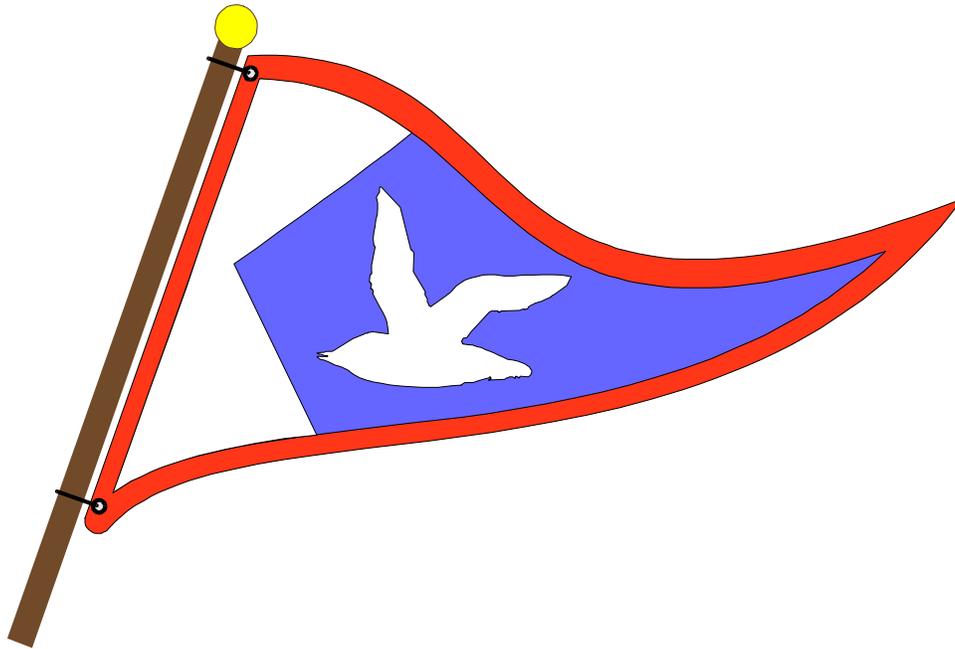


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Coming Events

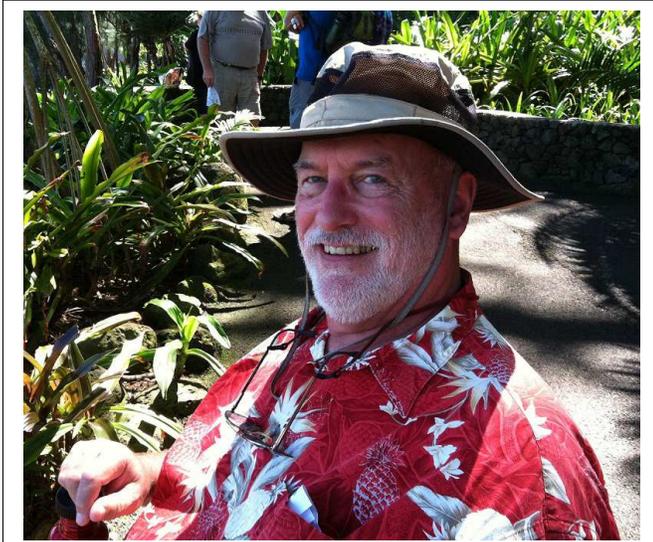
Saturday, December 31

New Year's Eve Party 1800 hours



Commodore's Corner

by Rocky Champagne, Commodore



Commodore Rocky Champagne

As I write this we are watching the World Cup soccer matches and it has been interesting. This is the season to reflect on all we have and those less fortunate too. I was down checking on the boat the other day and a warm smile came on my face as I realized how special it is to be a boater. What a privilege and gift to have access to all the recreational water activities that surround us. Not every many of the people of Bellingham have this opportunity. Even after 23 years of boat ownership I still pause and look back at our boat as we walk away and marvel at what a beauty she is and how lucky we are.

During this holiday season I would like all of us to seriously consider donating our time or money to a local charity. The need has never been greater. The Food Bank always needs help and warm clothing is in great demand everywhere. I encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and give, give more than usual to a charity of your choice. Now is the time! Don't wait! Happy Holidays!

SYC Fifth Annual LP Record Party and Chili Feed

(Also known as "The Shortest Cruise of the Year")

SYC Clubhouse

December 31 6:00–9:00ish

We've had a great time ringing in the New Year in the past with a spaghetti or chili feed and this year will be no different. We'll be dishing up chili this year and Mike will be bringing his sound system again this year for our "Desert Island LP Party."

The club will provide chili and cornbread. Other details to come via email, but start culling through your favorite LPs now because you can bring only one!



SYC New Year's Chili Feed 2019

Imagine This

by Steve Glenn, Rear Commodore, SYC

Today is a day that sets my mind to thinking of better weather to come. Every year about this time I start thinking of long sunny summer days and gentle breezes. Or for the sailors, warm days, fair winds, and evening sunsets.

Imagine yourself sitting at the dock at Deer Harbor with a chilled beverage in your hand, surrounded by fellow boaters and friends from SYC. Or watching the sun set over the Georgia Straits on the Summer Solstice from Kris and Mike Heintz' house. Imagine a 4th of July BBQ and fireworks over Bellingham Bay from our deck at the SYC Clubhouse. Or maybe

imagine yourself cooking up a bunch of crab and sharing with fellow boaters on a summer evening in Reid Harbor. How about attending one of the famous SYC potlucks on the party barge after walking through the Anacortes Arts Festival. These events and more are part of the planned SYC Cruise Schedule for 2023.

Below is a list of cruise dates, destinations and people who have thus far volunteered to be cruise captains. You will notice that not all cruises have cruise captains. Please consider offering to host a cruise. It's fun to do and not difficult. If you see a cruise that needs a captain but would like to do a different date or location that can be done. Let's make the 2023 cruising season fun and memorable.

Tentative Cruise Schedule for 2023

(as recommended by the cruise committee)

- May 20th Shakedown Cruise at Chuckanut Bay: **needs a cruise captain**
June 17th Summer Solstice at the Heintz home Cruise Captains: Kris and Mike Heintz
June 22nd-24th Cruise to Deer Harbor: Cruise Captains: Phil and Jody
July 4th SYC Club House, Cruise Captains: Steve and Joyce
July 20th-23rd Cruise to Reid Harbor: **needs a cruise captain**
Aug 4th-6th Anacortes Arts Festival, Cruise Captains: Larry and Linda
Aug 24th-26th Fisherman Bay: **need a cruise captain**
Sept Sucia Work Party at Fossil Bay: date and host to be determined
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Winter Cruising

by Kristi Champagne

Rocky and I have just returned from our second overnight cruise on David Ferguson in the last two weeks. We both check Windy faithfully but it is rare for there to be a calm weather window on days we can get away. Our winter schedule is filled with choir rehearsals and concerts, plus some other obligations at church and my volunteer time in our daughter's second grade classroom. But we found the time and weather and off we went. Both times we went to Anacortes.

Anacortes is a great short winter cruise destination because there is power for electric heaters, lovely

restaurants for dinner out and a great fabric store for she who quilts. Our other winter destinations include Sucia Island and Friday Harbor. Sucia requires more meal planning and additional layers of clothing and bedding. We have a diesel furnace and it keeps the boat mostly warm!

To me the advantages of winter cruising are the different sea birds that are visible in winter, fewer boats, and less radio chatter. It is often only us and the crabbing fleet on the water, along with a tug or a tanker occasionally. The only disadvantage is ice on the docks so I have learned to step very carefully. I encourage all of you to look for those weather windows and join us for winter cruising.



SYC Annual Christmas Party

by Commodore Rocky Champagne

A good time was had by all! Last Saturday night SYC had another wonderful annual Christmas party at the club house. There were 27 members present, all dressed in bright holiday colors. It was a warm and inviting place to celebrate the holiday season. It felt like a family gathering.

I would like to acknowledge all those who made the event special. Steve, Joyce, Phil and Jodi did the setup

of the club house. The Bridge provided the main course food items and Paul took photos.

The evening ended with singing and dancing provided by the “Show Stoppers” from Bellingham High School. It’s such a pleasure to see our youth perform! I overheard one of our members acknowledge that our future is in good hands. Indeed, it is!

I hope you all have a joyous season and once again remind you of all that we have and to give of your time, talent and treasure to those around less fortunate.



*Good food, good fellowship, good entertainment
photo by Paul Graf*



*Centerpiece by Jodi
photo by Lorretta*



*The Show Stoppers stop the show
photo by Paul Graf*



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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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