



# Scuttlebutt

Newsletter of the Sequim Bay Yacht Club

June 2022

## Welcome to Summer!

### Fellow SBYCers:

June is the month when summer traditionally arrives according to astronomy—although meteorological confirmation is still very much “up in the air.” Nevertheless, we will be out there sailing, rowing, cruising, kayaking, paddleboarding, as well as racing in all these disciplines.

Just a reminder that all these activities inherently carry with them some level of risk. Risk can be mitigated by skill, experience, sound judgment and well-maintained equipment. Make sure that when you plan to be on the water, check your equipment, and pay attention to the current weather, weather forecasts and especially warnings and advisories before you head out. At risk of being too obvious, please be advised to wear, or have in proximity the proper PFD for your activity and make PFDs easily available for everyone on board.

Social activities will be in full swing this month. Happy Hours (HH) will continue twice monthly with free pizza on the last HH of the month. There's also fun to be had every Thursday evening during and after the Duck Dodge races. The Clubroom is a great venue to watch the race unfold. In case all that viewing makes you thirsty, the bar will be open at 6:30 p.m. and earlier when special events occur. Racers generally bring a potluck dish for their crew's post-race review of strategy and tactics. Feel free to bring your own contribution to the feast and join in on the post-race review.

As you probably know, our membership has been on an upward trajectory. It is in our best interest that this trend continues. Please remember that you are SBYC's best recruiters. Share the fun you have at SBYC events with your friends and acquaintances. Invite them to attend a HH or General Meeting, introduce them to other members and make them feel at home. Remember to introduce yourself to new members, those who have star stickers on their name tags for the first year of membership.

Please continue to look for ways, large and small, that you can contribute to SBYC. Remember that doing something that you consider insignificant may end up being just what was needed to complete an ongoing project or begin a new initiative.

It is truly an honor to serve as your Commodore this year. The overwhelming support that Carolyn and I have received from the Board and Membership has been gratifying.



Frank DeSalvo  
Commodore

## June Calendar

June 2, Duck Dodge

June 6, Board Meeting

June 7, Lunch Bunch

June 8, General Meeting

June 9, Reach & Row for  
Hospice Initial Meeting

June 9, Duck Dodge

June 10, Happy Hour

June 16, Duck Dodge

June 21, Solstice Event

June 23, Duck Dodge

June 24, Happy Hour/  
Pizza Night

June 24-26, Slow Boat Cruise

June 30, Duck Dodge

*Check Gracie Alder's emails  
for confirming information.*

### **Photo Credits!**

Many thanks to those who provided so many of this issue's photos, including Joel Cziok, Barb Diekfuss, Paula Jellinghaus, and Doug Schwarz.

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## ***Autonomous Research Vessel Topic for June Meeting***

The public is welcome to join the club Wednesday, June 8, when Theodore Nowak, a data scientist from the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (Battelle) joins us to discuss the lab's autonomous research vessel and how it will be deployed on projects in Sequim Bay. The presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Hendricks Room, announces Lisa O'Keefe, rear commodore.

## ***All Hands on Deck for Reach and Row Planning Committee!***

What's the best way to do a little and help our community a lot? Joining the committee for Reach and Row for Hospice Races is what chair Susan Sorensen calls, "A win-win for everyone."

Work on this project at least indirectly helps ease the stress on the terminally ill and their caregivers, and almost as important, this project provides the chance to put your experience and creativity to work, and offers the opportunity to meet new people, both within the club and in the community in general.

### ***June 9, 1 p.m., clubroom***

There's nothing complicated, either: join Susan for the first 2022 Reach and Row planning meeting June 9 at 1 p.m. in the clubroom and you can brainstorm ideas for making this year's event even better than the last ones.

### ***What's important about Reach and Row for Hospice?***

First, it is the yacht club's only fundraiser.

Second, it is VHOCC's single largest continuing benefit. Hospice receives many generous donations each year, but none others are as longstanding as SBYC's. Since the first Reach and Row Race in 1991, SBYC has raised more than \$433,000 for Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

How are these donations used? All of the money raised goes into the VHOCC respite care fund, a special fund earmarked to allow family members to take a short break with confidence that their loved one receives loving care during their short absence. Just a respite for an hour or two can make a huge impact for a caregiver during this stressful time!

### ***How to participate***

What can you do? Glad you asked! As Commodore Frank DeSalvo has mentioned many times, many hands make light work and lots more fun! Various committees will be created with your

special talent in mind. There is something that everyone can do to contribute.

The rowing competition is scheduled for Sept. 17 with sailing races on Sept. 18; both events will be held on Sequim Bay. It's a great weekend to be at John Wayne Marina and on the bay, but your volunteering will be valuable even if you'll be away when the races occur. Between now and then, we need you to:

- Get the word out with posts on your social media and flyers posted around town
- Sell quilt raffle tickets (and buy 'em, too!)
- Participate in the sailing and rowing races (yes, anyone can!)
- Buy the Reach and Row t-shirt and wear it around town to publicize the event
- Plan a club post-race party (that meets Covid protocols)

Contact Susan at [starlady@olyphen.com](mailto:starlady@olyphen.com) with any questions and see her on the 9th.

## ***Volunteer Hospice Fund Drive Off to Strong Start***

The club received an appreciative note from Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County for the contributions recorded by April 29. Of the \$2,035 received by that date, \$435 represented purchases of quilt raffle tickets.

## More New Members!

Bryan and Tina Berreth, top right, are native Pacific Northwesterners!

Bryan is a commercial real estate appraiser. They tell us they enjoy outdoor recreation including boating and gardening. Their interests also include music, hockey, and arts and crafts are also items they listed as their interests. They own a 20-foot Silverstreak.

Patti Christie and Mike Carlson, second from top, moved to Sequim from northern California about a year ago after they retired.

Mike was a teacher and is currently substituting at Sequim High School. Patti, who worked in the technology sector, enjoys sailing and is looking forward to more of that this summer. Together they like traveling, gardening and cooking.

Doug and Barbara Diekfuss, third from top at right, relocated to Sequim about five years ago from Eagle River WI to be closer to their son in Seattle.

Doug retired from law enforcement; he worked with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as a Conservation Officer. Barb has more than 36 years of marketing experience as a Marketing Director. They also had a cellular communications and security company for 30+ years. Both enjoy boating, RVing, E-biking, and now kayaking. Barbara paints in watercolor, oils and acrylic, with artwork displayed locally. They traded fresh water for salt water boating and now own a 24-foot Cutwater power boat. They fish for crab and shrimp.

Lynn Hawkins, pictured at bottom right with husband Fergus McGrath, relocated from Fall City WA.

She spent her career as a travel agent, working for Cruise West—which allowed her to travel all over the world. She loves to sail, and lists cruising, boating related activities and social events as her reason for joining the club.





## ***Chris Coolures Wins Pot; RSVP Now for June***

The June Lunch Bunch is at Baja Cantina and Chris Coolures is the man to contact by June 4 with your RSVP. He took home the pot at May's event! Joining him for lunch were, from left, Lisa and John O'Keefe, George Brown (behind John), Jan Jones, Frank Benson, and across the table, Jim Jones, Chris, Violet and Viola Marshall, Janice Warren, Sue Baden and Carrie Hauptli. Not pictured, Mylo Hauptli and Carmi Standish.

## ***Safety Procedures and Teamwork Result in Quick Rescue***

Safety procedures and teamwork resulted in the rescue of sailors and recovery of a boat when the club's Flying Scot Gael Force capsized in shifty, gusty conditions during the May 12 Duck Dodge race. According to race fleet chair John Thompson and other participants, the Gael Force capsized at the windward mark at the north end of Sequim Bay. The crew of two was unable to right her. Both sailors were wearing PFDs, which inflated normally, and they radioed for help and waited atop the overturned hull until picked up by a nonmember who came out from the marina in his power boat after hearing the "mayday" message. Duck Dodge participants worked together using the club's launch and a private power boat for a couple of hours to right the Gael Force, bail her out and tow her to port. The only damage was the loss of the outboard motor and halyard winch.

Thanks to a nurse who lives near the north end of the bay and witnessed the capsize, 911 was called so that the sailors were evaluated by EMTs upon their return to shore. One was released for return home and the other transported to Olympic Medical Center for overnight evaluation.

John identified several factors that prevented injury and damage, including the use of PFDs, the fact that the radio was not lost in the capsize and that the crew immediately got itself out of the water, and the immediate response of both other racers and those in the marina and ashore. The sailors conducted a thoughtful after-incident review and will present their recommendations designed to make SBYC sailboat racing safer to the Board at the June board meeting.

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

Commodore: Frank DeSalvo  
Vice Commodore: Sue Baden  
Rear Commodore: Lisa O'Keefe

Past Commodore: Jerry Fine  
Treasurer: Deborah Carlson  
Assistant Treasurer: Debbie Denton

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

Sunshine: Susan Sorensen

Roster: Durkee Richards

Bar Manager: Deborah Carlson

House Manager: Steve Segle

Email: Gracie Alder

Scuttlebutt: Linda Carlson

See the roster for contact information.

### ***Upcoming Birthdays***

**June 8**

Ralph Alder

**June 12**

Carrol Hull

**June 29**

Don Berger

Glenda Mitchell

George Vrakas

*(Omissions? Let the editor know.)*

SBYC Presents:

June 9, 2022

# HAPPY HOUR

5:00-7:00 P.M.

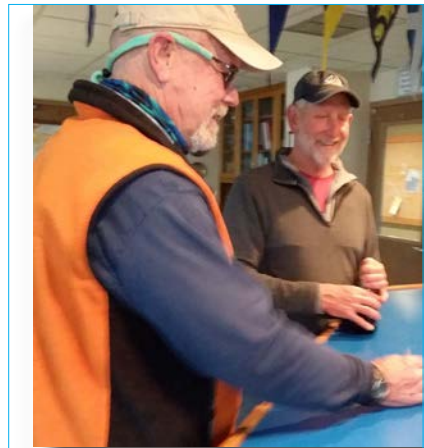


Open to members and their  
guests Bring a treat to share

Joel Cziok— [joel.cziok@gmail.com](mailto:joel.cziok@gmail.com) or 360-477-3213

# Cinco de Mayo Attracts Dozens, Raises Funds for VHOCC

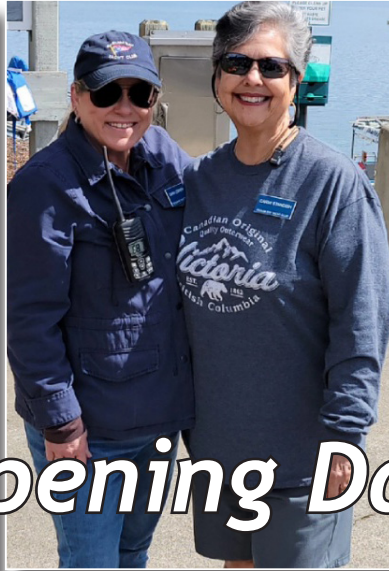
Deborah Carlson hosted a Cinco de Mayo dinner in conjunction with the May 5 Duck Dodge race that attracted almost 50 members and guests, kept Carrie Hauptli busy at the bar, and generated \$36 in bar tips to benefit Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County. Diane Froula helped cashier. Among those attending were, from top left, Deb; Susie Johnson; and at right, from the top, Lynn Hawkins and John Johnson with Steve Segle in the background; Doug and Debbie Diekfuss with Bob Macaulay in the background; Carrol Hull and guest Darlene Clemens, whose husband Michael crews with Alan Clark.



April Duck Dodges concluded on the 28th with Lisa O'Keefe staffing the bar, and more than a dozen sailors and guests turning out to potluck after the races. At left, Alan Clark with his crew member Steve Alan; below, Dan Currier with Soren Prip.



May evenings brought strong winds, even squalls, for the racers, and then some skipped the last Thursday of the month as they prepared for the Swiftsure International Yacht Race over Memorial Day weekend.



# Opening Day



Among those handling shoreside hospitality on Opening Day were, from top, Deb Carlson, Mary Jeanne Richards and Margaret Schwarz; Diana Leibrich and Carmi Standish at the boat-ride check-in booth; and Sheila Crone prepping. Middle, Diane Froula, Linda Carlson and Kelly Macaulay; and Nell Clauson. Below, Joel Cziok and Carrie Hauptli at the check-in booth; Lisa O'Keefe with Durkee Richards; and Terry O'Brien on duty at the bar.

Look closely for the most unusual guests on a boat on Opening Day: a pair of Guide Dogs for the Blind in training who very calmly rode on the Flora Mae.



At right, Paul and Sheila Crone; Sue Baden, Lisa O'Keefe and Jerry Fine; Scott Clauson and Grant Herman. On the dock, Randy Soderstrom helping with sailboat rides.





# Coolures, Joneses, Richardses Honored for Service, Tenure

Opening Day festivities included presentation of the Kuss-Day and 20-year membership awards.



Created in 2019, the Kuss-Day award recognizes members who exemplify the example of service demonstrated by charter members Annette and Bill Kuss, and longtime members Nancy and Jack Day. Kusses were especially active advocates of construction of the John Wayne Marina, and the Days worked with the Port of Port Angeles to secure a lease for the clubroom, with Nancy doing extensive research on what were reasonable clubroom lease rates. Both men served as commodores (Kuss twice), and Annette served both as newsletter editor and for 30+ years, as historian. The Days hosted many club events at their West Sequim Bay Road home, including an Opening Day potluck with 15 boats moored at their dock.

The names of the latest recipients, which were announced at our flagpole ceremony, are inscribed on plaques on the case for a vintage sextant, a gift from the family of other longtime members, the late Mark and Patricia Lewis.

The recipients include Chris Coolures and his late wife Phyllis, who joined the club in 1993. A past commodore, Chris took on the Men's Treat event from Jack soon after joining, and continues to organize the men of the club into offering a spring brunch. He also ensures that the event is profitable for the club. Phyllis headed the First Mates women's organization and participated in the club's canasta group. She also bartended, as Chris continues to do today.

Other honorees are the Lewises, who joined in 1995 after retiring to Sequim in 1994. Mark remained a member until his death in 2021. Besides bartending, he served as trustee and as assistant treasurer for several years. He also taught Power Squadron courses, served as a volunteer lighthouse keeper and worked with such volunteer organizations as Habitat for Humanity. Pat, who died in 2020, was a regular bartender for Duck Dodge races, and active in many community organizations, especially those related to music such as the Port Angeles Symphony Orchestra and Sequim Community Chorus. Like the Coolureses, the Lewises are described as people who stepped in whenever a need arose.



Pictured at top: Pat and Mark Lewis's daughter Susan with Jerry Fine and the sextant donated to the club. At right, 20-year members Durkee and Mary Jeanne Richards with Jan Jones, Jerry and Jim Jones; Chris Coolures with daughter Katherine.



# Opening Day Parade



Top left: Vice commodore Sue Baden and Carmi Standish salute as members pass the Flora Mae as the boat parade concludes.

## Happy Hours Continue with Potlucks, Pizza, Prospective Members

From Happy Hour chair Joel Cziok, this positive message:

Hello to all Sequim Bay Yacht Club Members, summer *will* arrive in June!

Our May Happy Hours have been well attended, and well received by all.

On May 13 (pictured below), we had a great attendance of about 35. Our members and guests shared some awesome sweets and treats brought from home. The atmosphere was bright and chatty as we met old friends, made new members, and introduced ourselves to some prospective members. It's always a pleasure to enjoy John Wayne Marina, and our beautiful club.

Looking forward to our Pizza Happy Hours? Look towards SBYC each fourth Friday of the month through the year. Our bar is wonderfully stocked, and as is our custom, all tips go to Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County.

Please mark your calendars, bring a friend, and enjoy all that Sequim Bay Yacht Club has to offer.

Postscript May 27: It was a smaller group for the May pizza night thanks to the Swiftsure race and other travel for our members (including chair Joel). There was the opportunity for some great conversations with new member Lynn Hawkins and her husband Fergus McGrath and a couple of prospective members besides old hands. Deb Carlson staffed the bar.



At top left, Deb Carlson, Jean Heessels-Petit, Rudy Heessels and Carolyn DeSalvo. At right, Tina Berreth with Mylo Hauptli. Below, Mike Carlson and Patti Christie, bartender Chris Coolures and Carrie Hauptli on May 13.

**SBYC Presents:**  
***PIZZA ONBOARD***  
***HAPPY HOUR***



**Friday June 23, 2022 5:00 TO 7:00 P.M.**  
**SBYC CLUBROOM, JOHN WAYNE MARINA**  
**Open to members and guests**

Joel Cziok - [joel.cziok@gmail.com](mailto:joel.cziok@gmail.com) or 360 477 3213

# SBYC Summer Solstice Celebration

Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Time: 18:00 – 20:00 hours

Location: Mud Bay

(In case of foul weather: SBYC Club Room)

Duration: 2 hours

Refreshments: BYOB

Champagne toast provided by SBYC

## What's welcome?

### All types of member watercraft!

Rowing shells, canoes, kayaks, power boats, sailboats, paddleboards, dinghies, and inflatables—any member watercraft\*  
(Guests are welcome if on member vessels.)

You can launch from Mud Bay or from John Wayne Marina.

RSVP by June 14, 2022 to Carrie Hauptli, [carriehauptli@gmail.com](mailto:carriehauptli@gmail.com).

Don and Jeannie Berger will run the launch.

Fines' Flora Mae will be the anchor vessel,  
transporting snacks and Champagne

## Small Print:

Tide: 2 feet at 6 p.m. – 6 feet at 8 p.m.

\* Rowers can sign up for seats in club shells on the regular rowing sign-up sheet.  
Sailors checked out on club Flying Scots can contact JohnThompson regarding use of a club boat.

# *Save the Date*



*SBYC Commodore's Ball*

*Saturday, October 8, 2022*

*Hendricks Room, John Wayne Marina*

*Where the Ocean Meets the Sky*

*Honoring*

*Commodore Frank and Carolyn DeSalvo*

*5pm Social Hour*

*6pm Dinner*

*7pm Dancing to the fabulous music of*

*Black Diamond Junction*

*Catering provided by Kokopelli Grill*

*Cost: \$60 per person*

*Additional information and RSVP/payment instructions will  
be provided at a future date.*

*Mark your calendars now for this fun and gala event!*

# SBYC Board Meeting May 2

In the absence of Judy Shanks, secretary, minutes were taken by assistant secretary Joel Cziok. His detailed minutes having been circulated via Gracie Alder's email, what follows is a summary.

- Race Director: Duck Dodge: We now have dual Sail Captains with John Thompson and Tom Rambow.
- Opening Day May 1: Sue Baden reported the event, the first possible in two years, was a success due to a huge amount of member participation. There were 18 sailboat rides and 35 power boat rides. There were new membership applications from guests. It was suggested that more banners, signage, directions and balloons could have made it better. Lisa O'Keefe and Jerry suggested that next year special invitations be sent to past commodores and dignitaries, including requests for RSVPs.
- Rowing Event April 24: Diane Froula reported that 15 participated in the rowing tryouts and expects that 6-8 may continue in the Learn to Row program. Sue commented that if tides permit, this event could once again be held on Opening Day. Deb Carlson pointed out that the intro event requires many rowers to coordinate with each potential student

- Clubroom and Oar Shed Keys and Lock Cores: There was discussion on the cost for recoring, distribution, tracking, lending, deposits, potentially a lockbox and the number of locks requiring recoring. Deb advised that key tracking has been done by the Treasurer. A deposit of \$20 may be required for each key. Presently there is a cost of \$15 for each. Currently keys are available to any member. Club members are allowed

clubroom access at any time. Frank DeSalvo will continue the discussion with the Port on the lock situation. Lisa will notify the club via Gracie regarding key exchanges. The intent is to limit and track the number of keys issued.

- Rowing Oars: Sue advised that the oars have been ordered and expects delivery in mid-month.
- Annual Audit: Jan Jones made a verbal report on the annual audit. Lisa and Deb have discussed the bookkeeping with Jan and although the income in the past 2 years has not been comparable to previous years due to Covid, the Club is in good financial shape.
- Assistant Treasurer Vacancy: Sue announced the vacancy due to Deb McKean's relocation. A new member, Debbie Denton, has volunteered to assume this position. It was unanimously approved that Debbie be recommended for the position at the next General Meeting.
- New House Manager: Steve Segle has agreed to become the new House Manager.
- Sip Sups/Happy Hours/Duck Dodges: Joel commented on the cost of pizza and great attendance, and Deb advised that the pizza is charged to the treasury. Mylo added information on Duck Dodges' great attendance. Pizza Happy Hours will continue on fourth Fridays for the remainder of the year, and Potluck Happy Hours on the second Fridays.

Discussion revolved around making the Duck Dodge a food event each week (per the recent Cinco de Mayo event), or once a month. At this point there is no plan for upcoming Duck Dodge feeds. Pre-pandemic, Sip Sups were held prior to General Meetings. They had been well attended. Although they are not yet considered for this year, Sue will carry Sip Sups to the agenda for June discussion.

- Hospice: Sue Sorenson reported there is a planning meeting for Reach and Row for Hospice on June 9 from 1 to 3 p.m. The event is scheduled for Sept. 16-17.
- Rear Commodore's Report: Because the Unmanned Research vehicle is in service in the bay, Lisa will reach out to its crew for a potential speaker. Lisa will also contact the oyster farm regarding a speaker. There was discussion on publicity for our open meetings to radio, newspaper and the Port.
- Treasurer's report is at left and new member information is elsewhere with photos of those newly inducted.

SEQUIM BAY YACHT CLUB	
TREASURER REPORT	
April 2022	
Account Balances as of 4/30/22	
Kitsap Bank Checking Account	\$28,365.77
Edward Jones Checking Account	\$3409.53
Port Bond	\$9,007.96
ST Contingency Fund	\$47,900.96
Total Financial Assets	\$88,684.22

1. 2022 Memberships:	16 Single Household Memberships
	52 Couple Household Memberships
	136 Regular members as of 4/30/22

Submitted by Deborah Carlson  
2022 Treasurer