)



Fleet Committee

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**Land
Yacht
Cruise**



Poulsbo Cruise March 15-17

Our March cruise is to the Port of Poulsbo. We have 10 slips reserved. Please let us know ASAP if you plan to attend.

We currently have the following boats signed up: RufyAnne, Sea Star, Scorpio, & Sea Hound. We have the room rented. Friday night we will be providing pizza for dinner. Saturday will be shopping on your own. We will have games in the afternoon followed by a potluck dinner. Sunday will be a potluck brunch prior to departure.

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

Cheers,
JR & Tina Leaman

Sea Hound
Sea_hound@msn.com



Port Madison Yacht Club April 19-21

The theme is fairies, fables, and flowers.

April for me is all about spring blooms and family gatherings, so I wanted to bring my world to the club.

This outing we will have plenty of activities so we will have only one game, but it's major; please make-up a story, skit, dress in costume, make a special snack, or whatever to share with the club on Saturday afternoon that tells about your family or partner.

The point is to share something about yourself so we can get to know each other better. Oh and the winning prize is amazing so definitely outdo yourself!

Please let me know if you plan to attend, my email is Jodifitchett@Clearwire.Net

Memorial Day Weekend Cruise

Bell Harbor May 24th-27th

Just a heads up - great activities in the works. Jim and Charlene Holmes and the Pedersens will host - more info to follow!

We want to get an idea of how many members might want to join us for a Mariners' game - Felix Bobblehead night - on Saturday, May 25th. Maybe with a pre-game stop at Pyramid Ale House.

We were fortunate to secure Bell Harbor for this weekend: Weather should be warm; Short cruise to a super location.

Mark your calendar now AND...let us know by phone or e-mail if you might be interested in a ballgame. (about \$30/ticket). This is exciting!!

360-613-1888 or lastwaltz@msn.com

2013 Cruise Schedule

Dates	Destination	Host Boat
March 15-17	Poulsbo	JR & Tina Leaman
April 19-21	Port Madison YC	Chris & Jodi Fitchett
May 24-27 (Memorial Day)	Bell Harbor	Carl & Sue Pedersen and Jim & Charlene Holmes
June 21-23	Gig Harbor -- Anchor out	
August 30-Sept. 2 (Labor Day)	Everett	Kathy & Bill Mark

Honky Tonk Departing Brownsville

Here are a couple of pictures of Honky-Tonk departing Brownsville and heading down I-5 heading for the Columbia River.

A couple from Lake Oswego bought it and renamed her "Simply Grand". We probably won't realize how much we will miss her until we get home, but in the mean time we are having a great time and enjoying fixing up our place here and meeting lots of new friends and the weather is pretty nice here as well.



Special Invitation!

DesMoines Yacht Club has invited us to their
**14th Annual indoor & outdoor
Marine Swap Meet.**

Saturday March 23th, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Marine Equipment, Accessories, Electronics,
Tools, Boats, Trailers, Dinghies, Books, etc.

Lunch, Snacks & Beverages
are available for purchase

DesMoines Yacht Club
22737 Marine View Drive ~ I-5 Exit 149 to
DesMoines ~ desmoinesyachtclub.com

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Please continue to bring in nonperishable
items to the Yacht Club.

Items collected do not
necessarily need to be food.

Collection of Clothing (coats/scarves/gloves),
Toiletries (toilet paper/ toothbrushes & paste/
combs/ brushes/feminine hygiene products/
shaving cream & razors), and Baby needs
(diapers/wipes), just to name a few.

As caring and generous boaters, we can make a
difference in the Bremerton community.
Monthly deliveries are made. -- Thank You!!

FYI — Possible Fire Hazards

There have been two fires on Bainbridge Island over the last couple of months that, with a little knowledge by the homeowners, could have been avoided. Both started in attached garages. Both of these fires could easily have started from the same hazards on your boat.

The first happened shortly before Christmas. The homeowner was refinishing an antique desk using linseed oil and paper towels. After use the towels were placed in a plastic bucket with a lid. The homeowner left the home shortly after. Three to four hours later a neighbor called the fire in and by the time the Fire Department arrived on scene the fire had penetrated firewalls and was into the residence. The final result was heavy smoke damage throughout the home and everything in the garage including, a newer car, was a total loss. The key here is linseed oil plus another organic product such as paper or cotton rags that are put into a plastic bag or bucket. The heat can build which results in spontaneous combustion. It's not a matter of if but when. Even the so-called professional painters have caused buildings to burn due to spontaneous combustion. If you are using a stain or finishing oil please read the label to determine the correct way to use and dispose of brushes and rags.

Battery chargers caused the second fire. We all have battery chargers for small hand held electric devices such as drills, hedge trimmers etc. The common denominator seems to be time. Batteries were left in the charger for 6, 9 months or in one case two years. The heat builds up and whatever the charger is sitting on will catch fire. This is a slow smoldering type of fire that occurs over a long period of time. In this case the homeowner was awaked at 3 AM to the smoke alarm sounding. He dialed 911 and then exited the home. Response time by the Fire Department was less than 5 minutes, add another 2 minutes to get water flowing. By then the fire was through the front of the garage and into the attic of the home. This most likely would have been a double fatality had there not been a working smoke detector! The key here is to remove the batteries after charging and unplug the charger. This homeowner lost a 2 year-old car, a golf cart and everything in the garage. The home, which was built in 1972, will be torn down.
Submitted by Art Schick

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