

February 2022

## From the Commodore

Fellow Sequim Bay Yacht Club (SBYC) Members:

Given an encouraging decline in Covid-19 cases among Clallam County residents the last week of January, the SBYC board on Jan. 31 voted to resume indoor activities in the clubroom effective Feb. 9, when we will host Susan Sorensen for her presentation on KSQM Radio originally scheduled for January. Assuming the infection rate remains reasonable, we expect to continue our usual indoor meetings and gatherings.

The suspension of activities on Jan. 11 resulted from the board's concern about the early January dramatic increase in infections, the limited availability of local hospital beds and our aging population.

We believe this was the right decision at the time, and now, following the guidance of the county health director, we believe it is safe to offer club activities to those who are comfortable in group settings. We will continue to monitor infection rates and keep you advised of any necessary schedule adjustments.

In the meantime, it's important that we—whether cruisers, sailors, rowers or social members—recognize that it will take all of us to ensure that club activities continue to be successful. We have a fabulous new can-do board, and the general membership can help achieve the board achieve even more if we each take on even a minor volunteer task. We have an ambitious program outlined for 2022 and I'd like to see each of us invested in its success.

## Susan Sorensen Presents “An Inside Look at KSQM Radio Station”

Tell your friends, tell your neighbors: Susan Sorensen, longtime volunteer at our local nonprofit radio station, has a terrific program planned for our first 2022 general meeting. The public is welcome: masks are required. If the bar is open prior to the meeting, proof of vaccination is required to have a drink of any kind.



Frank DeSalvo  
Commodore

## Calendar

### February

Feb. 9, General Meeting

Feb. 11, Happy Hour

Feb. 25, Happy Hour & Pizza

### March (tentative)

March 7, Board Meeting

March 8, Lunch Bunch

March 11, Happy Hour

March 26, Happy Hour & Pizza

Watch for Gracie Alder's emails with confirming information.

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## ***Frank Benson Wins at Jan. 4 Lunch Bunch***

Two tables of SBYC members gathered Jan. 4 for Lunch Bunch. Frank Benson went home with the pot! Pictured, top from left, Kathryn Haskell, Sue Baden, Doug Schwarz, Marian and Jerry Fine, and across the table, Mylo and Carrie Hauptli, Chris Coolures, Carmi Standish and Frank. Lower photo, from left, Viola Marshall, Gracie Alder, Maggie Morgan, and across the table, Rick Morgan, Ralph Alder and Victoria Marshall.



## On The Water

### Cruising the Northwest with the Sequim Bay Yacht Club

I have been complaining for weeks about the cold weather, snow and short days. However, I was just reminded by my wife—who is tired of my weather complaints—that January is just the beginning of winter. To a boater who wants to be on the water that thought is most disconcerting.

The reality is that most of us need the winter to prepare our vessels for the summer cruising season. The motivation may be low right now but this is the time to begin those preparations to be *On The Water*. Making a list, prioritizing the contents and executing the projects now will ensure your vessel is ready to slip the lines and head to exciting destinations with a minimum of problems.

SBYC is organizing a cruising schedule for 2022. It will include local spots such as Sequim Bay and more distant destinations. We are still not sure about Canadian destinations but we will keep up with the changing rules. A detailed schedule will be out next month but here is a teaser:

Ann and I will lead a Shakedown cruise April 8-10.

Jerry Fine will lead the May 11-13 cruise to Poulsbo for the Viking Fest.

Rudy Heessels will again be Cruise Captain for the Mackaye Harbor Race/Cruise July 9-10.

Dan Currier will continue to lead as Cruise Captain on an August cruise to the San Juans.

We are adding a new event this year that will include vessels of all sizes including kayaks and dinghies. This is affectionately called a “Summer Solstice dinghy raft-up” but any vessel can participate. All vessels will tie up in a large circle allowing participants to pass pre-made finger food around from vessel to vessel. Each person will bring his/her own beverages; however, it is common for some to bring bottles of favorite spirits to share. Jean Heessels-Petit will be the Cruise Captain for this fun June 21 event.

We are looking for one or two others to fill Cruise Captain positions for cruises to be defined in the future. Please contact me at michaelm212@yahoo.com or 503-730-9258 with your interest. Also, don't hesitate to ask your cruising friends to join any of our cruises.

Looking forward to seeing you “On The Water.”

Mike McDonald

### Update Your Membership Status

Durkee Richards will update the club roster as soon as 2022 membership is finalized. Treasurer Deborah Carlson, who reports 124 members as of Jan. 31, looks forward to receiving your dues. The payment deadline has been extended to Feb. 15. (If you're unable to continue as a member, please notify her at deborah.carlson54@gmail.com.)

## Happy Hour Update

Dear Members and Friends at Sequim Bay Yacht Club, I hope that you find today bright and awesome!

We continue to address the barriers that Covid-19 continues to push forward, and we will react accordingly. Although this caused cancellation of our January Happy Hours, the board voted Jan. 31 to open the clubroom on Feb. 9, and we expect to have our first 2022 Happy Hour Friday, Feb. 11 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Our second Happy Hour of the month, including complimentary pizza, is scheduled for Feb. 25.

We will not potluck; you're welcome to bring food to share with your table.

Proof of vaccination is required for both members and guests.

I'll be sending out schedule confirmations via Gracie Alder's e-mails, so watch for those.

Joel Cziok, Happy Hour Chairman

## Learn to Sail!

Working with the North Olympic Sail & Power Squadron, several SBYC sailors have organized a Learn-to-Sail program starting March 3 with classes conducted by NOSPS members.

In mid-March Rudy Heessels and other club sailors will have participants on the water in the club's two Flying Scot daysailors.

As outlined on the flyer elsewhere in Scuttlebutt (print this and share with your friends), there are three options, each with a discount for SBYC and NOSPS members: both classroom and on-the-water training; classroom only; and on-the-water only. The on-the-water only option is intended for those with significant knowledge of what Rudy calls “the workings of the boat.”

Recommended text: “Basic Keelboat,” an American Sailing Association publication available for \$19.95 at asa.com/textbooks.



## ***SBYC Predates Marina, Has 46 Years of History!***

Boats have been launched from Sequim Bay's western side for years, but the marina as we know it wasn't constructed until the 1980s. As the scrapbooks in the northeast corner of the club room document, the Sequim Bay Yacht Club, chartered in 1976, predates the marina by most of a decade.

A 1982 story in the *Daily News* (today's *Peninsula Daily News*) says that there was a marina of some kind in the Pitship Point area in the late 1960s and early 1970s. "Sequim Bay Marina" is what it was called in the 1969 Army Corps of Engineers permits to Fred Baker and later environmental impact statements.

That facility had a dirt ramp and a wood dock in water so shallow that you couldn't moor there at low tide, recall Bob and Kelly Macaulay, who arrived on East Sequim Bay Road in 1973. The only source of fuel was Chet Miller's Sunset Marine Resort on Buzzard Ridge Road, today owned by the same women who own Salty Girls Sequim Seafood Co., and the only fuel was gas. (No moorage, either.) If you needed diesel, you had to fuel up in Port Angeles or Port Townsend before heading home.

The Port of Port Angeles's website and old newspaper stories say that by the 1960s, a marina was being considered for Dungeness Bay. Old Army Corps of Engineers documents say that actually four sites between Dungeness and Kulakala Point were considered but all were opposed for environmental reasons, including proximity to the Dungeness Spit's wildlife refuge.

In 1975 actor John Wayne offered to donate 33.7 acres (per a March 16, 1978 *Daily News* story) for a marina contingent on construction starting within five years. (A 1976 story referred to 21 acres of tideland and upland.)

By the late 1970s, plans had been drawn for an elaborate facility with moorage for as many as 525 boats and dry storage for 134. If moorage rates were \$1.50 per foot per month, the project should pencil out, the consultants said.

Meanwhile, the yacht club had gotten organized in early 1976, with more than 100 attending "Charter Night" at the Sportsman Restaurant (now the location of Las Palomas). (A top sirloin dinner was \$5.50, and a fried chicken platter, \$3.95.)

Early meetings continued to be held in local restaurants, and the first events included picnics, a sailing dinghy regatta, and a fishing derby with 56 participants and 25 fish caught.

(To be continued in a future issue.)

### ***Pat Oden in the News***

The last January issue of the Sequim Gazette had a front page story about award-winning Sequim quilter Marla Varner—who cites SBYC's very own Pat Oden as her mentor and inspiration.

"Stitching Together the Colorful Pieces" in the Jan. 26 issue extensively quotes Pat, who met Marla about 15 years ago in a Quilted Strait workshop.

You'll see examples of Pat's own quilts at [patriciaoden.com](http://patriciaoden.com). A 2013 Gazette story extensively details Pat's quilting career and the recognition she has earned: <https://issuu.com/sgazette/docs/lopsummer2013x/20>.

Pat no longer exhibits quilts but does make prayer quilts with friends at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

### ***Officers & Committees***

Commodore: Frank DeSalvo  
Vice Commodore: Sue Baden  
Rear Commodore: Lisa O'Keefe  
Treasurer: Deborah Carlson  
Assistant Treasurer: Deb McKean  
Secretary: Judy Shanks  
Assistant Secretary: Joel Cziok  
*Trustees*  
Diane Froula  
Mylo Hauptli  
Paul Crone  
Membership: Mylo & Carrie Hauptli  
Fundraising for Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County: Susan Sorensen  
Learn-to-Row: sequimbayyacht.club/learn-to-row  
Learn-to-Sail: Rudy Heessels  
Happy Hours: Joel Cziok  
Sunshine: Susan Sorensen  
Past Commodore: Jerry Fine  
Roster: Durkee Richards  
Bar Manager: Deborah Carlson  
Email: Gracie Alder  
Scuttlebutt: Linda Carlson  
See the roster for officer and committee chair contact information.

### ***Upcoming Birthdays***

2nd: Jean Petit-Heessels  
12th: Terry Topjun  
21st: Dan Benjamin and Tom Curry  
22nd: Kathryn Haskell  
23rd: Carolyn DeSalvo  
26th: Jim Spurr  
27th: Jim Beaty

(Omissions? Let the editor know.)



# Learn to Sail This Spring!

Sequim Bay Yacht Club and North  
Olympic Sail & Power Squadron

Classroom and on-the-water training  
on Sequim Bay starting March 3.

7 classroom and 5 on-the-water sessions: \$350  
(\$250 for SBYC/NOSPS members)

On-the-water training only: \$280  
(\$180 for members)

Classroom sessions only: \$140  
(\$70 for members)

For schedules and more information:  
[jean\\_rudy@hotmail.com](mailto:jean_rudy@hotmail.com)

## ***Contributions to VHOCC: A Near Record!***

Final quilt raffle ticket sales, year-end contributions and the Fine Farm Charlie Brown Christmas tree decorating event pushed the SBYC fundraising drive for Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County's respite fund to a near record. Although inclement weather complicated logging December contributions, the VHOCC staff in January doublechecked figures and reported a total of \$30,863.72 raised.

### ***Sailors***

Denali \$7,157.67

Sirius I \$5,133

WindChild \$4,441

Litonya \$1,200

Sirius II \$550

Gorm \$400

Grace \$100

Pinafore \$50

### ***Rowers and Paddlers***

Undesignated \$1,510

Tim Walls Paddle Board \$740

Nurse Report \$400

Arctic Tern \$250

Kip in the Little Yellow Rowboat \$150

### ***Other Contributions***

Fine Farm Events \$4,860

Quilt Raffle \$2,106

T-shirt Sales \$814

Bar Tips \$74.05

Other \$25

General Donations \$903

(Contributions for tax year 2022 are now welcome at VHOCC, 829 E. 8th St., Port Angeles WA 98362. Remember to write "SBYC" in the memo line of your check.)