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# Scuttlebutt

Newsletter of the Sequim Bay Yacht Club

## Commodore – Jerry Fine



Well dear SBYC Members, I do not want to jinx us, but it looks like Spring is real close now. Yes, last year at this time we had many inches of snow depending on where you live. We had about 20" at our house, Scarlett loved it. The fruit trees are getting little blushes of color at the "blossom tips" and that's exciting. However, it worries me a hard frost could creep up on us and then there goes the fruit. Yuck. Let's all hope for the best and hope Spring truly is, on the way.

Lunch Bunch for February was at the Oasis Bar and Grill hosted by Viola Marshall, I think she had some help from Victoria too. What a beautiful event, and the turnout was extra special. We had to have two big tables to accommodate the SBYC lunch crowd. There was a Valentine Heart (chocolate candy filled) at each setting which was a very nice touch, and tasty too. At

the end of the lunch Viola told us to turn our Heart over and look for a RED DOT, there was one at each table. As you can see from the pictures below, Maggie Morgan and Mark Lewis were the winners of the beautiful plant on each table. And yes, you guessed it, the winner of the Dice Game to host next month's Lunch Bunch is that beautiful smiling face with the money, Gloria Fitzpatrick. Gloria gave the money back which will go to VHOCC, thank you my dear, where are we going in March?

The General Meeting for February was very well attended as the weather cooperated with us so we could get to the clubroom. The “Cocktail Hour” was almost like one of our “Happy Hours” with lots of folks enjoying a beverage and good conversations all around. We had a good number of visitors in attendance for the talk on the Falkland Islands and South Georgia Island which was enjoyed by all.

The “Opportunity to Volunteer” binder is on the bar in the clubroom, please take a look at the events and choose one that is just right for you. Lead or help the leader, we need your support on all the upcoming events for 2020. Jump in and you will see, it really isn't that hard, and it's a lot of fun to put on your own show. Sip Sup events, Opening Day, Men's Treat and the Regattas, lots to choose from. By the way, the Thistle Regatta will not be held here in Sequim Bay, they had a change of plans.

There will be some information added in the near future on several cruises that we hope to get several boat to participate in. So get down to the docks and get your boats in good operational condition. Check all the little things, batteries, running lights bilge pumps, electrical connections and radios. Cruising time will be here before you know it so let's get those boats ready to go.

Until next time.....

## Vice Commodore – Jerry Oden



With the assistance of our member Paul Crone, we have revised our Hold Harmless Agreements to protect SBYC and its members who are participating in club-sponsored events. There are now three different agreements tailored to an activity and the participants.

The first is titled Sequim Bay Yacht Club (SBYC) Regatta Hold Harmless Agreement and will be signed by all boat skippers and crewmembers participating in, for example, the upcoming Thistle Regatta.

The second is titled Sequim Bay Yacht Club Member Hold Harmless Agreement and will be signed annually by all members who participate in on-the-water activities such as Reach and Row for Hospice, the Saturday Races, Duck Dodge, and any phase of the rowing program. Signing this also protects the owners of boats used for race committee or providing rides on opening day, for example.

The third is titled Sequim Bay Yacht Club Non-Member Hold Harmless Agreement and is to secure signatures of those non-members using our club boat or shells in the learn-to-sail and learn-to-row programs. Any opening day guest going out for a boat ride will also be required to sign this release.

The Board will maintain files of the signed releases.

## Rear Commodore – Anna Richmond



**“Anywhere. Everywhere. Armstrong Marine.”**

Have you seen boats out and about with RESEARCH on the sides? Chances are they are boats built by Armstrong Marine in Port Angeles. But that’s not all the company builds. Patrol & enforcement, passenger vessels, rigid inflatable hulls for police, survey vessels, fishing boats, fire boats, dive boats, and landing crafts are all built to order.

**Perry Knudson**, Armstrong Marine’s managing director, will speak to the Sequim Bay Yacht Club on **Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at 7:30 p.m.** following dinner. (If this looks like a repeat, you’re halfway right. Mr. Knudson was our scheduled speaker for January, but the frightful weather caused a delay.)

From the company’s website: “The aluminum boat market is rapidly expanding. Mariners across the globe recognize the superiority of aluminum due to its weight, strength, and availability. With more than two decades of experience, Armstrong Marine USA Inc. develops products to meet the demands of the marine industry around the world.”

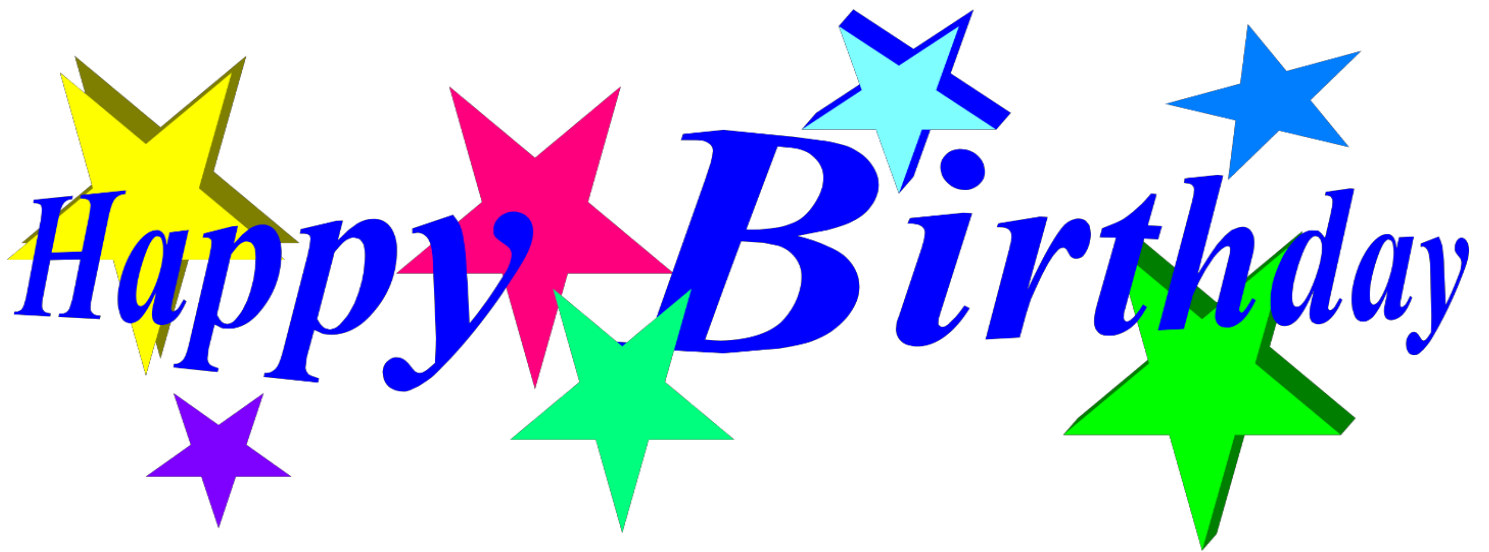
See you then.

## From the Membership Desk – Ann Elliot, Margaret Schwarz

Margaret and I received three new membership applications at the February monthly meeting. In follow up emails with them, they shared how friendly they found SBYC. Kudos to you for making these folks feel welcome. These membership applications will be presented to the Board for their approval at the March 2 board meeting. Please keep your eyes open for the Scuttlebutt Addendum email to arrive in your inbox the same day for your opportunity to review our new applicants’ information.

At this time, we are planning Erick Scheiderman and Angela Valerga’s induction to take place at the Men’s Treat Brunch.

Your membership team,  
Ann Elliot & Margaret Schwarz



**Happy March Birthday to the following SBYC  
Members:**

**3-07            Mike Bianculli**  
**3-09            Herb Hope**  
**3-13            Ann Elliot**  
**3-13            Pat Oden**  
**3-16            Wes Haskell**  
**3-09            Kelly Macaulay**  
**3-21            Steve Segle**  
**3-21            Andrea Williams**  
**3-22            Scott Clausen**  
**3-23            Nancy Reynolds**  
**3-26            Terry O'Brien**  
**3-27            Torben Blichfeld**

## **Coxswain's Corner –Don Berger, Frank DeSalvo**

Jim Mason of the Rat Island Rowing and Sculling Club (RIRSC) trailered the Joe Rantz back to Sequim and returned to Port Townsend with the shell that RIRSC loaned us while the Joe Rantz was being repaired. A contingent of twelve SBYC rowers (including three from Port Angeles and one from Discovery Bay) assembled last week to accomplish all the work described below.

Repair of the Joe Rantz shell was completed several months ago. However, it took several months and much correspondence between Don Berger and Vespoli USA to finally receive a replacement rigger for the one damaged in the racing incident in Poulsbo last summer. By the way, SBYC insurance completely covered the cost of repair to the shell, cost of the new rigger and two replacement oars. Only one oar was snapped in the incident, but you can't buy just one...like shoes.

We installed the new rigger and the Joe Rantz is now on the dock and back in service. The Admiral was moved to the storage lot until summer when the demand for quads is expected to increase.

Rudy has completed months of repair and refurbishing of the Alden single. It is also located on the dock and ready for service. New oarlocks for the double rowing shell were received and installed during the same work session. The old ones were badly worn and outdated. The new gates are expected to dramatically improve the rowing experience for those using that boat. Think the difference between manual and power steering, if you can remember that far back.

Once again, our rowers demonstrated their commitment to SBYC Rowing with this show of force. We were able to accomplish a lot work in a relatively short period of time, and had fun doing it. We now have an array of boats on the dock that will allow us to accommodate almost any combination of rowers. Now all we need is some slight accommodation from the weather.

## **Happy Hours-Joel Cziok**

Happy Hours continue to be well attended fun and Gastronomical events! Lots of energy and nothing beats a Pot Luck to bring out favorite food to munch on. Pick a theme and contact Joel to sign up to be a Host, we still have open dates.

## Cruising- - Ted Shanks

Calling all SBYC cruisers: sail or power, to journey to Poulsbo Viking Fest and then down to Port Orchard where you can visit the Turner Joy, Admiral McClinton's last command, the Navy Museum or just stroll around Port Orchard, which is a pleasant little town.

### The DETAILS:

Arrive in Poulsbo on Friday May 15<sup>th</sup>\*. The main event of Viking Fest is on Saturday (what a fun parade!), but those Vikings are running all over town on Friday, too, as well as vendors and displays. Last year, all of us left a day early, the power boats went to Port Townsend for a fun night on the town, and the sailors anchored in bays along the way. It is entirely possible to run down to Poulsbo in one day.

Depart Poulsbo on May 17<sup>th</sup> for Port Orchard. Port Orchard has a very nice little party shelter in which we can gather in the evening, right on the guest dock. The town is quaint, but the main draw is to take the little foot ferry across to Bremerton and visit either the USS *Turner Joy*, a destroyer museum ship which was the Admiral Bob McClinton's last command. Some may choose to go to the free Navy Museum, a 5-minute walk from the foot ferry. You may stay just one night and see what you can, or you stay two nights for a more leisurely visit. This marina takes reservations, and the slips are \$40 each plus \$4 for electricity. If you are over 40' there is a \$1 per foot charge. They also charge a reservation fee of \$5 if I make all the reservations at one time, or \$7 for each boat to make their own. We would try to get on the end of the guest dock with the party shelter, hopefully all together.

Departure for Sequim is at the time of your choosing. Those who cannot make it back in one day: Kingston or Port Ludlow are good places to stay. Port Ludlow is about halfway.

Those who cruised on this event last year had a great time, and we look forward to an even larger group of boats this year.

If you are interested in this cruise, please contact Paula Topjun, [tptopjun@gmail.com](mailto:tptopjun@gmail.com) or 941-720-3807.

No Boat? Sign up and drive down for the Day, only one hour!

## Editorial & Message

Planning on crossing the border and visiting out neighbors to the North this year? A little bit of information on required permits, other than proof of Citizenship, little to none.

IF YOU ARE BRINGING YOUR OWN BOAT FROM THE U.S. INTO CANADA.

The Canadian competency certificate regulations do not apply to non-residents who operate their U.S. registered or documented pleasure craft in Canadian waters for **less than 45 consecutive days**. You must carry proof of U.S. residency, and your state watercraft registration card or U.S. Coast Guard documentation certificate and insurance with you at all times when you are on the water. Canada does require a VHF Radio license, but it is my understanding that it is rarely enforced, if ever.

Be aware that Washington State does require a Boating Certificate for you to operate a boat in US waters if you were born in 1955 or later. **You do not require one if born before 1955.**

You would be able to take the Washington State course on line from BoatUS. It is completely free and approved by Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, once the course is completed you will be issued a safe boating certificate. Below is a link to our site, please set up an account and the system will prompt you to the enrollment screens.

<http://www.boatus.org/washington/>

Lunch Bunch

# **SBYC LUNCH**

**Thursday, March 5**

**11:30 a.m.**

**OAK TABLE**

**292 W Bell St.**

**Reservation to**

**Gloria Fitzpatrick**

**[shieldmdn@msn.com](mailto:shieldmdn@msn.com)**

**by March 3**

Gloria Winning the Pot, last month!



To view more pictures of the last Lunch Bunch by Doug Schwarz, please copy and paste the following link into your browser  
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/VUBWEiRqo8odGF5X9>

## Commodores Ball

The evening was truly a "Fine Affair!" The room was wonderfully decorated, the food scrumptious, the mood "PARTY" and everyone had a Great time. It is best be described by an email sent by Carmi Standish and Sue Baden,

"We'd like to start by sending a great big **thank you** to all of you and those that helped that may have not been on the committee for putting on a spectacular Commodore's Ball 2020!! This is the first Commodore's Ball we have attended since joining the SBYC and if this was any indication of what the future holds for this event....OH MY!!

We all know that not every event runs smoothly and there may be a few hiccups along the way...or even the day of the event. However, we also know it takes a village to pull off an event for a lot of people who are looking to have an awesome time, great food and a memorable experience. That happened last night! Both of us had **such a GREAT** time!! We didn't have any expectations, but once we walked in the door, we knew it would be a great event!!

Thank you so much for putting this on. All of the hours of work, phone calls, meetings, etc. certainly showed and we KNOW Jerry and Marian were so very proud. A good time was had by all!!

Carmi and Sue



## On the Horizon



Saturday,  
March 28, 2020  
John Wayne Marina

Social Hour 10:00 AM  
Brunch 11:00 AM

\$10.00 per person  
RSVP by  
March 24, 2020

To reserve your seat send check payable to SBYC to Ann Elliot  
31 Carol Rd., Sequim, WA 98382  
For more information contact Ann Elliot  
Phone: 503.730.7274  
E-mail: [annmelliot@yahoo.com](mailto:annmelliot@yahoo.com)

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## 2020 SBYC Events Calendar

### MARCH

**2** Board Meeting 3:00 pm clubroom

**11** General Meeting 7:30 pm; **St. Pats Sip & Sup** -

Cocktail Hour 5:00 pm-6:15 pm, Dinner 6:15 pm-7:00 pm (Corned Beef)

Capt. Ray & Glenda

**28 Men's Treat Champagne Breakfast.**

First Mates Appreciation. Social Hour 10:00am, Breakfast 11:00am

**30** Board Meeting 3:00 pm clubroom

### APRIL

**8** General Meeting 7:30 pm (6:30-7:30 pm cocktail hour)

**24** Happy Hour 5:00-7:00 pm

**25 Waterfront Days POPA**

### MAY

**3 Opening Day** Skippers Meeting 2:00 pm, Flag Ceremony 2:30 pm, Boat Parade 3:00 pm, Cocktail Hour 4:30 pm, Potluck Dinner 5:30 pm

**4** Board Meeting 3:00 pm clubroom

**13** General Meeting 7:30 pm (6:30-7:30 cocktail hour)

**29** Happy Hour 5:00-7:00 pm

### JUNE

**1** Board Meeting 3:00 pm clubroom

**10** General Meeting 7:30 pm; **Sip & Sup**, Cocktail hour 5:00-6:15 pm, Dinner 6:15-7:30 pm

**26** Happy Hour 5:00-7:00 pm

**27 Thistle Regatta** (Dale Dunning: sailboat races, dinner)

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### JULY

**6** Board Meeting 3:00 pm clubroom

**8** NO GENERAL MEETING (cruising on the water / vacation time)

**24** Happy Hour 5:00-7:00 pm

## **AUGUST**

**3** Board Meeting 3:00 pm clubroom

**8** Annual Picnic (City Park – grilled steak) 1:00=5:00 pm

**12** NO GENERAL MEETING (cruising on the water/vacation time)

**15 Sequim Bay Regatta** (Dale Dunning: sailboat races, dinner)

**16 Sequim Bay Regatta** (Day 2) Sequim Bay races

**21** Happy Hour 5:00-7:00 pm

**31** Board Meeting 3:00 pm clubroom

## **SEPTEMBER**

**9** General Meeting 7:30pm (6:30-7:30 cocktail hour)

**19 Reach and Row for Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County** (VHOCC) Sailboat races

**20 Reach and Row for Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County** (VHOCC)  
Rowing/paddling races

**25** Happy Hour 5:00-7:00 pm

## **OCTOBER**

**5** Board Meeting 3:00 pm clubroom

**14** General Meeting 7:30pm; Oct. Sip & Sup, Cocktail Hour 5:00-6:15pm, Dinner 6:15-7:30pm

**30** Happy Hour 5:00-7:00 pm

## **NOVEMBER**

**2** Board Meeting 3:00 pm clubroom

**11 ANNUAL Meeting/Election of Bridge** 7:30pm (6:30-7:30 cocktail hour)

**26** SBYC Club Room Thanksgiving Dinner

**30** Board Meeting 3:00 pm clubroom

## **DECEMBER**

**4** Club Room - Christmas Decoration Party 5:00-7:00pm

**9** General Meeting/**Change of Watch** 7:30pm;

Cocktail hour 5:00-6:15pm, **Christmas Dinner** 6:15-7:30 pm

