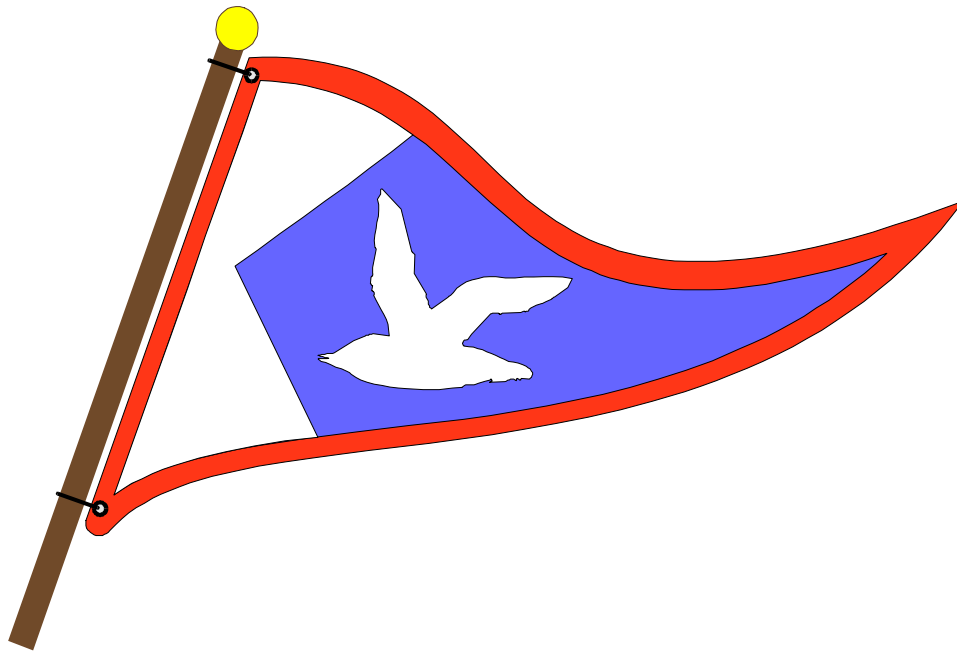


The Log

Newsletter of the Squalicum Yacht Club, Bellingham, Washington



Coming Events

Saturday, December 10

Christmas Party 1800 hours



Commodore's Corner

by Rocky Champagne, Commodore



Commodore Rocky Champagne

We had a wonderful Change of Watch (COW) ceremony at the clubhouse last Saturday night after a great dinner of turkey, pork and all the trimmings. I would like to specially thank Kris and Mike and Linda and John. They have been doing this event for us for years and we really appreciate it. I would also like to thank Comador, Randy, and Rod and Susan for their participation. It takes a village as they say! Lastly, I want to acknowledge the retiring Bridge officers for all the work they did these past two years during the Covid mess. It was not easy for them.

I will be the new Commodore, Phil is Vice Commodore, Steve is Rear Commodore, Joyce is Treasurer, Lorretta is Secretary. The Trustees are Comador and Paul. Immediate Past Commodore is David.

Phil is busy lining up programs for our winter meetings and Steve is looking for Cruise hosts for this

summer. Please step up and volunteer to help with the cruises. It's not a hard job and can be as elaborate or as simple as you like. If you have any ideas about interesting program topics please contact Phil.

Our next event is our annual Christmas Party to be held on December 10th at 6:00 pm. at the club house. The Bridge will be providing the main dishes and the club members the sides and desserts as usual. Our entertainment will once again be the **Show Stoppers** from Bellingham High School. We have enjoyed their singing and dancing for years!

We are looking forward to a great year of meetings/dinners, educational presentations, the Opening Day breakfast, cruises and summer barbecues. My hope is that you attend as often as you can and support these activities by volunteering to help.

I write this sitting on our boat at the dock in Anacortes. Kristi and I try to go out overnight at least once a month all winter long. It takes some real effort to work round all our other regular activities then even the best planning is subject to the winds and weather. It is frustrating at times but we keep trying because when it happens it is wonderful! This time (Monday the 14th) the waves were table top flat for two days and the sun was ablaze. We have a diesel furnace on our boat augmented with heaters if needed and it stays quite cozy. If we cannot leave our home port dock we try to stay over night at our slip too. It's just nice to get away and take a breather from everything.

Hope you are all well and hope to see you at our December Christmas party.



The new bridge: Phil, Steve, Lorretta, Rocky, Joyce, Comador, Paul
photo by Margo

SYC Christmas Party Coming Up

by Lorretta Palagi

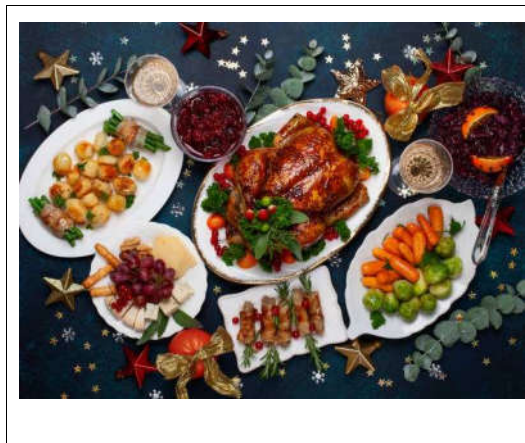


*Christmas Ornament by Jodi
photo by Lorretta*

nice and cozy with a tree and shiny Christmas decorations.

The bridge provides the meats for the potluck and members are asked to bring a veggie, salad, or dessert.

The Showstoppers from Bellingham High School will be back again and they'll perform for about 20 minutes. The Showstoppers accept donations, so we'll have a basket on the bar for that purpose. More details to come via email as we get closer.



The SYC Christmas Party, presented by your new bridge, is on Saturday, December 10. The club will be

Email Communication Problems

by Lorretta Palagi, Secretary

We have had a glitch in our email communications this past month. Some members whose email is provided by CenturyLink and Comcast are no longer receiving the SYC group emails in their inboxes, presumably because their email providers have made changes that may be sending group emails direct to a junk/spam folder. (The SYC email list is about 50 email addresses.)

I've contacted affected members such that everybody should be aware of the problem.

IMPORTANT: If you are not getting SYC group emails, check your junk/spam emails regularly for emails that may have gone astray.

Galley Usage Reminder

by Lorretta Palagi

To avoid congestion in the galley and sink clogs, please remember that we are asking members not to rinse any foodstuffs into the galley sinks or clean their plates there.

Instead, the club has provided white plastic bags large enough to fit plates, glasses, etc. The box of bags will be placed at the end of the bar near the trashcan for every potluck. Members are asked to use these bags to get their used plateware home instead of cleaning it at the club.

Change of Watch, 2022

story and photo by Paul Graf, your ancient trusty Trustee

If my arithmetic is correct, those who we trust to keep watch over the Squalicum Yacht Club, formerly the Bellingham Boat Owner's Association, changed for the 85th time Saturday night.

The first order of business was welcoming and initiating new members Nico and Megan Lacchini by Rear Commodore Phil Terzian.



Lachnis joining SYC at COW

Next MC Comador Stewart took over, challenging those in attendance who did not attend the Reid Harbor cruise to a Jeopardy type nautical word game. Winners were again "Mugged" by the "Little Mountain Mugger" (a.k.a. Comador Stewart), each mug nicely



MC Comador Stewart at COW 2022

boxed and wrapped.

Following the "mugging" the floor was turned over to the Awards Committee, Rod and Susan Dean, to recognize those who made significant contributions, one way or other over the past year. Commodore David Imburgia was awarded a "PE Award" for providing an opportunity for SYC members to become physically fit with pickleball. Paul Graf was given a "High and Dry" award for having insufficient water aboard for a three night cruise even though a 180 gallon capacity was available. (There was justifiable reason for this-the author ;-). Kris Heintz was recognized with a special "Service" award for years of behind the scenes support, especially with galley related activities. Similarly Joyce Glenn was recognized with a special "Service" award for the feature she created for the Club's Log introducing the Club to new members. The towing award went to Rob and Lynda James for having rescued Susan Dean from the currents rushing into Fisherman Bay and Susan Dean received the "Towee" award from Rod. Cruise of the year was shared by the Stewarts and Deans for cruises to Reid Harbor and Fisherman Bay respectively. The Squalicum Award went to Celie Thomas for superlative work in keeping members informed via our "Log" newsletter. Finally the Family of the Year Award went to Phil Terzian and Jodi Steel-Jones. As one of our newer members Phil has also been one of our most active and supportive members, and Jodi has done a lot of work to provide the Club with a great Facebook page.

Following some fun with the awards, the meeting was turned over to Randy Bilof to retire and thank the 2022 bridge and install the new bridge for 2023. Our new bridge consists of veteran as well as newer members as follows:

- Commodore – Rocky Champagne
- Vice Commodore – Phil Terzian
- Rear Commodore – Steve Glenn
- Treasurer – Joyce Glenn
- Secretary – Lorretta Palagi
- Trustee – Paul Graf (1 yr)
- Trustee – Comador Stewart (2 yr)
- Past Commodore – David Imburgia

Following installation, Commodore Rocky Champagne spoke to the membership, saying, "There have been twists and turns, humps and bumps but the character of our club is as strong and solid as ever." Rocky is looking forward to a good year.

From the author; Please remember to let our officers, your officers, know that you appreciate their stepping forward to lead this wonderful organization. One of the best ways of doing that is to actively participate in Club activities at some level, be it on a committee or just helping out. The word committee scares a lot of people, but most SYC committees are event driven, meaning an event is organized, members volunteer, they complete various tasks and it is done. It is participation which greatly reduces the burden on our leadership and provides the energy which makes our club healthy and strong. It is the wind in our sails. A great deal of the camaraderie members enjoy develops through these activities. Please give this consideration. If you have doubts or misgivings about any of our activities, ask any of our "old" hands. They will be glad to talk about things. We look forward to a better than ever 2023.



2022 SYC Cruise Summary

by Phil Terzian, Rear Commodore

As cruising season in the Pacific Northwest enters semi-hibernation for the year, I wanted to take this opportunity to review our cruises this past year, and thank the many cruise captains who made this past season so enjoyable.

We kicked off the year with a well attended shakedown cruise to Chuckanut Bay hosted by Lorretta Palagi and Randy Bilof that was an enjoyable raft-up complete with food, drink and camaraderie. If you're new to the club and want to "test the waters" before committing to a multi-day cruise, be sure not to miss this event in 2023

Jodi Steel-Jones and I hosted the cruise to Friday Harbor which featured soggy weather and a party float the had been ripped to shreds by strong winds the week before we arrived. But, of course, we are a hearty bunch of seasoned boaters, so while the weather was awful the cruise was a rollicking success. We even had some fresh caught Spot Prawns at our pot luck since the cruise happened to coincide with one of the few shrimp season openings this year. Yum.

The 4th of July cruise, expertly hosted by Rocky & Kristi Champagne was a total blast....literally. We enjoyed a group meal at Gateway 1890 Taphouse and Grill, followed by a world class fireworks show that we enjoyed from a comfortable perch atop the boats equipped with that all-important command bridge. Fabulous.

The Reid Harbor cruise hosted by Comador and

Leanne Stewart was nothing short of epic. A fantastic gathering of friends on the float, dingy excursions to shore for beautiful hikes, and epic meals, all capped off with Comador's custom made ceramic mugs for each attendee. Thank you Comador and Leanne.

Next we gathered in Anacortes for their annual Arts Festival. The event was a wonderful mix of quiet time on the dock and almost unlimited things to see and do at the Fair itself. Thank you Larry Grunden and Linda Anderson for all your successful efforts to secure moorage at this popular destination and hosting such a successful event.

The Fisherman Bay cruise captained by Rod and Susan Dean with co-hosts Patti and Ernie Salotti, was highlighted by our cozy gatherings on the dock for food and drink, and also our dinghy excursion to the spit for hikes. And, of course, by the short walk into town for ice cream and chocolate fudge. I'm already looking forward to a repeat in 2023.

The last cruise of the season was the annual Sucia Work Party hosted by Paul and Margo Graf. It's the only cruise I missed this year (We were at a Ranger Tug rendezvous in Roche Harbor). The Sucia Work Party is an event where the club gives back to the island community by helping to maintain the trails and environment on the island. Well done Paul, Margo and everyone else who attended.

While winter boating is a rarity for us, Jodi and I are already planning and looking forward to another great season in 2023. Rumor has it that there will be a couple of new destinations and more fun and adventure with members new and old.

2022 Family of the Year Award

by Lorretta Palagi

At the Change of Watch on Saturday night, we were delighted to find out that Phil Terzian and Jodi Steel-Jones were chosen at Squalicum Yacht Club's Family of the Year.

As rear commodore, Phil put together a great cruise schedule this year with a number of well-attended cruises. In addition to all of his input to the bridge, he

has made life easier by graciously offering to store SYC's "big stuff" like the Opening Day tent and the new grill, which he researched and purchased.

Jodi has devoted time to making sure our Facebook presence it kept up to date with lots of good pics and recaps of the cruises and other events. She also made personalized SYC Christmas ornaments for every member last year and has helped with Opening Day and other club events.

Congratulations, Phil and Jodi! Thank you for being supportive SYC members throughout the year.



*Phil & Jodi receive Family of the Year 2022
photo by Paul Graf*

SYC Awards 2022

by Rod and Susan Dean

Club Service Award - Joyce Glenn for her efforts to introduce new members to the club by writing a short article including pictures for the LOG

Club Service Award - Kris Heintz for being the organizer behind our marvelous feasts. Without her we would have four pies, three cakes and no entrees.

Cruise of the Year - We had a tie this year between Reid Harbor hosted by Comador and Leann Stewart and Fisherman Bay hosted by Rod and Susan Dean. Great fun was reported by attendees.

Family of the Year - Phil Terzian and Jodi Steel-Jones. Phil, as RC has kept the cruise schedule on track and is great with thank you notes. The bridge thanks him for his efforts in acquiring the club's new BBQ grill which members will appreciate next summer. In addition, he has volunteered to not only store it but also the big tent

used for the opening day pancake breakfast. Jodi is, of course, our new Face Book guru.

Squalicum Award - This award is for service to the club and goes to Celie Thomas for her monthly efforts in editing and putting out the LOG

Towing Award - Rob and Lynda James are recognized this year for their rescue of Susan Dean who pooped out on her paddle to the spit to participate in beach combing at the Fisherman Bay cruise.

Towee Award - Susan Dean

High and Dry Award - Usually you would think that this would mean a boat running aground. In other words, running out of enough water in which to float. In this case it means simply running out of water and goes to Paul Graf with help from Tom Evans.

PE Award - David Imburgia for his unflagging efforts in promoting physical education for the bridge by advocating pickleball lessons and even use of his communities' court.

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.

From October through the end of December, 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 98225.

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



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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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