



The Log



of the

Squalicum Yacht Club

Bellingham, WA

Coming Events

General Meeting	March 25
Bingo Night	April 10
Bridge Meeting	April 15

Commodore's Report

by Joyce Glenn



Spring really is right around the corner ... it really is!

Don't wait until our Shakedown cruise to get onboard and make sure everything still works. Steve just finished installing a new furnace in Helen Marie. Soon he will be on her washing, waxing and making sure she is ready for boating season. As you are down on the docks, take a look around and see if any of your dock mates might be a good fit for SYC and invite them to a meeting.

I have a few volunteer positions left on our sign-up sheet for our Opening Day breakfast (May 2nd). Randy also has some openings for meeting and BBQ hosts. Check the sign-up sheets at our next meeting and sign up to help. If you are unfamiliar with what is required, just ask me or Randy.

Friday, April 10th, is Bingo Night. Doors open at 6:30pm with Bingo starting around 7 pm. Jan Porter (my sister) has agreed to be the caller again but if there are "wannabe callers" out there, just let me know. This year, each bingo winner will receive a raffle ticket, which will be put into a pot for the final drawing at the end of the evening. Keeping it simple....

Just so you know, SYC Bridge meetings are open to all members. We typically meet on the 3rd Wednesday (September to May) 3:30-4:30pm at the clubhouse. We are not

meeting in March but will be meeting April 15th and May 20th. We welcome club members' input.

April 25th or 26th (TBD) will be our annual club clean-up day. Any club member, friend, or family member is invited to join us to spiff up the club, inside and out. We wash, dust, scrub, wax, and organize inside. Outside we trim, weed, wash, and generally tidy up. More information will be sent out closer to the date.

Please thank Lorretta and Randy for their awesome job of putting the SYC Roster together for 2026! If you haven't received yours, they will be available at our next club meeting. If you live out of town, they can be mailed to you. The electronic version was recently emailed to everyone.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on March 25th. There will be announcements but no business meeting allowing more time for our speaker. Thanks!

Vice Commodore's Report

By Randy Bilof

Our March potluck meeting will include a program by member Marin Faure. This will be Marin's third presentation to the club. His first was on the history of Kenmore Air Harbor and the second was about canal boating in the UK. Both were outstanding as will be his March presentation. Here in Marin's own words is a summary:

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Vice Commodore's Report (cont'd)

The Inside Passage along the coasts of British Columbia and southeast Alaska is a spectacular place as many club members have discovered cruising it in their own boats, on friends' boats or by ferry. I grew up in Hawaii and in 1977 at the end of a vacation road trip with a friend to the Yukon we took the BC ferry from Prince Rupert south to Vancouver Island. The ferry left in heavy fog but it burned off just as we entered the top of Grenville Channel that forms the upper portion of the Inside Passage in BC. I was blown away by the amazing scenery with near-vertical forested slopes on either side laced with waterfalls and glimpses of the Coast Range in the distance. Standing there on the deck of the *Queen of Prince Rupert* and I vowed one way or another I was going to move to the Pacific Northwest. Two years later I did.

Not long after moving here and going to work for Boeing, I earned my seaplane pilot rating and began flying floatplanes at Kenmore Air Harbor. My dream was to one day fly up the Inside Passage camping and fishing along the way and in 1995 my soon-to-be wife Ruth and I did this in one of Kenmore's DeHavilland Beavers. Needless to say, the experience exceeded anything I could have imagined, and we ended up making these flights seven times through the 1990s.

I took thousands of pictures during these trips and have a presentation illustrating this amazing country with the goal of showing people what lies just beyond those im-

pressive, waterfall-laced walls that line the channels and bays of the Inside Passage.

Finally, we need a second member family to help David and Celie as hosts with the April potluck meeting. If available, please contact me.

Cruise Announcement

By Rob & Sharon Wells

The dates are set for the 2026 SYC cruise to Fisherman Bay!

Please join us August 19-20 at the [Islands Marine Center](#) on Lopez Island. We have made slip reservations for "Sirena" and the marina is holding 10 slips open for SYC boats! Call to reserve yours now, 360-468-3377. Be sure to let them know that you are with the Squalicum Yacht Club group. The marina will charge your credit card to hold your slip. If you need to cancel, they will refund your deposit. Fisherman Bay is a great destination, so some folks come early and/or stay later.

Once you have made your reservation, send Rob an email so he can put you on our list of attendees. We are going to plan a few things to keep you entertained and well fed. If you have never hosted a cruise, we would welcome your ideas and energy as our co-captains. It is a great opportunity to "learn the ropes" of hosting a cruise. It's not hard and lots of fun!

If you have any questions, contact us directly by email. We look forward to hearing from you.

Bowlers Gone Wild

By Phil Terzian

On Friday the 13th thirteen bowlers converged on 20th Century Bowl in downtown Bellingham for our third annual 10-pin funfest. We were cheered on by five other members in the peanut gallery. It was laughter, merriment and high fives from the very start. Kris led the way with several gutter balls followed by several strikes earning the unofficial crown for most improved bowler. Rod fought through a bowling injury to his leg for a strong finish. Yours truly somehow managed to get a “hambone” (four strikes in a row). Jodi recorded statistics and took photos, while Patricia, Larry, Mike and Joyce rounded out the support staff. All in all, a successful evening at the lanes. Already looking forward to next year. High game: Phil 168, Second place Steve 154, Third place Walt 123. Fourth place Debbie 119.



At the bar: Jodi, Joyce, Mike



The Bowlers

Back Row: Walt, Steve, Jill, Marvin

Middle Row: Tess, Brent, Debbie, Rob, Joyce, Phil

Front Row: Susan, Rod, Kris, Peggy



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Rear Window

By Kris Heintz

We will soon have another rear window from which to look outside. Mike and I were recently on a road trip to San Diego, Chandler, Scottsdale, and Indio. All these places have one thing in common. They are warm. We stayed in some great vacation rentals, particularly the one in San Diego. It's designed to look like an Italian Villa and the view was lovely from high in the hills looking west to the ocean! While staying in Chandler, we realized how nice it is to sit outside in the evening in February without a coat! Our vacation rental was located on a golf course and the house had a pool, too. Some golfers needed to brush up on their game though, as someone chipped a shot into the pool and I was in that area later and a golf ball landed in the bushes near me. Golf course homes are dangerous places!

Just for fun, I started looking at places on Zillow, just to see what home prices were. In the areas around Phoenix, real estate prices vary widely from high \$200s to well over a million. Intrigued, I started searching seriously, eventually looking at every listing all around the Phoenix area within our "hypothetical" budget. Suddenly, one house popped on up that had everything on our "hypothetical" wish list. It's newer, has an open layout, it's bright and airy even though the backyard faces north (which is important in the SW) and it has five bedrooms and three baths. Most importantly, it has a pool AND an outdoor kitchen. The price was great because it's located way outside the Phoenix area in Maricopa. Since that wasn't

a big concern, we contacted a Zillow realtor who took us to some homes in the area. After seeing what our agent has since nicknamed the "Unicorn" house (there's not another one like it), it was even better than the photos. You may ask "five bedrooms?" It wasn't so much the bedrooms as the number of baths. Most affordable homes in Arizona are 2BR/2BA. We simply wanted more bedrooms and baths to accommodate visiting family and friends. Not being able to pass up the opportunity, we made an offer and are going through the closing process.

Neither of us realized what a big deal Zillow is. Not only was it started in Seattle by Expedia veterans, its purpose was to take the frustration out of the home-buying process the same way they did with the travel industry. They have integrated everything from searching for a home to consolidating the entire process, including escrow and lending. It's truly a one-stop shop making purchasing real estate easy. Too easy in our case!



Nina Street Pool



The Log has been published continuously since 1981 by the Squalicum Yacht Club, 2633 South Harbor Loop Drive, Bellingham, WA 98225. The club ordinarily meets at 1800 on the fourth Wednesday of each month, September–May, at our building adjacent to the Seaview North boatyard.

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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