



Rainier Yacht Club Burgee

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Commodore's Report

Dan Croy

Congratulations to the RYC not quite ready for prime time players, Sylvia drafted the script and our thespians, Tim Lodermeier, Fred Strauss, Cheryl Carterman, Sam Olsson and Dave Bomberg brought home second place at the Bremerton Yacht Club Heavy Weather Skit competition; good work!. Gig Harbor took first and Port Orchard third. All of the skits were good.

Please welcome our newest members - Kellie and Gary Gaston we are glad to have them aboard!

We have lots of good thing to look forward to in the upcoming months. In April Tacoma Yacht Club has their annual Daffodil Festival (April 17 & 18) with the theme "It was all just Rock & Roll". They have a trivia contest, and RYC is the defending champion this year. It is a lot of fun, and you will really enjoy yourselves if you attend. Tacoma Yacht Club makes everyone feel welcome, and the food, fun and games are all great.

The theme for Opening Day (May 1st) is "Games of Summer". We need to start thinking about if we want a decorated boat in the competition this year and if so, forming a committee. I also encourage you to come to opening day. Seattle Yacht club reserves dock space for RYC, and during that weekend you can utilize the SYC restaurants. Tyee and Queen City Yacht Clubs also participate with Steak Fries and Barbecues. Dances are held as well. It is a blast, so come and be part of the fun!

Have a happy St. Patrick's Day!

Board Meeting:

- There were no withdrawals and no applications for new membership this month.
- Mick Martinsons will represent RYC (slip 164 & 165) at the Parkshore Marina meetings.
- The board has approved a dues increase concept that will be open for discussion at the next two dinner meetings and voted on at the second meeting. The concept is to increase the dues in a manner that will be fair to everyone and give the club sufficient funds to cover utility increases and start a club maintenance/upgrade program in the second year. Potential items on the list are: floor leveling, exterior painting, downstairs restroom upgrade, galley upgrade, sound system, tables, chairs, etc. We'll be looking for assistance from the currently forming planning committee to help prioritize the list and develop a plan. Assuming the membership authorized a dues increase, it would take effect at renewal in October 2004. Initiation fees would remain at the levels specified in the annual. Here's the proposed dues concept:

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	Family Boating Assoc.	Single Boating Assoc.	Family Social	Single Social
Present	\$ 275	\$ 150	\$ 85	\$ 50
**Proposed	\$ 330	\$ 220	\$ 165	\$ 110

****Legend:**

Proposed Increase for Family Boating

Single Boating + Single Social = Family Boating

Family Social = 1/2 Family Boating

Single Social = 1/2 Single Boating

Please be thinking about this so that we can have a good discussion at the dinner meetings. If anyone knows the last time RYC had a dues increase, please let your Commodore know.

Vice Commodore's Report

Tom Neal

I would like to echo Commodore Dan's comments about Bremerton's "Heavy Weather" and the fine showing by the Rainier crew. Sam Olsson was especially appealing as the "Bremerton Fairy", dressed in his little fairy outfit (I guess it really wasn't little!).

Also, Dan mentioned arguably the two most fun events of the year, Daffodil and Opening Day. As members of the Grand 14, we are able to participate in these events at Tacoma and Seattle Yacht Clubs, even though our dues are only a fraction of those paid by other clubs in the Grand 14. Let's keep that in mind when we consider the modest dues increase proposed by the board. Please be sure to put these events on your calendar and plan to participate.

I would like to thank Sheryl Funk for serving as WIC chairperson for the last year and a half. She did a fine job and we appreciate her efforts. Cheryl Webber and Chris Neal will be taking over this Grand 14 commitment and they are hoping that we can encourage participation from all of our Rainier ladies in the upcoming events. The next luncheon is March 18th at Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club in Bellevue and it promises to be a fun event, with entertainment from a professional comedian, DJ and magician (all the same guy!). Call Cheryl or Chris by March 3rd if you would like to attend this fun event.

Please save a space on your calendars for the WIC luncheon on May 20th hosted by Rainier. Our ladies will be looking for volunteers from our guys to dress up in waiter's attire and serve the ladies from the other yacht clubs in our annual WIC event at the club.

Hopefully by the time you read this you will still have the opportunity to make reservations for the RYC Commodore's Ball on March 6th. This is a chance to honor Dan & Sylvia for all the work they've done while "going through the chairs" and have a lot of fun too! It's a great value for your money with a nice dinner and live dance band too.

Finally, stay tuned to Dennis Voss and his cruise schedule. He has some fun things planned! See you at the next dinner meeting and don't forget to pick up your new yearbook if you haven't done so already.

Rear Commodore's Report

Cheryl Webber

Hi, Everyone!

This month's dinner will be catered by Maya's.

Dining Room: Gastons and Winchesters
 Bar Tender: Jerry LaRusso
 Cashier: Jim Veldwyk
 Cleanup: Cheryl Webber

Please call **prior to February 27, 2004** should you need to be added to the dinner list or to cancel if on the permanent list and can't attend. Call Cheryl @ 206-650-4645 or CW4645@aol.com.

Permanent Dinner List

Lynn & Lila Baker	Brad & Kristi Hartman	Tim Lodermeier	Dennis Voss
Dianne Bomberg	Len Hathaway	Tom & Chris Neal	
Bob & Tess Brown	Tom & Leslie Hill	Sam & Sharon Olsson	
Dan & Sylvia Croy	Gene Jones	Randy & Willa Rockhill	
Jim & Sharon Danielson	Jerry & Karen LaRusso	Fred Stauss & Cheryl Carterman	
Gene Fujita	Richard & Shirley Leonard	Ron & Sandi Thompson	
		Jim Veldwyk & Cheryl Webber	

Fleet Captain's Report

Dennis Voss

Hi everyone. Hope everyone has their boat up and running. There have been a couple of changes to the cruising schedule for 2004. Below is a revised schedule of events:

March 13 - 14	Kirkland	
April 17 - 18	Tacoma Yacht Club	Daffodil Parade Theme "It was All Just Rock-N-Roll"
May 1 - 2	Seattle Yacht Club	Opening Day – Theme "Games of Summer"
May 29 – 31	Bremerton Yacht Club	Memorial weekend with Gig Harbor Yacht Club
June	TBD	
July 3 – 5	Olympia Yacht Club	100 th Year of Celebration and Fun
July 17 – 18	Andrews Bay	Wagon Wheel with Day Island Yacht Club
August	No cruise	
September	Poulsbo	Labor Day
October	Open	
November	Poulsbo	Thanksgiving Cruise

As you can tell from the schedule above the March cruise has been moved so that it does not interfere with the Commodore's Ball. It was agreed upon to stay on the lake for the month of March because you can never be too sure of the weather. We are planning on arranging reservations for dinner for those who boat over and those who would like to drive and meet us. Let me know of any suggestions you may have for where you would like to have dinner.

The other change was 4th of July. We have been invited to Olympia Yacht Club's "100" Year celebration. There will be food, music and dancing. We have reserved space for 15 boats. I will need an exact count by March 20th. Please look for the sign-up sheet at the March dinner meeting.

As we all know Daffodil and Opening Day are fun events and there are competitions. Please consider volunteering to get involved in a committee to compete in these two competitions. We will also need 2 boats for each event, one for the officer's boat and the other to decorate.

Sign up sheets for the cruises and committees will be available at the March dinner meeting.

As always, feel free to contact me with any comments and suggestions.

Rainier Yacht Club 2004 Commodore's Ball: "Welcome to the Winner's Circle" - Saturday, March 6th, 2004

By: Bob Brown, Immediate Past Commodore (also known in some circles as Captain Fun!)

It's time again for the RYC Commodore's Ball! You should have received your invitation in the mail by now, and we hope you can join us as we honor Commodore Dan and First Mate Sylvia Croy! By now, you're probably wondering why we chose this particular theme. Well, before Dan and Sylvia became great yachtspersons, Dan was a big-time race driver, hence our racing theme!

We've got a great evening planned: cocktails at six, dinner at seven, and dancing to none other than that great dance band, the rockin' Rockadiles! Tickets are only \$65 per couple (when was the last time you spent that little on an evening out?), and they're going fast, so please RSVP soon and don't miss out, because we can only seat so many people! You can RSVP to me directly at 206-938-1597, or e-mail at voron@comcast.net.

We will have decorating parties at the Club on Thursday, March 4, and Friday, March 5, from 6 to 8pm each night. Help us turn the Club into an elegant fantasyland for Dan and Sylvia! I'll be calling you to see if you can help out or want to come to the Ball. Pizza and drinks will be served at both decorating parties, so please feel free to call me and let me know you're coming, so I make sure we have enough pizza for all! Remember, many hands make light work for all, so I hope a lot of you can come and have fun and help out!

IPBA: (International Power Boaters' Association)

As our Commodore Dan Croy announced last dinner meeting, I have volunteered to chair this program and want to get our membership involved. IPBA is set up to help you as a skipper in learning how to read charts, lay out a course, and predict in time how long it will take you to complete the course.

We co-host a race every Mother's-Day weekend with Poulsbo, and we need to get 3 to 6 boats involved to represent our club. For those of you who can't race or don't have a boat, you can still come over and be an "observer" and help out by riding on race boats and ensuring the rules are not broken.

To kick this off, we will have a "Chart Chatter" on Saturday February 28th, 9:00 AM to 10:30, coffee and donuts. It is fun to work as a couple, with one the skipper and one the navigator. I will layout a simple course on paper, issue a binder with your boat name for notes, and get you over step one.

We will lay out a course on the Lake that will be really simple, basically to Coulon Park area, then across the width towards East Channel, then back to Rainier. You can practice this course anytime you want. To develop your comfort zone, you may use your watch and GPS etc. to see how you are doing.

In March and April, we will have three mock races on the same course where you will run the race under IPBA rules. During the mock races you may not use your watch, engine hour meters, GPS or depth sounder. You will "predict" by turning in written information showing start time, run time, predicted finish time. The person closest to the "predicted" time is the winner in the class they run.

Classes are determined by speed, 7 to 9 knots, 10 to 12, 13 and higher, (estimated).

Chairman, PC Dave Bomberg

New Member Orientation:

When: Friday night, February 27

Time: 6:30 p.m. (for about 1 hour)

Where: RYC

For you new members, this will be a time to learn about the Club, By-Laws, Grand 14, etc. For other members, it's a good way to get acquainted with our new members and to refresh our own knowledge!! All are welcome! See you there!

P/C Dave Bomberg

WIC Luncheon Schedule, 2004

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!!

Welcome our New Members!

Kelli & Gary Gaston
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Please add to your new annual.

Annual Changes:

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Norm Dubane normdubane1@netzero.com

Other Club News:

V/C Tom & Chris Neal are the proud first-time grandparents of a precious little girl—Cailey! We're sure pictures will be forthcoming soon!!

Ed Nelson has had replacement surgery on his other knee. The first knee is doing well, and we wish him a speedy recovery with this one!

Birthdays:	Jerry LaRusso 3/5	Kelli Gaston 3/28
	Tom Neal 3/7	Mike Isley 3/29
	Ron Thompson 3/13	

Anniversaries:	Stan & Marcie Bowen 3/5	Len & Maureen Hathaway 3/8
	Sam & Sharon Olsson 3/9	Gayle Brown & Richard Frisch 3/24
	Dennis & Marlene Voss 3/20	Jim & Sharon Danielson 3/12

Recipe:

Glazed Corned Beef



One 3-4 lb. trimmed corned beef brisket	1 c. packed brown sugar
1 medium onion, sliced	2/3 c. ketchup
1 celery rib, sliced	1/3 c. white vinegar
_ cup butter or margarine	2 T. prepared mustard
2 tsp. prepared horseradish	

Place corned beef with its seasoning packet in Dutch oven; cover with water. Add onion & celery & bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover & simmer for 2 1/2 hours or until meat is tender. Drain & discard liquid & veggies. Place beef on rack in shallow roasting pan; set aside.

In saucepan, melt butter over med. heat. Stir in the remaining ingredients. Cook & stir until sugar is dissolved. Brush over beef. Bake uncovered at 350° for 25 minutes. Let stand for 10 minutes before slicing. Yield: 12 servings. Use leftovers for yummy Rubeen sandwiches, or add hashbrown potato cubes, onions and lots of cheddar cheese for hash!

Who Ya Gonna Call & Schedule of Events

<p>Commodore Dan Croy (425) 226-5180 dscroy@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>Feb. 27 Feb. 28 March 2 March 6 March 13/14 March 16 April 17/28</p>	<p>Calendar of Events New Member Orientation IPBA Chart Chatter Dinner meeting Commodore Ball Cruise-In to Kirkland Board Meeting Daffodil</p>
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