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Jan 17-18	Winter cookout
Jan 24	Commodores' Ball
Feb 7	Wizard Tournament
Feb 28	Family Fun Night
Mar 14	New membership breakfast
Mar 14	Spring General Membership
Mar 28	Bowling Extravaganza
Apr 11-12	Clubhouse Cleanup & Shakedown
Apr 25	Music Appreciation Night
May 2	Opening Day
May 16-17	Ladies Cruise
Jun 20-21	Steak Fry
Jul 11-12	Kids Cruise
Jul 17-18	Wine and Stein
Aug 15-16	Clam Bake
Sep 19	Past Commodores' Salmon BBQ
Sep 26-27	Oyster Run
Oct 10	Past Commodores' Salmon BBQ
Oct 24	Oktoberfest
Nov 7	Fall General Membership
Dec 6	Christmas Decorating Party
Dec 6	Reindeer Romp
Dec 12	Christmas Boat Parade



Commodore's Log ...

Steve Hoeft

What a fun time we had at the Clam Bake this year, Wow..... over thirty boats came to Sucia Island! I want to thank Jeff and Shauna Marrs, Mike Sisk and Janine Zapien Bombach, Bob and Cindy Davisson, Craig and Elizabeth Sjostrom and the rest of the Clam Bake committee for all their hard work and entertaining us all weekend. I believe this is the first time in club history that this event actually made a profit; the hosts of this event were very organized and worked hard all month prior and all weekend. Thank you all!

I would like to apologize for the confusion regarding the date of the Past Commodores Salmon Barbeque. I know all year long the date was advertised as October 10th in the newsletter and on the website. Due to schedule conflicts and the Past Commodores Salmon Barbeque listed as September 19th on the back of the yearbook, this is the date of this event. I'm sorry if this causes problems for anyone planning on attending. Happy hour is 4pm and dinner is at 5pm at the clubhouse. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for 12 and under. Please RSVP to tessa@docsgrill.com

Following the Past Commodores Salmon Barbeque weekend is the annual Oyster Run event at Cap Sante Marina on September 26th. This is a no host event, make your own reservations and come join the fun. A group of us will be arriving Friday night and staying through Sunday. We will plan for appetizers on the dock whenever, wherever. In the past this is how this event evolved, no planned agenda.....just a bunch of boaters hanging out for the weekend telling stories, listening to music, shopping, eating, and on Sunday go up town and watch the motorcycles roll in, if you have never been to the Oyster Run and plan on coming.....get ready for optical overload!! It's really fun!

Vice Commodore Randy Ayers is finalizing his event schedule for the 2016 year. Please, if you have any ideas on some new event that you would like to host, contact Randy. I know he would love to hear your ideas!

Steve Hoeft
Commodore
Slip Away



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2015 Event Calendar

Join us at the clubhouse or an on-the-water event. Invite a neighbor, bring your family, or bring just yourselves. Some events are tried-and-true-traditional, and others

Date	Event	Place	Hosts
Sep 19	Past Commodores Salmon Bar-beque	Clubhouse	Aydelotte
Sep 26-27	Oyster Run	Cap Sante	Group Event
Oct 24	Oktoberfest	Clubhouse	Graham
Nov 7	Fall Gen. Mem. Meeting and Crab Feed	Clubhouse	Sjostrom
Dec 6	Christmas Decorating Party	Clubhouse	Board
Dec 6	Reindeer Romp	La Conner	Women of SYC
Dec 12	Lighted Christmas Boat Parade	Clubhouse	Davisson

SYC MEMBERS SAVE THE DAY

A reasonable person would question, "Who in Their Right Mind" would venture out on a family boating trip when gale force winds are predicted. The Pfof Family Dave, Mary, Jenn, James, and Emma.

We set off on a family trip despite the weather predictions. We headed north on the channel with wind waves about three feet. I have never experienced constant wave action in the channel before. My daughter Jenn and granddaughter Emma started off the journey up on the fly bridge and quickly went inside the cabin. Soon, water was splashing over the fly bridge and leaking through our cabin windows. I kept reassuring our daughter that the marina was very close. We looked off to the side and saw a sailboat, named "Titanic" was up on the rocks at the entrance of the breakwater at Cap Sante. I thought conditions would improve when we entered the marina. I was wrong. We were trying to stern tie in the worst docking conditions we have ever experienced. I looked at my son-in-law who is not a boater and thought "Oh No, there is no way we can do this". My daughter is so panicked she starts crying and then our granddaughter begins to cry.

A miracle happens and I look up to see four of our SYC members running over to help us in this scary situation. Thanks to the efforts of the Irish's and Stinson's along with our son-in-law James, we were able to safely dock in gale force winds.

I am once again reminded kindness of our SYC members. I think back over the years and many events we have attended. I do not think we have ever docked at events without some offering to help.

A big Thank You to Dan, Rebecca, Steve, and Cheryl! I also want to thank Dave for his skilled maneuvers in a stressful situation. Next time, when gale force winds are predicted, let's stay home!



Vice Commodore's Report ...

Randall Ayers



As the summer winds down, actually more like crashes down as was the case this last weekend of August (hopefully our fellow club members all are safe and sound) I can't help but smile when looking back at all the great events and especially the fantastic turn outs for each event. Of course there are more events to look forward to, so don't get to comfortable in front of that fire just yet!

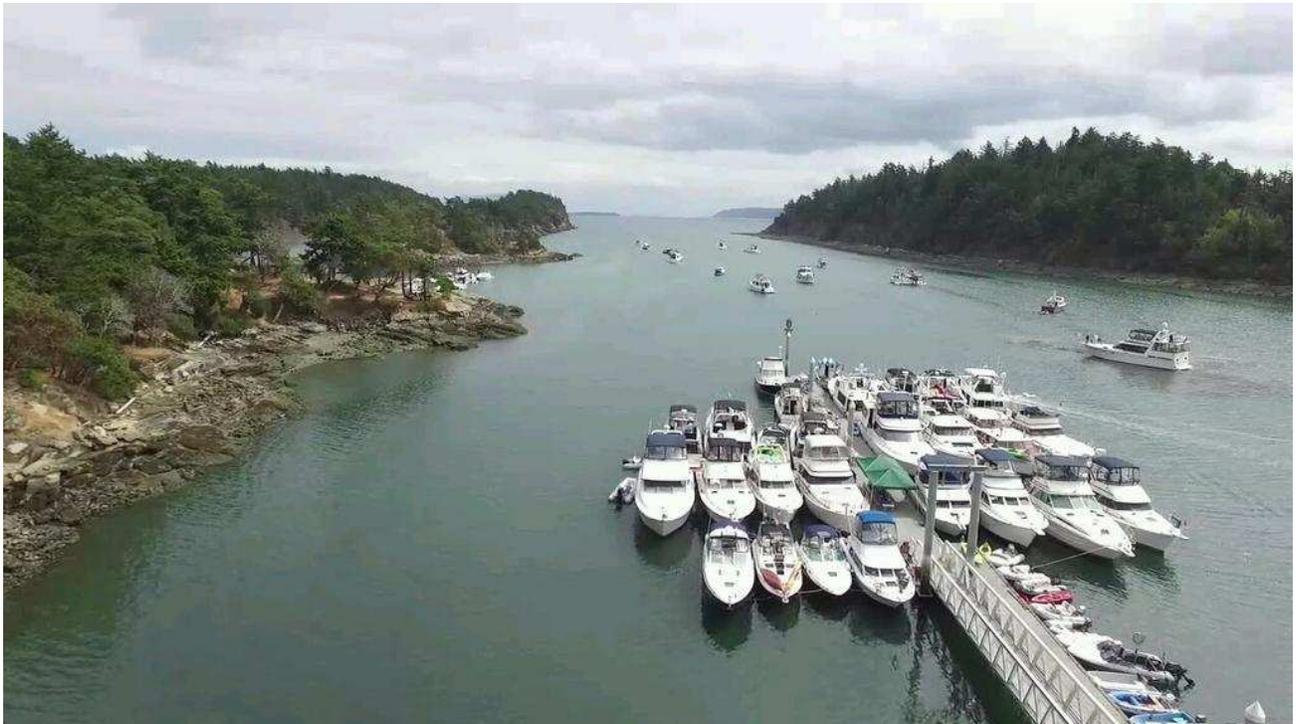
Of course all these great events don't just happen, they are hosted by members just like you! Every event also has a bit of a different feel and vibe because of what that each host uniquely brings and shares with the rest of us. Again, no disappointments at all!

Which brings us to next years schedule. Now is the time to step up and put your brand on an event. The great thing about this club is we have so many past events and knowledge to draw from, and also the flexibility to try new and different things. I often hear members talk about how great a place is, or how much fun they had doing an activity, and how we should do an event around it. Well, yes I agree! Let's do it! Bring your ideas and thoughts to me, or any other board member and we'll make sure it happens.

Hopefully your summer has made many great memories. Ours certainly has, with the opportunity to spend time with family and friends on the water. It will be fun to bore my future generations with pictures and stories regaling about the good old days. Everybody has their own version of the good old days, and I think one of the keys to life is never stop making good old days to reminisce about. We've all said "it doesn't get any better" while watching a sunset, or sitting on a beach sipping an adult beverage, but it never stops us from finding out if it really, possibly could get better.

It can if you make it better.

Randall Ayers
Vice Commodore





Rear Commodore's Report ...

Bob Davisson



The Clam Bake is in our rearview mirror and football is in the air. It's still warm out and some folks are just coming back from vacationing. Now we're staring Labor Day in the face, Back to School and Halloween are the prevailing sales events in the stores, and it seems as though we were just planning for the New Members Breakfast last spring. This summer seems to have flown by and yet we have some really great events coming down the Channel.

For instance, The Oyster Run in the past was combined with the Wine and Dine, and it made for a very busy weekend. This year the Oyster Run (September 26-27) is going to be a great time to just get together and enjoy a relaxed time looking at motorcycles. It is an unsponsored event so you will need to make arrangements with Cap Sante for moorage on your own

As we make our way into October we can look forward to eating the best Salmon in the Northwest. The date set for the Past Commodores to feed all of us is September 19. Make sure to be there for this great time to stay in touch with the folks that have led our club. If you happen to miss that event there is always Oktoberfest later on in the month. Ray and Lisa Graham will be conjuring up a great time for everyone to have on October 24th.

November provides us with an outstanding Crab Feed on the 7th. Of course we have our General Membership meeting before eating and while Steve Hoeft guides us through the Roberts Rules of Order Craig Sjostrom and his lovely wife, Elizabeth will be cooking crab and making sure that all of the accoutrements for that meal are taken care of. You will see more about that event in this fine periodical.

Shortly after the Thanksgiving Holiday we begin the quest for Christmas with the clubhouse decorating on December 6th. We do this in preparation for the Lighted Christmas Boat Parade on the following Saturday, December 12th. I know that everyone is wiggly with excitement for the theme of the boat parade and that is why I have kept it to the very last item of this article. Wait for it.....

CHRISTMAS IN THE ISLANDS

Open your minds and begin your planning now. We had some very creative entries last year and it will be interesting to see if anyone uses the Canary Islands for their theme. HAAA! My wife just said, "Oh Bob!"

The thought here is for you to use whatever your island dreams are, the San Juans, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Hawaii, Hope, or Goat. Be creative—I know you are. Have fun with the last four months of the 2015 boating season!

Bob Davisson
Rear Commodore
C-lassie

Sucia Clam Bake



Past Commodores' BBQ

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ictures taken by this talented woman, go visit Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/elizabeth.sjostrom.3/photos>

Oyster Run

Sep 26-27 @ Cap Sante

No-host event free-for-all. Make your own reservations with Cap Sante Marina under the SYC block: **(360) 293-0694**

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