



The Channel Marker



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

Can you believe that the kids are getting ready to go back to school, the leaves are starting to fall off the trees and the sun is just a little lower in the sky? But the summer weather seems to have just found its stride ... Such is the life of NW boaters! This is the time of year that we start to spend a little more time at the clubhouse for events with the upcoming Past Commodore's BBQ, football games on Saturdays/Sundays, the Crab Fee & General Membership meeting and, oh boy, the holidays!



This is also the time of year that we start putting together the 2012 boating calendar and events and begin looking for hosts. We have so many great members that have hosted this year, but now it's time for some fresh blood. It may be intimidating watching the flurry of activity that goes on with the hosts as they prepare for a weekend packed with a large crowd of hungry, wild eyed boaters but rest assured they started out as intimidated as you may feel. Don't be afraid! There are lots of seasoned hosts ready to mentor, advise, &/or co-host with you to help with those first event jitters. Just ask Steve & Cheryl Stinson, who hosted a GREAT Clam Bake. There are always lots of willing hands to help and we would really like to see some new folks get into the game and host an event or two. It truly is one of the best ways to meet folks in the club and to even gain new cruising partners. After all, isn't that what SYC is all about?!

Be sure to take a look at all the great events coming up this fall. The Wine & Dine, hosted by Mark & Kim Jacobson has some great surprises in store for us, then the Oyster Run, hosted by Janet Aiello, and the new October on-the-water event: "The Great SYC Chili Feed" in Oak Harbor, hosted by your truly and First Mate, Kim. We are looking forward to some great chili and all the fixing's. Perhaps some Beeno might be an appropriate condiment ... ? One important thing to keep in mind is to be sure to contact the event hosts to RSVP ASAP as they need to contact the marinas for slip reservations ... It's difficult to keep the group together when you don't.

Here's to a great 2011 Cruising Season and a look forward to 2012!!

Thanks

Tom Streit
Commodore
RUBY IRENE



WINE & DINE 2011 ~THE SAFARI~ SEPTEMBER 17-18 ROCHE HARBOR



This is the event you don't want to miss. Load the crates on the Elephants and hit the trail. The Safari starts Friday, September 16th, 2011. This tropical paradise is visited by many, and they have left great treasures from around the world.

To start, bring your jungle camouflage to hide your camping yacht from the natives. A prize will be given for the best **DOCKSIDE** decoration, bow or stern. Be sure you blend in with the background. Head hunters abound.

We will bring safe drinking fluids for your weekend away. We start with jungle juice (your cocktails) and a Pasta Bar, supplied by Steve and Joyce Sanders, on the dock at 5:30pm Friday.

Saturday morning starts with an Omelet bar, hosted by **TO BE NAMED**. Bring your own meats if desired (bacon, sausage). Coffee and Mimosa's await your arrival at 9:00am.

11:00am is the time for fun, with a \$5 buy in cribbage tournament. Hosted by the pro's Ed and Lindee Brooks.

4:00 pm brings the libations, this year we have wine and beer. Sampling is allowed with a \$10 per person event charge.

5:30 brings the food from the huts, each couple makes a dish to serve at least 8 natives. Remember to name the dishes so the Africans know what they are. Labels will be supplied, a **PRIZE** for best labeled dish. (Example: spaghetti and meatballs could be Serengeti Grass with Lion Waste.)

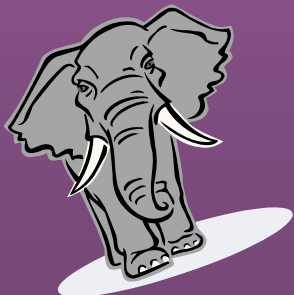
Jeff Toycen will be your MC for the night. At 7:00 a drawing for authentic baskets with local items and an auction for the remaining liquids. A special item will be auctioned to the highest bidder.

At 7:30 local time, the natives will put on a dance to show their appreciation. Bring your drums, guitars and tambourines.

Sunday morning at 9:00 brings again great foods, with a pancake bar, owned and operated by Daniel and Sarah Solomon. **DON'T FORGET**: \$10.00 per person & lots of Rand (African \$\$\$'s) for a very special auction item!!

Friday:

- ◆ 5:30 pm drinks and food on the dock



Saturday:

- ◆ 9:00 am Breakfast
- ◆ 11:00am Cribbage tournament
- ◆ 4:00pm wine and beer
- ◆ 5:30pm dinner



Sunday 9:00am Breakfast

RSVP: Mark and Kim Jacobson, 360-770-0651 Golfer.nw@gmail.com



Vice Commodore's Report ... Dave Pfost

As you read this, Mary and I will be out on a nine day boating trip in the San Juan and Gulf Islands. We are staying closer to home for a couple reasons, time and money. In my opinion we can never have enough of either one of these precious commodities. That said; we all make the best of what we have and enjoy all of the things our beautiful area has to offer.

One of the cool things that I have learned from being involved with the SYC is hearing all of the "secret", special destinations that folks have visited and were willing to share with fellow SYC members. Although in reality most of these places are not secret, but it is always nice to hear a firsthand account from someone you know and trust. I encourage people to share their experiences and we ought to come up with a way that SYC members can share this type of information within our group. As long as this method does not include using Facebook, I will like it!

Last year we went to Howe Sound and really enjoyed it; Union Steamship Company Marina on Bowen Island was a highlight, as well as anchoring out in Center Bay on Gambier Island. I learned about Genoa Bay from Jeff & Cryss. Toyce a couple years ago after driving by it half a dozen times over the years and we had a great time and a wonderful meal at the restaurant right at the dock! Another place that we have enjoyed which is very close is Cabbage Island (a BC Marine Park) right by Tumbo Island.

Please consider sharing your favorite spot with our membership. This will help build our SYC community and identify a lot more places where we can get the inside track from fellow members. Enhancing our boating experience is after all what our club is all about. Enjoy the last few weeks of summer!

Dave Pfost
Vice Commodore
MARY JENN II



Ahoy! Past Commodores

**"Past Commodores' Breakfast"
Saturday, September 10th**

**The Farmhouse Restaurant
10am.**

Hosted by Past Commodore, Ellie Baugh



Rear Commodore's Report ... Jeff Toycen

I hope you have been out on the water this Summer and have had the opportunity to enjoy the boating world...even though Mr. Sun has not shined much up until now, we have however managed to escape the rain. Now as the days grow shorter and the cool nights begin fog becomes a player in our cruising plan.

I am probably not alone when it comes to monitoring radio information if it goes beyond Ch. 16, but, I was reminded by Sandy Roberts (he has like 5yrs experience on the water) about all the info available with the flip of the chanel. Often marine weather broadcast on 1-5 come in helpful as they are updated regularly.

How many of us go to Chanel 5 as we head out toward Deception Pass, see fog and call Vessel Traffic for North Puget Sound to inquire about any ships or tows in Rosario? We have these tools at our fingertips and more often than not don't utilize them.

In this day of instant info with our smart phones we have tools available as well.

A couple of my favorites are the Washington State DOT Ferry Weather, where you can get instant wind readings from the ferry as they cross to there destination real time.

Another is the www.islandcam.com site that enables a view of the waters from many locations in the San Juans and is updated generally every minute. Sometimes just checking these sites can make the difference between a calm and sunny ride home or the alternative.

So, if you think that clunky radio can't get ya the answers your looking for, then pick up that smart phone or laptop and take a peak at what it's doing where you're heading.

Jeff Toycen
Rear Commodore
DOWN EASY



THE GREAT SYC CHILI COOK OFF AND AUTUM CRUISE!!!!

Break out the beans, the meat, the spices and join the fun with your friends the weekend of October 14th at the city of Oak Harbor marina.

For the first time the SYC is having an on the water event in the month of October. We all know that October can be one of the best months to cruise our water wonderland. I am sure the weather gods will be with us and a good time will be had by all.

FRIDAY 10/14 HEAVY APPETIZERS @ 5:00PM

SATURDAY 10/15 CHILI JUDGING @ 4:00PM

"THE GREAT CHILI FEED" @ 5:00PM

AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR: BEST CHILI, BEST CORN BREAD, BEST TELEVISION RECEPTION Husky/Colorado
Cougar/Stanford

Please RSVP to tkstreit@msn.com



**SYC! Come out and cheer on your in-house band!!
Let's pack the house!**

ONE NIGHT ONLY!

The BOOYS and GOLLS

 **rock the dock** 



**TAKE A CRUISE ACROSS THEIR MUSICAL CHART WITH SONGS
FROM THE 60'S AND 70'S, NEW COUNTRY AND BEACH MUSIC.**

ON STAGE:

Saturday, Sept. 10th, 8-10pm

La Conner Seafood and Prime Rib House

OYSTER RUN !!!



**September 24th & 25th @ Cap Sante Marina
Anacortes, WA**

- ♦ **Friday & Saturday Evenings ... 5pm. Happy Hour & Pot-luck Appys. on the Dock**
- ♦ **Saturday & Sunday Mornings ... Waffle Bar, Bagels, Fruit, Coffee, Aspirin, OJ & Champagne**
- ♦ **Saturday Morning (Sunday Optional) ... Motorcycle Ride**
 - * **For the non-bikers, Farmers' Market & Shopping in town**
- ♦ **Saturday Night ... Bowling Fever**
 - * **\$\$ Contest & Prizes \$\$**
 - * **7pm. Dinner on your own @ Anacortes Bowling Alley ... Call Janet Aiello for head count and reservations—(360) 540-6632**
 - * **9pm. Put on your best shoes, shine your bowling balls and be ready to compete for some prizes ... How 'bout a Leather & Lace fashion show? Yes, there will be prizes for the best dressed!**



- ♦ **Please call Janet for boat slip reservation ASAP with your name, boat name, length and beam and a phone # to reach you.**



Past Commodores' Salmon BBQ

Saturday Oct. 1st

Happy Hour 4-5pm Dinner 5pm (ish)

Your SYC Past Commodore's invite you to
join them for the best ...

Salmon BBQ in the Northwest!

Menu

Coho Salmon
Secret Sauce...shhh
Caesar Salad
French Bread
Marla's Outrageous Beans
Debbie's Famous Potatoes
Dessert

BYOB

Cost- **\$12.00 per person**

Children- 6-12 yrs **\$6.00**

RSVP: Ellie Baugh:

gebaugh@wavecable.com

360-420-9448

Please include the # in your party!



PIRATES OF THE SAN JUANS

This was a CLAM BAKE to be remembered for a long, long time!!! There was a final count of 32 SYC boats rafted together and anchored out in the bay as well as 2 more new potential members. Plus, the sun gods were smiling on us!

After SYC boaters secured the entire Fossil Bay dock by Friday afternoon, the fun began. Dan Follette started our Saturday with singing Happy Birthday to 80 year-old Ruthie Renenbaum, he then told a touching story about how our boats should be treated like a loving spouse, which lead into christening two of our members' boats. Wayne and Cathy Welde ~ No Where Bound and Ben Biggers/Cathy Hanshaw ~ Dog Gone It! There was also an engagement proposal ... Mike Peterson proposed to Kristi Toycen ... What will they announce at next year's event?!



The event then turned to the live auction of six wooden pirate ships!! Jeff Toycen did a super job getting the hands up in the air, raising over \$700 to help off-set some of the event expenses; thank you all for your generosity. It was now time for the winners to name their pirate ship, appoint a captain, and decorate them both.

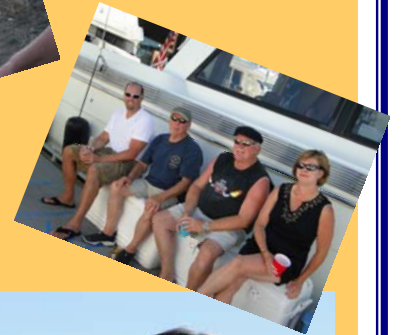
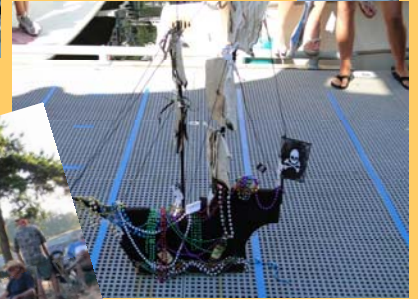
We had "Blazing Blaggards", "Scuttlebutt", "Down Twice", "S.S. Burks", "Better Off Anchored", and "Maltese Falcon". And the regatta began with the throw of the fuzzy dice on the dock. The first ship crossing the finish line and winning \$150 was "Blazing Blaggards". Second place winning \$75 was "S.S. Burks", and third winning \$50 was "Better Off Anchored".

And the reason for the event? Some might say it's the clams, or the awesome potluck, or listening to the music while enjoying the roaring bonfire. Want my opinion?? This event proves what our club is all about; the overwhelming help from everyone.

Thanks to Tom and Kim Streit for hauling gear. Huge thanks to Bill and Gail Kortum for the piñata and more hauling. Special thanks to the clam chefs: Bill Walker, Gordon Burks, Bill Kortum, and Steve Stinson. Glen Beam deserves many thanks for his fantastic bonfire and, again, Jeff Toycen for helping with the regatta. A big thanks to the many others that lent a hand. You are all truly appreciated.



PIRATES OF THE SAN JUANS





Key Lime Pie ~ Fit for Pirates ... By Mary Lee

For the Pirates of the San Juans, there is only one dessert: key lime pie with rum. Not just any rum, but The Kraken, Black Spiced Rum. Many people enjoyed this at Sucia Island, so here's the recipe if you want to make it yourself.

Crust:

- ◆ 1 1/4 c. graham cracker crumbs—buy lots of graham crackers: use it for this crust and for s'mores later!
- ◆ 3 T. or 5-6 sugar cubes—because Randy uses sugar cubes for his boat coffee.
- ◆ 1/3 c. butter—the real stuff. Save the rest of the stick to smooch all over the spring-form pan.
- ◆ A pour or two of the Kraken—because it's not fit for pirates unless it contains rum!

Key Lime Mixture:

- ◆ 2 cans sweetened condensed milk—you're allowed to lick the insides clean.
- ◆ 1/2 c. sour cream—use leftovers as a dip for tortilla chips.
- ◆ 3/4 c. key lime juice—I found Nellie & Joe's Key West Lime Juice from Amazon Fresh. You can juice about 20 key limes instead?!
- ◆ 1 lime—this one is used for zest and as a final topping.

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees F (175 degrees C. for those of you still stuck on Canadian time).
2. In a spring-form pan, butter or grease the bottom and sides. Set aside.
3. In a bowl, add the graham cracker crumbs, sugar cubes and butter. Pour the Kraken on top of the sugar cubes, just enough to make them all soft, and then an extra pour for good measure. I didn't really measure this part ... Mix it all up. Press into the bottom of the spring-form pan.
4. In a bowl, combine sweetened condensed milk, sour cream, lime juice, and lime zest. Mix it all up. Pour the mixture into the spring-form pan over the crust.
5. Bake in preheated oven for some time. In our 3288, it took about 10-15 mins.
6. Top with a slice of lime.
7. Chill.
8. Enjoy this Key Lime Pie Fit for Pirates!



“Other People’s Alphabet”

(Remember folks, this is but a quick rough draft. The final will be creative, proper English, and due us proud.) I will explain how this idea originated with Therese’s “OPB’s and OPD’s” and mention in a serious tone how grateful we are.

- A. Anchors: Why drop your own when you can raft up?
- B. Boats: Just ask Dan and Therese, this is what it is all about!
- C. Cocktails/Cigars/Cockpits: Hey, a good host will even open a nice bottle of wine for you.
- D. Dogs: Get friends with cute or fancy dogs and puppies and you can get all the attention you want without buying food or paying vet bills.
- E. Energy: Who needs a pesky generator, just buy a good extension cord and lots of adaptors.
- F. Food: “Does anybody have ...?”
- G. Gran Marnier: Just ask Ed Brooks, you can’t make a good chowder without it.
- H. Hands: made for dock help and chiropracting.
- I. Intelligence: When you can’t figure it out yourself, someone has a good idea.
- J. Jokes: To be told over and over. Two things to remember - who told it to you, and the punch line.
- K. Kids: Like grandchildren, so cute to be around for awhile and you can send them back to their own vessel when through with them.
- L. Laughter: Gosh, we have some contagious laughers in the Club.
- M. Money: Oh, wouldn’t it be nice ...?
- N. Noshes: (That’s appetizers, folks) Just mention food when yacht clubbers are around and, voila!, plates and plates of goodies appear.
- O. Opinions: You can get several on the dock from anchors to heads to moorages.
- P. Potties: “Is that #1 or #2?” “How do you flush this @\$%^ thing?”
- Q. Questions: Yes, that is how you get the ‘Opinions’ (see above).
- R. Radar: Who’s afraid of the fog? Just tuck in behind someone with the biggest radar dish you can find.
- S. Scullery help: “Therese is whipping up fresh crab cakes as this is being composed – need we say more?”
- T. Time: Boy, boaters seem to have a lot of it standing around the docks. (See ‘Opinions’ above).
- U. Understanding: Relax, no matter how ‘stupid’ your little incident seems, everyone has been there and someone can top yours.
- V. Vocals: Just think “Buoys and Gulls”.
- W. Wine or Whiskey: Somehow the dock never seems to run out (even when you might wish it would).
- X. ‘X’ercise: Get healthy watching others discover all the far ends of the Island and claim you went along.
- Y. Yachts: When you really luck out and don’t end up on just a ‘boat’.
- Z. ‘?’ Come on, give us a break, we came up with twenty-five letters.

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SAFETY VALVE ...

Bill Kortum, the club's Safety & Education Director has purchased a new first aid kit for the clubhouse. This kit contains everything needed for basic first aid from minor burns, cuts and scrapes, exposure to noxious plants and other irritants for 200 of our favorite members and guests. Bill will provide us with more information on where it will be located so be sure to familiarize yourself with it and brush up on your basic first aid skills.

Thanks, Bill for keeping us all safe and informed.

