

The Log

Newsletter of the Squalicum Yacht Club
Bellingham, Washington



Coming Events

Saturday, May 12
Seaskills Boating Festival,
Blaine Marina
Friday, May 18–20
La Conner cruise
Wednesday, May 23
Regular meeting

Commodore's Corner

What a fantastic start SYC has already had this spring. The Shakedown Cruise was a great success with many boats and wonderful warm weather. Of course our Pancake Breakfast was bathed in sunshine and friendly faces. We sold just over 200 plates—an all-time high!

Our first full cruise is May 18-20 at La Conner. If you have not yet sent Kristi Champagne a check for your moorage, call her and see what is available. It would be great if we could fill the dock with SYC boats.

Please check out the list of planned cruises on page 4 of our Roster to see the complete list. This is one of the best ways to get



to know members and their boats.

Our speakers on May 23 are Patty and Pat Anderson, who have extensive boating experience, including on the East Coast. This should be very informative and enjoyable.

I received an email from a member of the Bellingham Yacht Club concerning his chartering a sailboat in Belize from February 12–March 3, 2019, and looking for crew members...anyone interested? There is more information below. [See page 8-*ed.*]

Let's see how many SYC members we can get in our Clubhouse on Wednesday the 23rd!

See you then.

—Leanne



The First Cruise of The Season

SYC started off the 2018 cruising season with the Shakedown Cruise on April 22—a Sunday—to Chuckanut Bay. Normally, we would have held the cruise on Saturday, but with winds to 20–30 knots predicted for Saturday, but only 0–10 on Sunday, it became a no-brainer!

So we rafted up 12 boats on a brisk, sunny day and after visiting for a bit, we enjoyed a potluck aboard *Sandpiper*, which was the perfect boat for that as evidenced by the photos. People were eating up and down and back. I think we had all 26 people onboard *Sandpiper* at one point! Thanks, Jack and Cassandra. These were the boats that made it:

adagio
Agnes Jean
Begorrah
Carol lee

Glider
Lazy
Papanam
Puffin
Raven
Sandpiper
Sea Rose
Wigeon

Historian Paul Graf commented that he believed 12 boats is the most we've ever had on one anchor, with being 7 or 8 boats being the prior record. We believe it—we set the hook with 180 feet of chain, but when we retrieved it we brought in 210, haha! :)

And because you can find anything on the Internet, we were able to determine that we had 173,000 pounds dry weight on the hook—imagine what the total number really was with all those people and their potluck offerings!

We're looking forward to SYC's next cruise to La Conner.

—Randy Bilof/Lorretta Palagi, M/V *Papanam*



Squalicum Yacht Club Minutes

April 25, 2018

Meeting called to order at 2017. Mike Meagher, videographer and diving partner of Jim Copher, presented a program featuring his under- and over-the-water photography.

Guests: Mike Meagher, program presenter, friend of Jim and Karen Copher; Gretchen, friend of Larry Grunden; Minnesotans Tom and Nancy, fellow Ranger Tug owners with Les and Lynn Blackwell; Dale and Maura Griggs

Special report: Les and Lynn Blackwell have graciously offered to bequeath their slip in Friday Harbor to the club. Paul gave a presentation to the club and Les also spoke. Paul then asked the membership to vote on the following motion: Accordingly, I move that the Club respond to Les and Lynn's generous offer with a letter as follows: "Thank you, Les and Lynn, for your most incredible, generous and wonderful offer. The Club would be very pleased to have its own slip in Friday Harbor some day. In the intervening time the Club will endeavor to identify and resolve details for a smooth transition when that day comes." Motion passed unanimously!

Secretary's report: Minutes of previous meeting approved.

Treasurer: Checking: \$450
 Savings: 3,750
 Total \$4,200

(available; with assigned savings, account total is \$6,290)

Immediate Past Commodore: Rocky asked members to send ideas for projects to him and Carl. (Lorretta sent the current list to membership May 1 and asked for ideas to be sent to Rocky/Carl.

Rear Commodore's report: Kristi asked that all members have their boating photos to her prior to May 5 so she can have the family photo board ready for Opening Day. Randy Bilof reported on the Shakedown Cruise at Chuckanut Bay. It was moved from Saturday to Sunday to take advantage of better weather (Winds 0–10 instead of 20–30!) Twelve boats, with a dry weight of 173,000 lbs, rafted up to *Papanam* and we held a leisurely potluck aboard the Bazhaws' spacious *Sandpiper*. La Conner cruise is coming up. Please pay Kristi for moorage.

Vice Commodore's report: Larry thanked the host families: Mike and Kris Heintz. Linda Tibbot and John Robertson were unable to attend as Linda's father passed away.

Commodore's report: NA.

New Business: Opening Day breakfast: Sign-ups close to complete. Great raffle prizes. Rocky mentioned that older members should not only encourage newer members to take over, they should also let them make the jobs their own rather than dictating exactly how everything is to be done (but he was more colorful in his explanation; something about knowing people who would "eat their own young").

Old Business: Remember that the Bellingham Power Squadron SeaSkills event is happening May 12 and SYC will have a booth there.

Meeting adjourned at 2048.

Respectfully submitted,
 Lorretta Palagi, Secretary

What?! A Club Slip in Friday Harbor?

Those of you who were at our April meeting heard the wonderful news that long time members, Les and Lynn Blackwell plan to bequeath the 44 foot slip they own in a 26 slip moorage in Friday Harbor to the Squilicum Yacht Club. The slip is the one on the right side of the second finger from the left in the panorama photo,

and with “Carol Lee” tied up in the other close to the “Evergreen State” in its night slip.

There are a variety of legal, financial and technical questions which come to mind which should be resolved before the day comes when the Club would take over.

With Les and Lynn in good health, we expect that to be some time, but it behooves us to get an early start to get things sorted out for a smooth transition in the future. The task will be to identify questions and then find expert



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resources to answer them.

The slip will be a tremendous asset for the Club, but it won't happen unless proper arrangements are made ahead of time for management. That includes insuring that all obligations of ownership including insurance, titles, potential liabilities, taxes and the like are addressed. Also, how the Club will go about covering expenses as well as development of a policy for fair and equitable use by both members and non-members. At this stage, it is expected that it will be necessary for the slip to

generate through rentals at least enough income to cover the expenses of maintaining the slip. No major hurdles are anticipated at this point, but it will be smart

to make sure.

The Club now needs help from you, the members, especially those who might benefit from use of the slip, to begin work on sorting all this out. Please volunteer to participate on a “Slip Committee” to work out a plan. Also, please provide us references to professionals with expertise in related areas or other resources which might help. The good part is that with expected time, hopefully there won't be any heavy lifting required by committee members to get it done.

For the SYC Bridge
—Paul Graf

For Sale

New members Dale and Maura Griggs have a sailboat for sale through Blue Heron. Let all of your friends know!



1977 Cal 2-29

\$12,900

A great starter boat w/ some needs, but a lot of newer features including a 2013 Beta Diesel 16hp



- *New Upholstery*
- *Newer Furled Sail*
- *Newer 3 burner stove*
- *New Swimstep*



Offered For Sale

It is with great reluctance that we offer *Sandpiper* for sale. Medical conditions are prompting a change in life style for us. If you were on the shakedown cruise you saw how spacious she is. *Sandpiper* is a 2001 Heritage 36 Sundeck, 40' LOA, 36' LOD, single screw with a 220 HP Cummins 6BT diesel engine and bow and stern thrusters. For detail information please email me at jbazhaw@2sailmore.com and I will send specifications sheets to you.

—*Jack & Cassandra Bazhaw*





Belize is one of the best sailing areas in the world. With year round temperature ranging between 74-84°F and hundreds of protected cayes and crystal waters to 100', snorkeling and diving among the reefs is without equal. The abundance of wildlife, schools of tropical fish, manatees and coral gardens are there for all to enjoy. The islands also abound with beaches for the hedonistic sun seekers. Everyday will be a new adventure, each more beautiful than the last. Sailors and boaters interested to indulge in an exceptional adventure are invited to join a bareboat charter next year (Feb 23 – March 3). For more information, contact Alex Marr at marra@asme.org or 360-778-2484



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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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