



Commodore's Report

The Squalicum Yacht Club Christmas party was a really festive event. The clubhouse was beautifully decorated and the tables gave just the right holiday atmosphere. As usual, members outdid themselves with their potluck offerings and the evening was capped by the Showstoppers energetic musical review. It was truly a wonderful evening. Thanks to everyone who worked at making it so.

The lengthening days hold the promise of warming weather and a chance to get our boats ready for the summer. In the mean time, SYC members have been very busy seeing to a number of projects for the improvement of our club. You may have noticed the new furnace heating the clubhouse. The old one gave up the ghost after many years service. Thanks to the efforts of Mike Heintz and Joyce Glenn, the transition was seamless and the new unit is a vast improvement over the old.

Other members are busy with projects that will have a significant impact on our club. Immediate Past Commodore John Roberston has been getting bids to re-roof the clubhouse, which is required by the recently renewed lease with the Port. Paul Graf and the group are working on a new ceiling that will improve the esthetics and the acoustics of the club house. Paul's article in this newsletter will bring you up to date on that effort. Andy Backus has a group working

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Vice Commodore's Report

2010! Wow, wasn't it just a couple of years ago that we were celebrating Y2K? Time flies when you are having fun, and speaking of fun, the SYC Christmas Party was tons of fun! We had a great turn-out with a very full clubhouse, Rod and Susan Dean served delicious Tom and Jerrys, and the Bridge provided turkey, ham, roast pork, and lamb chops. After dinner our Christmas time favorites the Bellingham High School "Showstoppers" entertained with a wonderful performance as usual. This great choral group has been entertaining us each Christmas since 1997. Then on New Years Eve the clubhouse was open for those who wished celebrate the arrival of 2010 and about 20 + members attended. I stayed up past 10:00 pm and surprise! I didn't turn into a pumpkin. All in all it was a wonderful holiday season.

I'd like to take a moment to review our SYC award winners for 2009:

Squalicum Award - Ray and Lynn Gobush, Terry and Jill Hummel for the Big Brothers, Big Sisters cruise

Family of the Year - Steve and Joyce Glenn

Cruise of the Year - Gail and Marty Haines for the Inati Bay cruise on April 25th

Certificates went to:

The SYC Marching Band at Fisherman Bay - Drum Major - Steve Glenn

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Rear Commodore's Report

It's hard to believe the holidays are behind us already and we are into January once again. As I write this report, the sun is out and I am thinking about our summer adventures already. I changed the oil and filters in the boat just last week and am deciding if I should haul the boat in a few months or make the bottom paint last one more season. My new mast project is completed and is very successful! I decorated the boat with four strings of lights for the lighted boat parade which would have been the first for me but it was called off just 30 minutes before the start due to high winds (gusts to 45!). Part of me really wanted to go out anyway after taking the time and money to decorate the boat, but I was reminded of my own admonition of, "when in doubt, don't". I guess what I am saying is that there are lots of things and projects we can work on on our boats all year long. For me it's the dreaming and planning about a project that is exciting and especially when I first start into the project. That when it comes to a perfect ending it is like icing on the cake! Oh do I love to dream....

I have been pondering about the club's cruise schedule for this summer. I was provided with a spread sheet that lists all the cruise venues since 1977 and even has a listing for 1959! It's interesting to look at the patterns and frequency of visits in our wonderful cruising area. Some places we have gone to almost every year since 1981 (Inati Bay, Garrison Bay) and some places we visit almost every year for awhile, then veer off for several years (Doe Island, Blakely Marina, Rosario) and finally there are those places that we visit on a more hit and miss schedule (Coronet Bay, LaConner Marina, Prevost Harbor). I will be presenting a proposed cruise schedule for 2010 to the Bridge this month for review and adoption. Please be open to being cruise captains for our summer adventures together. It's not a hard job and we need your expertise to lead us on.

One last thought. As many of you know we use our boat all year round. We logged 206 hours last year and have averaged 200+ hours for the last 9-10 years. There are many wonderful boating days in the winter with clear skies and calm waters. All the winter birds are abundant and there is a lot to see, even if you just take a short jaunt down to Chuckanut and back. I challenge you to take your boat out at least once this month of January!! How about just spending a night in the boat in your slip? Turn the heat on and start dreaming of warmer times. I have even thought of having a "stay at home" cruise right here in our own

marina. We could take our boats over to the public dockage area at the end of gate 9 for an overnight.

Hope to see you all soon and keep dreaming of cruising!!

—Rocky Champagne, Rear Commodore



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Boatless in Bellingham - Barbee and Larry Folenius

Going to the Dogs - Pete and Pat Lamb

Nothing Afoul - Tom Evans

Blown Away - Andy and Chris Backus

The Final Wrap - Jack and Cassandra Bazhaw

A certificate was also given to West Marine for outstanding contributions to SYC.

Congratulation, everyone!

The next SYC meeting on January 27th will be a business meeting and we have some rather weighty decisions to make, such as budgeting for clubhouse repairs and upgrades.

At the February meeting on the 24th we will be treated to a slide show by Mike and June Hill on their adventures on the west coast of Vancouver Island. For those members who are thinking of someday visiting this fabulous cruising area this will be a "do not miss".

March (to Be Announced).

Happy New Year, everyone!

—Doug Sterrett

Ceiling Project Update

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SYC hearing aid battery conservation plan update: To reduce the noise we have at our clubhouse activities, as most of you are aware, we plan to replace our ceiling. This will be a summary of the plan at present. As presented in a report to the membership in October, it appears that the most effective route to improve our ability to hear one another at meetings will be to replace our ceiling with high quality acoustic tile from the galley to the coat rack area. Consultation with a number of industry experts indicate that this is our best option which should give us some good improvement. There was enthusiasm from members to proceed with the plan.

With our already low ceiling the plan is to position the 2' x 4' acoustic tile between and a couple inches above the bottom of the roof trusses. This will help increase our overhead space instead of encroaching in on it. The bottom of the trusses will be boxed in to simulate exposed wood beams which will at the same time provide support for the tiles. The beams will be finished with a medium brown sealer stain against white acoustic tile with narrow white metal supports between the tiles across the building. We plan to use the same type if not the same light fixtures as present although the number may be increased.

The project will also provide an opportunity to make some roof reinforcements as well as upgrade some of our out-of-date wiring. We hope to be able to do the work in a few sessions after each of which the ceiling would be closed and the building useable until the next work session. Given budgetary concerns due to obligations in our new lease for a new roof and the new stove replacing our old one that failed, our starting date is temporarily on hold until the club is sure it is on sound financial footing.

For details and questions not answered here, contact me or a committee member. Signed up at present are Tom Evans, Carey Worthen, Mike Heintz, Lorretta Palagi, Doug Sterrett, John Robertson, Steve Glenn, Randy Bilof, Rod Dean, Pete Lamb, Andy Backus and Bob Young.

—Paul Graf

on improving the club's reciprocal moorage program. All of these are outstanding examples of our member's involvement

These projects and other issues of importance will be the focus of our January meeting. Also, this month we will be looking for photographs for the 2010 Membership Roster. If you have digital pictures of activities from last year, please give a copy to Dorothy Worthen. We'll see you at the meeting on the 27th.

—Commodore Terry

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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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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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Calendar

January 27 –Regular meeting
February 24 –Regular meeting
March 24 –Regular meeting