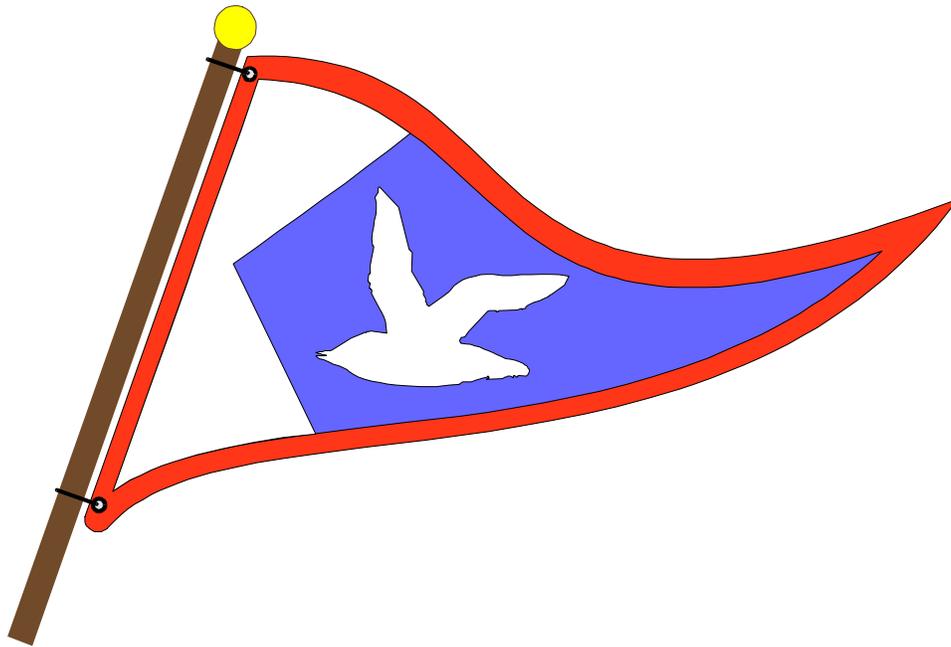


# The Log

Newsletter of the Squalicum Yacht Club, Bellingham, Washington



## Coming Events

Wednesday Mar 23

General Meeting 1800 hours

Wednesday April 20

Bridge Meeting 1530 hours

all members invited to attend

Wednesday April 27

General Meeting 1800 hours



## Commodore's Corner

by David Imburgia, Commodore



Greetings everyone:

March comes in, so far more like a lamb than lion. A more normal feeling for the times, feels to be emerging this month. Mask mandates relaxed and most of us are now vaccinated. Maybe we've turned the corner, this time.

We plan on having "normal" Bridge and Membership meetings this month. We'll focus on social aspects of our meetings for the foreseeable future, as we discuss long term format adjustments. So, not to expect the usual business type meeting, our focus will be on the social aspects of our gathering and on hearing our speaker. We have a very interesting speaker this month: TowBoat US skipper from Anacortes.

Goal New Members: Let's ask friends, acquaintances, folks on the docks, if they would like to be invited to a special evening. With friends, a provided dinner, and a very interesting speaker. We plan to provide that on March 23, so get the invites out. Many guests can lead to many new members.

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## Blackwell SYC Friday Harbor Outstation

by Randy Bilof

As we all are aware longtime member Les Blackwell passed away last month. One of Les's great joys was hearing that SYC members were using and enjoying his and Lynn's slip in Friday Harbor.

The generosity of the Blackwells continues as SYC Friday Harbor Outstation remains available for members' use.

To make a reservation (required) just email, call, or text Randy Bilof. A copy of the usage guidelines is included in the SYC Roster.

**While there, enjoy this unique club benefit and raise a glass and toast Les and Lynn.**



*Papanam enjoying the Friday Harbor outstation June 2021*

# Our Opening Day Benefit Breakfast.....Is back!

*By Joyce Glenn*

The Bridge has voted to recommend it and the membership has graciously stepped forward and volunteered to make it happen. It has been two very long years since we've presented this amazing breakfast to the community. For those who are newer and those who are perhaps a bit rusty of mind and body, here are the details.

Initial set up is Friday, May 6th from 3-5pm at the clubhouse. The outside crew sets up the large canopy, long tables, BBQ grill, gas griddle, electric egg griddles and the inside crew sets up tables, chairs, coffee pots, utensils, etc.

Saturday, May 7th the Chefs arrive for the final set up, don their Chef's hats & aprons and do their test breakfast. Kitchen crew has arrived, helped set the Chef's food out and made the first batch of pancake batter. Coffee is ready and the Raffle desk is selling tickets for some amazing gifts. Seaview, Colony Wharf, LFS, Web locker & Anthony's are a few who have donated in the past. Raffle tickets are 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00. You can't win unless you buy!

Our benefit breakfast started in 2006 and was successful until 2020 when we were unable to meet in large groups. In the past, we have been able to donate up to \$1000 for charity and hope to do as well this year.

Our breakfast serves 2 pancakes, 2 sausages, scrambled eggs, coffee, juice & milk for the suggested donation of \$5.00. All donations collected for the breakfast are presented to a local charity. In the more recent past, we have split our donations between the Food Bank and Maple Alley Inn who both provide food for needy people.

As Benefit Coordinator this year, I will be looking for lots of help. SYC has done this event for so many years we almost run on automatic. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at our meeting this coming Wednesday. Basic details for various duties will be attached.

I am looking for a team to take over the Raffle Coordinator duties. Pat Sterrett has done this job with such enthusiasm & success for many years but decided to hand in her booklet this year. Our many thanks to her for a job well done! Please contact me if you have any questions and thank all of you for being a part of this event. If you can't volunteer, please bring your friends to breakfast!

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## Fill'er Up

*by Steve Glenn*

Ten days ago I took the Helen Marie to the fuel dock at Squalicum Harbor to fill her with fuel for the upcoming boating season. I soon realized, for that day at least, I missed our sailboat with its 28 gallon fuel tank and alternate means of propulsion. The price of diesel was \$4.43/gallon. Today the price of diesel at the same fuel dock is \$5.79! I still plan on a full summer of boating and fun club cruises. Maybe I'll just be a little slower getting there. I did some checking and below is a sampling of diesel prices at some local and not so local fuel docks. The prices are current as of

today March 17th. Many fuel docks offer volume discounts often starting at amounts of 100 gallons or more. The prices below are for the first gallon, include tax and are on credit. I have also included phone #'s so you can call yourself if you are headed out.

Bellingham, (360)734-1710 \$5.79  
Cap Sante, Anacortes, (360)293-0694 \$5.11  
Skyline, Anacortes, (360)293-5134 \$5.43  
Friday Harbor, (360)378-3114 \$5.58  
Shilshole, Seattle (206)783-7555 \$5.65  
Departure Bay, Nanaimo B.C. (250)591-0810 \$7.32  
(U.S. gallon and U.S. dollar)

## SYC Family

by Joyce Glenn

*This is the third in a series of articles introducing our club member families.*

Meet the Larson family, Andrew, Adriana and Luna.

Adriana was born and raised in Bogota, Colombia. She moved to the States 13 years ago to become an *au pair* for a family in Washington DC. The family she worked for are avid skiers and they always took a family trip to Colorado each winter to Ski. She fell in love with Colorado so much that 5 years later she was able to move to Colorado and work for Vail Resorts in Breckenridge CO.

Andrew was born and raised in Minnesota and lived there most of his life. He grew up playing sports and traveling around the States. In 2008 he decided to take a break from work and take his traveling international. Andrew spent six months traveling around Southeast Asia, Australia and Japan. Andrew fell in love with traveling and started expanding his love for the outdoors. In 2011 Andrew started learning about

sailing and fell in love with the idea of traveling around the world by wind. He first started sailing in the Apostle Islands in Bayfield WI. His dream since 2012 was to move to Bellingham WA to live, buy a boat and start his sailing adventures.

Luna, "the 4-legged child," was rescued when she was around a year old. She is a sweetheart and loves being outside on adventures with her parents. Luna loves hiking, couch snuggling, balls/sticks, buttscratches and chasing any wildlife "especially 4-legged ones."

Adriana and Andrew met in Colorado in 2016 where they started building their life together. They bought their first home, adopted their dog Luna and after 4 years of living in Colorado they decided it was time for a new adventure. During Covid Adriana got furloughed and started applying for jobs around the PNW. Adriana landed a job at Smith Gardens in Bellingham WA. The dream was starting to come true so she took the job. She says, "We have been in Washington for over a year now and we are loving it!"



*The Larsons, Adriana, Luna, and Andrew*

# Squalicum Yacht Club 2022 Cruise Schedule

Updated 3/14/2022

by Phil Terzian, Rear Commodore

Ahoy SYC Members! The weather is starting to improve and I'm sure everyone is looking forward to getting back out on the water. Jodi and I put our boat, *Joyful*, back in the water last week and took a little cruise over to Anacortes for some ethanol-free fuel. We tested out some new gear along the way, including an AIS (look for us on your Marine Traffic app) and

new solar panels and associated electronics. Remarkably, everything worked as planned.

The first cruise of the season is on May 21 to Chuckanut Bay. A short shakedown just to get things rolling. After that we have seven more fun cruises planned, including four to marinas, and those require a reservation on your part. (See chart for details and contact information.). The first marina cruise is to Friday Harbor June 8-10, hosted by yours truly. It's not too soon make your reservation and also to contact the host for each event to give them some idea who is planning to attend.

Date	Destination	Hosts	Status and Notes
05/21/22	Chuckanut Bay	Randy Bilof & Lorretta Palagi	Hosting confirmed
06/08/10	Friday Harbor	Phil Terzian & Jodi Steel-Jones	Call FH (360-378-2688) and book your reservation now. Tell them you are with the Squalicum Yacht Club group.
06/18/22	Solstice Party	Mike & Kris Heintz	Hosting confirmed
07/03/05	Blaine	Rocky and Kristi Champagne	8 spaces on hold for SYV. Call before June 25 to reserve a spot (360-647-6176) and register with the port upon arrival.
07/22/24	Reid Harbor	Comador & Leanne Stewart	Hosting confirmed
08/05/07	Anacortes	Larry Grunden & Linda Anderson	Arts Festival weekend. C-dock and "activity float" arranged. Stand by for sign up instructions managed by Larry Grunden (724-312-5716)
08/24/26	Fisherman Bay	Salottis and Deans	Call Island Marine Center (360-468-3377) now to book your slip. Tell them you are with the Squalicum Yacht Club group.
09/09/11	Sucia Fossil Bay	Paul and Margo Graf	Hosting confirmed. Work Party

Please contact Phil Terzian with comments or suggestions. 408 410 0969 pterzian@pacbell.net

## A Blast from the Past

by Paul Graf

So what is a "Trifle Equalizer Predicted Log Race for Very Small Craft". This harkens back to the 1950s when Predicted Log Races were popular. Challenge might be a better word than race because this is not about the first boat over the finish line. Rather it is about the navigation skills of a skipper.

Imagine navigation before the days of GPS, auto-pilots, thrusters, self docking systems, electronic charts, radar, Loran (Oh, what's Loran?), satellites and the like. Those days weren't that long ago. . . some of us remember them (Ahem!..). A skipper had to have comprehensive knowledge of the performance characteristics of his or her craft as well as the waters in which it plied. In those days it was customary to record the time, position and details of each way-point in a ships log.

In a predicted log race a skipper predicts the time to each way point and enters them in a log prior to the disembarking. The challenge to the skipper, then, is to run the "race" route without the benefit of any time keeping device or speedometer. Primarily a skipper has to rely on the ships compass, tachometer, navigation charts tide tables and skill. An onboard observer records the actual times to compare to the predicted times at the finish. The skipper who's predictions most closely match the actual times wins.

So what does that have to do with SYC? Ever looking for fun cruise activities, the notion of these races came up and why not do one with dinghies. Hence the name "Trifle" and there once was a regional predicted log race called the "Equalizer". For several years in the late 80s and 90s SYC held the races as a cruise activity. For this event way points were identified, often other anchored boats, rocks, islands etc to form a three-leg course of a few hundred yards more or less for each leg. Each dinghy had a crew of two, an oarsman and a navigator. It was figured that two would facilitate some discussion relative to

differences in their internal clocks. Those who did not wish to exercise their muscles, were enlisted to be the time keepers. Typically a number of the boats attending these cruises would assemble into a raft from which the race was observed.

Most interesting was how often crews greatly underestimated their speed. Many would hurry to the first way point and only to realize that they were likely way ahead of their estimated time. Then the crews would debate when to continue past the way point. Again for this exercise, watches and time pieces were checked in and held by the race committee for the duration. It should be noted that these events predated smart phones (although sun dials were no longer in vogue). Some skippers were remarkably accurate with their estimates, although with some legs close and some legs not, one has to wonder about a luck factor.

This event was great fun. There was something to do at all levels for everyone attending, although it did require some planning ahead of time. The Club did participate in some international predicted log races in the 1950s through the San Juans. Interesting is how dependent we have become on modern electronics and equipment. Think about how well your skipper skills might do in such a race.



*Blackwell Dinghy Award  
photo by Paul Graf*

## New Haul Out Technology Part 2

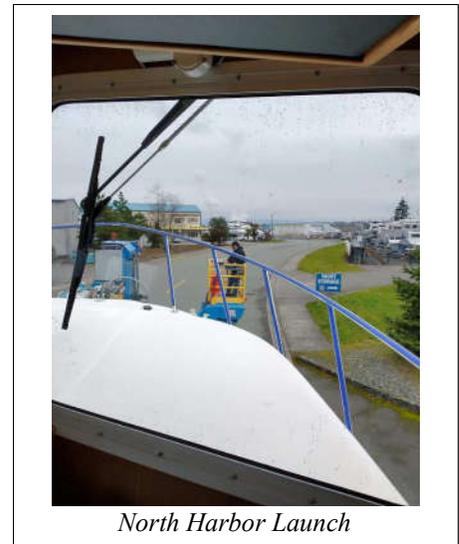
*By Dave Thompson*

Here is part two of our recent gel coat restoration project. We are quite pleased with the result, although the three day estimated job turned out to be exactly three weeks. Due to covid issues, North Harbor had to suspend work on our boat until they resolved their staffing problem. The weather on the day of our launch was quite nice, and we had the pleasure of a brief visit

from Lorretta and Randy just prior to rolling down the hill to the ramp. We launched on Wednesday, and the following Friday we set off for a mid winter, mid sound cruise. We were out for 15 days, and had a marvelous time visiting with family, and friends as far south as Tacoma.



*North Harbor Launch*



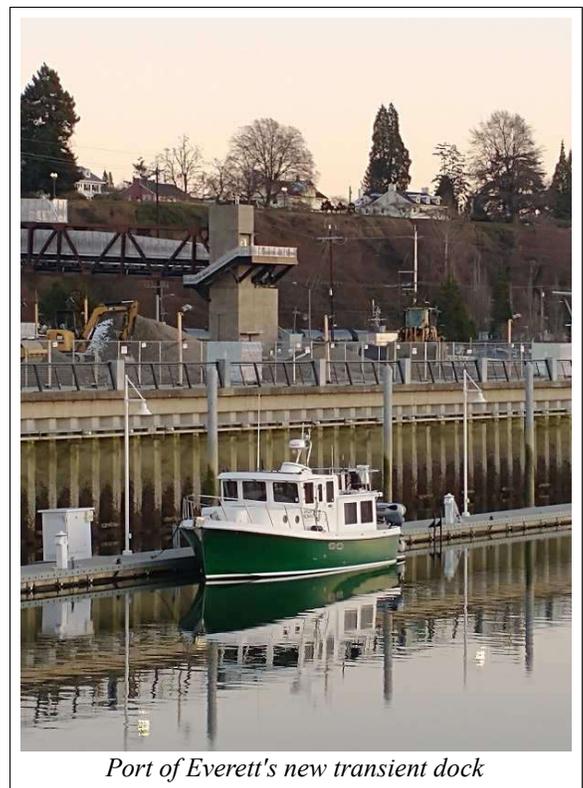
*North Harbor Launch*



*Bell Harbor, Seattle*

The LOG editor thanks all who submit articles on time or early. It makes fitting the puzzle pieces together much less stressful.

Deadline is the second Thursday of the month, September through May. Send articles to [editor@squalicumyc.org](mailto:editor@squalicumyc.org)



*Port of Everett's new transient dock*

# Boating in Banderas Bay

by Celie Thomas

I had the opportunity to spend a week aboard *Aquila*, a Pogo 40 owned and operated by my son, Christian Lloyd. The goal was to hear whales sing, which we did, and to see whales. I can't show you the whale song, but here are some photos I took.



*Captain Christian*



*Thar she blows – Humpback whale sighting*



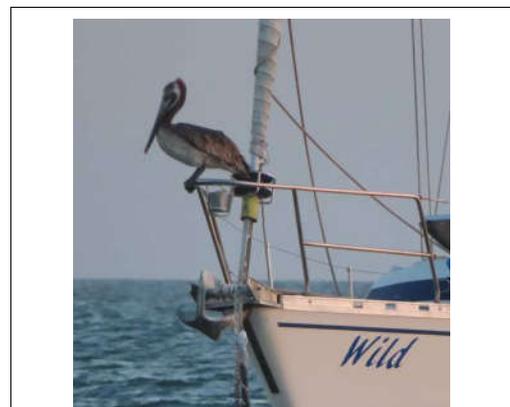
*Humpback flukes*



*Humpback flipper*



*Blue-Footed Boobies*



*Appropriately named boat*



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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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