

The Log



of the

Squalicum Yacht Club

Bellingham, WA

Coming Events

NYE Chili Feed	December 31
General Meeting	January 22

Commodore's Report

by Phil Terzian



Boat Maintenance and Fine Dining

I've been busy for the past month with various boat maintenance and upgrade projects. I don't really mind these activities as I have an indoor place to work and no deadline to meet, other than *Joyful's* anticipated splash in March or April. Projects include various fluid changes and parts replacements on the Yamaha 300, a new battery charger, replacing some light fixtures, chasing away the ubiquitous barnacles and getting everything nice and shiny. I often think about my fellow yacht club members while I'm puttering away: Are you all performing similar winter projects? I like to get an early start each day, work until I get hungry, and then head to my favorite lunch spot for a bite to eat. (Photo attached, can you guess the venue? Hint, the main course and beverage runs \$1.50.) I hope you are all making the most of our short days and marginal weather to get things ready for another fun and trouble-free (LOL, fat chance) boating season. Happy holidays to all.



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

By Joyce Glenn

Our Christmas/Holiday party was well attended last night. We had 35 in attendance including 6 guests. Our "cooks" outdid themselves and the Bellingham Showstoppers were awesome! I was curious as to how long the Showstoppers had been performing for us. Of course, I contacted Paul Graf who with the help of Margo and Carol arrived at an approximate year of 1997. I forwarded that to Connie Campbell, the current choir director, who in turn forwarded it to Linda Short, the previous choir director. Linda recalled it was during the time Bellingham HS was being rebuilt and all students were at Squalicum HS so it was 1989-1990. Following is a quote from Linda about SYC: "I always loved that performance. They were always so welcoming and generous with applause, laughter and money. They helped us take many trips over the years." Paul then dug a little deeper in our archives and found them mentioned in our December of 1990 Log! So the answer to my question is approximately 34 years!



Show Stoppers at SYC 2024

A special thanks to our own SYC Wm's Aux for decorating the clubhouse early in December and for Jodi, Susan and myself for putting the final touches yesterday with the tablecloths and table decorations. It was truly festive!

Our next planned event is New Year's Eve on December 31. We plan chili, soup, and cornbread provided by volunteers for all to enjoy. More information will be sent out soon. If anyone wants to volunteer to make chili, soup or cornbread please let me know.

January brings a new year to SYC with a more experienced bridge to guide us. We are all looking forward to it.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all!

2025 Cruise Update

By Jill Mount, Rear Commodore

We have an exciting cruise schedule for next year! Although most of our cruises have cruise captains, we still need co-captains for many of the cruises. Please take a look at the cruise schedule and let me or the cruise captain know if you can help out!

The current 2025 cruise schedule is:

On Saturday, May 17, we will have the Shakedown cruise at Chuckanut Bay, captained by Steve and Joyce. If you could help co-captain this cruise, please let me know.

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2025 Cruise Update

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On May 30-31, leaving June 1st: The Port Browning Cruise hosted by Jill and Marvin, co-captains David and Celie. Hopefully the weather will cooperate this time!

On June 19-20, leaving on the 21st: Deer Harbor Cruise hosted by Phil and Jodi. This sounded like a great cruise last year! If you could co-captain this cruise, let me know.

July 4th Cruise to Blaine Harbor: We are so lucky that the 4th falls on a Friday this year! We are planning to spend July 3-5, leaving July 6. If you moor your boat at the Bellingham Squalicum Marina you will get free moorage for this cruise, as you are entitled to three nights of free moorage a month! We need both captains and co-captains for this cruise. It should be fun, seeing the fireworks and celebrating the 4th of July weekend in Blaine!

July 20-21, leaving the 22nd. Prevost Harbor, Stuart Island cruise. This cruise is being captained by Wade Hansen. We need a co-captain. Stuart Island has some great hiking trails including the beautiful walk to the lighthouse.

August 15th-16, Fishermen Bay Cruise, Lopez Island. Rob and Sharon are leading it and I hear there may be a treasure hunt involved! Please let me know if you can co-captain this cruise!

September 12-13, Sucia Island Work Party Cruise. We plan to meet up with the Fidalgo Bay Yacht Club again this year! This cruise will be captained by Paul and Margo and co-captained by Wade.

So, you can see, we have an exciting year of cruises planned for 2025! Please let me know if you can help by co-hosting a cruise!

Happy Cruising!

New Rules for Bringing Your Dog to Canada

By Jill Mount

We are looking forward to bringing our dog Dellie up to Canada for the Port Browning cruise in May! I know many of you have dogs. Bringing Dellie's proof of current rabies vaccination used to be sufficient for travel between the US and Canada, however starting last summer the CDC has changed the requirements for allowing dogs back into the US. They did this to decrease the incidence of dog rabies in the US. I will briefly describe these new requirements, for more detailed information please consult the CDC website.

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First of all:

1. Dogs must appear healthy upon arrival into the US.
2. Dogs must be at least 6 months old at time of entry or return to the US.
3. Dogs must have a microchip that can be detected with a universal scanner to identify them.

For dogs that have only been in the US and Canada, rabies-free or low risk countries for the last six months you need to complete a CDC Dog Import Form online. This form is free and can be used for multiple entries into the US as long as you depart from the same country. It can be used for six months. You can either print the receipt or have it on your phone to show customs officials.

Just wanted to give you a heads up about this new requirement! We look forward to seeing you and your dog up in Canada!





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Potluck format—bring a dish to pass, your own table service, and a beverage.

*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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