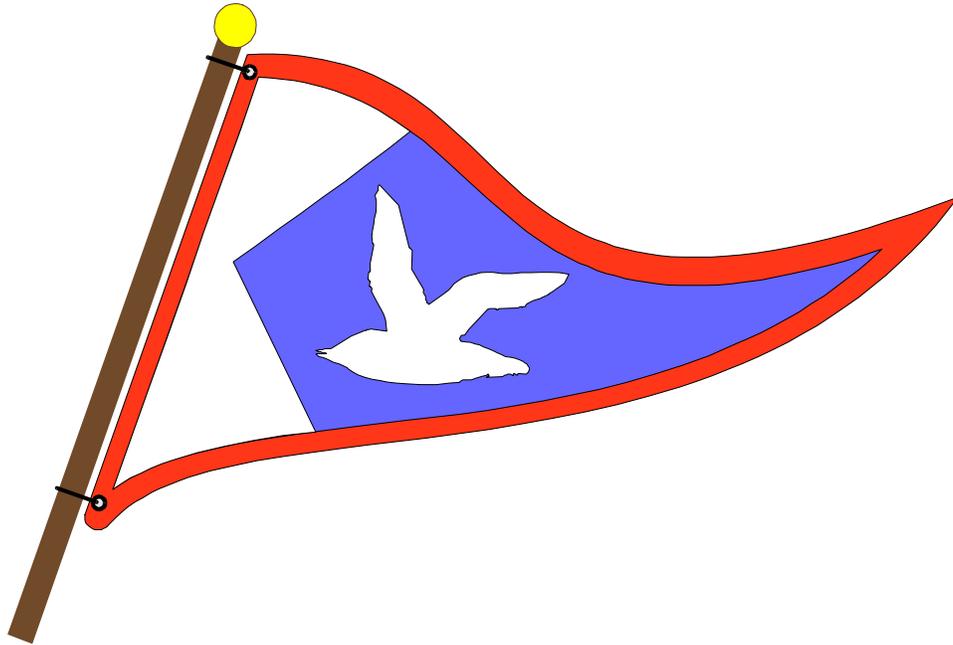


# The Log

Newsletter of the Squaticum Yacht Club, Bellingham, Washington



Coming Events  
Sat, Dec 11 Christmas Party 1800 hours



## Commodore's Corner

by David Imburgia, Commodore



Time for holiday celebration, December 11, at our clubhouse! Your new Bridge will be providing the main dishes for resumption of our long-standing holiday traditional party, including performance by the Show Stoppers.

We will all have to wear masks during the Show Stoppers visit. Probably 20 minutes. The remainder of

the evening, vaccinated or recovered infected members are masks optional. Of course, we can't eat with a mask on, so we know it is masks off at dinner.

With last year being such a confusing time, it feels like we have a better understanding of the virus and infection, etc. And, we also have vaccines. From checking with members, I have not yet come across any of our members not yet vaccinated.

So, we have good reason to expect a very special event for our holiday celebration this year. So far, it looks like we'll have a great dinner and party on Saturday evening.

I also want to share with everyone the news that Phil has shared with me concerning our busy cruise schedule for next season. Phil, new to the Bridge this year, has already done a great job of finding cruise hosts for all our cruises for next year. We are working on hosts for our dinner meetings during the winter and spring.

I hope and trust that all of us are grateful for our health and for our great boating club at SYC. We finish off this year in fine style, looking forward to 2022 with hope and great attitudes.

### Christmas Party

**Doors open: 1730**

**Social time: 1800**

**Dinner: 1830**

**Entertainment: 2000**

The Squalicum Yacht Club Christmas Party, presented by your new bridge, is Saturday, December 11.

Thanks to Jodi, Steve, and Joyce for decorations and the Christmas tree.

Rod and Susan Dean are returning with their traditional holiday treat of serving Tom and Jerry's during social time, and the Showstoppers from Bellingham High School will perform for about 20 minutes and the school district asks that we wear masks while they are in the building. A donation

basket will be available for donations to The Showstoppers.

New this year is music and a firepit. Pat Anderson is going to provide music inside the club and Steve is going to bring his firepit.

NOTE: Masks not required if you have immunity (i.e., are fully vaccinated or have recovered from COVID), with the exception of when the Showstoppers perform.

The members of the bridge will provide pork roast, ham, scalloped potatoes, roasted red potatoes, green bean casserole.

Please bring a complementary side vegetable, salad, or dessert and your place settings and beverages as usual.

PLEASE RSVP BY DECEMBER 7 TO:  
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# NEW SYC BRIDGE OFFICERS FOR 2022

*by Paul Graf*

After a hiatus which canceled our annual Change of Watch meeting last year, the Squalicum Yacht Club convened Saturday, November 13, to install its new leadership for next year. It was a stormy night, not unlike the year has been for the Club. However a great dinner was enjoyed by all having been organized and prepared by the experienced hands of Mike and Kris Heintz along with John Robertson and Linda Tibbot. Afterwards, with about 33 members and guests in attendance, Commodore and Emcee Steve Glenn called the meeting to order.

After a little introductory humor, Steve called up Rod and Susan Dean, the Awards Committee, to recognize worthy activities by members. An award of appreciation was presented to the Bridge for keeping a steady hand on the helm and steering the Club through another difficult year. A “Right-Hand Man” award was presented to new member Andrew Larson for pitching in to help other members, particularly Rob Wells on a big project. The “Big Tow” award was presented to David Imburgia and Celie Thomas for rescuing and taking aboard several kayakers in trouble in rough water, then taking their kayaks in tow to Friday

Harbor. The members who assisted with the ivy pulling work party at Sucia were inducted into the “SYC Ivy League.” The “Squalicum Award” was presented to Mike Heintz for his years of managing the rental of our clubhouse, an activity which has paid most of our bills. The tables were turned on Rod and Susan Dean when Lorretta presented them, along with David Imburgia and Celie Thomas, the “Cruise of the Year Award” for their nicely planned cruise to Fisherman Bay. Finally a special “SYC Master Mariner” award was presented for longtime member Les Blackwell for his tireless contributions in over 40 years of support of the Club.

Following presentation of awards, Paul Graf was called to take care of the official business of the evening, to express appreciation for the service of last year’s officers and to install our new Bridge Officers for 2022. Our new Bridge will be ably led by: David Imburgia – commodore, Pat Anderson – vice commodore, Phil Terzian – rear commodore, Joyce Glenn – treasurer and Lorretta Palagi – secretary. Trustees are Rod Dean and Paul Graf. Steve Glenn will be moving to the past commodore position. With that, incoming Commodore Imburgia presented a certificate of appreciation for Steve's work as commodore after which he shared some light-hearted humor to close out the evening. It felt good to be among friends and feeling a semblance of normalcy again.



## A Master Mariner in our Midst.

*By Paul Graf*

Many SYC members have enjoyed the Blackwell Friday Harbor Outstation slip we have in Friday Harbor, but many members have not had the privilege of knowing the benefactors of that slip. There are reasons, far beyond the slip, why this person is very special to the Squalicum Yacht Club and I would like to share some of them. All members would know the Blackwells except health has interfered with their attendance in recent times.

It all started in the last century, the late 70s when there was a new young teacher at Silver Beach Elementary School. There was also a new young professor at Western who, as a supervisor for student

teachers, was looking for teachers willing to accept students to mentor as future teachers. This is how one Dr. Leslie Blackwell came to meet one Margo Graf. With a new boat, the Grafs had just joined the Squalicum Yacht Club, having been recently introduced by the Valums. Margo shared her enthusiasm with Les who liked what he heard and with his wife, Lynn, joined the SYC in 1979.

Les immediately became a very active and supportive member. Early on he didn't think much of the postcards used to announce meetings and thought he could improve. Ever the technology enthusiast, he used his state of the art personal computer, created and began to publish the SYC Log newsletter covering all the expenses personally.

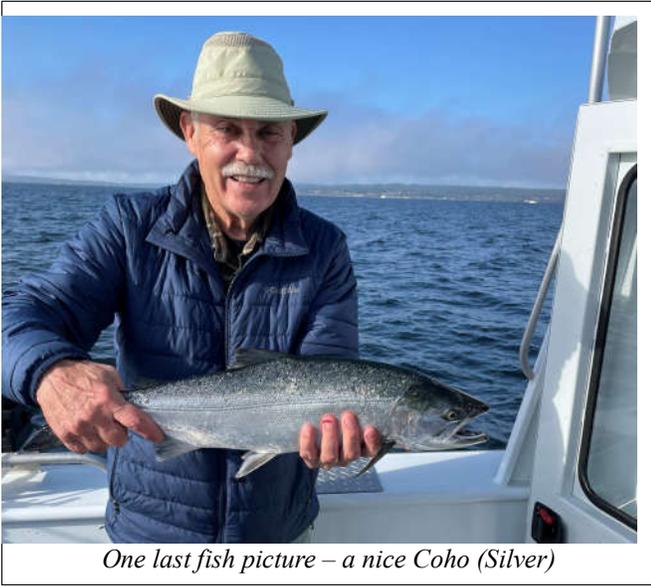


*Les and Lynn Blackwell at SYC breakfast May 4, 2019*

## What our members Did this year

Larry Grunden sent photos of his two hobbies, fishing

and growing dahlias. It's his second year growing dahlias and he says he loves the new hobby.



*One last fish picture – a nice Coho (Silver)*



*Tequila Sunset Dahlias from Larry's garden*





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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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