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# Scuttlebutt

Newsletter of the Sequim Bay Yacht Club

## Commodore – Jerry Fine



Hello Dear SBYC Members,  
Well another month has passed and there isn't much for me to pass on to you at this point. I am feeling a little numb with everything going on in the world. However, we must keep on "Keepin' on!" And that's what I intend to do. You will see a picture below of new family members at Fine Farm, yes, 7 Barred Rock chickens and 3 Barred Rock roosters, yikes. The roosters are looking pretty tasty at this point, yummmmm.

Mike and Diana Leibrich invited me to go with them to Port Townsend aboard Dream Chaser and of course I said yes. We had a lovely voyage aboard their Ranger Tug, and they treated me to a great lunch. The return trip was an adventure and Marian joined us headed for JWM. The water was flat as can be and the FOG was thick to say the least. The Garmin Radar kept us on course and out of danger. We all kept keen eyes for crab pots as there were a few out there. All in all, it was a great learning trip for the Captain and crew. Docktails were enjoyed in the slip!

On the 19th of October, I joined Ted Shanks and Rudy Heessels and we pulled the SBYC chase boat out of the water and brought it up to Fine Farm for a "high pressure" bottom cleaning to start with. It actually wasn't too bad! Rudy and I did a hull cleaning to get the green scum off the sides and got it to look "Boat Show" ready. Well not really, but it sure look a lot better. The steering was frozen and

virtually impossible to steer, but after several applications of penetrating oil and lots of grease it is free as can be now. We also added a new “grease zerc” as it only had one, this will really help. Rudy had bought a full kit to change the engine and gear oils, so it is ready to go! You can see Rudy working hard on the bottom. Oh yes, a set of trailer lights with magnetic attachments was bought by Rudy to keep us legal on the highway.

I had a nice Zoom meeting with Julie Kramer, Development Manager, Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County and JooRi Jun JooRi (pronounced joo-ree) Jun, Executive Director, to chat about what they do for the community. Perhaps in the New Year they can join one of our Zoom meetings and give us a virtual tour of their new facility.

Be on the lookout for a flier blast regarding “Thanks for the Bounty”!!! As Fine Farm did not have the privilege to host the Happy Hour on the 30th we will make it up by mail in November. Details to follow!  
My dear friends, until then.....



## Rear Commodore – Anna Richmond



### **WINTERIZING YOUR BOAT**

With the first freeze of the season behind us, we are reminded that it's time to winterize our boats (if you haven't already). As a racing-class sailor and kayaker, I don't know much about preparing a powerboat for the harsh elements, so I reached out to Google for assistance. One thing I learned, is winter can take more of a toll on a boat than an active summer season due to inactivity and lack of inspections.

### **WINTERIZING CHECKLIST (<http://www.marlincash.com/winterize-boat-checklist/>)**

#### Tend to Critical Systems

- Flush the engine with fresh water (removes salt, dirt and corrosion)
- In extremely cold temperatures, run antifreeze into the cooling system
- Change fuel filter and add fuel stabilizer
- Run motor to ensure circulation of stabilized fuel
- Top off fuel tank to avoid condensation

#### For Outboards

- Clean intake port valves, pistons and combustion chambers (carbon cleaner can be used to remove gum, varnish and carbon deposits)
- Spray fogging oil into intakes while engine is running (designed to be used during storage; leaves protective chemical coating on internal engine parts without leaving a greasy residue)
- Store outboard in a tilted-down position to allow cooling water to drain
- If covering the lower unit, use a breathable cover to avoid condensation and possible freezing

#### Don't Forget the Oil

- Change oil and oil filter
- Drain oil while engine is still warm (helps remove sediments and impurities)
- Refill with appropriate oil
- Drain and refill outdrive gear case or outer unit
- Be on the lookout for milky looking oil – this indicates water intrusion from a leaking seal

## Lubricate Everything

- Apply marine grease to fittings on the sterndrive gimbal, engine coupler, steering tilt tube and the engine trim mechanism
- Go around the boat and apply moisture displacing lubricant to every moving part such as hinges, latches, pull switches, ratchet mounts, and linkages
- Remove and inspect propeller for any damage or tangled lines
- Before replacing propeller, coat shaft with water resistant grease
- Housed on a trailer? It's a good time to inspect and grease the trailer wheel bearings

## Look at the Details

- While (if) your boat is out of the water, visually inspect every small part, connection, cable and control for any signs of damage or wear

## A Final Cleaning

- Wash topsides, bottom and deck and clean all hardware and trim
- Good time to add a coat of wax
- Check fiberglass for any blistering, and repair before storage
- Dry canvas parts completely before storage to avoid mold and other damage

## Don't Forget to Look for Moisture

- Ensure bilge is clean and dry
- Check inside lockers, bins, live wells and storage areas (moisture absorbers can help keep areas dry all winter)
- Remove any items that you can store off the boat
- Remove and store cushions separately

## **BOAT STORAGE** (<https://www.boats.com/how-to/boat-storage/>)

Some boat storing options include:

- Traditional outdoor storage (blocking on empty lot)
- Indoor storage (blocking in warehouse)
- Winter in the water (boat house or slip)
- Store on a boat lift
- Shrink wrapping
- If money isn't an issue, you can have your boat hauled to your house for the winter

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

We have not received any new applications this month for membership which is not a surprise as we continue to follow the safety guidelines while we are dealing with this pandemic.

Margaret and I are missing our contact with you and the joy in sharing in the fun at SBYC. While we recognize that our club activities are not likely to resume anytime soon, we eagerly anticipate the time when we can reunite and return to the club activities that we enjoy.

While our Thanksgiving Day celebrations may be quite different from past years, our hearts are full and life is good. We wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving. May you celebrate the small blessings in your life in spite of our global challenges.

We are thankful for what being a member of SBYC has brought to our lives.

Your membership team,  
Margaret Schwarz and Ann Elliot

RANDOM SHOTS OF HAPPIER TIMES AT THE SBYC!

Copy and paste the link below to your browser to view

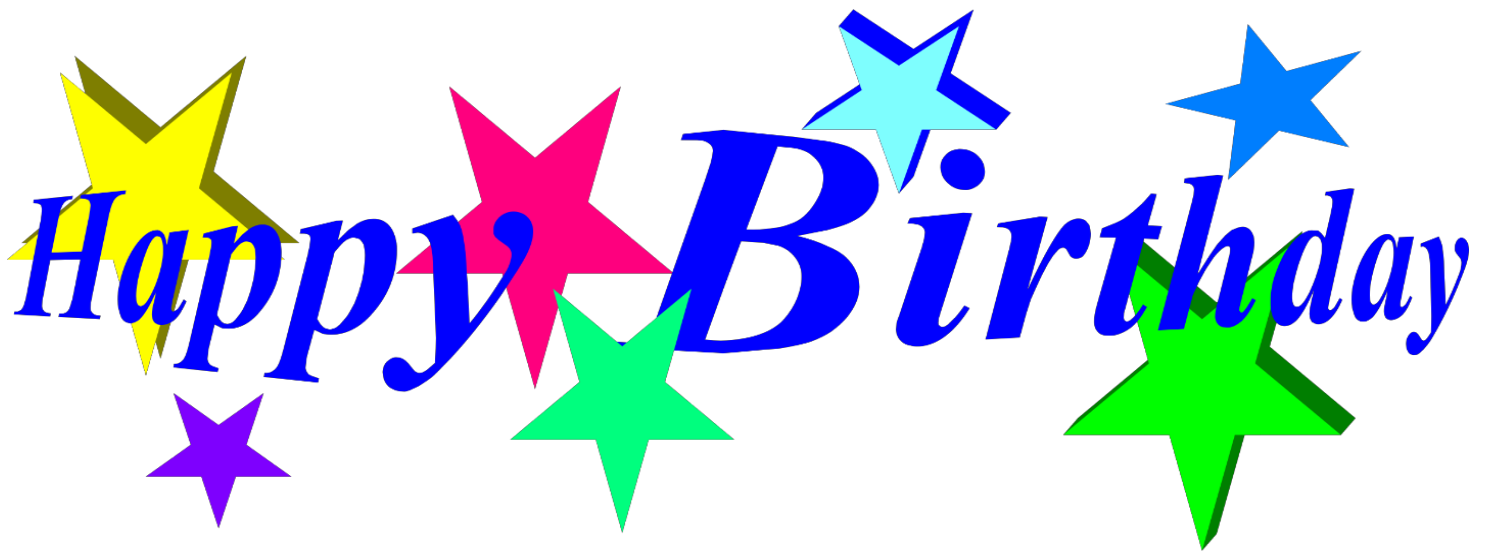
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## **Cruising Alert – Jim Fitzpatrick, Past Commodore**

Our boating area, the Salish Sea, is one of the most beautiful boating areas in the world, but there is one factor all boaters should be concerned about: possible hypothermia "from falling into the drink" resulting from the cold water temperatures. Boat U. S., a U. S. based boat insurance company, performed a very basic test several years ago off the coast of Oregon.

The test consisted of pushing some boaters off a swim step and quickly pulling them out of the water. The results were surprising: the boaters were in immediate danger because when they hit the water they gasped for air from the shock and gaged or swallowed water immediately; as a practical matter all the hypothermia tables in the world may mean that you may be dead if you depend on them. As an aside the real answer is to wear a life vest at all times when you're on the water and make sure to keep anyone in the water away from props if you're under power (best to kill engines if possible).

Fair winds and following seas to all,  
Jim F.  
Past Commodore



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

**1-10 Gloria Fitzpatrick**

**11-15 Frank Benson**

**11-15 Angie Valerga**

**11-20 Sheila Crone**

**11-20 Joel Cziok**

**11-22 Mark Lewis**

**11-22 Ted Shanks**

**11-25 Susan Sorensen**

**11/27 Tom Challinor**

**11-28 Dale Dunning**

**11-30 Kaye Gagnon**

**11-30 Doug Schwarz**

**11-30 Bobbie Stewart**

## Nominating Committee – Doug Schwarz

### The Nominating Committee's November Scuttlebutt input

I asked you all last month for your indulgence in suspending our Bylaws this year in regards to the procedure for nominating and voting for officers to serve our club next year. This request was made due to the impact Covid-19 has had on club meetings and events. Since there was no negative feedback, the Nominating Committee would like to announce the following slate of officers for our yacht club for 2021.

### 2021 SBYC Board Members (No SBYC activities since April)

Commodore – Jerry Fine

Vice Commodore – Jerry Oden

Rear Commodore – Anne Vanderspek Richmond

Secretary – Diana Leibrich

Treasurer – Lisa O'Keefe

Immediate Past Commodore – Doug Schwarz

Assistant Secretary – Judy Shanks

Assistant Treasurer –

Trustee – Jim Fitzpatrick (first year of a 3 year position)

Agreeing to remain on the board as Trustees:

Ray Mitchell (completing the 3rd year of a 3-year position)

Diane Froula (completing the 2nd year of a 3-year position)

Thank you all for your understanding and cooperation during this most unusual year.

Doug Schwarz, Past Commodore and Chair of the Nominating Committee for 2021.

## Update for 2020 Reach and Row for Hospice



### Monies raised to date

#### 2020 Sequim Bay Yacht Club 10/21/2020

Sail Boat Total	\$	9,390.00
<i>Denali</i>	\$	2,000.00
<i>Gorm</i>	\$	250.00
<i>Grace</i>	\$	-
Litonyo	\$	-
PAHS Sailing Team	\$	-
<i>Sirius I</i>	\$	3,235.00
<i>Sirius II</i>	\$	200.00
<i>WindChild</i>	\$	3,705.00
Rowing Shell Total	\$	175.00
<i>Jetsam</i>	\$	-
<i>Spurt Too</i>	\$	-
<i>Suahapish</i>	\$	-
<i>Other</i>	\$	175.00
Quilt Raffle	\$	1,475.00
Auction	\$	-
Fine Farms Event	\$	2,531.00
General Raffle	\$	-
T-Shirts	\$	-
General Donations	\$	2,815.00
Total Donations	\$	16,386.00
Expenses	\$	-
Total to VHOCC	\$	16,386.00
Business Donations Assigned to Boats	\$	-







