



Rainier Yacht Club Burgee

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Commodore's Report

Dan Croy

Sylvia and I are having a great summer cruising with you all. We'd like to thank everyone for extending a fantastic welcome to our guests from Arizona at the Pleasant Harbor cruise. They had a wonderful time (except I later received a call from them expressing their extreme displeasure that we had altered their boating expectations and they were no longer sure boating on Lake Powell in 100+ degree heat with little breeze would be as enjoyable as it used to be).

I have a theoretical question: Does anyone know if staying at a marina with a fuel dock and then running out of fuel on the trip home is an indicator of future activity?

We missed the Pot Luck July 1st; but, we were already on the water with our guests from Arizona. I'm told everyone had a good time and that the mini-auction was a success in terms of dollars raised and member participation.

On another note, I'm proud to report that your Commodore didn't fall in the water at Wagon Wheel this year. Only having one drink from the bar boat likely helped (those are rather stiff drinks from the bar boat).

Sylvia and I attended the Officers Cruise-In the weekend of August 2nd along with our Vice & Rear Commodores and those of the other Grand 14 Clubs. This Cruise-In is held at Bremerton Yacht Club for the Rear Commodores to get acquainted with the other Grand 14 officers and to set the stage for upcoming events. Our Rear Commodore and mate appear to be very talented individuals and indications are they will be a valuable asset to our club. I'm sure they will tell you of their SS Navigator activities if you ask.

It's once again time to restart the RYC Dinner Meetings, please note the dinner price change and check the Permanent Dinner List to advise the Rear Commodore if you'd like any changes to the list. I'm looking forward to dinner with great anticipation since I hear we're going to have BBQ.

Committee Items:

- **Entertainment:** We need to decide if we're having a New Years Eve Party. If you'd like to have one, please attend the September meeting or let the Commodore know before the meeting so we can get an indication of interest level. We want to get the Entertainment Committee formed up and working on this if we're going to start having such functions again. With the way the club membership has grown, it shouldn't be a problem to have enough volunteers to plan and put on additional "entertainment" activities if there is sufficient interest.
- **Reciprocal:** Our long time reciprocal focal Sue Carter has done an excellent job keeping us in reciprocal moorage and providing updates for publication in the annual. Unfortunately, Sue is stepping down from this position and we're looking for a volunteer to take over managing our reciprocal activity. Please let your Rear Commodore know if you'd like to help the club in this capacity.
- **Membership:** No new membership applications and no applications for withdrawal to report at this time. Please welcome our newest members Gary and Barb Shafer.

Board Meeting items:

- **Pets at Rainier Yacht Club Functions**
The board has been asked to review our policy on pets at club functions.

The August 19th board discussed this and would like to reiterate that the behavior of pets is the owner's responsibility. Most places we stay have restraint or leash rules/laws for pets. The only recommendation the board can make is to respect the local rules/laws at the location we are staying.

• **Budget**

A draft budget has been prepared and is currently under review by the board. The new budget draft allocates 25% of rental income to a "Reserve" fund and another 25% of rental income to the "Capital Improvement" fund. The fiscal year runs Oct 1st through Sept 30th and we hope to have the new budget in place by October.

Dress Code:

For those who attend the dinner meetings in "uniform", we're switching back to winter gray at the September dinner meeting.

Vice Commodore's Report

Tom Neal

Hi Everyone!

Chris and I hope you've all had a great boating/cruising season so far and hopefully it's not anywhere near over yet! As you all know, we haven't had a summer like this in over 45 years, so let's take advantage of it and try to make as many of our upcoming cruises as we can.

As your new Vice Commodore, I am enthusiastic about the challenges of the job and happy I made it through the RC year with a lot of help from Chris and many of you who graciously volunteered to make things happen along the way. That brings me to my soap box which I will jump on this year and next:

This is a volunteer club and volunteers are needed to make, and keep, it first class. We need a lot more than just a handful of officers, board members and current committee chairs to keep this club at its current level of excellence. We have a lot of talent in our membership and that talent is sorely needed to help with activities throughout the year. As the year goes by, you will be asked to step up and volunteer to either chair or be a part of committees that have long gone vacant or were just "absorbed" because of lack of interest or lack of volunteers. Now is the time to STEP UP and take this opportunity to serve your club and help to carry on over 55 years of tradition as a yacht club that stands tall among the Grand 14. Check out the committees listed in the annual and pick one you would be interested in and let us know.

Now that I've said that, I want to solicit volunteers for the Annual/Photography committee. This is a committee that is responsible for publishing a yearbook that is representative of and meaningful to the current members as well as informative to the Grand 14 and future members who want to see what our club is all about. My biggest need right now is for people who are willing to contact present advertisers and even to solicit future advertisers as well. Beyond that, please get your pictures ready to submit to the yearbook – both of yourselves and of your boat. Also, if you have pictures of any of our cruises or other events I would appreciate them as well. Digital pictures are ideal, we will also scan any prints. You can email pictures to me at tneal02@sprynet.com or Richard Frisch at pyrocity@aol.com.

Next, as Dan mentioned, we are in need of a new reciprocal chair. This is a very important job that needs to be done and involves keeping track of our reciprocal agreements with other clubs so that we can present it accurately in the yearbook and on our web site. We also update our agreements annually with the other clubs via a letter from the chairperson. Please contact Cheryl if you would like to do this important job.

Finally, we always need participation from our ladies for the WIC luncheons. I know it's hard when you work but if you can make your schedule fit into one or more of these fine luncheons it would be greatly appreciated. Sheryl Funk has done a fine job this past year and has agreed to continue as our WIC chairperson and she can always use help in improving our presence at these functions. It's a great way to get the royal treatment at the clubs of our Grand 14 counterparts and have a great time too!
Hope to see you all at the next dinner meeting!

Rear Commodore's Report

Cheryl Webber

Hello Everyone! Jim & I hope your summer cruising has been pleasant. It has been a busy summer for all of us, but it was great to see everyone at our annual potluck and pasta feed. Thanks to all for making the time in your busy summer schedule to attend these events. They're so much fun!

Our September 9th dinner meeting is just around the corner, and it's going to be a good one. Just a reminder---our dinner prices have increased to \$15.00 per person starting in September. I have posted the permanent dinner list below. Please review and let me know if you need to be added or are not available to make this dinner. **No-shows will be billed.** Please notify me no later than September 7th -- (206) 650-4645.

Dining Room Setup: Richard & Shirley Leonard
 Bar Tender: Jerry LaRusso
 Cleanup: Cheryl Webber
 Cashier: Jim Veldwyk

October Meeting:

Dining Room Setup: Sylvia Croy & Sandi Thompson
 Bar Tender: Jerry LaRusso
 Cleanup: **Volunteers needed**
 Cashier: Cheryl Webber

Permanent Dinner List

Dan Anderson	Tom & Leslie Hill	Dennis Voss
Lynn & Lila Baker	Gene Jones	Scott Youngren &
Chris Barry & Nancy Patterson	Jerry & Karen LaRusso	Jeneva Moses
Dianne Bomberg	Richard & Shirley Leonard	
Bob & Tess Brown	Tim & Barb Lodermeier	
Vance & Linda Christensen	Tom & Chris Neal	
Dan & Sylva Croy	Sam & Sharon Olsson	
Jim & Sharon Danielson	Randy & Willa Rockhill	
Richard Frisch & Gayle Brown	Ron Samanduroff & Sheryl Funk	
Gene Fujita	Larry & Pat Shrout	
Mike Green	Fred Stauss & Cheryl Carterman	
Brad & Kristi Hartman	Ron & Sandi Thompson	
Len Hathaway	Jim Veldwyk & Cheryl Webber	

Fleet Captain's Report

Dennis Voss

Well, with summer shortly behind us and fall upon us, the cruising season is back in tune. We had a great turnout for the July Wagon Wheel with Day Island Yacht Club. Thanks to all for coming and a special thanks to all who helped put the wheel together.

The Labor Day Cruise is set for Poulsbo. As of this report we have 15 boats signed up to go and looks like we will have a great turnout. Commodore Dan is going to have a christening session. Look for further news of the boats that were christened and the events that took place.

There will be a cruise to Eagle Harbor September 26 – 28th. Watch your e-mails for further information.

The first IPBA Predicted Log Race of the season is September 19-21. It's the Stimson Trophy Race sponsored by the Seattle Yacht Club at Port Madison. For those interested in participating, you'll have time to sign up at our dinner meeting. I am looking for someone who is interested in chairing the IBPA Committee. Let me know if you are interested. It is a lot of fun to be involved and get to know other racers.

If you are not getting e-mails from me, please let me know your e-mail address. All that we have are in the system. My e-mail address is dmvoss@comcast.net.

Safe Cruising

WIC Luncheon Schedule, 2003-2004

2003	October 9	Tacoma	Thursday
	November 20	Everett	Thursday
	December 18	Port Orchard	Thursday
2004	February 12	Queen City	Thursday
	March 18	Meydenbauer	Thursday
	April 15	Bremerton	Thursday
	May 20	Rainier	Thursday

If each woman in the Club would commit to attending at least one luncheon during the year (other than our own) it would be greatly appreciated. You'll enjoy meeting ladies from the other Clubs, eat a fantastic lunch and be grandly entertained! You'll have an opportunity to sign up at the meeting prior to the luncheon date. Thank you!!

Other Club News:

New address for Jim & Sharon Danielson: 10132 Rainier Avenue S., Seattle, WA 98178
(206) 772-3113

Birthdays: John Brady 9/4 Jami Hanulik 9/19
Joe'l Hathaway 9/6 John Masker 9/21

Anniversaries: Kristi & Brad Hartman 9/1 Dianne & Dave Bomberg 9/17
Karen & Jerry LaRusso 9/10 Carol & Mick Martinsons 9/25

Recipe:

Sweet & Spicy Pretzels

4 c. pretzels
In bowl combine:
3 T. honey
2 T. melted butter
1 t. chili powder
1 t. onion powder
Stir above ingredients & add the pretzels to mixture; toss to coat.
Line cookie sheet w/foil & cooking spray. Spread mixture and bake @ 350 for 8-10 minutes. Karen LaRusso had these at the Wagon Wheel, and are they ever yummmmy! Thanks for the recipe, Karen!

Who Ya Gonna Call & Schedule of Events

<p>Commodore Dan Croy (425) 226-5180 dsroy@comcast.net</p> <p>Vice Commodore Tom Neal (253) 631-5061 tneal02@sprynet.com</p>	<p>Rear Commodore Cheryl Webber (206) 650-4645 CW4645@aol.com</p> <p>Fleet Captain Dennis Voss (253) 813-1819 dmvoss@comcast.net</p>	<p>September 9 September 16 September 19-21 September 26-28</p>	<p>Calendar of Events Dinner Meeting Board Meeting Stimson Trophy Race (Predicted Log Race) SYC Outstation, Port Madison Cruise-In to Eagle Harbor</p>
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