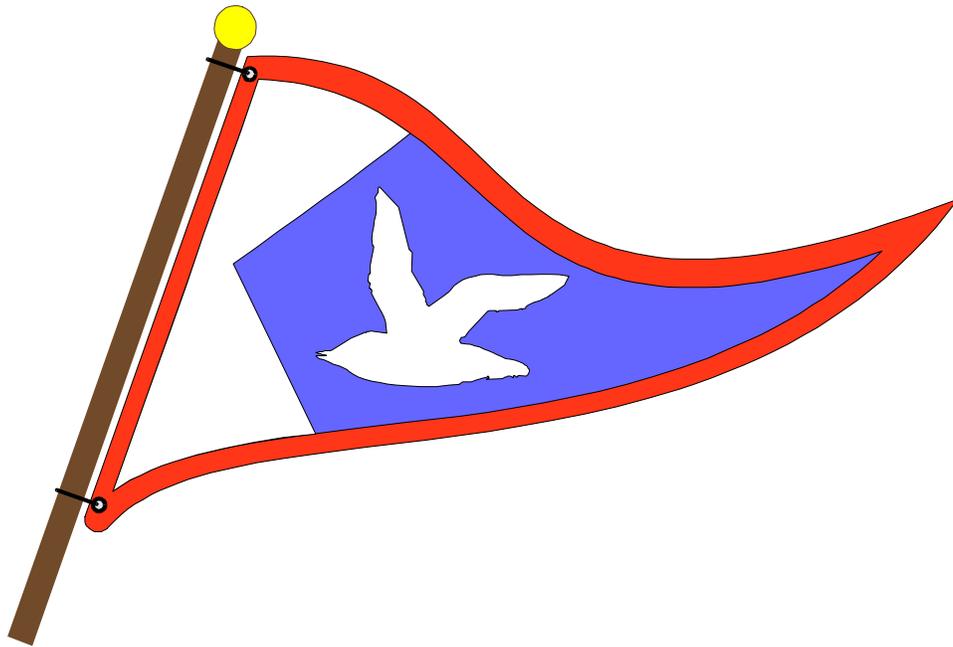


# The Log

Newsletter of the Squalicum Yacht Club, Bellingham, Washington



## Coming Events

Thur, Sep 16

Bridge Meeting 1500 hours - clubhouse  
all members welcome

Wed, Sep 22

General Meeting 1800 hours



## COMMODORE'S CORNER



by Steve Glenn, Commodore

It's September. School has started, the sun is setting at 7:30 pm. Fall is here. But before we embrace fall let's say goodbye to summer.

Summer of 2021 was an unexpected success. After struggling through nearly all of 2020 and the spring of 2021 we emerged into the glorious summer sunshine of 2021 mask free, with the hope that the worst was

behind us. We had three great summer barbecues, a Shake Down cruise, a Summer Solstice party, and a cruise to Fisherman Bay. All events were well attended and in typical SYC fashion there was plenty of good cheer to go around. And to top it off, the crabbing was good.

The Canadian border has opened. We have one SYC boat across the border now. It is new members Dave and Jean Thompson on *Salish Nomad*. Also David Imburgia and Celie Thomas on *Gran Milonga* are planning on going North across the border soon.

I would like to ask all members to take pictures to post on the SYC bulletin board. It would be great to see it full of people, boats and activities. Let's let everyone see the advantages of being an SYC member. Have you used the SYC Blackwell Friday Harbor Outstation? Let's get some pictures up that show what a great spot it is.

At our September 22<sup>nd</sup> membership meeting our guest speaker will be Aaron Bisson, the new Squalicum Harbor Harbormaster. He will introduce himself and talk about what is happening at the port. Please come with questions.

## Another Successful SYC Work party at Sucia in 2021

by Paul and Margo Graf

Squalicum Yacht Club work parties always seem to be an adventure and this year was no exception. Before getting into the story first of all a huge thank you for the great turnout for our SYC Sucia work party. Appreciation to the crews of (in order of arrival) *Helen Marie*, *David Ferguson*, *Glider*, *Sirena*, *Carol Lee*, *Andale*, *Gran Milonga*, *Resolute* and guest *Fishbird*. This may not have been one of our most glamorous work parties but with aspects of COVID still hanging around having 9 boats pitch in with able volunteers is commendable!

English Ivy brought in by early homesteaders to enhance their home over a hundred years ago has now become an undesirable problem spreading and interfering with native plants. Having been exposed to some suppression work in years past, Steve (Ranger Steve Sabine) knew that, shall we say, enthusiasm doesn't run high among our SYC membership for that activity. Still feeling somewhat overwhelmed by the growth that hasn't been pushed back lately, he requested help from our Squalicum Yacht Club this

year. It seems heretofore the park has had some help from some youth groups to push back on the ivy, but that was before COVID. Exacerbating the problem is ivy that has gone to seed and has been spread by birds.

Organizing the Sucia work party the last couple years has been something of a balancing act. Many factors go into what happens; uncertainties of weather, boating traffic at Sucia after Labor Day, who will be there, personal schedules and more all of which can change minute by minute. All of these factors came into play this year creating a variety of twists and turns through the entire weekend. One of the more significant was turning our planned one day work schedule into two shorter days.



Snack time Day 1

Friday evening, the seven crews present shared snacks and camaraderie. A burn ban precluded our customary sitting around a fire, but we sat around the fireless pit anyway and visited. It was a nice time, the weather was calm and comfortable. Contrary to forecasts wind was picking up. Two boats sailed a good part of the way out Friday afternoon and it blew Friday night. Happily Fossil Bay was protected.

Saturday morning we gathered for updates and direction from Ranger Sabine. With three more crews, we continued pulling ivy from the areas we worked the day before. Most were close to out of gas by lunch time. On the uncustomary second day of work, especially this kind of physical work, it was time to quit. But that was two such days of effort and Steve was pleased with the progress. He believes the second patch, along the Johnson Point trail, is now to a point where with a bit of follow-up, the ivy can be eradicated. We made some serious inroads against the growth at the head of the saltwater marsh at Mud Bay and that will help greatly in keeping the growth under control. It will still need continued attention to keep it under control. We created multiple truckload size piles of ivy. It is unknown how many bottles of Tylenol may have been consumed by Saturday night.

By Saturday evening, some boats had parted company so we only had five boats for potluck. As the afternoon had progressed, light rain developed which put a damper on things and everyone wound up

bringing hot dishes. It was ample as always, it was very good, and very little left over! We closed up the shelter doors and again enjoyed each other's company. At times there is something nice with a smaller group. The rain was a bit on and off, but during the night, at times, it rained hard. Some may recall a serious squall that greeted us on our return from Sucia a couple years ago. By early morning the rain quit and the sun even came out a bit. I trust that everyone had a pleasant ride home as we did on Sunday.

In the end, speaking with Ranger Sabine, I feel that no other club has any better rapport with San Juan Parks than does SYC, at least at Sucia. I have, in fact, felt that sentiment with the two previous rangers, Ted Schlund and Dave Castor. I hope everyone who has participated feel the same satisfaction and even pride in our work and our relationship with San Juan State Parks. For those who may not know, SYC has been doing work parties at Blind Island, Doe Island and Sucia since the early 1980s.

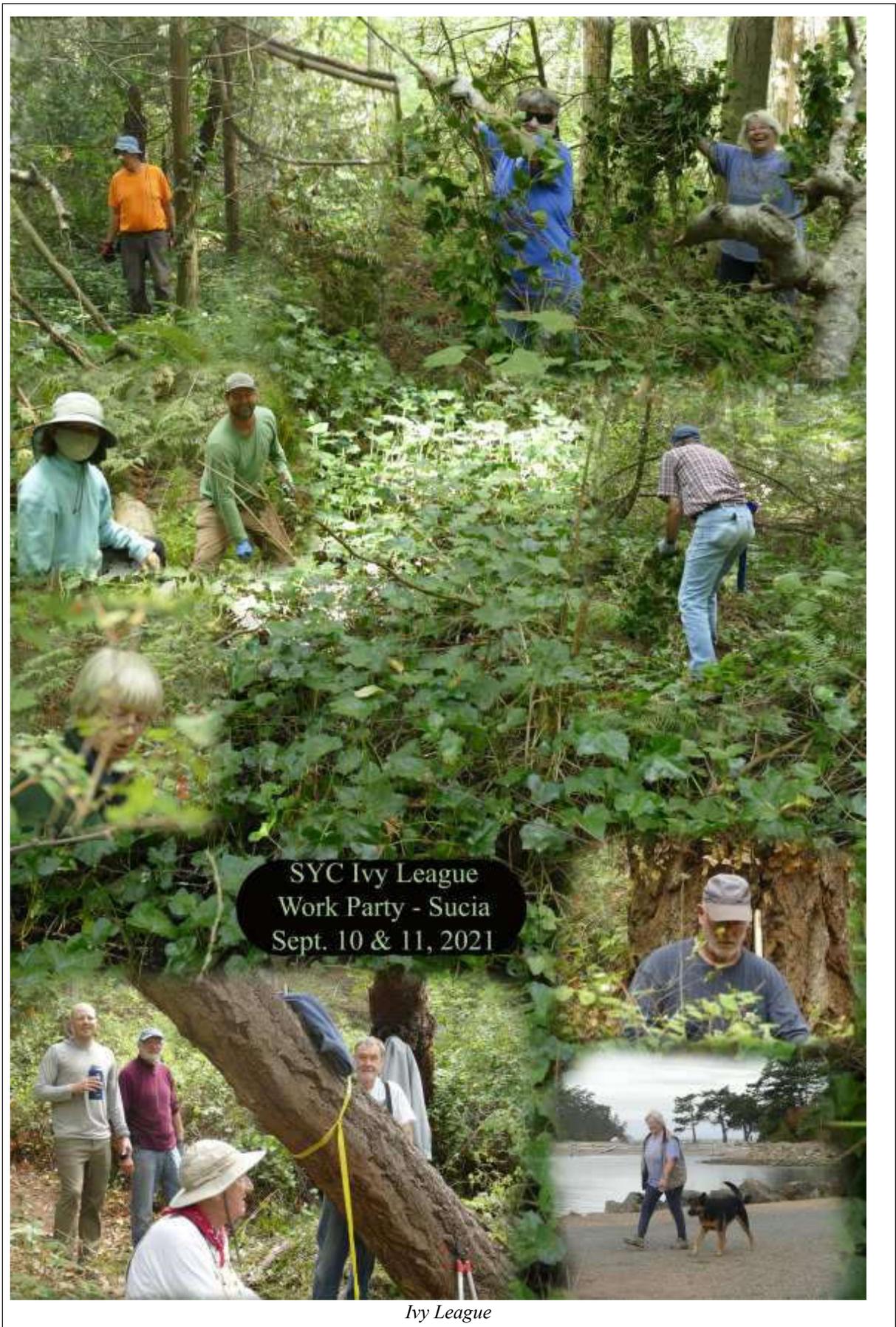
Finally, again, sincere appreciation to Steve and Joyce Glenn, Rocky and Kristi Champagne, Comador and Leanne Stewart, Rob and Sharon Wells, David Imburgia and Celie Thomas, Henry and Cathy Duren, Dale Griggs and Andrew Larson, and guest Kristian Tollefson on Fishbird with daughter Hazel for making this another successful work party not only in terms of production, but satisfaction as well.



*SYC Boats ready to go to work*



*After work potluck*



*Ivy League*

# Fisherman's Bay Cruise Report

by Susan Dean

Our SYC cruise to Fisherman's Bay on Lopez Island was on August 25-27 for a try at a mid-week cruise. Co-captains were Rod and Susan Dean and David Imburgia and Celie Thomas. Most of the boats (eight) tied up to the Island Marine Center dock, one boat anchored out, and three couples stayed in shore

accommodations. We all (12 couples) gathered on the IMC dock at Island for various get-togethers. Co-captain Celie had prepared various word puzzles with a boating theme. Awards of water squirters were given to the best scorers! We had great weather for the first part of the weekend until rain on the last day cancelled our excursion to the spit for beach-combing. At the end of the weekend many of the boats gathered in other bays of the San Juans to continue their cruising together.



Photos by Phil Terzian



## Adventures on the Fisherman's Bay Cruise

by Phil Terzian

Jodi and I had a great time at the Lopez Island cruise in August this year. The weather was very good and we enjoyed our ride over in **Joyful**, joining up with **Wigeon** near Peavine Pass to finish up the ride over. After docking we enjoyed fresh salmon dinner onboard with Larry and Linda. We got to work right away on the puzzle sheet and did well on that contest, eventually winning a mega squirt gun. The short walk

into town was pleasant but unfortunately many of the shops and restaurants were closed, except for the fudge and ice cream joint that we hit pretty hard, to fortify ourselves for the walk "home,"

On our way back to Bellingham we stopped for a couple of hours to fish around the west side of Lummi island where we hooked a colorful Chinook. Jodi manned the rod and reeled it in while I scrambled around with the net to make sure we didn't lose it at the boat. It ended well for us, not so much for the salmon.....he was on the platter for dinner that night.

Yum.



# July Fishing report

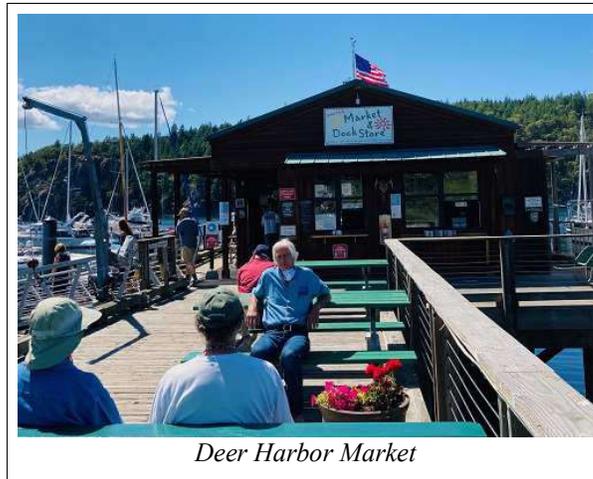
by Larry Grunden



Larry Grunden with 16.5 pound Chinook

Phil Terzian, Rick Todd, and I fished the early

morning, Thursday, July 29, at mid channel bank near Port Townsend; we all got our limits; one Chinook salmon each. Rick caught the first one at 13 lbs, I caught the second at 16.5 and Phil followed with a 9 pounder. We finished a little after 10:00 that morning and made it home that evening, tired, but enthusiastic. That evening Linda and I enjoyed barbecued cedar planked Chinook with a little brown sugar that caramelized nicely while cooking. Rick was kind enough to smoke a nice slab of my Chinook, along with his on a hi-tech smoker. We are still enjoying that.



Deer Harbor Market

## Deer Harbor Marina

by Dale and Maura Griggs who filed this report after their July vacation

We just returned from a beautiful week in the San Juan Islands with two nights at Deer Harbor Marina on Orcas Island. We were blessed with wonderful 70



Deer Harbor photos by Dale and Maura Griggs

degree daytime weather and calm seas coming into the busy Marina.

The Marina has been remodeled since 2017 and more dock space added. Friendly dock hands helped pull in our boat lines. The Marina is really open with a good layout. There was ice cream, ice and breakfast and lunch foods at the dock store.

At the gift shop there were t shirts, sweatshirts and shower tokens for sale. There were 3 showers in the clean bath house and no lines. Other amenities include a fuel dock, and free pump out station. There was also water, electrical, recycling and garbage services for Marina guests.

Nearby were trails to explore and two restaurants in walking distance.

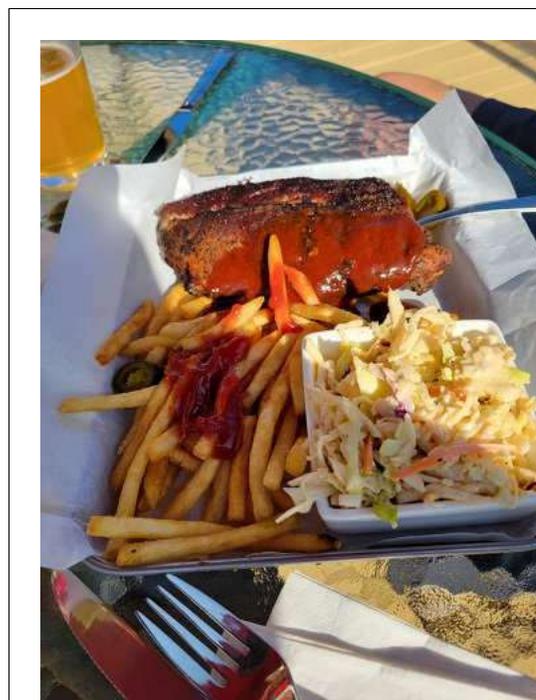
Our moorage neighbors were from Bellingham and Shilshole Marina in Seattle and we all ended up at the same restaurant one night. There were crab feasts at the dock with the local harvest.

We would love to return here another summer to visit this friendly marina filled with families and retirees.

There are two restaurants in walking distance to the Marina. The closest is Island Pie, a delicious pizza and pasta restaurant in a historic building with a huge deck and thriving take out business to Marina guests. We split a half and half veggie and sausage pizza and picked it up to eat on our boat deck. Delicious crust and pizza!



*Island Pie at Deer Harbor*



*Matthew's Smokehouse example*



*Delicious crust and pizza*

Matthew's Smokehouse restaurant, formerly the Deer Harbor Inn Restaurant is about a 15 minute walk by road and path from the Marina. We arrived before the 5 pm opening and the patio and most of the outside tables were full. There was also indoor dining. The food was amazing and there were ribs, burgers, oysters and fish and chips on the menu. The beer was on tap from local island breweries. We had a wonderful anniversary dinner and would definitely return!



*Dale and Maura anniversary dinner*

# Sirena's Summer Makeover

*by Rob Wells*

I chose to spend this summer restoring Sirena's exterior woodwork. This was a project that I had seen on the horizon for several years. This year the conditions for proceeding were all there: I had access to covered moorage and I had the time, tools and supplies. I also had some excellent help from Andrew Larson, a newly minted member of SYC.

On May 29 we moved the boat into a boat house on Gate 3. The slip owners had left for Alaska and we rented the space for 3 months. Work began the next day to protect the teak decks. I covered them with heavy duty cardboard that I had been stockpiling. The first order of business was removal of a cracked pane of safety glass in one of the windows. Louis Auto Glass cut a new piece to shape. Andrew and I installed the unfinished frame and glass. (Figure 1)



We then removed finish from five other window frames. When the frames were stripped, we sanded them to bare mahogany. We coated them with epoxy sealer and gave them a coat of Interlux Prekote primer.(Figure 2)



Next we turned our attention to Sirena's 142 feet of teak railings. They were stripped of old finish using heat guns and sharpened scrapers (Big Thanks to Randy Bilof for the loan of a second heat gun!). The removal of old finish was completed by July 4 and sanding the raw teak began. Using a random orbit sander and a Fein oscillating tool I sanded with 80, 120, & 220 grit to prep for coatings.

By July 15 I was ready to start laying down finishes. The rails took 3 coats of Cetol Natural Teak and were finished off with one coat of Cetol Marine Gloss.(Figure 3)



I also started putting coats of Interlux Brightsides White polyurethane paint on the 6 window frames. I alternated days between windows and rails to give coatings time to cure. By July 29 I moved on to give the transom board a maintenance coat of gloss. The transom had been refinished in 2014. (A note here about using Cetol: There is no need to sand between coats, in fact Sikkens recommends not to. Instead, use Interlux 216 Special Thinner to re-activate the Cetol. Just wipe 216 on, let it flash off, and put on the next coat!) Once the coatings were complete, I began caulking the 6 window frames and the teak cap rail using DAP Dynaflex 230 Elastomeric sealant.

By August 3rd I was done with the refinishing work and pulled all the tape and cardboard. With time left on my lease, I tackled a few other items: powder coating 2 engine room vents, reef and re-caulk 17 feet of deck seams, replace 36 deck screw bungs, and put a maintenance coat of gloss on the name boards.

On August 19 I gave Sirena a nice bath and with help from Andrew and Sharon, moved her out of the boat house on August 21. By August 23, we were out cruising. Am I pleased with the results? Of course. Would I do it again? Never.



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