

Commodore's Report

As our club enters its' seventy-third year it is interesting to consider similarities of our current pursuits to those of members in the early years. Pictures on the clubhouse walls show differences due to the era in which we now live as well as the similarities. Today, as in years past, we promote recreational boating through cruising, using proper boating etiquette, improving our marine recreational facilities, supporting worthwhile organizations and enjoying the friendship and company of fellow boaters. These are the founding goals of SYC and are practiced by our members every day. In doing so we have fun, enjoy our boats and each others company and contribute to our community and recreational boating. Doug Sterrett and Rocky Champagne are putting together cruising and meeting events that will continue provide another year of the fun filled activities members have enjoyed since 1937.

With the holiday season comes our annual Christmas party. Vice Commodore Doug has more to say about the details in his column. As in years past, this years Christmas party will afford us an opportunity to contribute food items or a check to our local Food Bank, which is only one of the community

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Vice Commodore's Report

Season's greetings, fellow boaters. Well, 2009 is winding down to a close and 2010 is right around the corner. 2010 promises to be an exciting year for our club with some major clubhouse improvements in the works and a new schedule of events before us. As I am in charge of the lineup of programs for our monthly meetings, I am diligently seeking some interesting speakers.

The December meeting, of course, will be our annual Christmas party (by the way, please note that our festivities will start at 5:30pm this year in order to accommodate the schedule of our friends the Showstoppers from Bellingham Highschool).

On New Year's Eve we will have the clubhouse open for those who wish to ring in 2010 with club friends.

The January meeting is going to be a business meeting, and the February meeting will shine the spotlight on Mike and June Hill who will speak on cruising the west coast of Vancouver Island. I have a couple of ideas in the works for March and April but nothing firmed up yet.

Please let me know if you have any ideas for programs that you would like to see us present. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas party and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

—Doug Sterrett



Rear Commodore's Report

Our November club meeting, with the Change of Watch and with the many many acknowledgments of the wonderful works each of our members has done this past year, has reminded me of peeling away the many layers of an onion. With each new layer we see new growth and new possibilities. We all have or strengths and weaknesses and we all have activities of the club that are special to us. It might be keeping up the building and special projects, it might be cruising, it might be the many social opportunities offered and it might just be the sense of belonging that is special to you. Whatever the draw for you, it is obvious that it is a strong one and has continued for nearly three quarters of century as Terry mentioned. We are truly blessed to have the love of boating as our common bond.

My job for this year as your Rear Commodore is to work out a cruising schedule for this coming season. Needless to say, in the long history of our club, we have visited almost every place within a 30 mile radius, probably many times over. If you have any special places you would like us to cruise to again this year please let me know at (rockychampagne@comcast.net 734-6549). There are a few "fixed" points in the cruising schedule such as opening day at Inati Bay, a "land and sea" cruise that enables our members to arrive by vehicle or boat, the Big Brothers-Big Sisters day cruise, a joint club cruise and the end-of-the-season work party at Sucia. Please email me or call with suggestions for good venues.

Along with the selection of venues, comes the opportunity to be "cruise captains". We try to have two sets of captains to share the load for each cruise. It's a wonder time to do a little planning for the event and to share your many wonderful treasures. It's not hard and if you are inexperienced don't panic as you will be paired with an experienced crew.

Hope to see you all at our winter club meetings or out on the water! There will be some wonderful winter cruising days coming up, just not so much day light. Hope to see you out there.

—Rocky Champagne, Rear Commodore



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services SYC supports. We will also continue to sell raffle tickets for a beautiful Williamson print of the Bellingham waterfront, with the proceeds going toward the purchase of new clubhouse chairs. Likewise it looks as though our informal New Years celebration will continue at the clubhouse.

The New Year also brings with it the opportunity for you to choose what you would like to do in the club. Take a look at the list of committees on Page 2 of the SYC membership roster and let me or any Bridge member know what you would like to do. There is a lot going on. Clubhouse improvement projects, the Opening Day pancake feed, the Big Brothers-Big Sisters Cruise or being a cruise captain afford lots of great choices. Your participation is what makes SYC. Have fun.

—Commodore Hummel

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Burpees	\$ 20
Hats	\$15-18
Cookbook	\$10
SYC patches	\$5

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Please have material for the *Log* to the editor by the second Tuesday of the month. Email to editor@squalicumyc.org is preferred.



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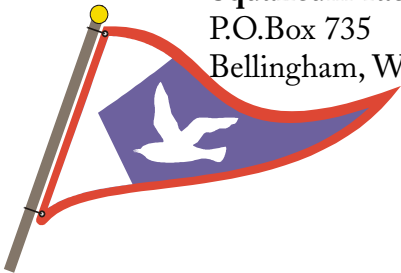
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Calendar

December 19 –Christmas Party (Saturday)
January 27 –Regular meeting
February 24 –Regular meeting