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# Scuttlebutt

Newsletter of the Sequim Bay Yacht Club

## **Commodore - Jim Fitzpatrick**



The largest event this month was by far the Race for Hospice which Susan Sorensen and so many others made a remarkable success; this was complicated by the Port of Port Angeles' decision to simultaneously hold a gala JWM event. Fortunately parking wasn't as difficult as anticipated. There were many highlights; too many for me to cover and many others will cover this in more detail in this issue. I do want to say that our SBYC should be proud of this achievement by so many hard working and imaginative members doing a superlative job and resulting in a record fund raising of over \$27,000 for a very meaningful organization - Volunteer Hospice.

Mike Payne, the Director of P. T. Aero. Museum, presented a well-received program at our September monthly meeting. Some of the high school age employees' success stories resulting from working at the Museum were heartwarming (thank you Terry O'Brien).

We are solvent with a growing membership and more to be admitted. Kris Ecklund has agreed to update our Bylaws and Policy and Procedures and to find time to do this she is resigning as Assistant Secretary with Judy Shanks taking her place. We owe Judy many thanks for doing this as well as all she has done for this Club.

The Commodore's Ball will be Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 1919, JWM Ballroom with the Black Diamond Band – more on this later.

Sip & Sup is coming up next month, by Helga O'Brien with more to be published soon.

Dale Dunning and Don Burger continue to do an excellent job for us in the sailing and rowing programs which are so important to our Club.

The Duck Dodge races also continue successfully with very good competition, crews and sailboats; we are lucky to have good captains and crews.

Last, but not least we should all thank our members who set up, clean up and take down for meetings and events, take photographs, manage and tend bar, serve on our Bridge as well as do a host of other things.

The next Board Meeting will be Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, JWM, 2:00 p.m. and next Sip and Sup, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, JWM (more on this later).

Fair winds and following seas to all.

**Vice Commodore – Kelly Macaulay**

From Vice Commodore Kelly  
Macaulay

“It is hard to make that boat go as fast.....So is life:  
the very problems you must overcome also support you and make you stronger in  
overcoming them.”

George Yeoman Pocock

Thanks to all for making REACH AND ROW 2018 a success.

A special thanks to Jean Heessels-Petit and Bob Macaulay  
and  
their crew of many!!!

THANK YOU..... SUSAN SORENSEN!!!!

Mr. Brian Hogan, a former crew member for Mr. Robert McClinton, recently donated  
his collection of sailing books (in the clubroom).

Choose your book and  
make a donation to VHOCC.

## Rear Commodore – Terry O’Brien

Seventy-one members and guests enjoyed a Saturday afternoon picnic in Pioneer Park on September 1<sup>st</sup>. As in past years, this annual club event featured great food and a nice opportunity to catch-up with fellow members. The weather was perfect – not too hot, not too cold, sunny but not too sunny – and all activities were conducted outdoors. The park setting required no enhancement, so preparations were simple and hassle-free.



The picnic also served as our August general meeting. The agenda was kept quite short to fit the occasion. Two items of note:

- 1) We inducted a new member – Ms. Colleen Lyons
- 2) Preparations for Reach & Row for Hospice are proceeding on track for Sept 15<sup>th</sup>

With regard to the second item, Marian Fine provided an opportunity for those present to participate in the raffles of a number of goods and services donated by over 30 local merchants. While we enjoyed the food and camaraderie of the afternoon, the Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County gained an additional \$400 in funding thanks to the efforts of Marian and her team.



The club owes its thanks to many members who participated in the food preparations, the set-up and the publicity and administration of the event. Chief among these are:

- Rudy Heessels for the purchase and preparation of all those steaks
- Anne Elwell for seeing that the steaks were accompanied by a plentiful assortment of side dishes
- Andrea Williams for providing an assortment of ice cream desserts and a more than ample supply of rich brownies
- Janice Warren for capturing the event on camera, including all the images shown here
- Jean Heessels-Petit for taking care of the ticket sales and finances
- Linda Carlson for supplying the series of flyers to announce and promote participation in this year's picnic
- Mike Harris for overseeing the set-up and tear-down at the park
- Ray Mitchell for transporting the cooking grills, for supporting the set-up and for providing the fruit salad.

Because of excellent negotiating by Rudy on the purchase of the steaks and the generous donation of food expenses by several of the preparers, the ticket proceeds from this year's picnic exceeded costs by about \$500.

We've taken the first step toward repeating this outing in 2019 by reserving Pioneer Park for the afternoon of August 10<sup>th</sup>. See you there!



## Guest Speakers

At our September 12<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, we welcomed Mike Payne, the director of the Port Townsend Aero Museum, as guest speaker.

Mike described the origins and status of the museum with an emphasis on the restoration work performed largely by a group of high school aged trainees. About 25 antique aircraft (dating from the 1920s to the '50s) are maintained in near flight-worthy condition at the facility at the Port Townsend airport. Students are provided flight training as well as restoration skills for airframes and power plants. Mike invited our members to tour the museum any time.



Our next speaker, at the October 10<sup>th</sup> Sip & Sup, will be John Goar. As a master observer certified by the Astronomical League and a volunteer at Olympic National Park, John has provided free public telescope programs on Hurricane Ridge for nearly 8,000 viewers. Since 2010 he has presented 230 night sky programs, supplying telescopes and tripod-mounted binoculars for participants to view galaxies, star clusters, nebulae, supernova remnants and planets. In these star parties and in full moon walks in the park, John explains the stories behind constellations and the importance of protecting increasingly rare dark skies. In addition to the 1,500 hours he has devoted to astronomy programs and moon walks, John has served 3,000 hours as a campground host. He goes above and beyond the normal duties of welcoming guests and overseeing the campground by also sorting and recycling thousands of pounds of glass, plastics, paper, and cardboard. For all of this, John was recognized by the National Park Service in 2016 with the George and Helen Hartzog Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service and in 2017 earned the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award from President Obama.

While astronomy is truly his passion, John is a science teacher at North Kitsap High School in Poulsbo. This will certainly serve him well as he tries to explain the mysteries of the cosmos to our bunch. Please join us at 7:30 pm on the 10<sup>th</sup> even if you cannot make the beer and brats fest.

## Happy Hour News – Joel Cziok

HAPPY HOUR NEWS!

We have been having great themed and hosted Happy Hours with our members and guests at the Yacht Club. In August, Doug and Margaret Schwarz hosted another fabulous well attended Happy Hour as a Labor Day Celebration! It is great to see our Club Room filled with our friends and guests. Thank you to all of you that attended, and welcome to our guests as well!

Please remember to invite guests to our Happy Hours!



**A time and place to catch up with friends**



**What's left of the Goodies**

## From the Membership Desk – Linda Carlson

Two of the women who completed the learn-to-row program last summer were inducted as members in September. They briefly introduced themselves at induction, and here's a little more information:



Colleen Lyons, who joined with her husband Dave, says, "I grew up on the Olympic Peninsula and graduated from Port Townsend High School. My husband and I moved to Lynnwood for his job in 1980. We have one son, Jake. We moved back to the Peninsula three years ago and are building our forever home in Sequim to be closer to our parents. I have worked as a dental assistant for 40 years and currently work with Melissa Marr DMD.

"I did not grow up around boats so when a friend suggested I join her for the introduction to rowing at

John Wayne Marina I would never have imagined that I would be so interested in the sport. Everyone from the rowing group was so nice and so enthusiastic! The LTR classes were great and everyone has been so supportive and helpful. Thanks for welcoming me into your club. I am defiantly hooked!"



Diane Froula tells us, "I grew up in Alaska, stayed for college, and had an interesting career with the Department of Corrections. I was fortunate to be introduced to cross country skiing, ice skating, boating, fishing, and hiking at a young age. My desire to be outdoors continued and as we moved around the state for work, we explored as many trails, mountains, rivers, and bays as possible. After retiring, we moved to Montana and spent eight years finding new outdoor challenges. (Her daughter is a student at the the University of Montana in Missoula.) Sequim became home

in 2012 and I'm currently working part-time for Edward Jones. I also enjoy pickle ball, biking, reading, paper crafts, and learning to row!!"

An experienced boater, Diane needed only a little tutoring from Ted Shanks and Rudy Heessels to become proficient at running the launch that accompanies rowers each morning.

# October

## Happy Birthday

**10/9: Paula Topjun**

**10/26: Don Sorensen**

**10/28: John Anderson**

### Did'ga Know

That as a member, you have full access to the clubs facilities at No Charge?

Want to impress Family or Friends and have a party at the "Club," you can do that. Just go on line and request use of the Club Room. Obviously, some restrictions do apply but they are minimal.

How about sailing on the bay for an afternoon? Qualify and be certified and you can take out the Clubs Flying Scot Sailboat "Wild Haggis" any and as many times as you wish.

The same for Rowing. We have the boats, just get certified.

And how do you get certified? No experience, take lessons from our expert instructors or

If experienced, be certified by our expert instructors.

## On the Horizon

October

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2: pm. Board of Directors meeting

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11:30, Lunch Bunch. The Old Mill. Please RSVP to Jerry Fine (310) 503-3002 call or text

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30. "Octoberfest" Sip Sup.

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup>, "Sail Saturday"

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup>, Happy Hour (Jerry's Special)

Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> "Sail Saturday"

November 22<sup>nd</sup> Second Annual SBYC Thanksgiving Dinner.