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Scuttlebutt

Newsletter of the Sequim Bay Yacht Club

Editor's comments.

I'm not going to ask you to have a great Memorial Day. It is a day for remembering and giving thanks, not BBQ's and such. But I am asking you to take a few moments to remember and thank the many thousands of men and women who gave their lives to preserve the everyday freedoms we take for granted. Personally, mine and Glenda's families were not touched by war as I'm sure many of yours were. Please join me in observing a few moments of thought to say "I never knew you, but I thank you."

As for the Navy planes (Growlers) that many locals complain about, it could be coming from MIG's, Zero's and Messerschmitt's. So thankful to hear them, they are music to my ears.

Thank you for listening.

Ray

Commodore – Jerry Fine



Hello my dear SBYC Members,

Here we are nearing the Summer Solstice on June 20th which I look forward to with great anticipation! The longest daylight of the year and I do love my sunshine. I know you all do too. Therefore there is lots to do in the next few weeks as the days will be slowly getting shorter. Ughhh! So let's get out and get 'er done my friends.

First of all I want to say THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH to Suzy Narbutovshkih for her donation to SBYC. Yes, a Pocock double,

fiberglass racing shell, Serial # GPRXK2F11787. It carries the proud name of INDY GOLD. Please join me in saying Thank You to Suzy for this wonderful and most generous gift to our club. I can't wait to see it streaking across Sequim Bay very soon.

We had our second Lunch Bunch of the month of May with 14 club members in attendance at the Oak Table, the food as always, was a delight! I can't believe we needed only one more 5 on the dice and it went by about 8 rollers and Marian Fine got it, hahaha! She has chosen the Old Mill Café for our first Lunch Bunch of June and it will be on the 8th of June at 11:30, we hope to see you there. Our second Lunch Bunch will be on the 4th Tuesday of June, the 22nd, having two is twice as good! See group photo at end of Scuttlebutt.

Just a reminder about the Poulsbo Cruise starting on the 17th of June, some boats will stop in Port Townsend for a night of fun, then on to Poulsbo for the 18-19th. A few sailors will go to Port Ludlow for the first night then onward. Try to make it if you can on your boat, I still have a few slips in my possession to assign if you want one. I know a couple of boats will anchor out and dingy in for the "dock parties"! If you want to drive down and join in the fun then plan on that. I will be trying to set up a dinner at one of the local restaurants for one of the nights there in Poulsbo. I will need a head count for that of course.

Anna Richmond has informed me that Pioneer Park has reached out to her regarding our reservation at the park, they are on again. So, we will plan on our Annual Picnic to be held at Pioneer Park on August the 7th. You will be a flyer with all the details a little later but save the date. August 7th for a great time and great food! I can almost smell Rudy's steaks now, yummmmmmm!

You see the photo of the most beautiful quilt to be raffled off as our fund raiser for VHOCC, It is an absolute work of art and anyone would be very proud to own it, so get your tickets bought and buy lots, drawing time will be here before you know it folks. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 6 tickets for \$25.00, get yours soon and often. Thank you for your support of VHOCC.



For raffle ticket purchase info, contact Judy Shanks at 360-582-0253

Also, Marian still has Hat Bands / Sweat Bands available for only \$10.00, they work on any hat of your choice. The workmanship is top notch and most attractive so get yours today if you haven't already.

That's about it for me friends except to say what a great time I had on the cruise to Garrison Bay/English Camp and then on to Roach Harbor. It was a wonderful time with all who participated in the cruise. We were so sorry to have to leave after only 4 days while the rest of the cruisers went on to other exotic destinations. Oh well next time, until then.....

Rear Commodore Nautical Notes – Anna Richmond



Since many of us missed the recent Zoom presentations, I thought you may enjoy a recap.

Our February Happy Hour featured a presentation by fellow club member David Richardson, who, along with a fellow veteran, participated in a once-in-a-lifetime trip from Sequim to San Diego in a WWII T6 Texan Trainer for the 75th End of World War II Commemorations in August and September, 2020. They joined 13 other planes at the Naval Base San Diego prior to boarding the USS Essex for passage across the Pacific to Pearl Harbor, HI. David shared his inspiration story along with photos highlighting the flight to San Diego, the COVID impacts on the mission, loading the aircraft aboard the Essex, the Pacific passage, and the formal activities in Hawaii. The presentation was a tribute to those who served and those who sacrificed their lives in support of our

Freedom. You can view David's documentary at: https://youtu.be/7d-N2joB_qY

Our April general meeting featured a tribute to Admiral Robert (Bob) McClinton and fellow shipmate William (Bill) Pelak, who joined us live from Michigan. Bill served with Bob in the Navy in Rhode Island from 1970-1971, and recalled fond memories of serving with "the Admiral" and how he inspired him to be a better person.

Funny how I remember Captain Bob after all these years. I do remember calling him captain when he would pick me up from our 3rd floor apartment in Newport RI the first time, and he would say, just Bob is fine until we get to the ship. That's the kind of down to earth guy he was. He never demanded respect he lived it.

Additionally, Bill shared the story of his father, Henry Joseph Pelak, who is currently 97 and a true living WW2 hero. Henry was a spearhead coxswain/gunner hitting Normandy Omaha Beach first wave with 12 demolition guys onboard. Only 3 survived including him. Unfortunately, due to the three-hour time difference between here and Michigan, Henry was unable to join us.

You can view an interview with Henry Palek at: <https://digitalcollections.library.gvsu.edu/document/41072>

Tribute to Bob McClinton – Macaulay Family, article by Doug Schwarz



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P.C. Bob
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those of you who may not have known Bob McClinton, he joined the Sequim Bay Yacht with his wife For Gunvor in 1990, and served Commodore in 1994. We lovingly refer to “the Admiral”. He was instrumental in choreographing our current boat parade maneuvers, among other countless contributions to the Club. You may remember that a bell was commissioned by Macaulay and his wife Kelly in his honor and presented at our Opening Day celebration in which will be displayed proudly in our clubroom. He passed away on April 12, and this presentation was a fitting tribute to near that anniversary. He was a gallant man

and sailor, whom many looked up to and admired. He will always hold a special place in our honor and presented at our Opening Day celebration in May, which will be displayed proudly in our clubroom. He passed away on April 12, 2019, and this presentation was a fitting tribute to him near that anniversary. He was a gallant man and sailor, whom many looked up to and admired. He will always hold a special place in our Hearts.

Past Commodore Doug Schwarz and Commodore Jerry Fine signed the bell.



To view video of Flag and Bell ceremony, copy and paste to your browser

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/jMVmuYPZYwcDhzvh9>

To view pictures of Bell manufacture, copy and paste to your browser

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/qkzfJSBMQCfqLCz26>

SBYC received a gift of a new bell from the Macaulay family honoring the McClinton's during Opening Day 2021!

“HERE’S TO THE TALL SHIPS...”

In late summer and fall of 2019, we thought of ways to remember Bob and Gunvor McClinton. A trip to the clubroom provided the answer. Specializing in custom marine hardware since 1983, the Port Townsend Foundry cast the bell 6 December 2019.

“A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS.”



<https://photos.sbyc.org/albums/1162019112>

A special THANK YOU to both gentlemen for keeping the bell surprise and allowing us to present it to SBYC on opening day 2021. Doug's fine photography followed the bell at each step of the way. Jerry's woodworking skills are seen on the wooden plaque and the refinishing of the podium.

“THE MOST IMPORTANT SHIP IS FRIENDSHIP...”

Bob, Kelly, and Whit Macaulay

From the Membership Desk – Ann Elliot, Margaret Schwarz

I am very happy to welcome my friends, Tom and Char Curry, to the SBYC membership. They were inducted at the May zoom meeting and have already participated in one cruise, several zoom meetings and SBYC's Opening Day activities. Being very active boaters, they are looking forward to exploring our northwest waters throughout the summer. Welcome aboard!



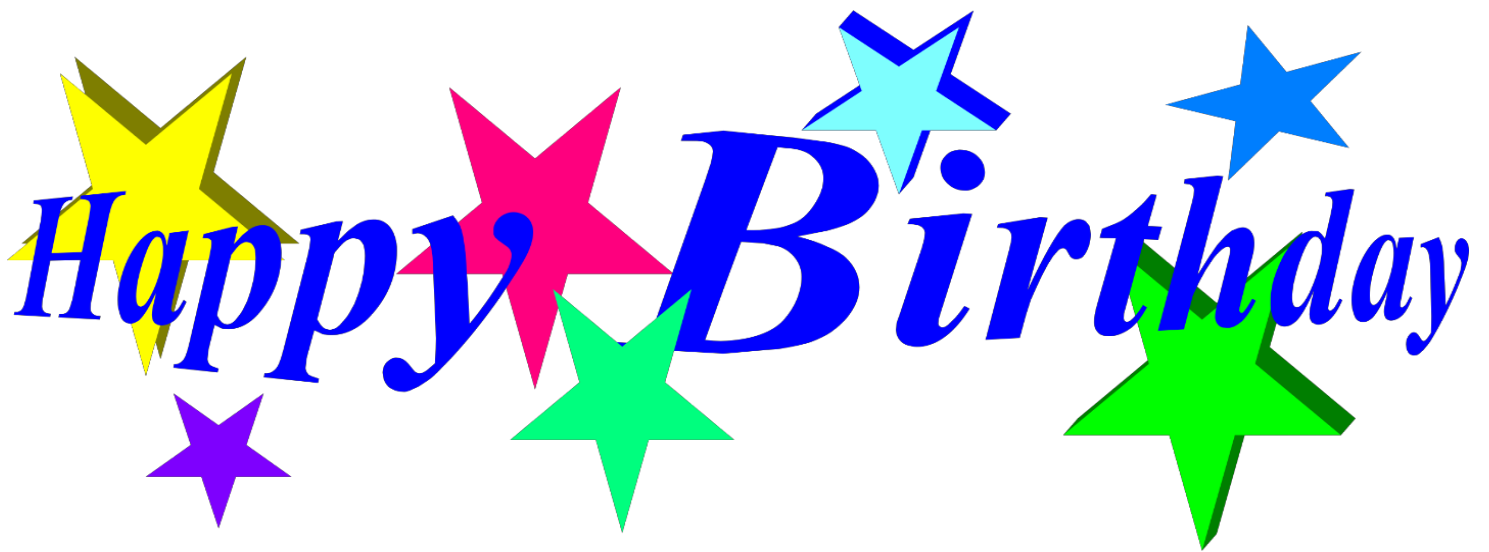
We have received no new applications this month. However, I am optimistic that we'll be resuming our "normal" club activities soon. Once we do, our enthusiasm will surely attract new members!

SBYC Membership Team,
Ann & Margaret

ATTENTION ALL BOATERS!

1. If you are going cruising and plan to utilize our reciprocity with other yacht clubs, please be sure to contact Lisa O'Keefe, lok@att.net, to get your 2021 membership card.
2. When you leave your slip, please notify Ron Amundson, 360 417 3440, with the dates your slip will be vacated in order to provide a slip for visiting yacht club members wanting to utilize their reciprocity privileges with SBYC.
3. If you've been out cruising, please consider sending Ray Mitchell <capttray@bellhill.net> a photo or two with an accompanying paragraph about your time on the water to be included in a future Scuttlebutt. As a fellow cruiser, I always enjoy learning about new anchorages that offer a serene setting, fabulous hikes, great crabbing, colorful sunsets and abundant wildlife.

LET'S GO BOATING!
Ann, M/V Crew's Inn



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

6-08 Ralph Alder

6-13 Anita Blichfeld

6-14 Steve Moll

6-29 Don Berger

6-29 Glenda Mitchell

6-30 Anna Richmond

On The Water SBYC Cruising Committee. Mike McDonald and Ann Elliot

On The Water

SBYC Cruising Committee Update
Mike McDonald and Ann Elliot

It seems as though this year is flying by. In spite of COVID-19 SBYC has been busy on the water. The May combined club South San Juan Islands cruise was a great success. Eight boats attended. The weather was reasonably cooperative and crossing the strait uneventful for all. I want to thank Randy and Julia Roberts for all the work they put into the preparation and execution of the cruise.



The next cruise will be headed to Poulsbo from June 17-20. Jerry and Marion Fine will be leading the group. Whether you choose to dock at the marina or anchor in Liberty Bay, the outing will be filled with interesting places to see and things to do. Your trip to Poulsbo can be direct or include a stopover in Port Townsend or Port Ludlow. The Poulsbo marina is anticipating the fleet arrival on the 18th. After a weekend of fun and camaraderie some may want to return home while others may choose to sail to other destinations. Please contact

Jerry Fine at Jerrymfine@yahoo.com or phone 310-503-3002 for signup...

The MacKaye Harbor cruise led by Rudy Heessels is scheduled for July 10-12. Plan ahead or this fun get together.

Now, I am going to indulge in some speculation. It has been over a year since Americans could easily visit Canada. Un-officially, Canada has been considering opening the border June 21. The information I obtained referenced only land based traffic and did not mention vaccination status requirements. I am speculating that if the border opens by land it will also open to marine traffic. Let's keep our fingers crossed for a summer opening. I will continue to research the possibility and the logistics. I, for one, am looking forward to visiting our Northern Neighbor.

We look forward to seeing you "On The Water"

Mike McDonald and Ann Elliot
M/V Crew's Inn

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“Torben's Travels” Torben Blichfeld



Last month was the end of Torben’s Travels. When the club opens up, say Hello to him and join me in thanking him for sharing his wonderful experiences with us.

Lunch Bunch



Come join us at the “OLD MILL” on Tuesday, June the 8th, 11: am

