



The Log



of the

Squalicum Yacht Club

Bellingham, WA

Coming Events

General Meeting	April 22
Opening Day Breakfast	May 02

Commodore's Log

by Joyce Glenn



What a glorious week full of sunny days to either be spiffing up your boat, working in your garden or planning summer fun on land cruises. Steve has been enjoying time on Helen Marie getting her ready for "Shakedown" and I've been working in the yard getting it ready for us to spend time on the boat this summer. Teamwork!

Our Opening Day benefit breakfast and raffle is on track. So far, we have gift certificates from Colony Wharf, Seaview Boatyard and gift cards from LFS. We have several other requests pending. We still need 1 or 2 indoor set-up crew 3:30-4:30 for Friday night (May 1st) and one second shift kitchen (8:45-10:30am) on Saturday. Let me know sooner than later if you are able to volunteer. Thanks!

I hope you have our summer cruises on your calendar. Last month, Rob & Sharon Wells provided a great article in the Log regarding their cruise to Fisherman Bay in August. I encourage you to make your reservations soon. Their cruises are fun and memorable. We'll be hearing more from our other cruise hosts in the near future. Brent and his committee have done a great job for 2026!

Brent has also been busy updating and putting a new face on our SYC website. That

should be rolling out in the near future. Thanks, Brent.

Looking forward to seeing all our members at the club meeting on April 22nd. We will have a short business meeting following our speaker. Until then.....enjoy!

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

By Randy Bilof

Our April program will be by Mike Nelson, CEO of Dakota Creek Industries in Anacortes. If you have ever walked to the north edge of downtown Anacortes, you have undoubtedly seen their impressive shipyard.

Dakota Creek Industries (DCI) is a commercial shipyard originally founded in Blaine on Dakota Creek in 1975. DCI has been located in Anacortes since 1977. Their primary work currently is repair and maintenance of commercial vessels from 80 to 380 feet in length. DCI also has extensive new build experience in fishing vessels, tug boats, ferries, research vessels, barges, and offshore oil workboats.

Rear Commodore's Report

By Brent Carey

I don't know about you, but our list of spring projects is long. Everything we put off all winter is still waiting for us. The boat maintenance elves did not visit our boat. April showed up early, this year, Opening Day is right around the corner, and the Shakedown Cruise is just four weeks away.

Speaking of the Shakedown Cruise, just a reminder that we put a backup date on the calendar. So, we are planning on May 9, but sometimes May weather looks a lot like March weather. So, on Randy and Lorretta's call, we have May 16 to fall back on. I predict perfect weather, but Tess is in charge of weather this year, so if it rains you know who to blame.

Winds need to be calm though, since we will have a record-sized raft-up this year. I would love to kick off the season with every boat in the club out at Chuckanut on a sunny Saturday afternoon.

This summer, we have a full schedule and it's not too early to start making arrangements. The first cruise that requires reservations is Deer Harbor. Be sure to let Phil and Jodi know you are going and call Deer Harbor Marina at 360-376-3037 to book your slip. Tell them you are with the Squalicum Yacht Club group.

The next one requiring a reservation is Ganges Harbour. Let Rob and Debbie know you are coming and call Ganges Marina at 250-537-5242 to make your reservation. Let them know you are with Squalicum Yacht Club. While you're at it, let Wade know that you

will be coming to Stuart Island on the way to Ganges.

For Anacortes and La Conner, there is no need to make reservations, just yet. But please do let the captains of those cruises know about your plans, even if tentative. In both cases, the earlier we have an approximate boat count, the better. We have 1000 feet of dock space to fill up at La Conner, so enough room for every boat in the club. But we need a heads-up if we are going to have a high turnout for Anacortes. Tess and I are planning an off-menu circumnavigation of Fidalgo Island so something like Anacortes -> La Conner -> Bowman Bay -> maybe Eagle Harbor, then back to Bellingham. We would love some company.

Rob and Sharon did a great write-up for Fisherman Bay, last month. But, just as a reminder, it isn't too early to call to reserve your slip at 360-468-3377. Be sure to let them know that you are with the Squalicum Yacht Club group and let Rob and Sharon know you are coming.

Finally, a reminder to cruise captains: The newsletter is a great place to showcase your upcoming cruise and encourage turnout. People are starting to lock in summer plans, so the May newsletter is the perfect time to put the word out. Just write it up and send it to gbsirena@gmail.com

We are looking forward to a great season.

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I have 150 feet of 5/16" HD anchor chain that is excess to my needs. If you are in the market for chain, contact me.
Rob Wells



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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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