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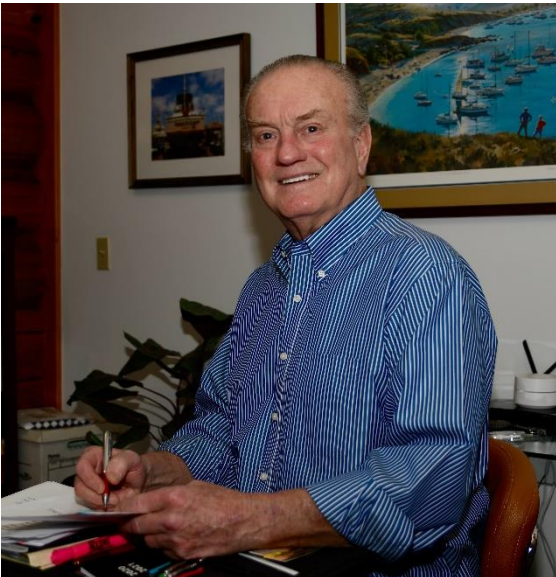
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Scuttlebutt

Newsletter of the Sequim Bay Yacht Club

Commodore – Jerry Fine



Hello SBYC Members,

Well September is gone and it appears, a nice Indian Summer is here for a few days, very nice too.

Marian returned from a lovely get away to England to visit her Sister. They had a wonderful time together, apart from all the COVID testing before, during and after the trip. All good however. Our General Meeting on the 8th was great. Social hour to start with and a very short meeting. The big hit was David Richardson and his slide presentation of the trip he and John Johnson took to Hawaii aboard a US Navy carrier. Maybe he will do it again for us when things are a bit better.

Lunch Bunch at Fortune Star was super good as always and the 6 people that attended had a nice visit. However, the last two Lunch Bunch events only turned out a half dozen people each time.

Therefore, we will drop back to one Lunch Bunch a month for the foreseeable future. It's still great to catch up and have a visit.

Reach / Row for Hospice was two days of very nice weather and fun races. The sailors had to hang around for an hour waiting for the wind to come up, but it did as usual and we got off three good races for them.

The next day we had rowers from all around the PNW doing their best in several different styles of vessels. Our own Joel Cziok rowed a boat that he built himself, a real little beauty too. Way to go Joel!!

All the numbers are not in as yet however, SBYC has managed to raise over \$22,000.00 for VHOCC! We have passed last year's number and still going.

A super special THANK YOU must go out to Susan Sorensen who has been working diligently to raise money and awareness for this great cause. Susan never misses an opportunity to promote VHOCC and she isn't at all bashful about asking for money. Way to go girl, great job! Cheers to you.

Let's keep up the good work and buy tickets for the quilt that will be raffled off in December, it's a beauty! We still have one quarter to go and finish up 2021 in good fashion. I hope to see you all soon, until then.....

Rear Commodore Nautical Notes – Anna Richmond



October General Meeting & Speaker

Our next general meeting and community presentation is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 13**, as follows:

- 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Happy Hour - Clubroom
- 6:00 – 6:15 p.m. General Meeting - Hendricks’s Meeting Room (adjacent to Clubroom)
- 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Community Emergency Response presentation by Blaine Zechenelly and Keith Koehler of Clallam County Fire District #3 (CCFD3)

Come and learn the latest about how the Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquake and Tsunami may impact you and what you can do to prepare for the event. The presentation is open to the general public. Masks will be required in the Hendricks Meeting Room in accordance with state and county mandates.

Blaine and Keith are the CCFD3 Sequim Operational Area Planners and serve on multiple state preparedness committees. Blaine is also the co-author of the annual newspaper insert “Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Guide”. They have been offering Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training for five years and have trained over 680 people. Blaine and Keith are passionate about what they do and offer a refreshing perspective on preparedness.

Blaine and Keith will tell you the facts and the anticipated damage for our area of the northwest. They will also let you know how you can prepare in advance to lessen the impact of this event on your life. The event is coming but is not on anyone’s calendar. Earthquakes never are. Even with the most sophisticated warning system available at present, the best expected warning is only seconds ahead of the shaking. Many plans are in the works for recovering from the event, and you will learn about this ongoing work

2021 SBYC Awards

Mickey McGuffin Sportsmanship Award for 2021: Jerry and Marian Fine



John Halberg Memorial Rowing Trophy for 2021: Linda Carlson and Deb Carlson



Photos of August's Small Boat Regatta

The Sequim Bay Small Boat Regatta held in August was a lot of fun for both the racers and the racing committee. But just too many to try and print, so to view pictures of the event, copy and paste the following links to your browser .

More pictures to follow next week.

Waiting for the Wind to start the race



Finally!

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Photos by Anna Richmond

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Photos by Gail Spurr

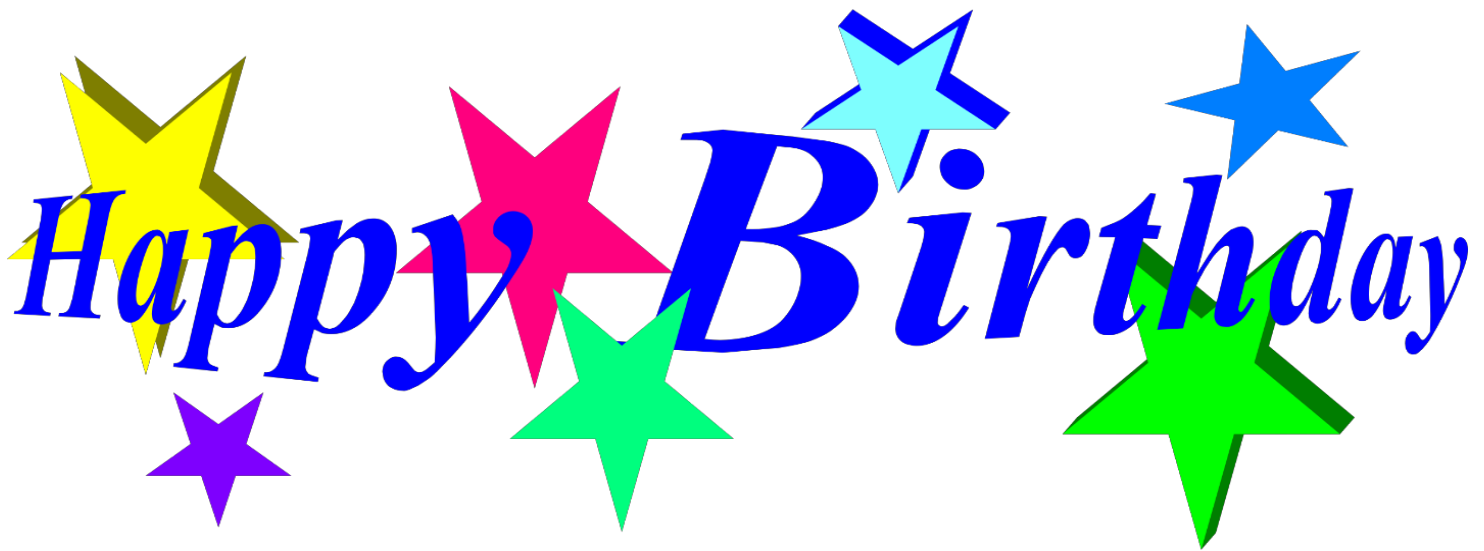
Here are the photos from the Award Ceremony of all the skippers and their crew. Plus, two special awards were given. Jerry and Marian Fine received the 2021 Mickey McGuffin Sportsmanship Award. Linda Carlson and Deb Carlson received the 2021 John Halberg Memorial Rowing Trophy.

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Photos by Michael Dashiell, Sequim Gazette

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Fom the Membership Desk, Ann Elliot, Gail Spurr



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

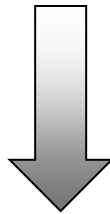
10-06	Diane Froula
10-09	Paula Topjun
10-21	Nelson Wainwright
10-24	Gail Clark
10-24	David Richardson
10-26	Don Sorensen
10-27	Trisha Cobb
10-27	Kelly Rutt
10-28	John Anderson

George Vrakas and Ginny Moorleghen completed their LTR training and have opted to become members. The membership process has been completed minus their induction which we will strive to accomplish in the very near future.

Lisa O'Keefe received a new application that will be presented at the October 1st board meeting. Information about this couple will be forthcoming to the membership in a Scuttlebutt addendum after the board approves their application.

Please note that the application for membership requires a signature from two different households/memberships as sponsors. Two life partners living under the same roof cannot both sponsor the same applicant. Your help with this will be greatly appreciated by your membership team!

Your membership team,
Ann and Gail



On The Water SBYC Cruising – Dan Currier

North to Sucia cruise was a great success! All who went had a blast! Cristina Eppers was one of the PAYC members who cruised in her sailboat. She and her husband Sean are also joining SBYC.



by **Cristina Eppers**

We moved here a year ago to sail more and explore the San Juans, but we hadn't gotten out much yet by August. When we heard that the SBYC-PAYC **North to Sucia Cruise** was still happening we jumped and finally got to do our first San Juans Cruise in our own boat. We're so glad we did! The weather was Perfect on August 10th, making for a fast Strait crossing behind Ken & Andrea Williams in their tug, *Tough Guy*. We met up with SBYC member and cruise organizer, Dan Currier, in *Voyager*, Don Coffman in *AnaMia*, and SBYC Commodore Jerry Fine and his wife, Marian, in *Flora Mae* for one night in Mackaye Harbor. We made a smooth passage through Cattle Pass the next morning (photo, above).

August 11-12: we stayed in Friday Harbor on San Juan Island. We enjoyed a reciprocal dinner at the SJYC, took the trolley bus tour of the island, enjoyed a few hours exploring Lime Kiln State Park, did a wine tasting and had a delicious dinner in town. The marina was crowded but we enjoyed meeting several other MacGregor sailors and watching the impressive schools of little shrimp swarming around the dock lights at night.



August 13-14: We anchored in Echo Bay at Sucia Island.

This "Jewel of the San Juan Islands" is a wonderful spot, and my favorite. It was a bit smoky from the Canadian fires and also quite popular, but we still enjoyed the scenery and wildlife as we hiked the island and paddled around the bay in our dinghy. We saw otter pups, sea lions, harbor seals, herons, woodpeckers, some memorable plants and a wild variety of cliff sculptures. The cockpit happy hours with our



flotilla members started picking up at this point in the cruise, and we also met up with some friends from PA, who were in *Shallow Bay* in their Mac. Good food and Fun Times were had!

August 15-16: we anchored in Reid Harbor, Stuart Island. Here we also got to catch up with friends from Lake Chelan, who happened to be there on their 27 foot trimaran, *Rehab*.

August 17: the three sailboats dodged the float planes and were all able to get slips at Roche Harbor. We love this place too. Don and I graciously let Dan and Sean beat us at Bocce ball (ha!), we walked to the McMillan Mausoleum, watched some small plane traffic, toured our



neighboring (gorgeous) Hunter 50, ate some really good food, and

observed the Colors Ceremony before sunset. We decided on a quiet anchorage in Garrison Bay for our last night, and made an early exit on an outgoing tide to motor

home with a little detour through Canadian waters just because we could. We did have to deal with some waves in the Strait and fog

near PA, but were happy for the experience.

This is a MUST DO trip again for next summer, with our excellent cruise director and chef extraordinaire, Dan Currier. We all hope that more of our members can make it next time!



PS. I wanted to mention that cruising is a good way to get your social fix during this pandemic... we were outdoors most of the time, with a breeze and/or enough distance between us, and used masks when in close quarters (trolley tour) or indoors. It was easy. So, even if we're still dealing with this next summer, we hope to see you out there in paradise!



Cristina & Sean Eppers, MacGregor 26M Marlin

CRUISING NEWS

Ann Elliot and Michael McDonald, M/V Crew's Inn

Mike and I recently returned from cruising throughout the South Sound for five weeks beginning the middle of August. We were surprised how few cruisers populated this area. The weather was warmer than Sequim and quite lovely with only three days of rain. One night we experienced winds in excess of 30 knots. We are extremely safety oriented. In spite of having a very secure anchor set when we arrived, we elected to maintain an anchor watch until 2 a.m. when the winds finally subsided. We were even fortunate to be the only boat anchored in a couple of beautiful bays.

While in Tacoma we enjoyed visiting the Museum of Glass, the History Museum as well as the Tacoma Art Museum, TAM. Finding a spectacular sushi restaurant was a serendipitous gustatory delight. We were pleased to take advantage of our yacht club reciprocity for moorage at a few locations. These moorage opportunities are always on a first-come, first-served basis. Many of the possible locations were already filled when we arrived. We prefer to anchor, but there are times when we want to charge the batteries being plugged into a power source rather than relying strictly on our Genset. We were surprised to learn that there are no laundromats in Gig Harbor where I had hoped to wash clothes. We visited Gig Harbor once before Labor Day and again afterwards. What a difference in spite of being there on the weekends each time. Before the holiday, the bay was packed with anchored boats as well as smaller vessels cruising through the anchorage and a plethora of paddle boats and kayakers propelled by people of all ages and dogs of all sizes. It was great seeing so many folks enjoying one of the benefits of living near the water. After the holiday, we were one of three boats anchored in the big bay. We saw only 2 to 3 non motorized craft being utilized. We were surprised to see a gondola being manned by a gondolier dressed in Venetian style giving visitors a tour of the bay and narrating the sites and offering some history. During one sighting I even heard the gondolier singing an Italian aria! Fortunately he had a nice voice.

Good news, bad news. The bad news is that our vessel exhibited a couple of hiccups. The good news is that the need for service happened this year while we were traveling in local waters. We are also grateful that these things happened where we could get the problems solved in a timely fashion by an experienced marine crew. We want problems that may be lurking on this vessel that is new to us to happen before next spring in hopes that our trip to Alaska in 2022 will be problem free. However, being longtime cruisers we also know that a boat is a boat and issues will be an ongoing part of cruising. Fortunately, we were near Point Defiance where Breakwater Marine is located when the problems occurred. Both times they were able to get us to their dock, resolve the problem and get us on our way the next day or same day. The crew was extremely knowledgeable and professional. We were pleased to find them and will confidently use their service in the future if needed.

We look forward to a time in the future when we can return to this area and visit other beautiful anchorages in the vicinity.

Job Openings

Scuttlebutt Editor

I have been doing this for about four years and after thinking about it, the time has come to turn over the privilege of producing the Scuttlebutt to someone with more nimble fingers and a better understanding of computers. I plan for this taking place for the January issue.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you.

Ray

Cub Reporter

Membership Chair - Beginning January 1, 2022

No experience needed. Training available now. You can personalize the process.

If you are interested in assuming either position, please contact Ray, Ann, Commodore Jerry Fine or Rear Commodore Anna Richmond.

