

# The Log

Newsletter of the Squalicum Yacht Club  
Bellingham, Washington



## *Coming Events*

Saturday, April 14  
MUG UP, Semiahmoo Park

Saturday, April 21  
Shakedown cruise

Wednesday, April 25  
Regular meeting

Saturday, May 5

Opening Day

Saturday, May 12  
Seaskills Boating Festival,  
Blaine Marina

# Commodore's Corner

Hello to SYC members.

Welcome back to our members returning from the south.

We have a busy April and May ahead of us! Make sure you read the whole *Log* to get the dates for:

Our next General Meeting on Wednesday April 25.

The Shakedown Cruise at Chuckanut Bay.

Our annual Club Building and Grounds Clean-up Day.

Our famous Opening Day Pancake Breakfast. See Pat Sterrett or Joyce Glenn to sign up for the fun of working with your fellow mariners.



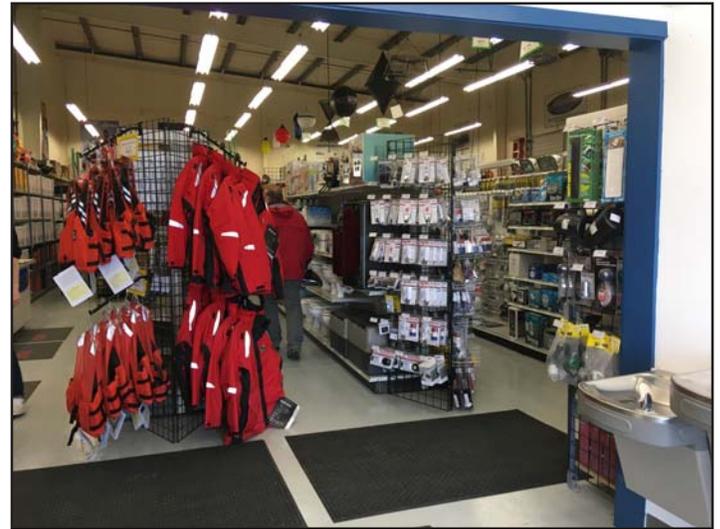
I look forward to our boats gathering as many times as possible this summer and into the fall for our cruises. This is a delightful way to get to know each other, and each others' boats. Of course there is time for reading or resting on your own boat. Members go for walks together or alone. We love motoring around in our dinghy as we poke into the shorelines and small inlets. Finding my favorite birds is always a highlight of any cruise for me.

Please try to join us.

See you soon,

—Leanne Stewart





## There's a New Chandlery in Town

Back in November, a new chandlery quietly opened on C Street, near Colony Wharf. It's called "Sea-Mar Bellingham" and it "Stocks Everything You Need!" They specialize in commercial fishing gear, but they have a lot of supplies for the pleasure boater also: bottom paint, foul-weather gear, Sea Dog stainless parts, life jackets and other safety gear, fishing supplies, and lots of electrical and hydraulic stuff. (Dale, you might find what you're looking for there!)

They're going to have a Grand Opening on April 27 with a ribbon cutting, free hot dogs, and vendors with raffle items.

Sea-Mar Bellingham  
1100 C Street  
360.734.2400



*Are You and Your Boat Ready for the ...*

# SHAKEDOWN CRUISE!?!

WHEN: April 21

WHERE: Chuckanut Bay, north end

TIME: Hook down at 1200; everybody is invited to raft up with us. Potluck at 1400 aboard the boats.

WHAT TO BRING: Potluck dish to share

This day cruise marks the start of the SYC cruising season and is designed to allow members to make a quick dash out and back to see what works, what doesn't, and what's missing, broken, frozen, rusted, or busted.

For any members who are new to rafting, we follow *Carol Lee's Rules* (like Robert's Rules, but on the water): The boat "rafting on" provides the lines to be tied to the boat being

"rafted to." That way we always know whose line is whose. Both boats provide fenders. When you get into the bay, just come up to the raft and you'll be directed to a specific side (based on balancing it out and where those pesky things called masts and spreaders are located). We'll be monitoring CH16 or you can try us on our cells.

So April is supposed to come in like a lion (which it's done) and go out like a lamb. If it chooses not to go out like a lamb, we'll make a decision about cancelling early Saturday morning and send out an email notification.

PLEASE RSVP to the cruise captains by April 18.

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Cruise Captains aboard *M/V Papanam*  
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*Chuckanut Bay Shakedown Cruise, April 2001. Can you figure out how many boats were there? (Extra credit for those who remember how many anchors were down....)*

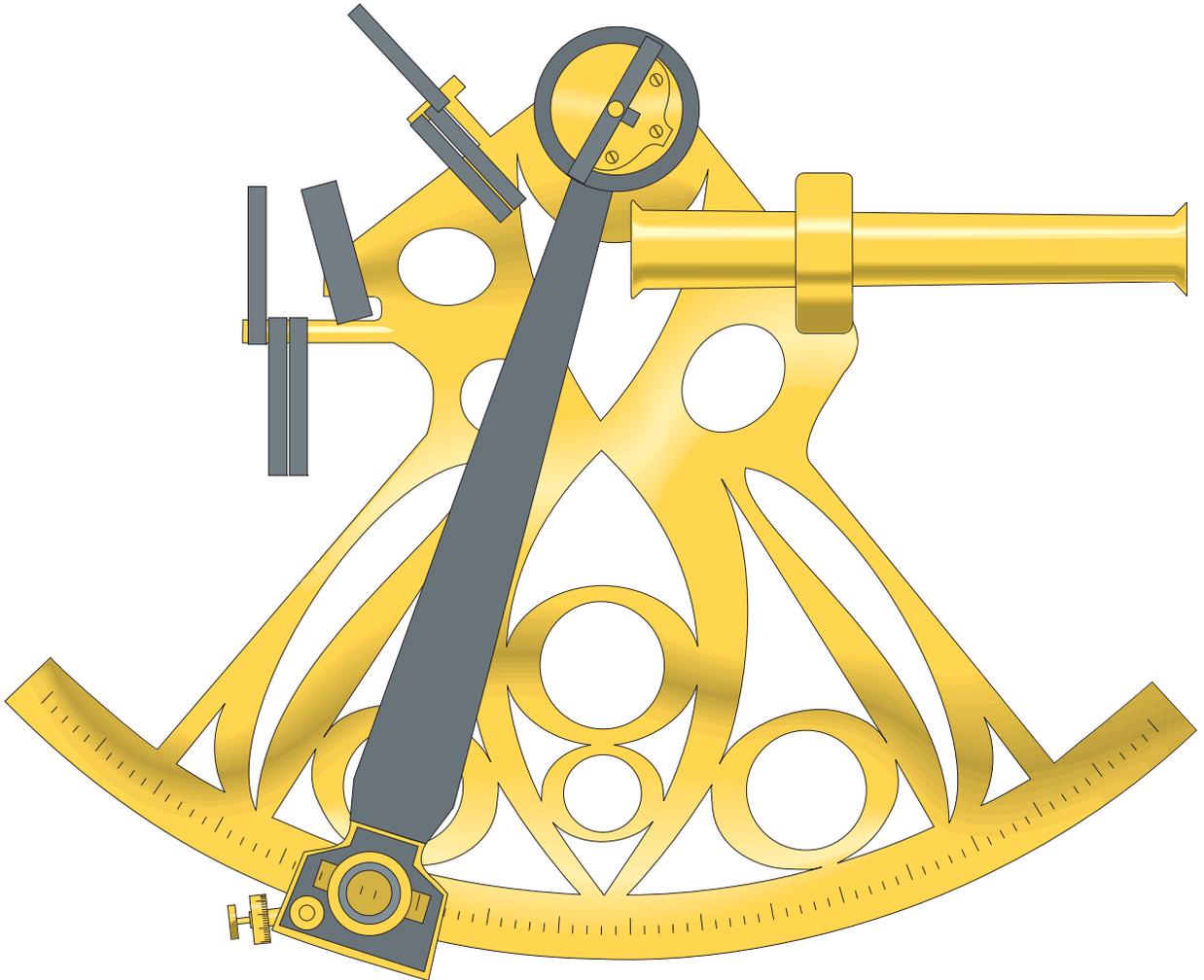
# OPENING DAY:

Saturday, May 5th this year! Planning is well on its way with openings for volunteers still remaining. If you are interested and just haven't had a chance to sign up, contact me or I may be calling you : ) Pat Sterrett has done an amazing job with the raffle gifts! Raffle tickets can be purchased at the April meeting, so bring your cash. Gifts include West Marine items, some great gift certificates for local restaurants and our local boatyards, LFS kayak rental for two, etc.

The Opening Day Benefit Breakfast is our single largest event and is a "hoot" as Tom Evan's would say. If you aren't able to volunteer, buy some raffle tickets, join us for breakfast and support this fun and worthy event. Donations will go to the Bellingham Food Bank and Homeport Learning Center this year. For the past several years we have raised over a \$1000 to donate. A special thanks to our hard working volunteers and amazing community! Thank you.

—Joyce Glenn, Breakfast Coordinator

—Pat Sterrett, Raffle Coordinator



## Squalicum Yacht Club Minutes March 28, 2018

Meeting called to order at 2029. Sam Landsman from Slowboat.com gave a detailed presentation on traversing the various rapids and crossings on the Inland Passage to Alaska.

Guests: none

**Secretary's report:** Minutes of previous meeting approved.

<b>Treasurer:</b>	Checking:	\$790
	Savings:	<u>4,500</u>
	Total	\$5,290

(available; with assigned savings, account total is \$7,377)

*Ship's Store:* The store was out with SYC items for purchase, including the SYC Cookbook, with lots of good recipes and a great cover by Karen Copher. Only \$10! Rosters are available. Each member family gets two. In addition to member contact info, the roster contains valuable information about upcoming cruises and other events, committees, reciprocals, and discounts.

**Immediate Past Commodore:** NA.

**Rear Commodore's report:** Leanne mentioned again about the August cruise being moved to Cornet Bay. Randy Bilof announced the Shakedown Cruise at Chuckanut Bay, April 21. Hook down by noon; potluck at 2:00. Check your email by 10:00 am day of if weather is iffy.

**Vice Commodore's report:** Larry initiated new members David Imburgia and Celie Thomas. Thanked the host families: The Hunter and Kyle/Mount families. There are a few dinner host slots still open. Larry will let Lorretta know which months need hosts and she'll send out an email.

**Commodore's report:** NA.

*New Business: Opening Day breakfast:* Chairs Joyce Glenn and Pat Sterrett updated club about Opening Day and sent around a sign-up sheet. Pat Sterrett has already done a great job of getting raffle prizes: Colony Wharf, Seaview, Giuseppe's, Anthony's, etc. Suggestion was made that if the prizes are ready early, it would be a good idea to sell tickets to club members at the April meeting because a number of club members may be gone on Opening Day. *Changes to initiation oath process:* Randy Bilof presented the suggestion that we change the way the SYC oath is presented to new members. Instead of having the new members repeat the oath, phrase by phrase, the Vice Commodore will read the entire oath and ask the new members if they agree to abide by it. Randy to revise wording and present to bridge at April meeting. Motion made, seconded, and approved. *Info booth at Blaine:* The Sterretts and Karen Copher volunteered to man the booth at the Blaine sea festival. Per Al Hunter, they will need to provide their own table. *Membership:* The new Membership Committee chair, David Imburgia, spoke briefly about the committee's plans to get 10 new member families this year. First off will be giving out the SYC flyer at Opening Day and the Blaine event, and posting it around the port facilities and the chandleries. If there are enough, each member will be given one or two to hand out as they come across people interested in the club. The committee welcomes ideas from club members about increasing/retaining membership.

Meeting adjourned at 2055.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorretta Palagi, Secretary



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

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