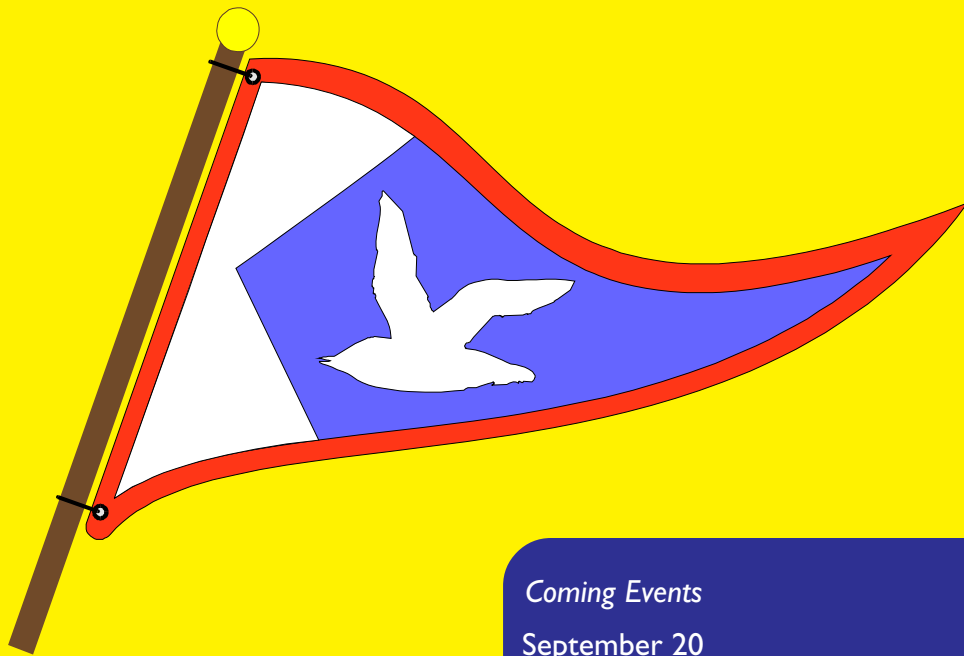


The Log

Newsletter of the Squalicum Yacht Club
Bellingham, Washington



Coming Events

September 20
Boating class starts
September 28
Regular meeting
October 26
Regular meeting

Commodore's Message

Dear Friends;

Well, summer has flown by and fall is just around the corner. Summer did get here rather late, weather-wise, but I sure have enjoyed the gorgeous blue skies and warm temperatures after it arrived. Pat and I were able to get *Geordie MacRae* out for four or five trips before being laid up with engine problems for most of the month of August and it was nice to see so many friends from the club out enjoying cruising.

For SYC, this was an action packed, fun filled, and eventful summer. Among the highlights are some very successful cruises (I'll let RC Glen fill you in on these), great summer barbeques which were very well attended (my thanks to the hosts), and excellent progress was made on the Porch Project. For those who

have not seen the porch taking shape, let me just say that it is stunning and will revolutionize the looks of our clubhouse. Kudos to all the many members who have worked so hard on this project. Kudos also to Joyce Glenn who suggested we place an ad on Craig's List offering our bamboo plant to anyone on a "You dig, you haul" basis. She got two takers and the bamboo will be gone shortly. The bamboo had outgrown its container and needed to be removed before it spread invasively.

Our next SYC meeting will be on Wednesday, September 28th and I hope to see everyone there. Please remember to bring plenty to the potluck.

Fair winds and calm seas!

—Doug



Vice Commodore's Message

Another week of summer in September! I guess we will take it any way we can!

We had a wonder guest speaker at our May meeting in the Director of the Home Port alternative high school located off of Holly Street. The school is designed around a nautical theme with hands on boatbuilding and cabinetry projects. They only have about two dozen students at a time and intersperse on-site schoolwork along with their building projects. You will may have seen some of the school's students out on the bay this summer in their 26 foot wooden captain's gig (the *Plumb*) rowing and sailing around. These kids are at high risk and haven't been able to thrive in the traditional school system. They stay in the Home Port experience for months. The school has been in existence for many years with funding sources from the school district and the court systems. They have built a Tolman skiff that is currently for sale on the lot behind Mike's business down at the harbor. As with all things financial, they have had some of their revenue stream cut off of late and are tightening their belts. Some of our club members are considering thinking about dividing our financial donation from the Opening Day breakfast next year between the food bank and the school. We learned a lot about a successful alternative school program

As a reminder, we are starting up our regular Club meetings this month at the club house. I have asked Peter Border from the Coast Guard Auxiliary to share with us about the internal workings of that fine organization.

During the first week in June we officially started work on the new porch. Paul, Tom and I did some preliminary work to build a wooden jig that has helped in placing the cement footings and in the building of the deck module so everything (hopefully) will fit together in the end. As you may know, we have been working

Rear Commodore's Message

What a great summer! I still hear people saying that it was a cold wet summer and somewhere in the back of my mind I recall weather like that. But lately it's been fantastic. Being a sailor I have appreciated the wind and this year the chop hasn't been as bad.

The club had a successful cruising season, starting with our Shake Down cruise to Inati Bay; a good turnout considering the weather.

West Sound was next, thank you Raleigh & Lori, an enjoyable location that we should do again.

The dinner at Mike & Chris' house was fantastic. I hope these guys will do this again sometime.

Of course Blaine and the 4th of July was a hit and Doug & Pat are to thank. Indian Cove did not have a host but those who came had fun anyway and discovered a new cruising location.

Big Brothers & Big Sisters was well represented by SYC and CYC. The kids had a great time.

Thanks Joyce & Steve for stepping up and hosting the cruise to Spencer's Spit.

Labor Day at Prevost Harbor was well attended. Some of the attendees said it was the first cruise they went on this year.

Even though we had great times on the unhosted cruises, I think that having someone organize dinners, cocktails, etc. is a great service. I hope next year that you will volunteer. We need your help!

I know some of you couldn't make the cruises. Chris & I could not make some of them either. But try next year. They are fun and are at the core of what our yacht club is about,

Thank you for making my first year on the bridge so satisfying.

—Glen Anderson, Rear Commodore

Boating Class

Bellingham Sail & Power Squadron is offering “America’s Boating Course” Tuesdays beginning Sept 20 at BTC. See info at www.boatingisfun.org or (360)332-5526. Graduates qualify for WA Boater’s Card. Much local knowledge is included in the class.

Helen Jacobson, Public Relations Officer, Bellingham Sail & Power Squadron.

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on pre-building the deck and posts and the whole assembly will be brought to the club on a trailer very soon to be set in position on the new footings in one move. Once that part is done then the roof structure will be completed and we can all *ooh* and *aah* at it. Way to go Paul and all those who have spent hours on the project to date!

Kristi and I enjoyed our annual boat vacation starting right after school let out. We went as far south as Olympia this year and ended our trip back up in Blaine for the 4th of July cruise. We hope to see you at the Sucia work party this weekend and at our first monthly meeting in a few weeks.

—*Rocky Champagne, Vice Commodore*

What About the Porch?

For those of you not on the Porch Crew you may have noticed a little activity around the clubhouse, but not much. A lot of preparation has in fact been completed and we are just about ready for some action with very noticeable results. Our footer inspection passed but an unrelated potential snag surfaced as well. Concrete piers were poured Sept 9th. Meanwhile, but out of sight, the columns have been carved and assembled, the deck framework assembled and then the support posts laminated and locked into that frame. The arched bottom trusses have been built and attached with large fabricated steel brackets and mortised into the columns. This core framework is ready for transport to the clubhouse where it will be set on the piers and ready for completion work.

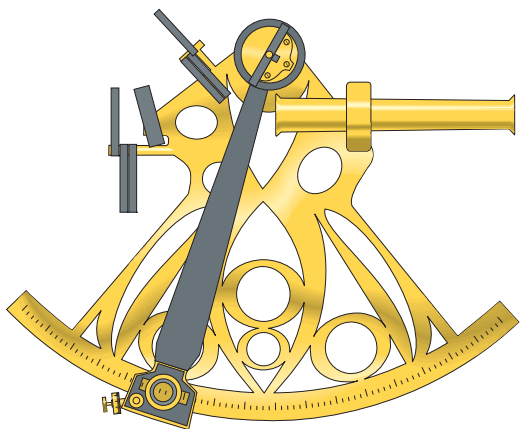
At this point there is quite a bit of work yet to be done, but the more intricate and time consuming work has been done. We will need a lot of help for the “GRAND PORCH WORK PARTY” which we are organizing now. The target is to have this work party in the next few weeks. It looks like the best plan will be to bring the porch frame to the clubhouse late in the week, position it, and complete basic construction over the weekend. If you might be able to help, please let me know.

Already much credit needs to go to Pete Lamb, Steve Glenn, Tom Evans, Rocky Champagne, Randy Bilof, Ernie Salotti, Hans Soderholm, Bob Young, Carey Worthen, Doug Sterrett, Rod Dean and others who have provided considerable support.

—*Paul*



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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