



The Log



of the
Squalicum Yacht Club
Bellingham, WA

Coming Events

General Meeting	February 25
Bowling Night	March 13

Commodore's Log

by Joyce Glenn



The Bridge was recently reminded by Brent Carey what a great building we own in an ideal location and with a membership that has a lot to offer. He knew what he was looking for in a yacht club but found it difficult to find us! Fortunately, he did and will be working on our website, so we are more visible. Thank you, Brent!

I would also like to thank Rob Wells for continuing to do his magic on the Log. He does an amazing job of pulling it all together. Thank you, Rob!

Our current roster of members sits at 29 families which is a bit less than usual. We are always looking for new members who are a good fit. In the past, inviting dock mates, boating friends and marketing at our O.D. benefit breakfast has worked well. Phil and David will be working on member recruiting this year with Brent focusing on it through our website. As your dock mates return to their boats this spring, invite them to a meeting as your guest. Grab a few club brochures from the tables at our meetings to hand out.

I want to encourage all members if you see someone you don't recognize at the clubhouse, please walk over and introduce yourself. It might be someone looking for a new yacht club to join or a newly joined member who doesn't know many members

yet. Let's spread the "friendly"!

I know it is all fun but on a "more" fun note, Phil is organizing our 3rd annual Bowling Night at 20th Century Lanes for Friday, March 13. I bowled there as a teenager, or at least my mom thought I was. :) I will be organizing Bingo night for Friday, April 10, at the clubhouse - time to be determined. Save the Dates!

Recycling cans/bottles is coming back to the clubhouse. The separate receptacle will be clearly marked and will need to be emptied at the end of the night. If you wonder why, ask me about the summer fly story... not a pretty one!

As always, if you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to chat with me. I will always explore your ideas and discuss them with the bridge. Thank you!

Vice Commodore's Report

By Randy Bilos

Our February potluck meeting will include a presentation by Bob Gudmundson of Desire Fish Company. He is a familiar face to many people in Squalicum Harbor having sold fantastic fish from the F/V *Desire* for years. Bob has been a commercial fisherman since the age of 14, mostly on seiners. From age 18 to the present, he has had his own gillnet operation in Southeast Alaska. In addition to being a fisherman, Bob is an accomplished musician and author and will have his book for sale that covers his life through all the past years.

SYC LIABILITY INSURANCE UPDATE

By Joyce Glenn

Our insurance company has made significant changes to our insurance policy for 2026. We have clarified the new requirements and are working on implementing them into our rental program. **Since these do affect any SYC members using the club privately, please review the following:**

All renters/users of the club must obtain "Certificate of Liability Insurance" in the amount of 1 million per occurrence/2 million aggregate that lists Squalicum Yacht Club as an additional insured.

Any caterers (any restaurant dropping off food at the venue) for an event must also provide a "Certificate of Liability Insurance" at 1 million per occurrence/2 million aggregate listing Squalicum Yacht Club as an additional insured. Responsibility for obtaining this document is the renter/users.

We have been told by multiple insurers that this is now "industry standard." SYC has their own liability policy in place so all club-sponsored events do not require additional coverage. If you have any questions, check with Linda T or myself.

Getting Ready for Spring

By Phil Terzian

Back from our Winter respite in San Diego our thoughts are now turning to the upcoming Boating and fishing seasons. To make our Ranger Tug a bit more

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useful during the Spring season we decided to enclose the rear deck....that about doubles our temperature-controlled living space. We also opened the drain plug on our checking account and upgraded to a hard bottom dinghy and a new easy-lift dinghy davit. We're ready and eager to explore more of British Columbia and the San Juans during the cooler, wetter shoulder seasons this year. Here are a couple of photos of our new setup.



Joyful's New Canvas Enclosure



New Dinghy and Mount

Rear Window

By Kris Heintz

One of the places I booked in Northern California as we were returning home in October was The Lakes RV and Golf Resort in Chowchilla. The pictures shown on their website made the place look like a verdant, high-end resort and we expected it to be one of the highlights of our trip. From the standpoint that we planned a day trip to Yosemite, it was one of our highlights and it was certainly memorable. When we arrived, they had fancy double gates that opened and it seemed like we were entering RV heaven. Later I discovered those might have been the gates to hell instead! The view from our



Looks can be deceiving!

rear

window looked pretty close to that on their website. We had shrubbery on either side which was nice to block the view to the neighboring RVs. However, that's where all resemblance stopped. There wasn't a bit of grass hardly to be found.

There were plenty of Canadian Geese along with their poop though. We've experienced that before and although annoying, we could live with it. It was about an hour after our arrival that we received the "welcoming" committee which constituted a trail of little ants setting up a processional

from our door into the kitchen. By that time the office had closed, so I did the best I could with vacuuming and wiping them up. The next morning, I discovered that what ants I had missed told their friends and relatives to join the party. I went straight to the office and asked why they hadn't sprayed for ants and wondered what they would be doing about the problem. I was told they couldn't afford to stay ahead of them with professional spraying. I also found out their sprinkler system was completely inoperable and that's why there wasn't any grass. I was summarily handed a can of Raid at no charge. The spray instantly killed the ants, to my relief. However, it took the next two hours to clean up the thousands of dead ants and residual left by my overuse of the Raid. I also got to work spraying underneath the RV, on the landing gear, and around the stairs. I spent the next three days keeping up the ant vigil which wasn't nearly as bad before I had the Raid.

The day trip to Yosemite was interesting on October 1. We were grateful that the park was even open, given that was the first day of the government shutdown. As a result, there were no park rangers at the gate to give us maps or other information, so we were on our own. We were able to find El Capitan, Bridal Veil Falls, Yosemite Falls, and Half Dome. The sun was out most of the time and the park did not disappoint! The scenery was spectacular. The little town of Mariposa on the way to Yosemite looked quaint, but we didn't stop not having budgeted time for that. The entire drive to and from the park was beautiful, too. Coming down from the mountains into the valley on the way back was like a postcard. From now on we will be keeping a can of Raid on board. Now what to do about those geese?



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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 articles to the Editor by the second Thursday of each month.*

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