



Commodore's Report

Vice Commodore's Report

As our days get longer and (hopefully) warmer, we are gearing up for a boating season that promises to be one of the best yet. Not unlike the usual harbingers of spring, such as the trees and flowers budding out, so too is SYC showing its new spring look. Sincere thanks to our members that have helped with our clubs' springtime transition: the many members, who did such a great job on the clubhouse ceiling; to Jack Bazhaw, who has redone the club website, making it current, better looking and easy to use; to Pam Bosch, who has assumed responsibility for managing the reciprocity program and to those members who have offered the club use of their boat slips; and to Dorothy Worthen and Joyce Glenn for another splendid edition of the Membership Roster.

With all of those achievements under our SYC belt, it's time to move on to opening day of boating season. You are cordially invited to the annual clubhouse and grounds spring cleaning to be held this year on April 18 from 12:30pm until 2:30pm. Washing windows and fixtures, sprucing up the grounds and flower beds and generally getting the clubhouse ready for our part in the opening day festivities. Just show up in work clothes and with your favorite home or garden tool and visit with friends while doing good work.

Then for opening day, Lori Province will be happy to use your talents at the annual SYC pancake breakfast. Just tell Lori that you want to help and she will take it from there. If you are new to the club, either or both of these activities are a great way to get involved, make new friends and contribute to our community.

—Commodore Terry

Hello Dear Friends:

Welcome to Spring! Yep, Spring, with a 62-knot gust last week during our latest storm, has come in with a vengeance. Haven't heard of anyone having a problem with their boat during the blow, but several live-aboards in Squalicum Harbor I talked to were very impressed and didn't get much sleep that night.

By now most of you have had a chance to inspect the clubhouse's new ceiling and impressive it is, indeed! I personally wish to thank again all those who contributed to the success of this project. Well done, Mates!

Opening Day is just around the corner and our Pancake Breakfast committee, headed by Lori Province, is busy getting things organized. If you haven't worked a shift on this club event, it's lots of fun and I highly recommend that you get involved. Check with Lori to see if she can use your help somewhere.

Our speaker at the March meeting was Matt Harris, a boat surveyor. His remarks about preparing a boat for surveying were informative and interesting. My thanks to Matt. The speaker at our April meeting will be Michael Rusk, owner of Tri-County Diesel, a local marine service company familiar to many of us. Mike will speak on simple diesel engine troubleshooting and maintenance tips.

Pat and I are headed to SE Alaska after opening day and will be gone for four months. I want to take

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Ceiling Project Wrap-up

Interest in our effort to improve our acoustical environment was almost overshadowed by interest in the facelift that has resulted. We are all pleased to see the satisfaction that most everyone is having with the results. Our March pot-luck was in a distinctly different environment. Voices remained low, hearing aids were left off, and very notably, while noise levels at the last three meetings ranged between 85 db and 87 db, at this meeting they were barely above 70 db. That is a reduction of more than ten times! As the project is being completed, there are several observations that should be made.

First is credit for the hundreds of hours of labor contributed by many members. This is one of largest projects tackled by the club since our building was first set up in 1949. In addition to all the hours contributed on site, there were well over a hundred hours already under our belt by the time we pulled the first nail in the clubhouse for acquiring and planning and straightening the lumber and then assembling the lumber into our simulated beams and staining them. Once in the building we spent most of 12 days over 2½ weeks, I figure over 500 hours on site. We planned and reviewed the best we could before starting. When we started, many things went as anticipated with minor variations. Also as anticipated, other things did not go as planned. Some of those things, like backing for the crown molding did take additional time, but solutions came forth and work progressed with no real interruption. In the end we have a roof that is straighter and stronger, a fresh nautical looking ceiling, commercial grade wiring now in most of the building and we have a place where our ears can now enjoy our potlucks. WOW, that is a lot!

The following individuals are deserving of enor-

mous credit for all the work. Pete Lamb, Steve Glenn, Rod Dean, Carey Worthen, Tom Moses, Doug Sterrett, Rocky Champagne, John Robertson, Andy Backus, David Sitzenstock and Randy Bilof. Many were there every day, others as they were able. Even Commodore Hummel was there long enough to get his hands dirty. Then there were the electricians, who rather kept to themselves, but they were indeed busy also and some were there most days. They were Tom Evans, Bob Young, Dave Walker and Raleigh Province. Mike Heintz checked in frequently to coordinate with scheduled activities. In addition there was considerable donation of supplies and materials from crew members as well as wood and hauling from Bruce Maynard and loan of a nailer via Rolf Valum. Finally, and not forgotten, is a thank you to our families for supporting (or allowing) us to get this done. I have had a million things to keep track so it is likely I am

missing some important credits. For those I have missed, forgive me and let me know. Don't forget to let these guys know you like their work.

As Project Leader, I want to give profound thanks and appreciation to every one who helped. In spite of the work, there are many reasons I enjoy a project like this, as I hope you on the crew have as well.

Obviously having

a much improved building to "live" in is a pleasure and the motivating reason. But there are other benefits. It is one of the best times I know to really get to know one and other and I have come to know several members much better than before. I think the experience has been a school for all of us where we have learned new or improved skills and methods. I have come to trust and respect all of you. Of course there is a certain satisfaction in a JOB WELL DONE! THANK YOU!

There are several notable aspects to this project. Relative to materials: The wood is all fir that grew in



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Whatcom County; The plugs that cover the multitude of screws in the beams are covered with plugs cut from vintage flooring that was in use for decades in the old Morse Hardware building; Wood for the crown molding was growing along the "Y" road until the wind brought it down a couple years ago. I also want to point out that the classy crown molding was designed by Pete Lamb and the smoothing work was done by Tom Moses. The cost of the whole job is about \$4,000; add in some 600 hours labor and we have a significant upgrade.

I would like to conclude with some information that every member should know. Our new tiles are at once durable and fragile. They are difficult to clean so please DO NOT TOUCH. With our low ceiling, we do have a greater risk for their being touched. The point here is if you have need, DO NOT CLEAN OR HANDLE THE TILES until you have information on how to do it. SYC has a tile care document for the purpose.

From the former Ceiling Crew, Enjoy.

—Paul

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this opportunity to wish everyone a great boating season. Our Rear Commodore, Rocky Champagne, has done a fine job organizing our cruises for the summer and they should be really fun, so I want to hear all about them when we return.

See you at the pancake breakfast on Opening Day!

—Doug Sterrett, Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore's Report

I write this as I sit in a wonderful rental house on the ocean at Seabrook resort near Pacific Beach, WA, over Spring break. Like being on the water in a boat, even a raining day on the ocean beats being stuck at home.

I helped Paul Graf load up the last of the leftovers from the club house ceiling project late last week. It sure feels good to have that project done. It especially feels good to have it turn out so well! No matter how many calculations you make and what special sound proofing materials you purchase and install, it is always such a relief for it to work and to work better than expected. The reduction in sound levels is astounding! The measured sound levels were 10 times lower at our last club meeting according to Paul....Yes, 10 times on the decibel scale! Paul said that over 500 man hours were spent on the project, both before, during and after and the project was completed, and far sooner than expected at that. There were about a dozen members altogether that took part in the project at various times and that does not count the hours behind the scene and support by our spouses. It was indeed a team project from the start to the end. It was an honor to be part of it.

As I stated at the March club meeting, we have Cruise Captains signed up for all of the cruises except for the joint cruise with the Power Squadron to Blind Bay on August 14th. This is still the case. I do not have cruise captains for that special cruise and I need your help!!! I could also use your help on the cruise to LaConner as just Kristi and I are signed to help on that one.

That's all for now as we have to get the grandkids out of the hot tub and start fixing dinner for the gang. I can only hope life is good for you too! We all have so much to be thankful for. See you at the monthly meeting in a few weeks and I hope you surprise me by signing to help with the August cruise.

—Rocky Champagne



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**Squalicum Yacht Club
General Business Meeting
March 24, 2010**

Call to order. Commodore Terry called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Rear Commodore Rocky.

Mainsail Reading. Barbee Folenius read "Boatyard Fever" by Bruce Bolster.

Introduction of Guests. The Hummels brought Gayle and Scott Chalfant of Bellingham as their guests. Larry Folenius introduced Mike Dillard, a Bend OR resident who has his boat in charter with San Juan Sailing. He was a guest tonight of the Foleniuses and the Glenns.

Secretary's Report of the Minutes. The February minutes were approved as recorded.

Treasurer's report. Treasurer Joyce gave the following report:

Checking:	\$651.18
Savings:	10,226.63
Available:	\$10,877.81
Assigned Savings:	1,240.46
Total:	\$12,118.27

Joyce also announced that the ceiling project came in under budget at around \$4,000.00.

The new rosters were handed out this evening.

Rosters to those members not in attendance will be mailed, as will membership cards.

Rear Commodore's Report. Rear Commodore Rocky reported that this season's cruises are listed in the Roster. The joint cruise with Power Squadron in August still needs SYC hosts.

Vice Commodore's Report.

Prior to the business meeting, Vice Commodore Doug introduced our speaker for tonight's program: Matt Harris, a local boat surveyor who discussed problems that he often sees in boats, especially electrical and structural.

Commodore's Report.

Commodore Terry reported that the SYC website has been fluffed up. Jack Bazhaw would appreciate any feedback.

Andy Backus has resigned as reciprocity chairman.

We need a new one to keep the program going.

Immediate Past Commodore's Report.

IPC John Robertson reports that the ceiling project has been pronounced a success! A special thank you goes to Paul Graf, Pete Lamb, and Tom Evans as our leaders of the project.

Paul gave a summary of the project. The sound level has improved ten times as measured during normal conversation during the meeting. More than six hundred hours were contributed to this project by members—perhaps more than any other SYC project. Paul named several people who made this project possible. They were: Pete Lamb, Steve Glenn, Rod Dean, Carey Worthen, Doug Sterrett, John Robertson, Rocky Champagne, Andy Backus, Tom Moses, David Sizenstock, Randy Bilof, Bob Young, Dave Walker, Tom

Evans, and Raleigh Province. He also recognized Bruce Maynard for donation of materials.

Paul warned us that the tiles do not take well to dirt. Do not touch them or try to clean them. There is a special procedure for cleaning the tiles.

Old Business. Lori Province reported on the Opening Day Breakfast, scheduled for Saturday, May 1. Joyce Glenn and Amy Geise are the committee members. John Robertson and Tom Evans also volunteered to be on the steering committee. Lori took names of volunteers. Lori also announced that there would be a committee meeting on April 9th and would email those attending as a reminder. Raleigh Province will be the go-between for the parking lot swap meet.

For the Good of the Order.

Bruce Maynard reported that Les Blackwell was recently hospitalized for heart problems and is having ongoing problems. He will continue to have therapy.

Rod Dean offered nautical charts from John Griffith and Rod's collection. They are not current, but good for back-up. Rod handed out a list at the meeting and will also send it out via the website. Please take!

Carey Worthen also spoke in appreciation for Paul and Pete's leading of the ceiling project. Larry complimented us on our floor too.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Dean, Secretary

Spring Cleaning @ the Clubhouse!

Sunday, April 18th 12:30pm–2:30pm—come one...come all! Everyone is welcome to come on down and choose your task whether it be galley clean up, bathroom detail, grounds work, BBQ clean up, power washing, etc. Cleaning supplies, some buckets, some yard tools, and rags will be supplied by the club. If you have a favorite, bring your own :)

From 2:30pm on will be reserved for the floors. We need one person on the scrubber, one on the wet vac, and two moppers. If you prefer to come a little later and work on floors, just let Steve know.

Email or call with questions or if you want to sign up for a specific task! It is a lot of fun, a great opportunity to volunteer and to get to know other members better. See you there!

—Steve & Joyce Glenn, (360) 756-2230
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Squalicum Yacht Club meets at 1800 on the fourth Wednesday of each month, September–May, at our building adjacent to the Seaview North boatyard. Potluck format—bring a dish to pass, your own table service and beverage.

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The Crow's Nest

April 2010

10 & 11 - Squalicum Harbor Charterfest, Gate 3

18 - Clubhouse Spring Cleaning Noon until 2:30pm

20 - SYC Bridge Meeting, 4:00pm at the clubhouse.

24 - Shakedown Cruise to Chuckanut Bay

28 - SYC Membership Meeting and potluck dinner, 6:00pm at the clubhouse.

On the Horizon

May 1 - Opening Day of Boating Season, Pancake Breakfast, 7:00am - 11:00am

May 8 - Mothers Day Cruise to Spencer Spit



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