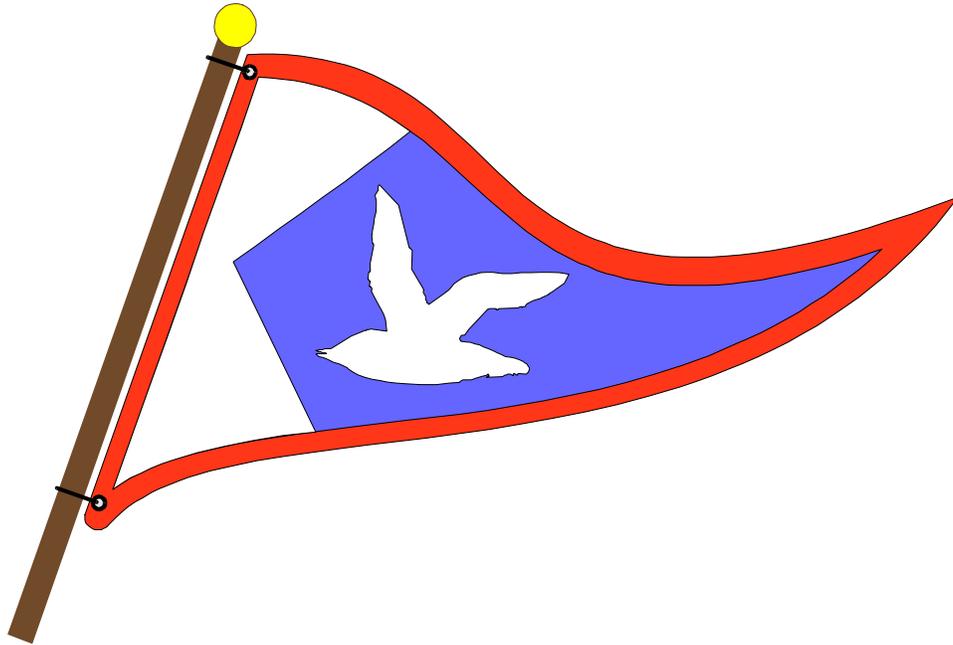


# The Log

Newsletter of the Squalicum Yacht Club, Bellingham, Washington



## Coming Events

March 24 Roster Reveal Party 1600-1900

No potluck/program meeting this month



## COMMODORE'S CORNER

### It's Why We Live Here

*by Steve Glenn, Commodore*



We decided to take advantage of the nice weather and take Helen Marie out for an overnight. It was time to put to use those winter boat projects that had consumed a fair bit of our time. Kind of a mini shakedown. It was Friday afternoon and we headed for Chuckanut Bay. For those of you who have not put a hook down in Chuckanut Bay, it's a jewel only about 45 minutes away from Squalicum Harbor. There is lots of room and the holding is good. We got the anchor down at about 1:00 PM amid plenty of sunshine and light winds. Family members had offered to take our dog Gracie for the night so the plan was to just hang on the hook and enjoy the peace and quiet. And Chuckanut can be a peaceful place, just punctuated by the occasional train heading by. And I personally enjoy a good train sighting.

We anchored in our favorite spot, along the rock walls of the peninsula on the west side of the bay known as Clarks' Point. Looking out at the rocks and trees of the peninsula you can imagine yourself somewhere far away from the urban busy-ness of Bellingham. Not long after

anchoring we saw (and heard) a pair of raptors. We think they were a nesting pair tending a well-hidden nest. After looking in our bird book, our best guess is that they were a pair of Merlins.

The weather forecast turned out to be accurate and we spent a peaceful night under clear skies and bright stars. We got up Saturday morning and were thankful to have a furnace to turn on. It won't be too long before that noisy thing is optional. We left Chuckanut Bay, turned the corner at Clarks Point and were treated with the snow-capped Canadian Mountains to the North and the snowy Olympic Mountains behind us to the South.

In another week, (March 20<sup>th</sup>) the sun will poke its head above the equator for the first time in six months. It will be the Vernal Equinox, the first day of spring. We already have turned to daylight savings and the days are getting longer and warmer. Very soon we will be able to leave the harbor late afternoon and arrive at Sucia before dark. Boating season will be here. **It's why we live here.**



*Photo by Steve Glenn*



*Canadian mountains with Carter Point in the foreground.  
Photo by Phil Terzian*

## **Cushion Tip**

*by Kristine Heintz*

If anyone is looking to replace the mattress or seat cushions in their vessel, we recently found a company in Marysville that may be of interest. We were really impressed with Slumber Ease Mattress Factory. They make custom mattresses and seat cushions. Our new Cougar travel trailer came with a king size mattress that was so hard, we didn't even bother trying to sleep on it. I spent a long time researching mattresses for both home and RV and finally stumbled on Slumber Ease. We went down to Marysville to talk to Nick. He had us lie down on several mattresses to see how they supported our height and weight, so he could

customize what type of foam and materials would work best. We decided that a smaller mattress would work better in the RV, so we asked him to make one slightly larger than a short queen (we ordered 64 x 78) that fits beautifully in the space where the king size was. They made our mattress in a week and the price was competitive, too. When we went to pick up the mattress, a couple of customers came in to have their cushions replaced. Nick worked with them to find out their budget and what kind of feel they wanted. Then I took notice of their Sunbrella swatches and couldn't believe how huge the selection was. I was having visions of custom-made cushions for our patio furniture, too. For more information, visit their website at [www.slumberease.com](http://www.slumberease.com)



## **New Releases in Maritime Reading**

*In Search of a Kingdom: Francis Drake, Elizabeth I, and the Perilous Birth of the British Empire*, by Laurence Bergreen, released March 16, 2021.

*Pirates of the Chesapeake Bay: From the Colonial Era to the Oyster Wars*, Audiobook or Kindle, by Jamie L.H. Goodall

*The White Ship: Conquest, Anarchy and the Wrecking of Henry I's Dream*, by Charles Spencer, coming out October 19, 2021.

# SYC Bridge Report

by Lorretta Palagi

The SYC bridge has been meeting monthly to plan for the future after COVID. Our most recent meeting was March 10, when we covered a lot of topics. Here's what's been happening:

**COVID:** In anticipation of our ability to meet in the clubhouse and the return of our renters, we have COVID-proofed the clubhouse per state guidelines. Thanks to Joyce, Kristi, and Lorretta for setting up sanitation stations and providing signage. Plans are in place to sanitize after every use. The Fire Department was in to review our occupancy certificate and we remain at a full capacity of 200, meaning that under Phase 2 C OVID restrictions we can have groups of up to 50 people (25% capacity). We prepared the required "Covid-19 Exposure-Control, Mitigation, and Recover Plan" and a form that each renter must sign that asks them to provide a "COVID monitor" for their event/meeting.

(Note: As of March 22, we move into Phase 3, which allows a larger capacity and other relaxations of restrictions. The bridge will keep abreast of developments.)

**March Meeting:** Many members feel it's a bit early to have a regular full-blown meeting. They would like to wait to do so until more people have been vaccinated and we're a little farther along in the COVID recovery. So we are going to hold a drop-in "Roster Reveal" party instead of our usual potluck/program meeting. We'll be distributing rosters, membership cards, and copies of our SYC brochure that members can share with potential new members.

It'll be a drop-in type of event like we did with the Food Bank drive last November, although this time the clubhouse will be open with tables and chairs set up for social distancing. The Glens will set up their fire pit again, and club members are invited to bring their own beverages. (We won't have food at this event, but if you want to bring individual snacks for yourselves, please do.) Here's the skinny:

Roster Reveal Party  
March 24, 1600-1900  
Squalicum Yacht Club

**Finances:** Your grateful donations kept us going through the winter months, during which time we trimmed everything down to the bare bones to avoid expenses. The heat and water were turned off, except during the very cold nights in February when Steve and Randy took turns making sure the club had enough heat to avoid broken pipes. We're no longer paying \$100+ per year on the P.O. box thanks to Rocky and Steve's installation of a mail slot at the club. The printing of the rosters was donated by a member family. Some of our annual renters have already paid for 2021 and none of them asked for a refund on last year's rent!

And that presents a nice segue into a discussion of rentals....

**Rentals:** Now that we can reopen, Joyce and Randy have done some marketing of the club (eVenue, Craigslist) that we hope will pay off with daily rentals. In addition, Mike sent out a letter to our annual renters letting them know that they are now allowed to meet. He has had positive responses from six of our annual groups. As mentioned above, some of them have even paid already. And we have a wedding of 20 people scheduled for May.

The Rental Review Committee, headed by Joyce, is looking at ways to update and simplify our rental rates based on the desire to retain our current annual renters and serve any new renters at market rates.

**Dues:** The bridge discussed increasing the \$20 new member initiation fee to \$30 to cover the actual costs of the burgee provided to each new member. We also discussed increasing member dues in 2022 to help cover costs. Both items were tabled until we have a better idea of how our finances will play out this year. Note that changes to dues or initiation fees must be approved by a vote of the membership.

**Membership:** David, as membership chair, would like members to keep an eye out for people who might like to join SYC. We have brochures for members that they can hand to potential new members they might meet on the docks or elsewhere.

**Work Party:** Our spring work party has been scheduled for April 17. Randy will be heading up the work party to spruce up the outside of the building and the landscaping. Stay tuned for more details.

## A Glance at the Past early 2000s



*April 29, 2000 Inati Bay Cruise and beach potluck*



*2004 Garrison Bay/Roche Harbor troupe returning to raft*

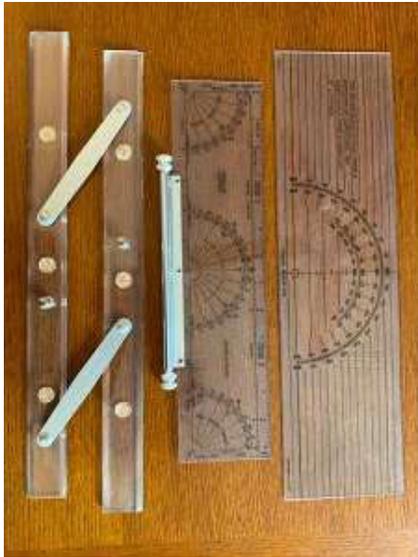


*2004 Skit with Steve, Joyce, Randy, and Lorretta*

# Trading Post

Squalicum Yacht Club's "Buy, Sell, or Trade"

**Navigation tools** Yours for the asking. Rod Dean. **35 pound CQR Anchor** to sell. Asking \$50 for it. Call Steve Glenn.



**Fenders** Three 4x12 black fenders, new but dusty. Yours for a dollar apiece to the club. Rod Dean



**Kayak Paddle** 8' kayak paddle. Yours for the asking. I dropped the other one. Rod Dean.





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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 Thursday of each month.



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