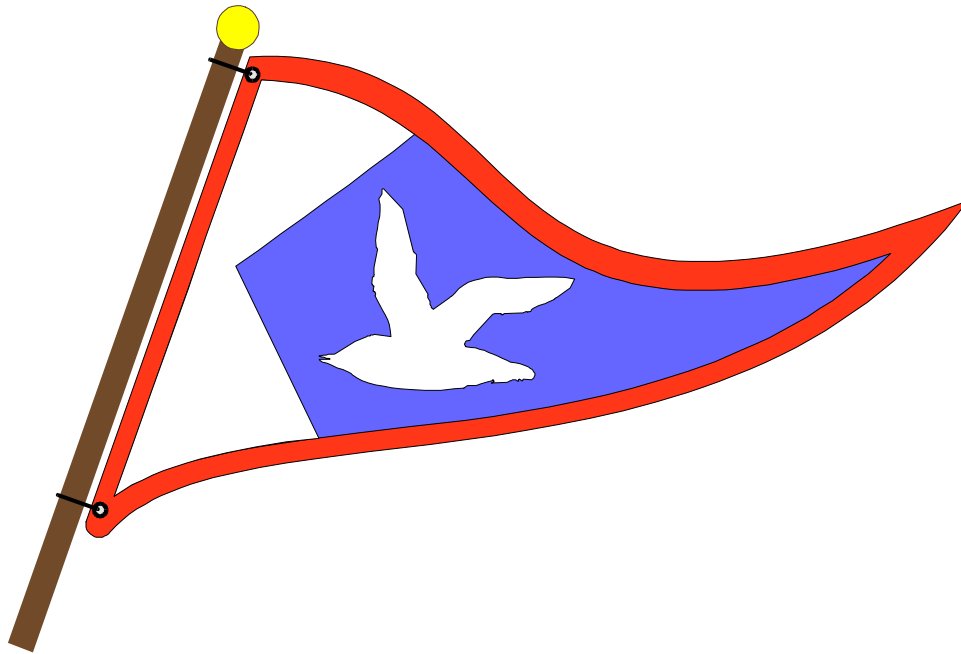


# The Log

Newsletter of the Squaticum Yacht Club, Bellingham, Washington



## Coming Events

Wednesday, October 26  
Saturday, November 12

General Meeting 1800 hours  
Change of Watch 1800 hours



## Commodore's Corner

*by David Imburgia, Commodore*



The end of the season for cruising is always bitter sweet. Memories of good times, fair weather (or not

so fair), and interesting places visited leave us a bit nostalgic. But the friends we met and cruised with are still here! Most, at least, who have not gone south for the winter.

So, we will gather for our evenings at the clubhouse and make plans for next year. We get to become friends with our new members, and enjoy story-telling with our current friends. Dinner meeting on October 26. Change of Watch ceremony will be coming up in November. And we know we will have some special entertainment in December.

Awards will have to be presented for all our worthy members.

And there is the possibility of Spontaneous Winter Cruising. Rod just set up such a Meet Up at Fossil Bay. Another Meet Up is being considered for November at Anacortes.

Remember our club is about friends and having fun. Let's keep up the good spirits. Looking forward to a great Autumn season.

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## October Meeting Speaker

*by Randy Bilof*

The October potluck meeting will feature a presentation by Jason Reid and Shawn Clark, owners of Bellingham-based Pacific Marine Yacht Systems. Jason and Shawn's presentation will cover the selection, installation, and maintenance of solar panels.

As our shore power bills go higher and higher and the use of power-hungry boating components increases, the free power provided by solar panels becomes more attractive and affordable.

A big thank you to Marin Faure for his terrific September presentation on Kenmore Air.

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## Treasurer's Note

*by Joyce Glenn, Treasurer*

Last year the club membership approved an increase in our membership dues to \$100 per family. I am happy to report that increase along with our increased building rental fees have given the club a healthier financial outlook.

Beginning now and through November, we collect

membership dues for 2023. They are \$100 per family and can be paid by check or cash. You can drop them off in the club's mail slot, give them to me, put in the vase on the bar at a meeting or mail to: Squalicum Yacht Club 2633 S Harbor Loop Drive Bellingham, WA 98225.

If you have joined recently please consider yourselves paid for 2023 as well. Any questions, please let me know. Thanks so much!

# SYC Family

*by Joyce Glenn*

*This is part of a series of articles introducing our club member families.*

Meet Joyce and Bret Phillips. They are relatively recent transplants to Bellingham from Bellevue where they lived for 25 years. Joyce is a native Washingtonian, having grown up in Yakima before settling in Seattle during college. She worked for Nordstrom for 33 years before retiring in 2015. Bret grew up in Kansas and, after college, settled in Seattle in 1993. He worked as a software engineer for a wide range of companies (General Electric, Hitachi, Mitutoyo, Lexis Nexis, etc) and recently retired.

Bret learned to sail 35 years ago in college. He raced Lasers and 420s before moving up to crewing on keel boats. He got to travel the Midwest by racing various dinghies and keelboats.

In 2013, Bret and Joyce took the plunge and bought a Catalina 400 sailboat. They named it JoyRide and have been cruising the Salish Sea waters ever since. They say, "We're loving our new home in Bellingham and looking forward to meeting everyone!"



*Bret and Joyce Phillips aboard JoyRide  
photo by one of Joyce's friends*



*JoyRide  
photo by Bret Phillips*



# Cruising in Southeast Alaska

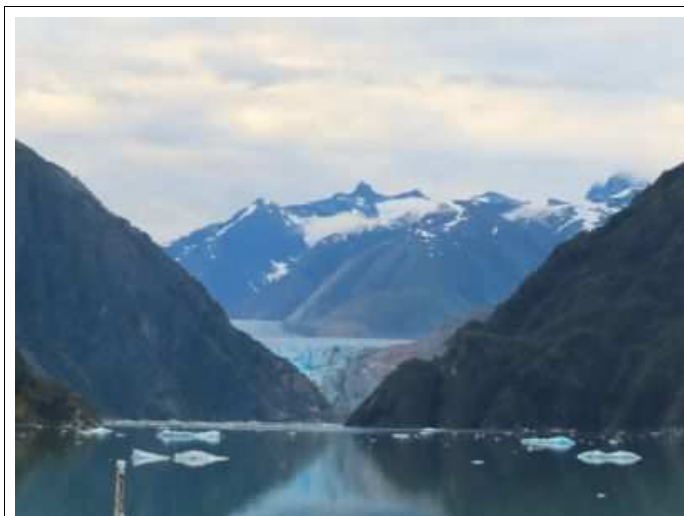
by Celie Thomas

I did it the easy way and booked a trip on a 185-foot small ship, *Wilderness Explorer*, operated by UnCruise Adventures.

After embarkation on Sunday afternoon, September 4, we departed Juneau during dinner, and ran all night to South Sawyer glacier. We couldn't anchor there, because the fjord is 650 feet deep, so the captain kept the vessel in place and unloaded several inflatable skiffs, which took us closer to the glacier. We saw some pretty spectacular glacier calving episodes. Each day we were in a new location for various opportunities to get off the ship - skiff tours, kayak tours (when the weather cooperated), long hikes and

bushwhacks, and small hikes called meadow meanders and forest peeks. I was on several of the small group excursions guided by my son, Christian. In one fjord the captain maneuvered the mother ship right up to waterfall; he said the water is so deep that the bow of the ship would touch land before it would hit bottom.

The first bears we saw up close were outside a fish hatchery while we were in a skiff. Then we saw seven bears across a river on a Meadow Meander in Fern Cove. We spent a lot of time watching them while our guide explained bear behavior - posturing and physical politics. At sea we saw lots of sea birds, including Puffins, mountain goats on high rocky ledges above the water, and sea mammals, including sea otters, seals, sea lions, harbor porpoises, humpback whales (distant), and orcas (distant).



*Glacier country*



*Bears outside the fish hatchery*



*Close up to a waterfall*



*Sea otter*



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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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