

Nautical Lines

Brownsville Yacht Club
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Commodore's Report



Greetings Everyone,

I just got back from a great cruise at the Everett Mariana hosted by Dan and Denise Olson. The turnout was terrific with 11 boats and one motor home in attendance. Thanks to all of you that attended and to Dan and Denise for all of your efforts. You

really did well on the weather. Carl, Sue, and their guests enjoyed some fresh caught crab. Several folks took their tenders up the river to the Steven King Marina. For more info on the marina, talk to John Stolhand who named it. Vice Commodore John and I served up Margaritas' Sunday afternoon after the bubble blowing contest. Most of us were not very good at blowing bubbles.

Time is running out to donate for a brick with the clubs name to Bremerton's 911 Memorial. We need \$250 and have only received \$175 so far. Please give whatever you can for this good cause. Bill and Kathy Mark are the collecting the monies for the project.

Last chance to let our B.A.D. representative Rear Commodore Carolyn know if you are willing to assist in any way to support Brownsville Appreciation Day. Thanks in advance for helping in this community event.

Thanks to all the members who have stepped up to support the club and keep it moving forward. I am especially grateful to Carol Korvarnik and Noreen LeBlanc for filling for the Treasurer and Secretary. I hope you will continue to support John as you have supported me and the other past Commodores.

Don't forget the Installation Dinner on the 15th. Be sure to notify John ASAP if you are coming so he can order enough food.

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

Upcoming Events:

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| September 15 | Installation Dinner -- Social 5:30 pm Dinner 6:30 -- Installation 7:30 pm |
| September 22 | Brownsville Appreciation Day |
| September 27 | Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm |
| October 9 | Social 6:30, General Meeting 7:00 pm |
| October 25 | Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm |
| October 26-28 | Cruise to Blake Island |

Brownsville Yacht Club Installation Dinner

September 15, 2012
Brownsville Yacht Club

Social 5:30 -- Dinner 6:30

General Meeting & Installation 7:30 pm

Little City Catering from Kingston will provide a delicious meal.

There will be Chicken Cordon Blue and Salmon in her special dill sauce.

There will be a moderate cost:
\$20 for members, \$25 for guests and
\$10 for children 12 years and under.

Cash or checks are payable
at the time of the Event.

Please RSVP to either my work e-mail
(below) or my personal email:
cozzack@yahoo.com .



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Please send your comments, stories, and club
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The Vice Commodore's Report



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Our Installation Dinner Event is coming up fast. Saturday, September 15th is just around the corner. I hope everyone can attend and congratulate the new Flag Officers and give a warm "thank you" for the outgoing Bridge Officers. Under Bob Stevens' leadership, all the Policies, Procedures and Bi-Laws have been completely updated and modernized. This was a huge task and I know that I can speak for the entire Club and give him a big "THANK YOU" for completing this task during his tenure.

The Installation Event will start with a social hour at 5:30 pm, with dinner following at 6:30 pm. Starting at 7:30 pm, the General Meeting will begin followed by the formal Installation Ceremonies. Little City Catering from Kingston will provide a delicious meal. There will be Chicken Cordon Blue and salmon in her special dill sauce. There will be a moderate cost: \$20 for members, \$25 for guests and \$10 for children 12 years and under. Cash or checks is to be payable at the time of the Event.

There are still a few positions available for this coming year, such as; Photographer, Christmas Cruise Chairperson and someone to chair our yearly "yard sale" event. Please talk with any Flag Officer if you are interested in any of these positions. Volunteering is very satisfying and rewarding. There are many eager folks to help you if you do volunteer.

Next time you see Carolyn Thomas, our Rear Commodore, please give her a big thank you for doing such a great job overseeing the Club Rentals. She has done such a bang-up job keeping the Club House booked and at the same time, protecting our valuable asset from damage. She deserves our gratitude for all of her hard work and due diligence.

Safe and happy boating!



Rear Commodore's Comments



It has been such a fantastic summer! The weather has provided us with sunshine and warmth for the enjoyment of being outside, having a summer, and boating activities. In celebration of my 25th wedding anniversary, we escaped out on an Alaskan cruise which was Not disappointing. My one word of definition of Alaska... MAJESTIC! My 203 pictures are proof of that.

We have a new member James Wolfrey to bring into the club at the next general meeting which will also be the installation dinner. I encourage you to introduce yourselves and make him feel welcome. It will be delightful to see all BVYC members come to the dinner; not only to support the incoming board members, reunite with family and friends for the upcoming year, engage with our new members, but to also enjoy the delicious dinner.

Our Club Calendar is filling up quickly for the next few months with Club activities, Rentals and Brownsville Port activities. Brownsville Appreciation Day is September 22nd. The club will be providing the venue for the local schools art show, dinghy rides and our BVYC Booth again this year. We need volunteers to bring their dinghies, help with handing out life jackets, and sparing your time answering questions about our club. Sparing a few hours of your day to share your stories, adventures, and information would be most appreciated. This is a great opportunity to engage and invite new members to our wonderful club. The port is also asking for volunteers to help out as well as come support this BAD event. This is a fun day with live music, food, and arts, children activities, craft booths and classic cars. And I will be managing the Bubble Booth again this year. (I can always use help!)

Mark your Calendars..... Saturday November 3rd. Club House Clean-up. With SO many visiting clubs and rentals reserved, November 3rd is the first available day for club cleaning. No worries, I will be happy to continue to remind you of the date!

Fair Winds and More Sunshine,

Carolyn -- Rear Commodore -- s/v Absolutely



Fleet Committee

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Halloween Cruise

Our October Cruise will be to Blake Island on October 26th-28th. There is water and power at the dock, but they do not take reservations. Friday night is on your own. Saturday afternoon we will start an early Halloween gathering with prizes for best costumes! The club Will provide the meat for dinner that night. Please bring a side dish to share. Sunday Morning, we wrap up with a potluck brunch. Also, bring some firewood. Sign up sheets will be at our next meeting. Hope you can come!

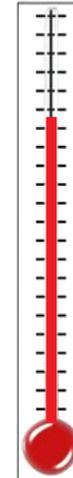


Noreen & Ron--Cruise Hosts

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

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

Goal; \$250



\$157
Raised

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

Contributors:
Kathy & Bill
Diana & Bill
John
Maggie & Bob
Paul & Lenora
John & Carolyn
Dan & Denise

**Thanks to all the club members that helped to
put us over the edge . . . Kathy & Bill**



2012/2013 Cruise Schedule

| Dates | Destination | Host Boat |
|------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| October 26-28 (Halloween) | Blake Island | Ron Smith & Noreen LeBlanc |
| November 16-18 | Bell Harbor 206-787-3952 Assure your spot on "C" dock | Sue & Carl Pedersen |
| January 18-21 (MLK) | Dock Street -- Tacoma 253-572-2524 Individual reservations | |
| February 15-18 (President Day) | Pacific Beach Land Cruise | |
| 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 2013 (Labor Day) | Friday Harbor | Kathy & Bill Mark |

During the June's general meeting our next year's cruise schedule was defined. We still need host boats, so if you would like to volunteer please contact your Fleet Committee -- Kathy & Bill Mark at rufyannemv@yahoo.com.

If you are planning attending November cruise to Bell Harbor please call 206-787-3952 to assure your spot on "C" dock . In addition, you must make individual reservations for January cruise to Dock Street please call 253-572-2524.

Thank You Brownsville Yacht Club

The Port of Brownsville Marina has served for the past 6 years as a favorite port to visit by the crew members of Tall Ships Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain. It is always an exciting time.

All Crew members extend their most gracious Thank You to the Brownsville Yacht Club for allowing all of them the use of the Club House. They shared how relaxing, comfortable and 'feels like home' atmosphere it provided.

Picture opportunities and dock side tours were available, however this year 'The Tall Ship Hawaiian Chieftain served as a floating classroom, teaching Kitsap students about the life of sailors aboard America's trade ships following the Revolutionary War.' *

The Magic Cabinet Foundation awarded a grant allowing an opportunity for 'Voyages of Discovery' an educational program which covered 85% of the cost. Thank you to the Brownsville Yacht Club Members for their contribution in making it possible for our students to engage in active learning as they set sails, sing sea shanties, learn navigation, trade, teamwork, and take the helm of a real tall ship moving only by the power of the wind.

Thank you Brownsville Yacht Club in encouraging and promoting the sport of boating, safety on the water, science of seamanship, navigation and good fellowship.

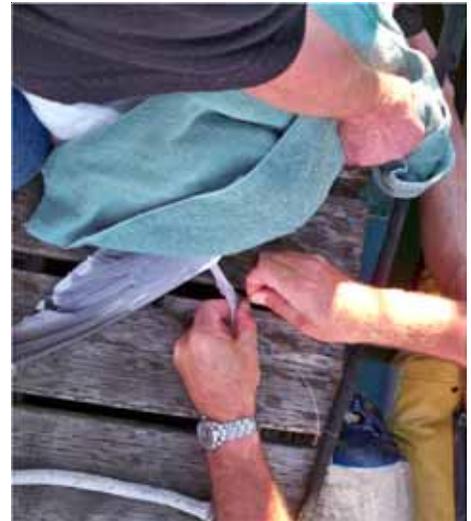
Gratefully,

Jonathan and Carolyn Thomas
and Kitsap Maritime Heritage
Foundation

*Kitsap Sun, 8/24/12 "Tall ships offer hands-on learning for Kitsap students"

Seagull vs Fishing Pole

Enjoying the late afternoon sun and warmth with fellow boaters and members out on 'E' dock here at our wonderful Brownsville marina a child starts to yell and protest at the top of his lungs from the break water. As any adult or curious soul would, we start looking to see what is amiss. It comes to our attention that our young friend Ethan the fisher-boy has lost his fishing pole to the flying seagull. Apparently the seagull was looking for a snack and chose to take Ethan's bait off the hook as it flew through the air on the cast out. Ethan continued to protest loudly insisting on the return of his fishing pole.



Discovering that the seagull was unable to return the fishing pole and is in the process of drowning, our rescuer Jonathan throws the kayak in the water, and gets paddling as the rest of us get quickly down the dock. Jonathan was able to maneuver the seagull between a boat and the dock, rescuer Greg managed (with the help of a towel and experiencing the bite of a beak) to get the drowning seagull out of the water. The fishing pole was still attached to the bird. Our young fisher-boy Ethan was not concerned about the bird as much as making the point he wanted his fishing pole back! The line had wrapped around the beak and the fish hook had gone through the webbing and around the birds toe. Our rescuers were able to free the bird of all foreign objects. Ethan got his fishing pole back! Then, the

question of how to release the seagull without us getting attacked! All bystanders (6 of us) and rescuers slowly and cautiously moved out of the way and the bird was released.

The seagull swam away and Ethan went and put more bait on his recovered fishing pole.





We've reached the Broughtons, a group of islands near the north end of Vancouver Island, and adjacent to the Queen Charlotte Straight. After days of cruising the many passages, inlets and channels that separate the Discovery Islands

near the mouth of Bute Inlet and further north, we are finally in salmon territory and catching coho. The weather is cooler, the days are getting longer as we move north, and the ocean water is getting clearer as we get away from the glacial fed inlets.

Along with clear water, there is lots of tide, and the sea life is prolific. From dollar-size barnacles, to an abundance



of long, flowing kelp, to herring both jumping and swarming, we are noticing the increasing health of the ocean. When we see a flock of seagulls squawking, diving and competing, we now know that indicates a swarm of herring at the surface. We watched a trawler, speed through a mass of seagulls to scoop up a net full of herring for bait. Herring brings salmon, which in turn brings seals and orcas.



Here in the Queen Charlotte Straight, particularly the Blackfish Sound, we are seeing humpback whales. We watched the whales breaching and diving. It is quite dramatic to see these big whales flip-up their fluke and dive.

While traveling through the islands, we have noticed various ways that people live on this remote coast. From the loggers that live in a floating bunkhouse, to the resorts that cater to fishermen and boaters, their facilities half on land and half floating, to the residents that live in a float house, a house built on a raft and attached to the land by rope or cable. We have also stopped at various defunct settlements, some one house, one a church, some multiple buildings. It's like looking at a broken dream. These places that are now overgrown with trees and vines look like the product of much hard work. Hand built houses with fruit trees and gardens, now choked by blackberry. It's sad to see, and it makes us wonder what happened to these people. Some were native settlements, another a former mining



town of five thousand, complete with a survey plan, but now no evidence of streets or lots.

There are many bald eagles here. Their call is distinctive, and we often see one sitting atop a tree, always the most prominent and craggiest tree, while another is soaring above. They call back and forth. One day, we heard and then saw, a young eagle chasing a heron. The heron was squawking and flapping as fast as it could go. It was quite a scene.



We often buy our supplies at little marinas tucked into various coves, like Refuge Cove, Squirrel Cove,

Lagoon Cove, but recently we sailed across the Johnstone Strait to Vancouver Island for supplies. In Telegraph Cove we found no grocery store, but showers, laundry, propane, water, garbage and recycling, cell coverage, fishing advice, and a bit of civilization.



Telegraph Cove is a quaint little tourist place catering to the salmon fishermen, kayakers, and whale watchers. For groceries we proceeded to the next day to Alert Bay, a community on Cormorant Island, with a mix of peoples and a small population, and thankfully, a real grocery store.



Most days we spend as hunter gatherers, make that fisher gatherers. Whether it's mucking around in rubber boots digging clams, fishing for

cod to be used as lunch and fish-head bait for the crab trap, or emptying more sunstars out of the crab trap, it's our lifestyle for now. Currently, we are anchored at Echo Bay, and we are enjoying this small community. It's nice to be out in the wild, surrounded solely in the natural world, but its also nice to hang with some people for a day or two..

Robert & Susan --
Submitted August 3rd



General Meeting SOCIAL time Treats/Snacks

Sign up to share your special Treat, Snack, and/or Appetizer for our Monthly General Meeting SOCIAL Time.

The Dry Erase Board located in the Kitchen of the Club House has the Months available.

Social Time is 6:30pm -- Meeting is @ 7:00pm

Members Still Summer Cruising:

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With uncharacteristic caution, we made our point-of-return for this journey at Cape Caution. Beyond lays fodder for another trip. We sailed in the ocean swell which gave us a taste of the big ocean, so for now that will suffice. In four continuous months aboard, we have learned much about sailing our boat and how it reacts in under certain conditions. It is food for thought, and a great skill-set to have under our belts. Day-by-day as we continue to sail, we are compiling that necessary commodity called experience.

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We are familiar with the places that have an interesting array of names, like Simoom Sound, Bellisle Sound, Kingcome Inlet, Mamalilaculla, Suttle Channel, Belize Inlet, Nakwakto Rapids, Roaringhole Rapids, Drury Inlet, and so on.

We saw a pod of orcas one day near Sullivan Bay. A buzz passed through the people at the dock, while we were finishing-

up a re-supply, "... killer whales off Atkinson Island". As we left the bay and headed-out to have a look at the whales, a pod of fifty dolphins sped by, we assume fleeing the whales. This was not the usual speedy dolphins swimming by, this was flat-out, flee-for-your-life swimming by. The whales followed at a more leisurely pace, a group of about ten.



What a cool little spot on this earth. We were in a little archipelago called the Walker Group in the middle of Queen Charlotte Strait. There is a little anchorage between two islands, that makes a sheltered spot regardless of the wind and waves outside of it, and Queen Charlotte is known to have her moments. Today, it's fog. We arrived to find two other sail boats hunkered-down, waiting for the fog to clear, though it didn't today. After anchoring, we paddled within the little island group, over mud flats at high tide, sat in the sunny break on a grassy knoll, saw big patches of bright-orange lichen on a rock face and the sweetest mini-coves bordered by cedar forest, slithered the canoe over large patches of kelp to

make our way through a shallow passage, and stuck the nose of the canoe out into the straight to feel a blast of fog. Port Hardy proved to be the salmon capital as claimed in the tourist brochures. The inner harbour was thick with jumping sockeye salmon. We chatted with locals on a Saturday night as they cast into the inner harbour, pulling salmon onto the dock. The next morning, we found a salmon on the dock, presumably dead after jumping onto the dock. That's lunch! On our way out of port, we slowed to fish around the point, and hauled in three salmon with our newly acquired lures. Apparently, the "purple haze" flasher really works.

From Port McNeill, we sailed southeast the length of the dreaded Johnstone Strait, about 65 miles over several days. The same weather prediction comes on the VHF weather channel each day, like a recording that they forgot to change; "winds NW 15-20 knots increasing to 25-30 knots late in the day". We did get into the big chop that is created by the NW wind running into the ebb tide flowing the other way, but our boat handled it well enough for us to duck into Kelsey Bay for a couple of hours until the tide changed.



We are now back down in the south lands at Campbell River. There is a distinct change in the temperature, the sunny days are hot instead of warm, and the daily morning fog is gone. As a finale, we are taking family out for a few days in the Discovery Islands before returning to Vancouver.

Robert & Susan -- Submitted August 28rd

Photos: 1-3 & 5) various scenic shots, 4) Aug 15th beach wear, 5) Aldebaran tucked in with the fishing fleet in Port Hardy, 6) More food, 7) Johnstone Strait

Watch the Ts go by

They aint boats folks, but they are passing through the Brownsville Marina. Saturday morning, September 15th, the local Model T Ford club is hosting the Canadian-American Tour. About 9:30 we can expect about 40 model T Fords of varying descriptions to pass through the Port of Brownsville, right under the Yacht Club balcony, just in front of the Brownsville Deli, and up Ogle Road bound for the Keyport Museum. Feel free to gather and cheer them on.

