

Commodore's Report

As you read this, a tremendous amount of effort is underway as members work to complete major projects. Mike Heintz has been working with the contractor to fine tune our new heating system. Mike reports the contractor is extremely responsive and hopes any issues will be worked out in short order. Tom Evans has completed the electrical wiring improvements under the building and has paved the way for initiation of work on the ceiling. Paul Graf is procuring materials and his team will soon begin work to vastly improve the acoustics and aesthetics of the clubhouse interior. Immediate Past Commodore John Robinson is in the process of awarding the bid for re-roofing the clubhouse, which should occur in late summer or early fall. He is also working with the Port to satisfy their requirements. If all of this is not enough, soon it will be time for the annual spring cleaning of the house and grounds in preparation for opening day. Many thanks to our members that offer their time and talents to make these projects happen.

In addition to those clubhouse improvements, members have readily stepped forward to take on all of the SYC committee positions. It is amazing to have folks call to volunteer rather than having to plead for

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Vice Commodore's Report

Hi SYC'ers. I just got back from the Seattle boat show which was lot of fun. It was a good show this year and there were a lot of happy vendors as people are spending money again. Sales at the show last year were dismal. I'm pleased to announce that I did my bit and I'm supporting the local Marine economy. I found a good deal on an inflatable kayak so bought it for Pat's birthday.

Sorry I missed seeing everyone at the January Pot Luck. I was undergoing a skin treatment program and not feeling well. But I heard it was a good meeting with some important subjects discussed. One decision was to discontinue the "Mainsail" readings at our monthly meetings. Please read the separate note (page 4) about this subject.

I am still looking for some meeting hosts. I need two hosts for the May 26th meeting and one host for the September 22nd meeting to partner with Ronalee and Lee Kincaid. Let me know if you are interested.

And finally the program for the February 24th meeting will be a presentation by Mike and June Hill on their adventures on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

Hope to see you there!

—Doug Sterrett, Vice Commodore

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Rear Commodore's Report

It's hard to believe it's just the start of February. Day after day of 45–50+ degree weather is certainly not normal for our area. It's wonderful for us, but as I write this, it is just a week before the “winter” Olympics start in Vancouver and Whistler and they are very concerned about the snow levels and too much warm weather.

Terry passed around the 2010 cruise schedule and Cruise Captains sign up sheets at last month's business meeting and we have a bunch of cruises that no one has signed up for as cruise captains. I really need your help on this! Please consider being a cruise captain(s) for this year. As I stated in last month's news letter, if you have never done it before, don't worry! It's fun and not all that much work and we always try to have two couples or individuals assigned to each cruise. Please consider being a cruise captain and give me a call (734-6549).

Now for the good of the order: I was driving around the marina yesterday and saw all the boats in the local ship yards and started to think about my experiences with the two shipyards in our area. I have used Colony on three occasions and SeaView North once. Both businesses are unique and offer a wide variety of services at competitive prices. My trips to Colony were always an adventure because I was new to boating with my 26 ft. Nordic Tug and although I had read everything ever printed about the process of boat maintenance, doing it for the first time is always exciting and a little daunting too. I had the complete hull painted with LP paint by Dave at Captain Glass and the end results were stunning. Colony is a cooperative of many workers who share the space and make themselves available for your work on a person to person basis. I thoroughly enjoyed every minute working in their yard and was impressed with the personnel and their attitudes. It was always fun to be there and I admit I could just spend time there even if my boat was not on the hard, just to “hang out”.

Two years ago I decided to try SeaView North since I couldn't get into Colony in a timely manner with my new to me, 30 Sundowner Tug. I was told by Colony that they were backed up six weeks. I have to admit that I had preconceived ideas about SeaView North and assumed I would be taken advantage of. I **was completely wrong**. The people at SeaView are very nice and professional and their prices are competitive. I choose to take advantage of their total package deal of \$18 per foot for haul out, bottom prep and one coat of bottom paint (paint cost not included). I

had always painted my own bottom at Colony so this was a stretch for me. When I did the math, the only difference was \$120 for their labor to do the bottom painting and I didn't have to lift a finger! The neat thing was that since I was using their package deal, there were no lay day charges and they were in no hurry to get me back into the water. I was on the hard for five days and was able to do all my other out-of-the-water projects during that time. All the workers were very nice and I formed a good friendship with another boat owner while I was there. My experience at SeaView was very positive and enjoyable.

What have I learned from these two somewhat different experiences? First of all, get the yard's printed material and read it carefully. All the yard rules are explained very clearly. Don't be afraid to ask every question you can think of and if it's the first time you have ever used the yard, tell them that and ask them to run through the entire process with you. Ask what you can do and what you cannot do. Every perceived “issue” I have ever had was because of my ignorance, hesitation to ask questions and willingness to jump to conclusions. Take the time to wander through the yard and look at the space and equipment. Ask about power, water access and access to the yard after hours. Ask about lay days. Ask about bottom paint choices and cost. Ask about everything. Read the sections about “Best Management Practices” (BMP) very carefully! It is no longer legal to do some things like you have always done in the past, especially about bottom paint and the environmental issues. Environmental issues are very sensitive now (as they should be) and there can be severe monetary penalties if you choose to ignore the rules. Also an important thing to remember is to schedule your haul-in as soon as you can. The loading machines are busy every day and you have to get a time scheduled to get your boat back in the water just as you did to get it out of the water. Lastly, get to know the people in the front office as well as in the yard. They are people just like you and me and respond to being treated nicely, just as we all do. Bring treats for the workers. It goes a long way! Don't be afraid to give a tip either if you get really good service from a worker. Life always goes a little bit better with a piece of candy!

So enjoy the good weather and if you are planning on hauling your boat this spring, consider hauling it out now before the rush in March. Things in both yards are much calmer at this time of the year and some prices are cheaper too. I enjoy maintaining my boat almost as much as I do using it. Try to be an educated consumer and find pleasure in all aspects of boating!

—Rocky Champagne, Rear Commodore

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SQUALICUM YACHT CLUB
General Business Meeting
January 27, 2010

1. Call to Order. Commodore Terry called the meeting to order at 1915.

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Commodore Terry.

3. Introduction of Guests. No guests.

4. Secretary's reading of the minutes. A question was asked about the raffle that was held during our November COW and December Christmas party. We took in about \$270.00. That money will be held in a fund to buy new chairs for the clubhouse. The October minutes were accepted as printed.

2010 membership cards were distributed this evening. Those members not in attendance will receive those at the next meeting or in the mail after that.

5. Treasurer's Report.

Savings:	\$13,851.09
Checking:	300.00
Available:	14,151.09
Assigned savings:	1,240.46
Total:	\$15,391.55

The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

An explanation of the building project costs and schedule was presented and discussed before we voted on the 2010 budget. The roof has to be replaced because of our lease requirements. It is expected that the project will be done by fall.

Paul Graf explained that the ceiling and the roof project are not connected. In other words, they do not have to be done together. The ceiling project should be done because the wiring in the ceiling needs to be replaced. Also, the sound level needs to be reduced. Our renters have complained about the sound, not just us.

2010 Budget review. Treasurer Joyce presented the proposed budget for 2010. Revenue is down. There are currently forty-five active paying members, two lifetime, and one courtesy. Daily rents went down 25%. Annual rents went up 10%. Utilities

are up 37%. The 2010 Budget Overview does not include money in the bank which will adequately cover the negative figure in the Overview. Next year we will not have any major projects, so we can start building up our reserves again in 2011.

It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve the 2010 Budget.

6. Rear Commodore's Report (Terry reported for Rocky)

2010 Cruise Schedule. It will be in the Log and the Roster. A Cruise Captain's sign-up was passed around.

7. Vice-Commodore's Report. (Terry reported for Doug)

A meeting host sign-up circulated. The Bridge recommends dispensing with Mainsail readings. It was suggested that we dispense with a regular volunteer, but if anyone wants to do a reading at a meeting they are welcome to do so.

8. Commodore's Report

Almost all the committee positions have been filled - thank you. We need to find a Sunshine Committee volunteer. Chris Backus volunteered.

9. Old Business.

10. New Business.

Chris Anderson suggested listing slip numbers in the Roster listings.

Some members suggested that we take a vote at the next meeting as to whether we do the same opening day activity that we have done in the past few years.

11. For the Good of the Order.

John Robertson announced that Linda had surgery recently and thanked everyone for the cards and good thoughts!

12. Adjournment at 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Dean, Secretary

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assistance. Our club is a vibrant and exciting organization because of the interest and participation of such a wide range of members.

As this is written, it looks as though our boating season may be extended to ten months. With sunny days in the mid-fifty degree range, it would be wonderful to get out on the water and spend some time in the islands. It's not often in this part of the country that we can choose between going to the Seattle boat show or taking a cruise. A few of us, however, are in the midst of boat projects that keep us at the docks. For those who have done a better job of planning and have a free day or two, enjoy.

—Commodore Terry

Save The Date!

Saturday, April 17, 9 AM to 4 PM Boating for Women by Women presented by Bellingham Sail & Power Squadron at Squalicum Yacht Club. Fee of \$35 includes lunch and snacks. See www.boatingisfun.org for details.

—Chris Lilly Backus, Public Relations Officer, Bellingham Sail & Power Squadron

Sunshine and Shadows

If you know of an SYC member who is sick, has a death in the family, or who has an occasion to celebrate please let me know so I can send out a card on behalf of the Club.

Help us keep our Club a caring place.

—Chris Lilly Backus, hepsabeth@msn.com, (360) 715-1984



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At the January business meeting it was discussed whether or not to continue our monthly Mainsail readings. We all gave a big thanks to Barbee Folonius who has been handling this responsibility for many years. We decided that rather than having a designated chairman, we would adopt a volunteer approach. If a member comes across a poem or such to share, he/she can let our commodore know before the meeting and share it. If no one has a reading, we will just pass for the month.

Ships Store

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

I also have catalogs if anyone is interested in ordering the SYC logo stitched onto clothing items. I usually have the above items as well as the catalogs with me at all SYC functions. Contact: Joyce Glenn, (360) 756-2230, outsailing@shmoe.org

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 **West Marine**

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.

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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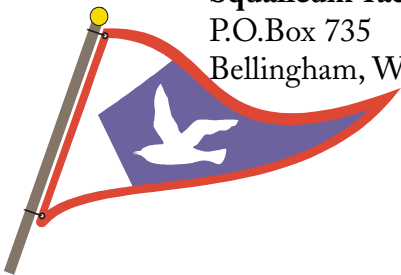
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The Crow's Nest

February, 2010

16—SYC Bridge Meeting, 4:00pm at the clubhouse. Mike and June Hill will recount their circumnavigation of Vancouver Island.

24—SYC membership meeting and Potluck Dinner, 6:00pm at the clubhouse.

27—Corinthian YC Boaters Dance, for information go to <http://cycbellingham.org/>