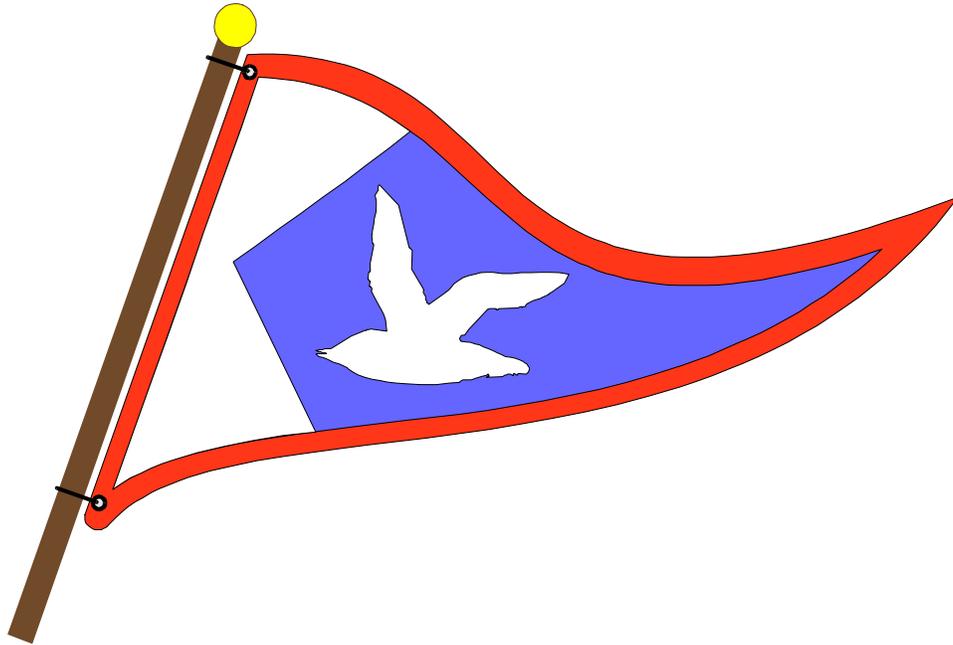


The Log

Newsletter of the Squalicum Yacht Club, Bellingham, Washington



Coming Events

Wednesday April 27

Saturday May 7

Wednesday May 18

General Meeting 1800 hours

Opening Day Benefit Breakfast
730 to 1030 hours

Bridge Meeting 1530 hours



Commodore's Corner

by David Imburgia, Commodore



Greetings everyone:

Our March Members Meeting was a lot of fun. Great attendance. Camaraderie and good food all around.

Let's do it again on April 27.

Please invite guests to our monthly meeting. Guests who attend, feel how friendly we are, provide our possible best recruiting opportunity. New members are new friends. So, let's all be thinking of folks to invite.

We are at the edge of a new boating season. Let's get the boats ready, and we can all start thinking of our earliest cruises of the season: Shakedown and Friday Harbor. More details will be available at our meeting this month.

Thank you everyone for your support of the Bridge. Our club is very fortunate to have some extremely dedicated members. And soon, our members will be returning from the winter havens down south to add to our numbers. Fun to catch up with them also!

Guest Speaker

by Steve Glenn

For our meeting and Pot Luck on Wed. April 27th our guest speaker will be Aaron Bisson. Aaron is Harbor

Master for Squalicum Harbor. He will be presenting information on all things Squalicum Harbor and Port of Bellingham. Please bring your questions and be prepared to enjoy an informative evening.

Our Opening Day Benefit Breakfast Update

By Joyce Glenn, Breakfast Coordinator

Our volunteer list just has a few positions open which I expect to fill very soon. We need a first shift kitchen volunteer and first & second shift volunteers to bus tables. Having two people for each shift/position has worked well in the past so you aren't working alone. Contact me if you are available! I will be reaching out to all volunteers to confirm their arrival time and review their job descriptions towards the end of May.

Raffle gift request letters delivered to Web Locker, Landings at Colony Wharf, Seaview Boatyard, LFS, Anthony's Hearth Fire and Anthony's Restaurant were received very enthusiastically by the respective

managers. Their raffle donations will be picked up next week. Karen & Jim Copher, former members are very excited to join us as volunteers for our breakfast. We were short a raffle ticket sales volunteer. I called Karen for some advice since she had worked with Pat Sterrett previously and she was very excited to volunteer. Jim is filling a chef's position that was open as well. It will be great to see them again.

The required permits from the Health Department will be obtained next week and will be posted during our event as required. The clubhouse and volunteers will be ready for our Benefit Breakfast on May 7th! We hope to sell a lot of breakfasts, earn a lot of money for charity and have a great time!

SYC Family

by Joyce Glenn

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

Meet Henry and Cathy Duren. Cathy says, “Three years ago we decided to sell our house...Actually we talked about it for several years. We had built our house out on the Kelly Road and had done all the work ourselves. It was on 13 acres and we had horses and I had honeybees. Since we both retired, we have been spending winters in Mexico. It became too complicated to maintain both places - our townhouse in San Miguel de Allende and our farm on Kelly Road.”

“I pressured for a boat as it seemed summers would be better spent on the water. Henry was reluctant, but kicking and screaming he finally agreed. Her name is *Andale*, which is perfect as it means “go head” in Spanish. She is a 37-foot President with twin John Deere diesels, which Henry does love. We were able to get a berth in Blaine to start with, but now we have moorage and live-aboard status in Bellingham.”

“Having a boat is not exactly a new thing for us. Many years ago (in the 80's) we bought a 1937 wooden boat (36-foot Gunderson) that had one Diesel engine and needed much restoration work. Back then we could use the tidal grid for bottom work. Her name was *Slow boat to China*. The salon area had about a 6' clearance. Between the salon and the pilot house, there was a bit more headroom; that was the only place in the boat where Henry could stand tall. The major

project was to raise the salon ceiling up a few inches. We had a love affair for the wooden boats until we found out that you don't own them, they own you. Our best cruise was to the Gulf Islands. We had great weather and no major breakdowns. Chemanius has those awesome murals and a fun place for a walkabout.”

“Some time in the past Henry had the job of Chief Engineer on a 160' push tug, the *Miss Nari*, plying the Mississippi River. She ran the entire length of the Mississippi and some inland waterways. Her longest pushes were up to a quarter mile long. Walk around the barges was a good mile. The cargo varied depending if heading north or south. Henry had been hired for his electrical and diesel experience. The tug was a joint venture with Japanese technology. I farmed while he was gone. We lived on 50 acres in Mississippi, and I had over half an acre of garden. The bank took pity on me and loaned us money to buy a tractor. I did not have bees then, but we did have horses. I gardened from Feb to Oct. It was so hot everything had to be done by 9 AM. I raised things like purple hull peas, okra, cantaloupe, and peanuts. You had to make collars for the tomatoes to prevent them from being destroyed by ravenous bugs.”

“Fast Forward...We were looking for a yacht club that had a philosophy like the SYC and saw David's name on the New Member Committee. Small world as we used to take tango lessons from David! Now, we like nothing better than sitting on the stern and sharing a glass of wine with family or friends or jumping in the kayaks and cruising the harbor.”



Henry and Cathy Duren



Andale

SYC Reciprocal Moorage Program

by Steve Glenn, SYC Reciprocity Manager

As a Squalicum Yacht Club member I hope that you have had a chance to take advantage of our Reciprocal Moorage Program. The program will allow you to spend a free night or two at various marinas around Puget Sound and some in Canada. We even have reciprocal arrangements with clubs in Juneau, AK and Lahaina, HI. Although you may not have plans to pilot your boat there, your SYC membership card will give you access to the bar at either club where you can order your favorite beverage and swap salt water stories.

Instructions on how to use the program and a list of reciprocal clubs are listed on pages 16 and 17 of your SYC Membership Roster. Each club has its own set of rules for visitors staying at their docks. This information can be found at

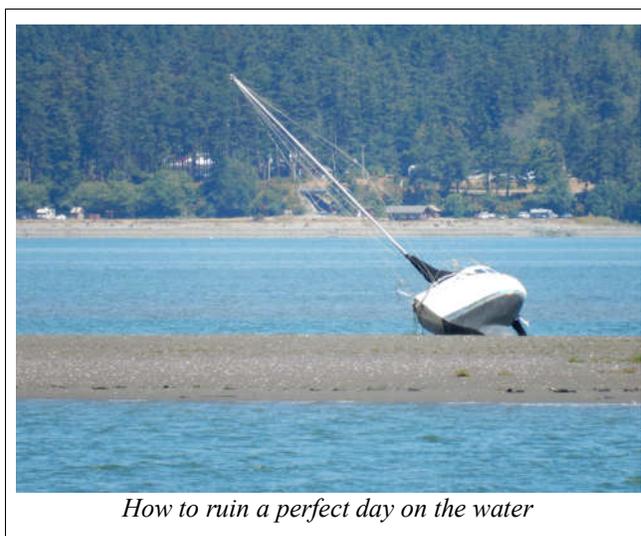
www.yachtdestinations.org . Make sure you are familiar with these rules before you arrive at your destination. The website is maintained and updated by Scott Brunis at Orcas Island Yacht Club.

If there is a club that we don't have a reciprocal agreement with but you think we should, let me know and maybe we can make it happen. As a club we have limited docking space to offer other clubs. We offer member slips that are empty while our members are out cruising. For this reason we have agreements with other clubs spread around Puget Sound and Canada but not multiple clubs concentrated in a given area. If you are going to be out cruising for more than a night or two and are all right with the club offering your slip to a visiting yacht club member please text or email me. Include your gate#, dock & slip#, length of slip and whether it is a port or starboard tie and the dates it is available. We ask visiting boaters to leave \$5 per night for power.

Fisherman Bay Registration Reminder

By Ernie Salotti

I would like to remind our skippers to register at the Island Marine Center ahead of traveling there. The quicker the better. The office phone number is 360-468-3377. Cruise dates August 24-26.



Squalicum Yacht Club 2022

Update 4/10/22

by Phil Terzian, Rear Commodore

Ahoy SYC members. We're getting closer to the beginning of our cruising season. We have seven cruises and one get together (Solstice party at Mike and Kris' home) planned and are hoping that we get a good turnout for each event. There are four marina destinations that require you to make a reservation in advance: Friday Harbor, Blaine, Anacortes and Fisherman Bay. For Friday Harbor, Blaine and Fisherman Bay you need to call directly and let them know you're coming. For Anacortes, please call Larry

Grunden (724 312 5716), he is summarizing the reservations for that destination and will interface with Cap Sante. You can pay up when you arrive.

So far we have three boats signed up for FH, three for Lopez and a couple for Anacortes.

I just read on Dockwa that marina slip reservations are up 40% compared to this time last year. And stays are longer. The supposed reasons have a lot to do with the increased fuel costs, according to them. So, shorter trips and longer stays. Who knows? But I think the message is clear, book early.

Please see the attached cruise schedule for more information, like host names and marina phone numbers.

Date	Destination	Hosts	Status and Notes
May 21	Chuckanut Bay	Randy Bilof & Lorretta Palagi	Hosting confirmed
Jun 08	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.
Jun 18	Solstice Party	Mike & Kris Heintz	Hosting confirmed
July 3-5	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.
July 22-24	Reid Harbor	Comador & Leanne Stewart	Hosting confirmed
Aug 5-7	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)
Aug 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.
Sep 09	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

LESLIE BLACKWELL

By Mark Butterworth, former SYC Member and Past Commodore

Leslie Blackwell was a true gentleman
He never stopped teaching on sea or on land
Come New Year's Eve we all could depend
On Les' spaghetti feed at the pier's end

At Garrison Bay Les started the day
Piping the colors as the boys hauled away
Springtime Shakedown and trips to Doe Bay
"Trumpeter's" wake would show us the way

In Chuckanut Bay we'd be rafted up snug
And blessed to be nested with Les and Lynn's tug
Les and Lynn kept a cat in the lee
Their dear furry bairn that joined them at sea

Raise a glass for Leslie Blackwell
Say a Prayer for a Sailor true
We won't forget you Leslie Blackwell
Your memory will sail with us too

Mt Baker from Lopez Flats

Photo and story by Phil Terzian



There isn't a lot that will get me out of bed, down to the boat, and out on the water before sunrise, but the first day of fishing in Marine Area 7 qualifies. Thursday April 7 was the opener for halibut fishing. It will be open Thursday through Saturday until June 30. I've never actually hooked one, but hope springs eternal.

I met up with club member Larry Grunden and another friend and we cruised out on that beautiful morning to try our luck at Lopez Flats, a new spot for me. We also fished around Belle Rock, Bird rock and a bit north of James Island. No halibut were landed but we did get a nice lingcod and a rockfish. (Both out of season so we had to send them back to gain some weight for later.). After refueling in Anacortes we headed back to Squaticum and docked *Joyful*. A beautiful day on the water and a great start to the fishing season.



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Members are encouraged to submit boating-related stories to the *Log*. Please submit to editor@squalicumyc.org by the second Thursday of each month.

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