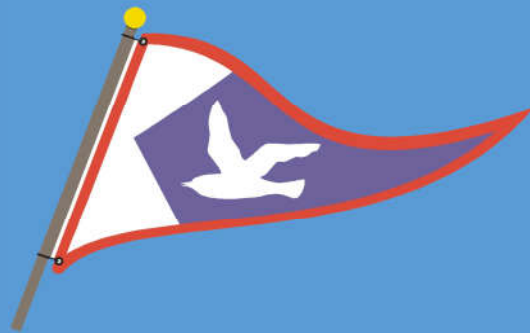


January 2026



# The Log



*of the*  
Squalicum Yacht Club

Bellingham, WA

## Coming Events

General Meeting

January 28

## Commodore's Log

by Joyce Glenn



Hope everyone has had a wonderful New Year! We had a good turn-out at the club to ring in the New Year. Good food was shared, games were played and we drank champagne at midnight.... New York time (9pm ours). Thanks to our chili cooks, Kris, John, Kristi, Brent, myself and Randy for his oyster stew. We also had green salad, cornbread and desert. Games were played, some wore silly hats, and we had good music and a live view of Times Square thanks to Mike and Kris Heintz. *(pictures on next page)*

Our January member meeting is approaching on the 28th. We plan this time to take care of club business reviewing our 2025 end of year financials and will vote on our 2026 budget among other things. We will end the evening with Gizmos, Gadgets or a Good Story. Always a fun time! We are planning a Bingo night, our 3rd annual Bowling night, and an evening cheering on the Bellingham Bells. Information on those events will be forthcoming.

The success of Squalicum Yacht Club depends on volunteers. We will have several sign-up sheets for you to peruse. The club needs dinner & BBQ set up hosts (see Randy), cruise captains & co-captains (see Brent), opening day breakfast (see me), and we'll be organizing our annual spring clean-up party in mid-May.

As always let me or any bridge member know if you have any suggestions for activities or anything that's on your mind. Looking forward to seeing you on the 28th.

## Vice Commodore Report

by Randy Bilof

With our first potluck meeting of the year, we will have a revival of "gizmos, gadgets, and stories" as our program. As done in previous years, this is the opportunity to "show and tell" something interesting that you discovered, received as a gift, or found at a garage sale that makes boating more fun, easier, or safer. Also, the sharing of interesting stories or experiences both on and off the boat will be welcome. So, bring your gizmos and gadgets to pass around, and brush up on your tales to share.

We will also be passing around the "host committee" sign-up sheet during the January potluck. This is for both our monthly potlucks and for the summer BBQs. This is a great opportunity to help the club with a "one-time" commitment for members that have limited time available. It is also a great opportunity for newer members to cohost together with veteran members. Please contact me if you have questions or would like more information.

## NYE Pictures

*By Jodi Steel-Jones*



*Ring in the New Year!*



*Linda, Peggy, Walt, Paul, & John*



*Phil & Tess*



*Friends, Food, Games, & Good Cheer*



## Rear Window

*By Mike Heintz*

Hello everyone. Once again, another view from the rear window. If only Grace Kelly were sitting next to me...

When Kris and I travel around it seems that no matter how hard we try we end up by the water. Even worse, next to a marina where I spent most of my career. Both are true in the case of Delta Marina Yacht Harbor and RV park in the little river town of Rio Vista California. The entrance to the marina is near buoy number 27; Fl G 2.5s 13ft 4M, on the Sacramento River. About 50 miles upstream from San Francisco Bay.

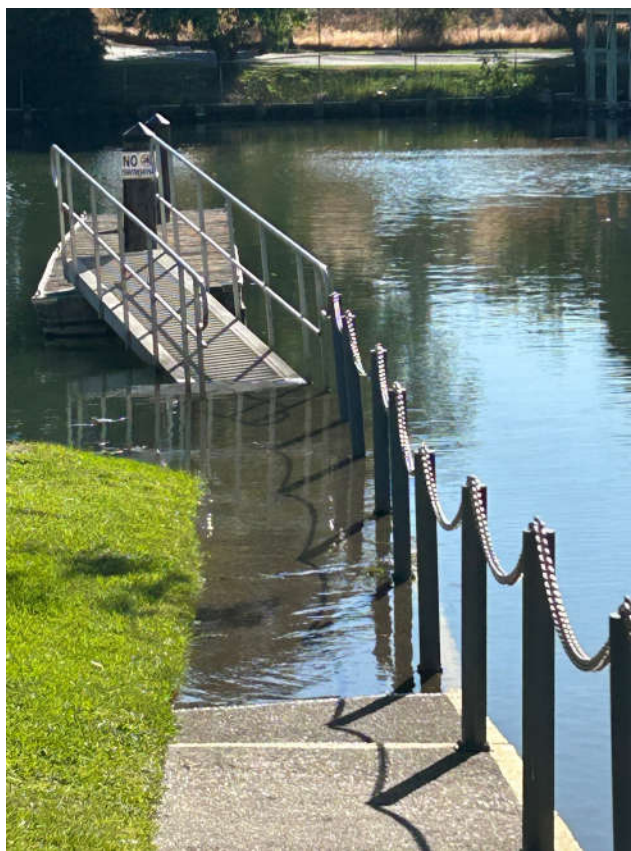


*Rio Vista view*

We were a little apprehensive about dragging the trailer in there because it looked rather tight. It turned out to be a piece of cake. We didn't have any view from the campsite but in just a few paces was the whole riverfront and all of the large ship activity. Staff and fellow campers were all friendly despite the 100-deg temps. Both Sonoma and Napa are about an hour from there as are Sacramento or Stockton in the opposite direction.

The price of fuel to visit wine country from there is nothing compared to the price of accommodations in those towns.

In the early 90's I had done some recreational boating in the area when my sister lived in Concord. The maze of sloughs and river channels are difficult to navigate because you can't see over the dikes. But the water is warm. When you get too hot just beach the boat and dive in. Try that at Pelican Beach.



*Rio Vista dock*

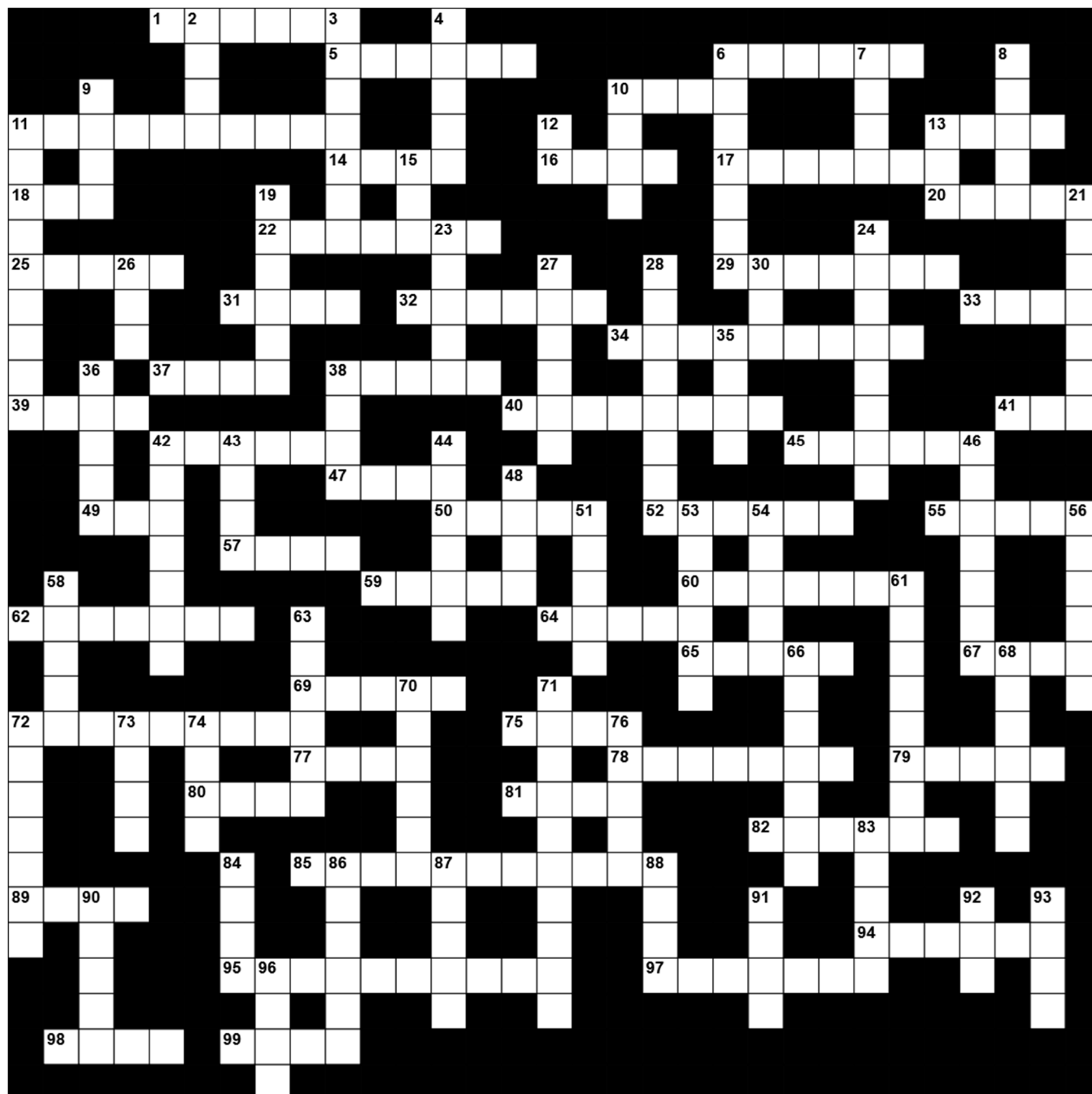
Even that far up river it is still tide water. The little pier next to the boat ramp was swamped at high tide a couple of days. I have to admit that I felt at home there with the water and boats. Best wishes all and Happy New Year.

# Sail Away with These Knotty Clews

By Brent Carey

I thought about posting the solution on the bulletin board at the clubhouse, but I'm sure there is enough collective knowledge in the club to solve this with a little help from other members. If you can solve this without help or the Internet, you have salt in your veins and my respect.

*(Clues on the next page.)*



## Across

1. A kitchen, a display space, and a ship
5. Where you go when you're done boating
6. Join two pieces or rope
10. Ship's trail or funeral gathering
11. Pirate whose facial hair matched his reputation
12. Widest part of the boat
14. Greeting that sounds like a toy?\*
16. It holds a boom down
17. It sinks ships and chances
18. Not fore or against
20. Something to always keep on a boat
22. A moral direction finder, if you have one
25. The serious end of a boat?
29. A "harbor wave" in Tokyo
31. Past tense of crow?\*
32. Legendary sea monster
33. Where business is done on a boat?
34. A sandwich found below the waterline\*
37. Floating marker
38. Punishment board, and an exercise
39. The tide that swings the least
40. Greek mariner prone to foul temper?
41. Reddish-brown on a horse, but ideally not on the water
42. Paul-er's steering device?
45. One-armed hero of Trafalgar
47. It's high, according to Blondie?
49. A boat that does what it's called
50. Two of them pass in the night
52. The kind of man Popeye is
55. A high-tech distress beacon, in short
57. Ship's backbone
59. Naval group that's quick on its feet?
60. A windlass turned on its side
62. The sunken "unsinkable"
64. An opening behind where chickens are counted?
65. It's between the N-shin and the P-shin?
66. To slacken a line
69. A good excuse for a club
72. A skipper's right
75. Nautically-themed protective headgear?
77. In the distance
78. The last place you want to run on a boat

79. Attach a line to your boat
80. \_\_\_\_ fish, but not a fish
81. Where naut-y people are put
82. Forecastle, in brief
85. Ironically, about half the weatherdeck?
89. To lean, on a boat
94. Where you're set when your anchor isn't
95. It's not a heavy house\*
97. Money demanded for the return of a tyrannosaurus rex?  
\*
98. Big sticks on sailboat or a friendly fight
99. Where a boat might be berthed

## Down

2. Melville's monomaniacal mariner
  3. Place to hang flags and people
  4. Roger's mood
  6. Navigation instrument for six insects?
  7. Past tense of "cave"?
  8. Toward the rear
  9. It holds up a sailboat's engine?
  10. Fuel for a sailboat
  11. Ship's officer not actually related to Bo?\*
  12. A landship, in short
  13. Front that's also a greeting gesture
  15. Word heard at a Greek wedding
  19. Sailor's disease
  21. What you make to get where you're going
  23. Sea temptress which might warn of 29 across
  24. Sub-marine stowaway
  26. To sail directly downwind
  27. A guiding light
  28. Nemo's home
  30. Salish \_\_\_\_
  35. It drives the tides
  36. A small boat crane
  38. The side where wine is carried?
  42. Ropes and sails used to sway elections
  43. Pier pressure location?
  44. It carries people, cargo, and blood
  46. Roman counterpart to 40 across
- (continued on next page)*

- 48. Where gorillas and reefs often hide
- 51. Where you need to watch your depth
- 53. Keeps a boat down to earth?
- 54. Buying a boat takes one of these in reason
- 56. Ours is red, white, and blue, but has no stars or stripes
- 58. Harbor guide and aviator
- 61. The theme of this puzzle
- 63. Distress call in the springtime?
- 66. The last thing you do with a sinking ship
- 68. "Come \_\_\_\_ - we're expecting you", (The Love Boat theme)
- 70. What you do with resentments\*
- 71. Underwater treasure hunter for expensive jewelry?
- 72. Sink a boat on purpose
- 73. A group of otters
- 74. Tuxedo-wearing cetacean
- 76. Carnival \_\_\_\_\_, cruise ship
- 83. "Fuel" for early power boats?
- 84. Fuel for early power boats
- 86. Remove from a boat
- 87. What you do with a life ring
- 88. About 20.25 inches per second
- 90. It has just one mast
- 91. A good place to anchor or build castles
- 92. Fuel for a sailboat
- 93. Put something in its place
- 96. A dot on a map in the ocean



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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**.  
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