

Commodore's Report

HOORAY—it's finally here. Warm weather, boating season and long days. Most of us have completed the major spring commissioning projects and are ready for the SYC rendezvous schedule, weekend picnics and maybe a bit of cruising. A few hardy souls have already cast off their lines. Vice Commodore Doug Sterrett, first mate Pat and crew Brodie have left for Alaska and won't return until September. Past Commodore Rod Dean, SYC Secretary Susan and crew Katie are at Princess Louisa Inlet. Many others are making final plans for a couple of weeks or more afloat in our wonderful cruising grounds. Although our plans are a bit more modest, I can't wait to get out there.

As summer approaches, it is gratifying to take stock of the wonderful things SYC members have accomplished this year. The building looks great, thanks to everyone that turned out for the spring cleaning. Our Opening Day Breakfast was again a huge success, with almost everyone contributing to the effort in one way or another. On behalf of the SYC, Treasurer Joyce Glenn gave the Bellingham Food Bank a little over \$900 from the breakfast proceeds, together with a food donation. Great job SYC! Our next community service event is the Big Brothers-Big Sisters at the end of July. In the mean time, we hope to see you at La Connor and Blaine. Happy boating.

Rear Commodore's Report

I had a wonderful experience at the club last Saturday helping with the opening day pancake breakfast. My job was to cook the sausages from 0600 until 0900 hours. Part of me didn't want to stop and let the next shift take over but I realized how tired I had become standing in one place for three hours and inhaling all that smoke. It was also right and proper to share with others, the gift of working. The best part of the whole morning was to be able to interact with fellow club members. What a wonderful sense of humor you all have! It is truly a gift that each of you have to be able to work hard and enjoy yourselves at the same time. I was also impressed with the huge number of club members that showed up both for the set up on Friday night and during Saturday. You all contribute so much of your time and talent no matter what the event or cause. Thank you all. It's an honor to be part of this club!

On to cruising matters. This weekend (May 8th) is our Mother's Day, no host cruise to Spencer Spit. I hope many of you can attend. The weather (winds) look good for Friday but pick up a little on Saturday. Be safe and make your decisions to go based on your comfort levels. The next big weekend is Memorial Day weekend at LaConnor. As with all cruises, please

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SYC Members at Local Sea Shanty Concert

Three SYC families heeded the invitation to attend a benefit concert in Fairhaven by Pint & Dale the legendary duo that sing traditional songs of the sea. Proceeds from the show at the Fire House Theater benefited the Bellingham Bay Community Boating Center.

This kind of nautically based outing outside of our regular schedule of meetings & rendezvous has a long history according to our Club Historian and it was a fun evening for all involved.

—Tom Evans

How About a Porch Roof?

The subject of a porch roof or a more attractive entrance has been a topic of discussion for some time. It resurfaced recently in connection with our planned roofing replacement this summer. The bridge has considered two alternatives, a small roof to shelter the door to be done along with the new roof, or a larger porch and roof that would give the building a more attractive and welcoming appearance to be done later. The consensus was to wait and go for the larger design. Drawings of this design are posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.

Projects of this magnitude affect everyone so it is appropriate to solicit member input which we will do at our May meeting. We don't have the manpower resources to tackle such a job this year. However, we will have to win approval from the Port and possible other entities which may take some time. Therefore it makes sense to get the ball rolling now so that all necessary elements can be in place before we want to start, probably next spring or summer.

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let you cruise captains (Rocky and Kristi) know if you plan to attend and make reservations with the marina as soon as possible. And then there is the 4th of July cruise to Blaine. Sounds like lots of fun activities are planned up there and again let the cruise captains know of your intentions.

Hope to see all or some of you out on the waters this summer. Enjoy the time on your boats and leave the cares of the world behind at the dock. Boat safely and have a fun time!

—Rocky Champagne, Rear Commodore

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Squalicum Yacht Club
General Business Meeting
April 28, 2010

Call to order. Vice Commodore Doug called the meeting to order at 7:52 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice Commodore Doug.

Mainsail Reading. Barbee Folenius read a poem titled “The Set of the Sails” by Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Introduction of Guests. Our guests were our speaker, Mike Rusk, his wife, Laurie, and their daughter, Hannah.

Secretary’s Report of the Minutes. The March minutes were approved as recorded.

Treasurer’s Report. Treasurer Joyce gave the following report:

Checking:	\$216.51
Savings:	11,043.38
Available:	11,259.89
Assigned Savings:	1,093.43
Total:	\$12,118.27

Joyce reported that even with the expenditure on the ceiling project, our treasury is fuller because of more rentals. Mike Heintz commented that there are good reports from the renters about our better sound in the clubhouse, especially the Tango group. Renters also like the new heating system. The gas bill is down too because the building is now better insulated.

Rear Commodore’s Report. Rear Commodore Rocky distributed information sheets concerning the Memorial Day cruise to LaConner. Make your reservations with the LaConner Marina and let Rocky and Kristi know that you will be attending. There is also a no-host Mothers Day Cruise to Spencer Spit on May 8th. Susan Dean gave a brief report about the Shakedown Cruise that occurred in the clubhouse because of inclement weather.

Vice Commodore’s Report. Prior to the business meeting, Vice Commodore Doug introduced our speaker for the evening’s program—Mike Rusk from Tri-County Diesel. Mike spoke about common problems with engines and other systems that he sees in his shop. He encouraged boat-owners to do regular maintenance on their engines and especially the cooling systems in order to avoid costly repairs.

At the May general meeting, the speaker will be Roger Van Dyken discussing chartering overseas.

The crew that helped out at our clubhouse cleanup were acknowledged and thanked. The floors got cleaned and waxed. The flower beds were cleaned up and a large bamboo

was removed. The storage room was completely reorganized, with new shelving put in place.

Pam Bosch will be running our reciprocity program.

Commodore’s Report. Vice Commodore Doug reported for Commodore Terry. He announced that Pam Bosch is our new reciprocity chairman. Also, Terry filled out a lengthy environmental survey for the Port.

Immediate Past Commodore’s Report. IPC John Robertson reported that all projects are done except the new roof which we hope to have done this July or August. John is in the process of getting new bids. John also will address the problem of cigarette butts on our property. He is still trying to find the right container for a reasonable price.

Paul Graf is putting together a maintenance booklet for our clubhouse. It is in the storeroom for referral.

Old Business. Raleigh Province reported on the journey of Bruce Maynard as he walks across America with “Sam” his stroller that carries everything. He is doing a blog: <http://seniorswalkingacrossamerica.blogspot.com>.

Lori reported on the upcoming Opening Day Breakfast. Lots of volunteers have come forward. It takes fifty-seven members to accomplish the necessary work spread over two days!

Doug clarified the new member procedure. Two members have to sign the application and be mentors to the new members.

Ray Gobush reported that we are doing the Big Brothers Big Sisters Cruise on July 31st from 9 am-noon. Take them out for a cruise and afterwards enjoy a free lunch at the clubhouse. Ray sent around a sign-up sheet.

Rod Dean reported that the “chart exchange” is now on our website. Rod is asking for any donations—just send him the chart number and its date and he will add it to the list. Some charts can be borrowed; some are giveaways.

New Business. None.

For the Good of the Order. No announcements.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Dean, Secretary



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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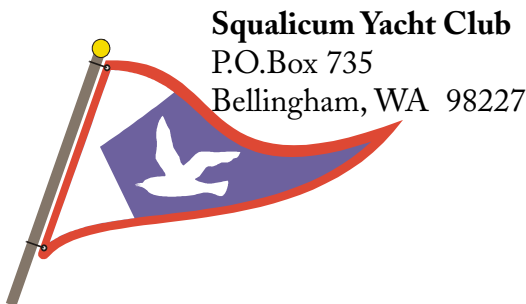
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The Crows Nest

May, 2010

20 - 22 Trawler Fest, Cap Sante Marina, Anacortes

22 - 28 National Safe Boating Week

26 Membership meeting, SYC Clubhouse, Roger Van Dyken, owner of San Juan Sailing is the guest speaker

29 Memorial Day Cruise - La Connor Marina (North Dock) Rocky & Kristi Champagne, Cruise Captains