



The Channel Marker

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Calendar of Events:

- Winter Weenie Woast, Jan. 15-16
- Commodore's Ball, Jan. 22
- Fishing Derby, Feb. 19-20
- ABBA Pajama-Rama & Sleepover, Feb. 26-27
- General Membership, Mar. 12
- Bowling & Bonfire, Mar. 19-20
- SYC Mexican Riviera Cruise, Apr. 9-16
- Club House Clean-up & Shakedown Cruise, Apr. 16-17
- Opening Day Parade, May 7
- Ladies Cruise, May 20-21
- Steak Fry & Golf, Jun. 11-12
- Pub Crawl, Jul. 16
- Fishtown Dinghy Cruise, Jul. 23
- Clam Bake, Aug. 20-21
- Wine & Dine, Sep. 10-11
- Past Commodores' Breakfast, Sep. 17
- Oyster Run, Sep. 25
- Past Commodore/Salmon Barbecue, Oct. 1
- New On-the-Water Event, Oct. 15-16
- Halloween, Oct. 29
- Fall Membership Mtg./Crab Feed, Nov 12
- Christmas Decorating/Lighted Boat Parade, Dec 10
- New Year's Eve, Dec 31

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Commodore's Log... Tom Streit

Ahoy fellow club members! It is a beautiful Sunday morning and I hope all of our SYC members are out cruising on their boats. It has been a long, record-breaking, wet, gray year and now it is almost the first of July. I don't think it is asking too much for a little summer weather. (What the ##!##! we skipped spring, let's get on with summer!).

A quick update on what is going on with the club from my end. Our efforts to "SAVE THE SWINOMISH CHANNEL" have gone well. All our petitions with signatures have been forwarded to the Port of Skagit County, to our senators, and congressman. Those of you still working on getting signatures on the petition please continue to do so. Those of you that haven't started yet, it is time to get going. Drop me a quick email and I will forward everything you need to you.



I was in the clubhouse yesterday and it was spotless. Jessica is doing a great job cleaning up after the rentals. Speaking of rentals, when the directors set the budget for 2011 our objective was 19 rentals. Personally, I didn't feel good about this objective since in 2010 the club was under objective by just over \$9000. I am pleased that this year we have 23 rentals booked at this time with six months left in the calendar year. Vice commodore Dave Pfof has spent time and effort re-working the rental agreement and making sure we are priced competitively. Ruth Carpenter has really put forth the effort. She does everything from overseeing the facility, to dumpster management and her biggest pain is noise control. We can all do our part to increase our club house rentals. If you hear of a relative or friend planning a wedding, family reunion, or office Christmas party, recommend our facility. Members are half price and our rental rates are the lowest in Skagit county. Have them get a hold of Ruth for availability.

There are no board of directors meetings in July or August. If there is an issue that needs to be dealt with before our September meeting please don't hesitate to give me a call or email.

Tom Streit
Commodore
RUBY IRENE



2011 SYC PUB CRAWL & POKER RUN

JULY 15-17, 2011

CAP SANTE ~ ANACORTES, WA

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THIS YEAR WE ARE INCORPORATING A POKER RUN INTO THE PUB CRAWL, JUST TO MAKE

THINGS A LITTLE MORE INTERESTING. THERE WILL BE A \$10/PERSON BUY-IN FOR THE POKER RUN WITH CASH PRIZES FOR THE WINNERS AS WELL AS OTHER CHANCES FOR SOME GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES.

THE POKER RUN WILL CONCLUDE BACK DOWN ON THE DOCKS WITH THE AWARDS CEREMONY FOR THE POKER WINNERS, THE RAFFLE DRAWING, FOLLOWED BY A GREAT DINNER OF PULLED PORK AND POTLUCK SIDES. THEN, AS IF THAT WEREN'T ENOUGH, LIVE MUSIC ATOP FISH TALES'!!!

### **WHAT TO BRING**

- ◆ APPY TO SHARE FOR FRIDAY NIGHT'S HAPPY HOUR
- ◆ \$10/PERSON FOR THE POKER RUN
- ◆ SALAD, SIDE DISH OR DESSERT FOR SATURDAY'S DINNER

### **FRIDAY, JULY 15**

- ◆ 6PM.— HAPPY HOUR & POTLUCK APPYS. ON THE DOCK
- ◆ DINNER ON YOUR OWN

### **SATURDAY, JULY 16**

- ◆ 9AM.— EYE OPENERS & STRAWBERRY WAFFLE BAR ON THE BACK OF FISH TALES
- ◆ 12PM.— MEET ON THE DOCK FOR PUB CRAWL/POKER RUN START
  - ◆ DRAW NAMES FOR TEAMS
  - ◆ RULES EXPLAINED
  - ◆ DRAW 1ST CARD FOR THE POKER RUN
  - ◆ HEAD TO TOWN TO CRAWL THRU THE PUBS
- ◆ 5PM.— DINNER ON THE DOCK
  - ◆ PULLED PORK SAMMICHES
  - ◆ POTLUCK SIDES, SALADS & DESSERTS
- ◆ 6PM.— BUOYS & GULLS ATOP FISH TALES
- ◆ 6:30PM.— POKER RUN WINNERS' CEREMONY & RAFFLE

### **SUNDAY, JULY 17**

- ◆ 9AM.— EYE OPENERS & CONTINENTAL B'FAST ON THE BACK OF FISH TALES
- ◆ FAREWELL TO THE FLEET

SO JOIN US FOR ANOTHER GREAT WEEKEND OF SYC FUN, FRIENDSHIP AND FOOD ... CALL BEAMS OR TOYCENS FOR SLIP RESERVATIONS & EVENT RSVP: GLEN & LINDA BEAM: [SMALLSTUFFCANVAS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SMALLSTUFFCANVAS@GMAIL.COM) (360) 708-8539

OR

JEFF & CRYSS. TOYCEN: [DOWNEASY@FRONTIER.COM](mailto:DOWNEASY@FRONTIER.COM) (425) 308-9459/JEFF OR (425) 478-6707/CRYSS.





## Vice Commodore's Report ... Dave Pfost



As we complete our first full week of summer and enjoyed a beautiful weekend of sun and yard work jobs, I am looking forward to getting out and boating! The next two months are full of many great SYC on-the-water events and I am looking forward to them with anticipation of a great time.

One activity that I really enjoy that starts July 1<sup>st</sup> is crabbing (for most areas). The WDFW has changed some of the rules and which days crabbing is open so please be aware: Under new rules adopted earlier this year by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission, all marine areas of Puget Sound will be open for crabbing Thursday through Monday of each week. The daily catch limit in Puget Sound is five Dungeness crab, males only, in hard-shell condition with a minimum carapace width of 6¼ inches. Fishers may catch six red rock crab of either sex per day, provided those crab measure at least 5 inches across.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Pub Crawl mid-July in Anacortes. In the meantime, enjoy our beautiful area and be safe.

Dave Pfost  
Vice Commodore  
MARY JENN II

# Don't Forget About PayPal!



PayPal is a safe, secure way to make payments to SYC for various things such as membership dues, events where there is a charge (e.g., Crab Feed, Commodore's Ball, etc. ), and on-line Ship's Stores orders. In just a few clicks, you can send payments securely via your checking account, debit card or credit card.

Instructions to use the PayPal system are included on our web-site: [swinomishyachtclub.org](http://swinomishyachtclub.org) under the PayPal section and only requires you to set-up an account with PayPal.

If you have any questions or problems with the PayPal system you can e-mail Janelle Miner: [webadmin@swinomishyachtclub.org](mailto:webadmin@swinomishyachtclub.org) or Cheryl Stinson: [slscks@msn.com](mailto:slscks@msn.com) and they can walk you through the process.

A note from the editor:

I am truly sorry for the delay in getting this month's Channel Marker out to y'all. I've even had a phone call making sure all was well in the Down Easy household because of the "out-of-character" tardiness ... Thanks to all of you who appreciate the work that goes into each month's edition and prod me when you don't get it on time. I guess I know now that y'all are paying attention ...

# Sorry ...

Cryss. Toycen  
Down Easy





## Rear Commodore's Report ... Jeff Toycen

Hello, BLUE sky!!!

I hope everyone has their schedules all updated and plan on attending a few “on-the-water” events in the next couple of months. It really seems to be shaping up to be a great season.

Something I would like to remind you of is our dedicated supporters locally. Please take a minute while in LaConner, getting ready to either depart for those beautiful waters or even after returning and visit on of the local businesses that has been kind enough to advertise in our directory. They appreciate it and seem to be willing place an ad each year when they know we are coming in.

SYC is great about promoting the fun in boating, so let's continue promoting the fun in LaConner as well.

Happy cruising and hope to see you on the water or in town!

Cheers,

Jeff Toycen  
Rear Commodore  
DOWN EASY



# Fish Town Dinghy Cruise

**Saturday, July 23rd**  
**LaConner Channel/North Fork of the Skagit River**



It is time again to plan on attending the unevent of the year to the world famous but seldom seen happening place on the North Fork of the Skagit River. Get that dinghy in the water and get the gas tank filled for a fun run upriver. Come join the “River Rat”, Kenny Gunderson and his faithful assistant Tom “Don't follow me I'm lost!” Streit up the crystal clear waters of the North Fork to private and secluded sandy beaches where we will partake of nourishment and beverage (bring your own lunch, snacks, and drinks). We will dinghy quietly by the mysterious fish cabins of Fish Town. Some are on floats, some are on stilts but all are a step back in time. Final destination is upriver of Mount Vernon and then a leisurely float rafted together back down the Skagit.

The tides are right to shoot the hole in the dike, a little known route used only on special days by the local Swinomish tribe. Meet at the south port dock by the SYC dock Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00AM.

**ANY QUESTIONS? CALL KENNY OR TOM!!!!!! NO NEED TO RSVP, JUST BE THERE!!!!!!**



# Steak Fry & Golf Tourney Wrap-Up



The weekend turned out to be sunny and just glorious! Twenty-four boats attended and we had 21 golfers. It was a fun weekend with something for everyone: pool & hot tub-time, bike riding, and the Lopez Saturday market.

As usual, the Buoy and Gulls rocked the Islander bar!! Our club is so fortunate (spoiled!) to have such talented members. NICE JOB!!!

Many, many thanks go out to:

- ◆ Mike & Linda Rawls and Bill Walker and his crew for all their hard work getting breakfast going.
- ◆ Bill Kortum for organizing the potluck tables and getting the BBQ's going
- ◆ Doug Nordstrom, Bill Kortum and Brent for putting on the golf tournament.
- ◆ Linda Beam for co-piloting the beverage cart.
- ◆ Brent for playing taxi driver for the golfers.
- ◆ And to everyone that lent a hand with anything and everything ... Thank you!! Thank you!!

We are looking forward to the Pub Crawl in July!!!

Brent & Gretchen Malone



## **A Tip For Safe Travels While “Locking Through” ... By Ed Brooks & Tom Streit**

Here's some information from the Seattle Locks on Lake Union, the Lake Washington Ship Canal. The locks are run by the Department of the Army, Army Corps of Engineers. The locks are actually named Hiram M. Chittenden Locks and this information is about safe passage through the locks.

Even though this might be Bill Kortum's expertise, here goes ...

Safe boating means “knowing the ropes” (and the rest of the equipment). If you're planning a trip through the Chittenden Locks in Ballard be sure you have necessary equipment on board:

- ◆ Two or more 50 ft. mooring lines with an eye (bow and stern)
- ◆ Fenders for both sides of your vessel
- ◆ Personal flotation devices for all aboard
- ◆ Fire extinguishing equipment

It is also critical that you have enough people to control your boat, to watch and handle your lines during passage through the locks. Be alert, and if you need help, ASK!

Be prepared! Know what you need before you go.

The staff at the locks offers free “locking through” classes to explain the ins and outs of safe and efficient passage through the Chittenden locks.

This information could help to alleviate a “dressing down” from the lock operators ... Or not!



# **2011 Clam Bake**

**August 20-21, 2011  
Sucia Island**

**Mark your calendars and plan to attend this year's annual Clam Bake ... one of the biggest and best SYC events!!!**

**This year's event hosts are Steve & Cheryl Stinson and, rumor has it, that there will be a pirate theme complete with pirate ships for the ever popular “horse race”. Look for more information in the August edition of the Channel Marker.**

**So sharpen your sword, dust off the 3 cornered hat, hook & eye-patch and get ready for some pil-lage and plunder on Sucia for yet another great event. Let Steve & Cheryl know that you'll be there.**



**RSVP to: [slscks@msn.com](mailto:slscks@msn.com)**



## Mayday ... Mayday ... Mayday 2011 Wine 'n' Dine Needs Hosts!!!

We are looking for some able bodied and willing folks to host this year's Wine 'n' Dine. If you remember last year's event with the wine label competition followed by the wine auction, lots of wine tasting/drinking, and the Buoys & Gulls rockin' the party dock, you may vaguely remember having one heck of a time to wrap-up a great summer of cruising.

This year's event is Sept. 10-11 at Roche Harbor and we are looking for strong & courageous leaders to take the helm of this year's event. Are you strong & courageous? Even bad backs or titanium knees will do in a pinch ... Call Gretchen Malone and let her know that you'd be happy to step to the helm and guide us to "sour grape nirvana ..." Gretchen Malone: 360-770-1088 or [gbmalone@live.com](mailto:gbmalone@live.com)



## 16th Annual Mt. Baker Blues Festival July 29-31, 2011 Deming Log Show Fair Grounds ~ Deming, WA

Come join Rob Raplee and Glen Beam at the 16th Annual Mt. Baker Blues Festival. It takes place in Deming at the Deming Log Show Fair Grounds on the weekend of July 29th. Fifteen bands will be outside on stage: That's three bands Friday night, six on Saturday and six on Sunday. You can attend Saturday or Sunday for \$60 per person, or you can get an all-weekend pass for \$110 per person.

There is free camping and bathrooms — free showers this year. Bring your tent or trailer and stay with us for one night or two. Rob has fresh coffee in the morning. Also, bring a chair and a cooler, sit back, relax and enjoy the great music. We checked this out last year and Leon Russell was there! It's not that crowded as they only let in about 2,000 people. You can get your tickets at Hugo Helmer in Burlington. It's Woodstock, Baby!!

Glen Beam: [smallstuffcanvas@gmail.com](mailto:smallstuffcanvas@gmail.com)

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