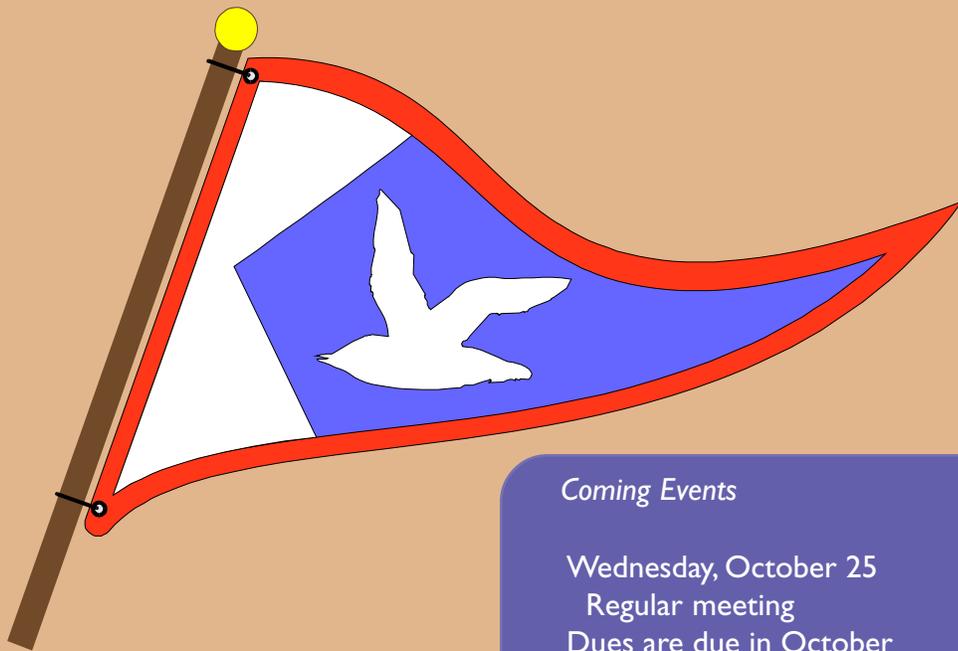


The Log

Newsletter of the Squalicum Yacht Club
Bellingham, Washington



Coming Events

Wednesday, October 25
Regular meeting
Dues are due in October
Saturday, November 11
Change of Watch



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Members are encouraged to submit boating-related stories to the *Log*. Please submit to editor@squalicumyc.org by the second Tuesday of each month.

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Commodore's Corner

It sounds cliché, but it really is hard to believe that a year has past already and this is my final column as Commodore. It was a bigger job than I had imagined, but there's always plenty of help among club members.

SYC is celebrating its 80th year this year. A number of years ago, Paul Graf wrote an excellent history of the club. It's well worth reading, the PDF file is 57 pages long. There's a lot of history in those pages. Stories about how the club was founded, where early meetings were held, moving into our current clubhouse, and information about early activities.



It's been a great year, and we have quite a few new members who weren't in the club at the last Change of Watch. To those new members, welcome to the club. Consider becoming more involved with the club by joining the bridge. We have opportunities each year to become involved, and we'd welcome your involvement. You don't need to be a longtime member either, I've only been in the club for five years now.

Thanks again for allowing me to be your Commodore this year. It's been an honor.
—Carl



Sucia Work(out) Party 2018

We had a great work party at Sucia, perhaps more of a work-out than we've ever had before. Ranger Steve Sabine finally was able to secure permits to build an official trail to replace a number of informal ones growing along the bluff between Fox Cove and Shallow Bay overlooking Little Sucia, i.e. above the "mushroom" rock and north. There are some great high up views. The trail had been marked and cleared of some brush, trees and logs etc. to make it passable, at least for the ambitious, but now to bring it up to Parks trail standards. The new route goes from the south end of the big south beach in Shallow Bay, above the shoreline up in the woods to the point at the entrance to Shallow Bay. From there it turns south and follows the bluff along the southwest side to near Fox Cove where it turns toward Fossil Bay and comes out by the water tanks and toilets west of the kiosk. It very nearly crosses the high point on the island.

For our part we had a strong nine person crew consisting of Rob Wells, Ernie Salotti, Marvin Kyle, Rod Dean, Larry Grunden, Steve Glenn, Rocky & Kristi Champagne and myself along with a four person beach clean-up crew. We went to work on the north end and completed a quarter mile section through some fairly rugged terrain along Shallow Bay from the south end of the beach to the point at the entrance to Shallow Bay. This involved substantial muscle work digging through roots, rocks and moving sometimes substantial rocks to notch out a ledge along some steep side slopes to walk along. In the process we agitated at least three in-ground yellow-jacket nests which netted at least three casualties. In addition to loppers which saw considerable use, all became familiar with tools called McLeods and grub-hoes (or adz hoes) and even a sledge hammer all of which were extensively employed.

None of us have the physical attributes of 30 or 40 years ago and among us are a few

additional physical impediments. Nonetheless, everyone worked through whatever those were for a full measure of help for most of the day. All are to be commended. Moreover, I did not hear any sore muscle complaints about getting up the next morning. I only saw satisfaction with a job well done. Ranger Steve Sabine who worked hard along side us the entire time seemed very pleased with the results. There will be more work yet to bring the trail up to standard, but the Club has provided a big step forward and while a little rough in places it is useable now.

Not to be left out Patti Salotti, Joyce Glenn, Susan Dean & Jill Mount pruned around the fire pits and collected beach trash for disposal.

Before all this, five of the guys who arrived early were eager to get started so Rocky, Steve, Rod, Larry & I, armed with saws, loppers and pruners, spent a good couple hours pushing back some of the brush from the Ev Henry Point trail to give a little more distance between juniper trees and the precipice as well as a little more walking space overall. It gave us a chance to reminisce about stair and fence projects SYC did on the trail in years past.

Potluck followed at 5:00, Saturday. All were especially happy to sit down around a fire for a third night until dark and enjoy some good food and camaraderie. Happily the burn ban ended the day we arrived and the weather was near perfect for the weekend work. Sometime after muffins in the shelter Sunday morning, all headed home. Overall nine boats attended with 22 people.

Over and above attending and participating in the Club cruise this crew contributed a lot of sweat equity toward creation of a new trail and vistas on Sucia that will be enjoyed by many for a long time. Way to go Squalicum YC! Also a thank you to Patti & Ernie Salotti for filling in to co-captain the cruise with us.

—Paul & Margo Graf



Work Party instruction from Ranger Steve Sabine

Rod Dean and Ranger Steve Sabine



Around the fire after potluck



Shallow Bay trail work



Shallow Bay trail work rocks

Noninations—Please Check Them Out

Please take a moment to look at the nominations for the 2018 SYC Bridge, which are posted in the minutes of the September meeting (page 11). We'll be taking nominations from the floor at the October meeting and will then vote on the proposed Bridge at the same meeting.

The New Trail

So really, where is this new trail that the Club worked on? I tried to map it out as well as I could estimate from maps, satellite and personal observations.

So on the picture, green is the new trail, yellow is the part we (SYC) did. It is interesting how close the new trail actually parallel's the road we know so well. However there is nothing parallel about the views (or the amount of energy needed to traverse the distance!) It does come close to the highest elevation on Sucia.

I estimate the new trail from Shallow Bay to Fossil Bay to be about 1.2 miles. It is about a 2 mile loop from Fossil Bay. And it is about 0.8 mile from Fossil Bay along the old road we all know to the beach at Shallow Bay. It is interesting to me to observe that all the times we walked to Shallow Bay it seemed the woods went a long way up and over the hill to the south west. To the contrary, this new trail is just over the top of the ridge along the bluff.

—Paul Graf



SYC's Mark on our Marine State Parks

After another satisfying work party for our State Marine Parks at Sucia Sept 23, I got to thinking about what kind of a mark(s) SYC has left on the islands over the years. Well there are quite a few in spite of the fact that Mother Nature has a way of gradually removing them. Indeed trails grow back quickly after trimming but other things last a bit longer and sometimes a lot longer.

So I did a little digging and found a document I started five years ago. I used various Club & personal logs, notes & photos to see what I could find about what we have done. I thought others may find the results interesting as well. New members may appreciate seeing some of what SYC has done and our old salts may enjoy reminiscing. I only have bits and pieces from sometimes indirect references in various log books, photographs, newsletters etc. so the list is a bit sketchy. Nonetheless it shows a pretty substantial track record for SYC.

To this day on the Ev Henry Point Trail all the steps, re-routed trail and fence at the point are used by many and remain in pretty good shape. Then there is major trail construction like we just did at Shallow Bay. . . and does anyone remember Wiggins Head. Concrete work around some toilets, barbeques and kiosk is working well. There have been miscellaneous tasks like windows we helped put in the shelter which seem to be holding up fine and I don't think the shelter has been stained since the Club did it some 10 years ago. It should be noted that it was the International Yacht Club who furnished that structure. In addition and not always noted in the list because it was a regular part of many work parties, is painting, trail trimming and cleaning. The Club has painted many structures including, maintenance buildings, outhouses, signs and more. Finally there has been a lot of work in controlling natural growth from removal of madrone trees on Johnson Point in order to preserve the

meadow grasses out there to cutting brush to expand campsites back to their original dimensions and widen trails. Trail work has ranged from some clipping to major salal brush removal like the Lawson Bluff Trail. Effects of some of those efforts don't last more than a few years but they do add much to the pleasure of all those, including us, who enjoy the island.

Of course this does not include earlier days before Sucia. The first Club project I recall being involved with was for the DNR to build a trail around Cypress Head. At least half of that trail is still in regular service. At Doe Island there were a number of trail building, but mostly maintenance, work parties. We did cut and clean up several dozen large fir trees downed in a wind storm and in the rain we dug a hole and installed a six foot deep fiberglass tank for a pit toilet there. At both Doe and Blind Islands we replaced a number of fireplaces including the concrete work. In those days we brought our own tools. Our very first participation at Sucia, of course was helping to raise the funds via Interclub (an association of regional yacht clubs) to purchase the Island and subsequently turn it over to Washington State Parks to manage.

All in all, not a bad record of service to the boating community. It has earned the Club the respect of the Park staff and an "Adopt-a-Park" sign. It is something the Club can feel good about. I feel we have earned a special relationship with Parks which I hope is shared and valued by our membership as much as I do. Moreover along the way there has been a lot of fun and camaraderie for the members who joined in.

While somewhat personal and sketchy, the attached chart does list most if not all of our Parks work parties. I invite anyone to add to or correct any of this information.

—Paul Graf

P.S. So where's Waldo ;-) i.e. how many current and former Club members can you identify in the montage?



SYC Parks Work Parties

per Hobo/Carol Lee ships log data, SYC "Log" & Graf notes.
27 count over 36 years.

(All notes are sketchy and largely incomplete for details)

10/5/80	Cypress Head WkPty	Met Gene Hayfield – DNR – Construct loop trail around Cypress Head
4/25/81	Cypress Head WkPty	Trail work party – 5 boats Failor, Valum, Blackwell, Townsend-improve trail
10/20/84	Doe Is. WkPty	<i>Carol Lee</i> w/(Paul, Loy L. Les B. Paul Belben) + Galaghers (trail work etc.)
6/15/85	Blind Is WkPty	Fire Pits - <i>Affinity, Personius, Timmins</i> w/Crawfords, others-14 total
4/26/86	Doe Is WkPty	<i>Johanna & Trumpeter</i> (McNamee & Blackwell-17 people, grumpy day) –trails
5/16/87	Doe Is. WkPty	Trail Cleanup & Improvement – 6 - <i>Trumpeter, Lisette Charmaine,</i>
Edlewise(Butterworth) <i>Summer School</i> , Mar-Jon, many onboard guests,		
6/1/88	Doe Is WkPty	Unpleasant weather-all on <i>Carol Lee</i> -Bur & Eli Johnson, Carol Flores, Todd Gilliland w/
friend Bob...some seasick Les Blackwell & Vassdals. – trail work		
5/20/89	Doe Is WkPty	Robnetts, Butterworth/Heintz, <i>Papanam</i> , - trail work-trimming etc.
6/22/90	Doe Is WkPty	Campsite move – 12 boats- <i>Summer School, Moi Kai, Xara, Papanam, Mar-Jon, Emerald</i>
<i>Sea, Island Hopper, Jake, Affinity, Island Hopper,</i>		
3/13/91	Doe Is WkPty	Wind Fall 1990-clean up – (<i>Rode on Summer School-Rolf Valum, Richard Zarnowitz,</i>
<i>Paul Graf + Ranger Dave Castor</i>)		
4/13/91	Doe Is WkPty	Wind Fall 1990-clean up – (<i>Rode on Show 'N Tell</i>)
5/9/92	Doe Is WkPty	Pit Toilet 3.5' x 6' deep , <i>Carol Lee & Summer School</i> 11 people Heintz's, Travis's,
Richard Zarnowitz, Rolf & us – 2 boats.		
4/24/93	Doe Is WkPty	Maynard & Mellander with us some cancelled because of weather, don't know how many
went. – likely trail work, fire pits.		

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9/20/03	Sucia WkPty	Ev Henry steps-block & Tackle used to back-fill– 6 <i>La Mouette, Rebound, Puffin, Tappan Zee, Jikari</i> , 13 people
9/26/04	Sucia WkPty	Ev Henry steps-at trail start (fist hill), concrete – 8 <i>Tappan Zee, Puffin, Journey, Jikari</i> , (Griffiths), (Deans), (Steinsiek's),
9/23/05	Sucia WkPty	Ev Henry Pt Trail By-pass (to avoid steep part), <i>_Papanam, Journey, Puffin, Compass Rose, Tappan Zee, Summer Wine, Allegría, Rebound, Salish Mists</i> , (Lindbergs), guests David & Penny Bradley,
9/22/06	Sucia WkPty	SYC SUCIA WORK PARTY – Madrone (removal to preserve meadow grass) - Johnson Pt., Prepare shelter overhead for staining.
4/20/07	Sucia WkPty	SYC SUCIA WORK PARTY - Install shelter windows + trail & beach cleaning
9/22/07	Sucia WkPty	SYC SUCIA WORK PARTY – Wiggins Head trail/shelter staining, SYC Adopt-a-Park sign presented
9/19/08	Sucia WkPty	SYC SUCIA WORK PARTY – Kiosk concrete -2 quadrants, Ev Henry Pt. trail work/fence
9/19/09	Sucia WkPty	SYC SUCIA WORK PARTY - Trail maint, campsite cleaning, solar panel
9/18/10	Sucia WkPty	SYC SUCIA WORK PARTY – Kiosk roof, English Ivy
2011	<i>Cancelled-weather</i>	
9/21/12	Sucia WkPty	SYC SUCIA WORK PARTY – Trails/Barbeque base/Paint
2013	<i>Cancelled</i>	
9/11/14	Sucia WkPty	Move Ev Henry Pt Fence , trail trimming
9/25/15	Sucia WkPty	Lawson Bluff trail, major salal brush cutting, China Caves steps , painting.
9/23/16	Sucia WkPty	Major campsite brush removal Fox Cove area, Table repair , Painting
9/23/17	Sucia WkPty	Shallow Bay trail construction, Ev Henry Pt Trail trimming.

(27 events)

Blue=Work party but “ Carol Lee” did not go, crew attended some.

Something Bugging You?

One year we anchored in a little indent on the southeast side of Allies Island in Waddington Channel. As dusk approached we were swarmed by mosquitoes and had to retreat below. Everybody has probably used Off to control these pesky critters. Did you know that spraying Off on your screens will cause them to weaken? Here is another product for critter control that I found out about on the MTOA list-serv.

“I found a product that works! It’s called Shoo-Fly Screen and Surface Insect Spray and is made to spray on screens and netting and is supposedly good for midges, mosquitoes and mites along with lots of other insects. There’s no odor and is advertised to create an invisible barrier for up to four weeks. All I know is that it certainly worked for us at the time and our fabric screening did not dissolve. I now keep it aboard.”

It is available on Amazon or maybe at Ace Hardware stores.

Squalicum Yacht Club Minutes

September 27, 2017

Meeting called to order at 2005. Nicole Gilmore from Taylor Shellfish farm presented an interesting slide show on how the famous oyster farm works. The program was Rear Commodore Kristi Champagne ran the meeting in the absence of the Commodore and Vice Commodore.

Guests: Corky and Ruth McCrae's daughter Jennifer Lynn joined us.

Secretary's report: Minutes of previous meeting approved.

Treasurer:

Checking:	\$606.00
Savings:	<u>2,305.00</u>
Total	\$2,911.00

(available; with assigned savings, account total is \$4012.)

Remember that dues are due in October.

Immediate Past Commodore: Al Hunter reported that Doug Sterrett found a sailboat mast that we can use as a new flag pole. The kids at Home Port stripped, sanded, and primed it and Steve Glenn transported it to the club so we can paint it and install it. He also reported on the approval of a renter's request to purchase a PA system on a podium to be stored in the clubhouse. In return for granting the request, we will be able to use the system. (Other renters will not have access to it.)

Rear Commodore's report: Kristi Champagne posted a sign-up sheet for the Cruise Committee and asked members to give her input on where they'd like to cruise to this summer. Same info was sent out via e-mail.

Vice Commodore's report: NA.

Commodore's report: NA.

New Business: As chair of the Nominating Committee, Immediate Past Commodore Al Hunter presented this slate for the 2018 Bridge:

Commodore ----- Leanne Stewart
 Vice Commodore ----- Larry Grunden
 Rear Commodore ----- Kristi Champagne
 Treasurer ----- Joyce Glenn
 Secretary ----- Lorretta Palagi
 Trustee (ongoing) ----- Ernie Salotti
 Trustee (nominated) ----- Paul Graf

At the October meeting, members will be asked for nominations from the floor and will then vote on the proposed slate.

Meeting adjourned at 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
 Lorretta Palagi, Secretary