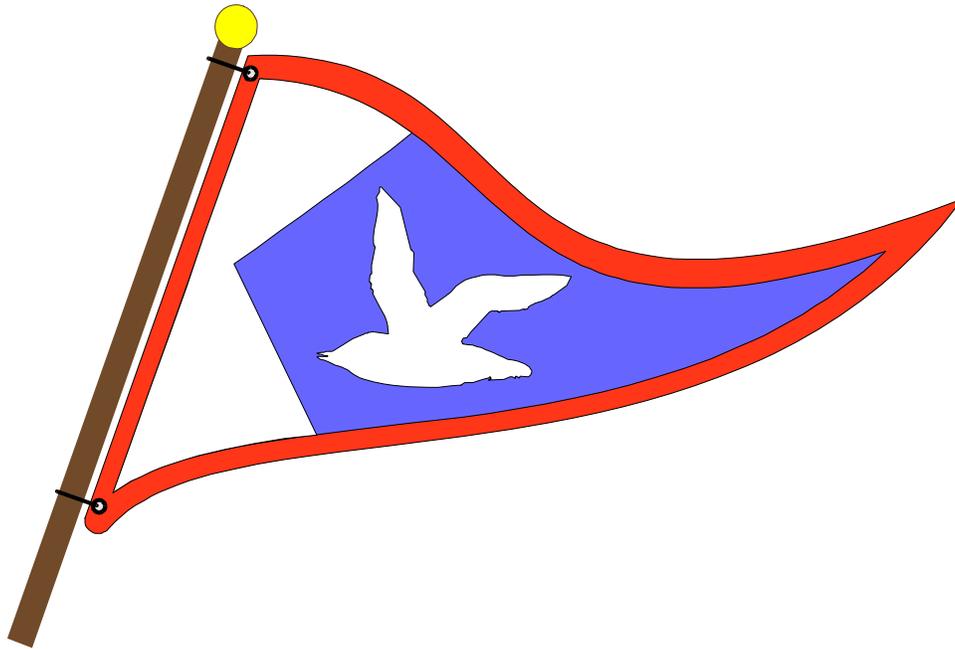


The Log

Newsletter of the Squalicum Yacht Club, Bellingham, Washington



Coming Events

Wednesday, May 15
Wednesday, May 22
May 24-27
June 7-9

Bridge meeting, 1600
Regular meeting, 1800
Memorial Day Cruise to Reid Harbor
Friday Harbor Cruise



Commodore's Corner

by Larry Grunden

We are into the cruising season and next up is a favorite for many; Reid Harbor, Stuart Island on May 25-27. Steve and Joyce Glenn are Captains with Glen and Chris Anderson as Co-Captains. Look to them for sign up and guidance.

Shortly after Reid Harbor is the cruise to Friday Harbor on June 7-9. FH has something for everyone and rumors about a trivia contest with prizes are swirling in the rips. For those that are boatless in the Salish Sea, ferry service can be a fun way to go. Please join in for the cruises and memories this summer.

As a reminder, our May meeting is our last regular

meeting until September, but our BBQ's in June, July and August are more and more popular. I hope to see all of you soon.



Memorial Weekend Cruise

by Steve and Joyce Glenn

Our next SYC Cruise is to Reid Harbor on Stuart Island Friday May 24th through Monday May 27th. Typically Friday or Saturday are considered travel day(s) and Monday as well for the return trip. Reid Harbor offers dock space and park buoys on a first come first serve basis and there is a charge. The harbor itself is quite large and offers a lot of anchoring as well. There is no planned raft. There are lots of hiking trails, nice composting toilets, water available on shore but not at the docks and no power. We will have appetizer night on Saturday and our potluck on Sunday night. I'm sure casual get togethers will prevail on Thursday and Friday nights. The Glenn's plan to arrive on Thursday.

More detailed information will be announced at our May 22nd SYC potluck & meeting.

As most cruises are, this one will be weather dependent! Please RSVP to emails to RSVP to gotdefever@comcast.net for us and andersongg@gmail.com for Glen & Chris if you plan to attend and we will make a personal call to you if the cruise is cancelled. Otherwise notification will be sent out via email. The cruise is open to everyone so if you don't RSVP, please don't let that stop you from joining us! If you are hesitant to travel alone, let us know and we'll try to find a buddy boat for you.

Your cruise hosts are: Steve & Joyce Glenn on "Helen Marie" and Glen and Chris Anderson on "Sea Rose."

FIRST CRUISE OF THE SEASON

By Randy Biloff/Lorretta Palagi on M/V Papanam

SYC started off the 2019 cruising season with the Shakedown Cruise on April 27—in the clubhouse! With winds predicted to 30ish knots, we decided to keep the boats tied up and enjoy our appetizers at the clubhouse instead.

We had a great gathering: 31 people and a bagpiper! The club was cozy as we watched the trees whip around and heard boat rigging clanking and chiming in the wind. And the appetizer spread was incredible. I heard lots of members talking about how good everything was—people really outdid themselves.

Doug Sterrett surprised the club members with his version of *Amazing Grace* on the bagpipes. That was a true treat!

Details about the next cruise to Reid Harbor, Stuart Island, during Memorial Day weekend are in a separate article below.



Opening Day Breakfast

Opening Day Benefit Breakfast was a huge success as always, Joyce Glenn, Coordinator for the event reports. She says breakfast sales raised \$ 1,036.00, a record for the club's 13 year history. That breaks down to 236 breakfasts sold. Joyce said we typically plan for 200 breakfasts so it isn't any wonder we were scrambling.

The raffle generated \$ 396. Karen Copher and Pat Sterrett coordinated the raffle and arranged for many wonderful prizes including a hand-knit nautical afghan. See raffle story below.

The Opening Day Breakfast and raffle coordinators thank all who volunteered and came to have breakfast in support of this huge event.

Opening Day Coordinators are reviewing and updating the club's Opening Day manual, and they request feedback from those volunteers who have suggestions they did not share with Joyce at the event. Joyce also would like to know from those members who just came for breakfast, how was the experience and any suggestions? This is the single largest event for SYC during the year and the coordinators want it to run as smoothly as possible and be an enjoyable experience for our volunteers and breakfast guests.

Thanks again for your support!

Joyce Glenn, Coordinator
Karen Copher, Raffle Coordinator
Pat Sterrett, Raffle Coordinator



Opening Day Silent Auction Winner

by Lorretta Palagi

Winning bidder Maura Griggs and husband Dale pose with the nautical blanket knitted by a group of SYC members and auctioned off via silent auction on Opening Day. Maura's mom used to knit, and she loved the nautical theme, so it was a match made in heaven. Next time you see her, ask Maura—and Dale—where the money came from to bid on the blanket!

Vice Commodore's Report

by Randy Bilof

May Program:

Our May program will be a presentation by Ken Bell on his company's recycling program in the Antarctic. The program will include background on why the US government is involved in Antarctica. It will include

photos and narrative on the geology, climate and working conditions. Ken Bell is also one of our three Port of Bellingham Commissioners.

May Dinner Hosts:

Pat and Doug Sterrett

Leanne and Comador Stewart



Perks of SYC Membership

Les and Lynn Blackwell, longtime members of SYC have made available their slip in Friday Harbor when it is vacant. Slip #4 (40 ft), starboard tie bow in at the west end of the marina (towards town). It is to the left

of the ferry dock as you are entering Friday Harbor. It has water, electricity, stainless steel mooring cleats, and permanent bumpers for the smaller boats. Please call Les Blackwell at 360-319-9061 (24/7) to be sure the slip is available and to get the gate code. There is no costs for this slip, a perk of SYC membership. Have a wonderful time in Friday Harbor.

Squalicum Yacht Club Minutes

April 24, 2019

Meeting called to order at 1933. Randy introduced guest Richard Sturgill, the program presenter.

Mainsail reading/boating story: Larry discussed the importance of maintaining shorepower plugs. Randy talked about increased insurance rates in Squalicum Harbor.

Secretary's report: Minutes of previous meeting approved. Thanks to Celie Thomas for taking over the Log; it looks great.

Treasurer:	Checking:	808
	Savings:	3,258
	Total	4,066 (available; with assigned savings, account total is \$6,172)

Rear Commodore's report: Randy spoke about the upcoming first cruise of the season, the Shakedown Cruise to Chuckanut Bay. Joyce gave members a heads-up about the Memorial Day Cruise to Reid Harbor on Stuart Island.

Vice Commodore's report: Thanks to the April host families: the Heintzs and Robertson/Tibbotts. The sign on the front porch has been replaced. It was changed to emphasize SYC as a boating club instead of a rental facility. Although it does still have the rental information on it, it's not as prominent. Thanks to Jan, Joyce's sister, for her design help. May program will be Ken Bell speaking about his work with the recycling project in Antarctica.

Commodore's report: Larry thanked the volunteers who helped paint the building. It's a three-color job that looks great; really freshened up the club. He also reminded members that everyone is welcome at the bridge meetings, which happen monthly at 1600 on the third Wednesday at the club. Mentioned the Friday Harbor cruise, which is June 7-9.

Old Business: Opening Day: Joyce has volunteers scheduled. Set up is at 3:00 pm, Friday, May 3.

New Business: Kristi brought the afghan that the SYC Knitters created. It will be auctioned off in a silent auction at the Opening Day breakfast. She also displayed a pillow. The knitting group may eventually put some pillows together to sell.

For the Good of the Order: Membership: Maria Barone thanked the club for the get well card she received. She had a fall that kept her captive on their boat for 4 weeks, but is doing much better now.

Meeting adjourned at 1953. Richard Sturgill spoke about the restoration of an old Alaska gillnetting sailboat that he has been working on for a number of years.

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 by the second Tuesday of each month.

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