

OAK HARBOR YACHT CLUB

View from the Bridge April 2021

At the Helm

Commodore:

Terry Sparks

Vice-Commodore:

Danny Kaiser

Rear-Commodore:

Tom Fitzgerald

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Treasurer:

LaRae Brown

OHYC Directors:

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Commodore: Terry Sparks

Another month has gone by as well as the first quarter of 2021 has passed. It is encouraging to see the members returning to the club and having a wonderful time.

Jackie and Ken Cannizzaro put on a wonderful plated dinner to celebrate St Patty's day. It was amazing food at an amazingly low cost as Pete Hillberry donated the Corned Beef. The Privilege of Membership!

Thank you, Jackie, Ken and Pete!

Two big events coming in May. May 1, Opening Day, and May 22nd our first Dinner and a Pitch for 2021. See information on Pages 6 and 7.

Nautical Guidance: "Sailing takes me away to where I've always heard it could be." — Christopher Cross



Vice-Commodore: Danny Kaiser

Spring has arrived! Early flowers are blooming, buds are forming on the trees, days are getting longer. And sailors are back on the water!

We have had good turnout at the Club on Thursdays and Fridays. Especially the night of the Sail Fleet organizational meeting—what a great crowd that was! The St. Patrick's dinner was also a great success. Special thanks to Jackie and Ken Cannizzaro for preparing a great corned beef and cabbage meal for all to enjoy.

It looks like there is adequate interest to hold an Opening Day event this year. Thanks to all who responded to the survey. Watch for coming details on the schedule for that day.

Seems like almost every week we see some members who have not been by for a while. Let's keep that trend going!



Rear Commodore: Tom Fitzgerald

We have been working with the CJ Construction crew to get a handle on our septic system that is very antiquated. We pulled up one of the two pumps but could not get it to work. We are looking at replacement options as this pump and electrical system is old. To be continued...

A reminder if you want to lend a hand, the MMGT (Monday Morning Grill Team) meets every Monday at 0800. After cleaning the grills, we sit down, have coffee with some sort of Breakfast treat and hear some good stories. We could always use a couple more people on the Team. Let me know or just show up next Monday!

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Member's MUMBLINGS

Welcome New Members

WILLIAM ALLEN

William is an Oak Harbor resident and owns his own business. He has been sailing for over 10 years and is a professional Sailboat Rigger. He is looking forward to learning from the expertise of our accomplished sailors and to gain from their wealth of knowledge. He has a 21-foot sailboat "Piper". He was sponsored by Dave Steckman and Pamela Kaiser.



COLLIN SIMMONS

Collin is an Oak Harbor resident and is an active member of the U.S. Navy. He has been sailing off and on since he was a child. He is a member of the Ricochet racing team and has a deep respect for the art of sailing. He owns a Fuji 32 sailboat "Bliss". He is looking forward to meeting our OHYC members and learning more about sailing. He was sponsored by Dustin Latham and Dave Steckman.

AARON HALE AND CHRISTINA QUEENO

Aaron and Christina were members in 2018 and have recently reactivated their OHYC membership. They live in Oak Harbor and love cruising the islands and racing their 28-foot sailboat named "Argosia". Aaron participates in the Thursday Night OHYC sailing competitions and is an experienced sailor. They were sponsored by Dustin Latham and Terry Sparks.

EDWARD (EDDIE) SMITH

Eddie was born into a sailing family and grew up sailing a SJ30 Pee Wee Magic out of Everett. He has been racing since 2000. He is trained in Man Overboard and is interested in cruising and racing. He is looking forward to meeting more sailors and would like to get into competitive racing. Eddie works for the Washington State Ferry system and lives in Everett. He was sponsored by Dave Steckman and Pamela Kaiser.

Applications Pending

The following potential member's bios have been posted at the club and they will be voted on at the next OHYC Board meeting.

ANNA MORROW

Anna is a long-time sailor and sailed competitively in Anacortes. Some of her experiences are high school colligate dinghy racing, Thursday night keel boat racing, summer camp instructor..... Anna is the youth sailing director at OHYS. For the last 2 summers, Anna has taught many kids to sail. Anna is sponsored by Avis Berney and Larry Munns.

SHAWN O'CONNOR

Shawn was a 4-year member of Wildcat Sailing, joining the team as a founding member in 2014. Shawn learned to sail through OHYS, raced keel boats in the Puget Sound. Shawn is now the head coach of Wildcat Sailing, the Oak Harbor School sailing team. Not only is he a sailing coach, but he is also a substitute teacher and studying for his master's degree! He is sponsored by Avis Berney and Larry Munns.

Any ideas, concerns, Contact your Membership Chairperson Crystal Fitzgerald

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Cruising Fleet Plans

Cruising Fleet Captain

Cruise Fleet Captain – Bruce Brown

The 2021 cruise schedule has been posted on our website. All dates have confirmed reservations. Naturally at this early date, we do not know what the summer will bring; and if Canada should open up, we will consider a Canadian destination.

We would really like to try to get the non-boating members involved with a Land Cruisers program. Those with RVs could camp and most of the destinations also have a variety of lodging options available. Members could drive or hitch a ride with friends on their boat. I know we can always take several extra members comfortably on our boat to the destinations.

We would also really like to get our sailors and those with smaller boats involved. If you do not have cooking facilities on board, just let us know and we would be happy to put out meals as needed.

We are still looking for Cruise Captains for the cruises. This does not involve a lot of work. The Captain typically finds out how many members are planning to go on the cruise and makes the final arrangements with the marina. I am always happy to help if needed.

Please let me know if you plan cruise with us and which dates. Also let me know if you are willing to help by being a Captain for one of the destinations. There will also be a separate sign-up sheet at the Club for each cruise.



Cap Sante Docks are awaiting OHYC's arrival!

May 7 - 8 / Shakedown Anacortes (Cap Sante)

Located in Fidalgo Bay near Cap Sante Head, this spacious marina is within walking distance of downtown Anacortes.

May 28 - 31 / Deer Harbor followed by June 4 - 6 / Fisherman's Bay

For details on planned cruises, go to our website: <https://www.ohyc.org/cruise-fleet-schedule>

If you have any questions or suggestions, please let me know. I can be reached at: laraebrown@hotmail.com or (360) 682-6784

Life is sometimes cruel!

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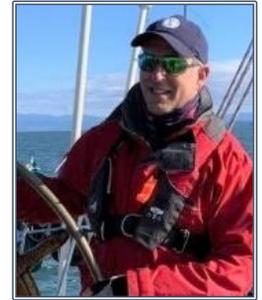


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Sail Fleet Plans

Sail Fleet Captain

What a wonderful start to our sailing season! We had 11 boats out for our first sail with many more trying to wrap up repairs, engine maintenance, and giving their boats a fresh new bottom. That is the "go fast" part of every sailboat. We should have well over 20 boats out on a Thursday night once the season is in full swing. We are looking forward to a fantastic season!



If you had not heard, the OHYC is putting on a 3-day sailing regatta this July 16-18! It is the Whidbey Summer Classic Regatta. It will have a familiar flavor and feel that Race Week had. There is already a buzz swirling around the Sound about this regatta. Many loved to spend their summer highlight with us on Whidbey! We have a great venue and fantastic group of volunteers!

We are looking for your help again to make this an incredible event! Please reach out to me if you would like to be part of history! Stay tuned...

Happy Sailing!

Dave Steckman Sail Fleet Captain

Check out the 2021 Sail Fleet Schedule & Information: <https://www.ohyc.org/sail-fleet>



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Planned Events at the Club

On Mar 19 Social Committee hosted its first Guest Chef special dinner of the year. The evening was well attended. The Chefs had the generous help of members serving and cleaning up. “To go” dinners were offered for the first time. Several members took advantage of ‘to go’. It will be announced whenever a ‘to go’ dinner is available. Not every member is ready to grace the doors just yet, but from time to time will be able to take advantage of what’s happening in the kitchen. Dinner and a Pitch is a segue into club gatherings that offer an interesting and learning activity. Be alert to eblasts with the details for the first Dinner and a Pitch. As in the past, the meal will be a special menu item with speakers on both nautical and non-marine topics. This social activity will be cost conservative and members are welcome to bring guests.



Thank you for observing the need to make reservations which keeps the quality and variety available and the waste low while saving members dollars.

No Easter event at the club so we wish you all the best day to celebrate per your tradition. May your eggs all be hard boiled, and your chocolate bunnies be filled with decadence. If you are hosting here is a festive beverage recipe that can be enjoyed by all ages.

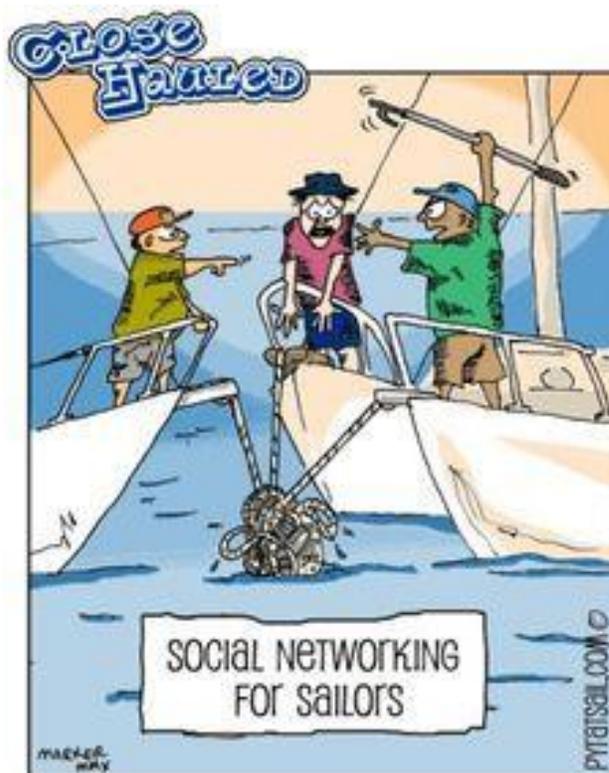
Easter Punch – with or without the ‘punch’

6 ounce can frozen orange juice concentrate
6 ounce can frozen lemonade concentrate
1 ½ cups pineapple juice
1 cup peach nectar, white grape juice or coconut water
2 cups ginger ale – add after mixing to keep it fizzy. Mix all the ingredients in a blender with 2 cups of ice. Then add ginger ale. Serve over ice with garnish of orange, lemon, mint or pineapple slices for garnish. For the over 21 crowd you can replace the ginger ale with 2 cups of champagne. Since champagne comes in larger bottles the cook gets to drink the difference while in the kitchen as a reward

Jackie Cannizzaro

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Opening Day – Coming May 1st



Saturday May 1, 2021

Skippers and Crew

- 9:00 a.m. Meet at the club
- 9:30 a.m. Underway
- Blessing of the Fleet
- Boat Parade

- 11:00 a.m. Catered Brunch
Details announced later

The Bridge is pleased to announce we will be having our traditional Opening Day event on May 1st.

This event starts off with the blessing of the boats during a parade of boats from the club and the marina in the harbor. We are presently planning for Skippers, their crew and those that want to be crew to meet at the club at 9:00 a.m. From there the Skipper and Crews will head for the docks to get underway by 9:30 a.m.

If you do not have a boat and would like to ride with one of the other members, be sure and be at the club no later than 9:00 a.m.

The next phase of Opening Day will be our Catered Brunch, being set up by our talented Social Chair Jackie, in the Ballroom. This will

be a ticked brunch with a limited number of seats available. We presently already have approximately 50 people that are planning to attend.

The planning is just getting started. Stay tuned to the email blasts for the final times and details for our Opening Day Event.

If you did not respond to the email blast reserving a spot for Opening Day and would like to attend, send us a note at the club email: theyachtclub@comcast.net Please provide a head count for you party.

Note: Reservations will be on a first come basis and we probably only have less than 30 seats still available.

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On Sale at the Ships Store

Real Deals on Apparel from Becky Powers

- Buy a Ball Cap and get a free Race week T throughout April.
- Do not want a Cap? Classic Race week T shirts - only \$5.00.
While they both last!

Need something special, let me know. *Becky* firecracker1012@gmail.com



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Dinner and a Pitch – Coming May 22nd

Jackie Cannizzaro and Terry Sparks are pleased to kick off our first Dinner and a Pitch for the year on May 22nd. We will have the details for dinner in the May newsletter. For now, mark your calendar for a terrific presentation by a new member and new Oak Harbor businessman.

Matt will bring some wonderful Indian artifacts and will provide a presentation on Native North American art and artifacts.

Matt will also offer a **Free Appraisal service**, if any club member has anything Indian made, and would like to have an appraisal. *Kind of like The Antiques Roadshow!*

Matt Wood's Antique American Indian Art, llc (AAIA)

specializes in Native North American art and artifacts from all time periods, with an emphasis on artifacts crafted in the 19th and early 20th centuries.



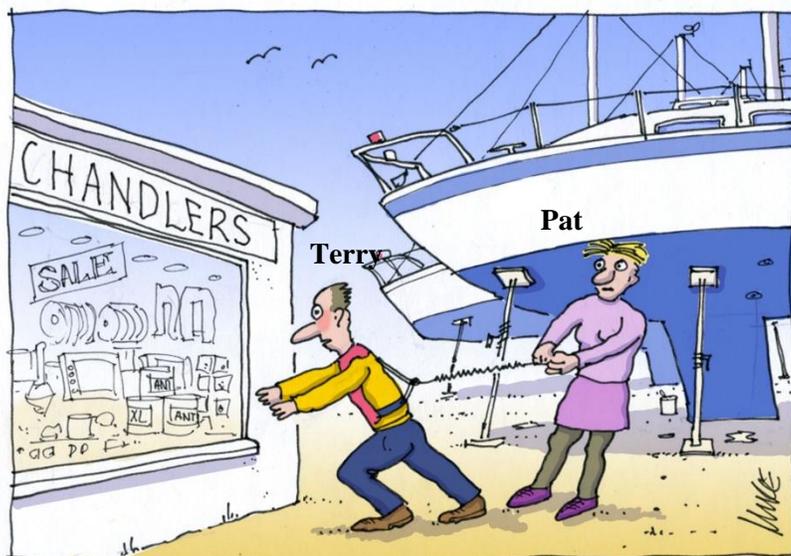
A family business for over 50 years, owners Matt Wood and now retired Len Wood have been leaders in the American Indian Art and Artifact industry.

In October 2014, Matt moved the business headquarters from Laguna Beach, CA to Bothell, Washington, and on October 1, 2021 AAIA will officially move to Oak Harbor on beautiful Whidbey Island.

The new gallery location will also present a private museum that showcases art and artifacts from throughout North America. Five primary regions of Native America will have permanent exhibits: Northwest including Alaska, Southwest, Plains, Plateau and Great Lakes making this one of the most comprehensive museums in the state of Washington. The Museum grand opening is scheduled for Spring / Summer 2022 (TBA).

**Spring is here and the boat
always needs parts!**

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Patty soon discovered the Lifejacket harness was the only option

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Reciprocals

Reciprocal Moorage Captain

Reciprocal Moorage Captain is Jonny Johnson

Reciprocal moorage is a benefit afford to our members by other yacht clubs. Typically, reciprocal moorage may not be reserved in advance and is available on a first come first serve basis.

The Privilege of Membership!

To find out which yacht clubs provide reciprocal moorage with Oak Harbor Yacht Club, go to Yacht Destinations.

<https://yachtdestinations.org/forums/index.php?app=frontpage>

If you have questions, contact Jonny at: Jonnytar@hotmail.com

206-459-4422



Pick of the month Moorage - - - Orcas Island Yacht Club

Mooring Location: West Sound, Orcas Island. All of the dock is reserved for reciprocal yacht club visitors except the East Side (Yellow Zone), which is reserved for OIYC members.

Mooring Details: Dock in front of Picnic Shelter. No Reservations. Tie up, then dock-box sign in. Fly your Burgee. **NO POWER, NO CHARGE!** Available Dockage: 200' - unattended. Fill west side and east side outside the yellow zone. 2 boats tied side-to-side is allowed. 3 or more boats tied side-to-side is not permitted. Please stern-tie when dock is busy.

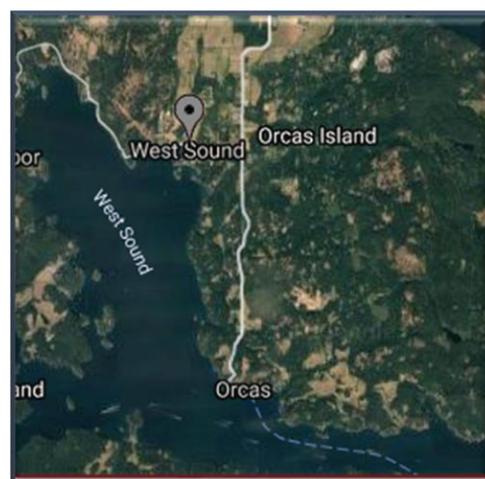
Time Limit Rules: 2 days.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The OIYC dock is **NOW OPEN** for reciprocal use.

No rafting is allowed at this time and the OIYC facilities, including picnic shelter and bathrooms, remain closed.

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Help Wanted!

Positions Open at the Club!

Newsletter Editor

We really need someone to take over the OHYC Newsletter. If the newsletter is important to you, please consider helping your fellow members with this important job. If you are willing to help let me know.



Club Historian

The Club Historian documents our fun with pictures and captions. If you like taking pictures, this might be a fun job for you.



Club Marketing & Public Relations

This is an important job for the club and requires some past hands-on experience in Marketing and sales. Key elements are to keep the club in the spotlight within the community, advertise and also work with potential customers to rent our Ballroom for events.



Education Chair

Create seminars and Dinner and a Pitch events to enhance our members knowledge in Boating and the community.



Assistant Quartermaster

Our Quartermaster takes inventory of the products we sell. Typically, this is a about a two hour process each monthly. The inventory is typically completed while the club is closed. One of our newest members David Maruna has stepped up to be our Quartermaster, but the task is much easier when two people are taking the inventory. Contact anyone on the Bridge to ask questions about or volunteer for one of these positions.



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OHYC Bar Specials this month

Drink Specials

- We Still have 3 white wines on special this month until we run out for only \$7 a bottle. (Cline Sauvignon Blanc, Costal Ridge Riesling, & Maryhill Winemakers White)
- **\$1 off a Mug of Stemma Beer. Only \$3.75 for a fantastic Beer!**



Food Items on Sale

- 6 once Black Angus Hamburger, Cheeseburger, or Bacon Cheeseburger and Chips
- 2 Pack Traditional Hotdogs
- Johnsonville Beer Brat
- BLT and Cheese on a bun
- 6 once Mahi Mahi sandwiches

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Boating information

WA state law requires that anyone born after January 1, 1955 carry a Washington State Boaters card when boating. There is a mandatory \$90 fine for non-compliance. There are a few other exceptions based primarily on boating professionals not needing the card.



Dreaming about cruising on Washington's waterways? Are you ready for the boating season? Spring into boating season and take a boating safety education course now! Learn more at www.boatered.org.

New USCG Requirement

Operators of recreational vessels less than 26 feet in length will be required to use an engine cut-off switch (ECOS) and associated ECOS link (ECOSL) as of April 1, 2021, as the U.S. Coast Guard implements a law passed by Congress.

The ECOS and ECOSL prevent runaway vessels and the threats they pose. The ECOSL attaches the vessel operator to a switch that shuts off the engine if the operator is displaced from the helm. The ECOSL is usually a lanyard-style cord that attaches to an ECOS either in close proximity to the helm or on the outboard motor itself if the vessel is operated by a tiller. When enough tension is applied, the ECOSL disengages from the ECOS and the motor is automatically shut down. Wireless ECOS have recently been developed and are also approved for use. These devices use an electronic "fob" that is carried by the operator and senses when it is submerged in water, activating the ECOS and turning the engine off. Wireless devices are available on the aftermarket and are beginning to become available as manufacturer-installed options.

Boaters are encouraged to check the U.S. Coast Guard website for additional information on this new use requirement and other safety regulations and recommendations:

<https://uscgboating.org/recreational-boaters/engine-cut-off-switch-faq.php>

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Deals for Club Members

Advertisements

- After Lloyd & Haleh Henry sold their boat, past OHYC members, they stopped by and donated several items from their boat. Free to OHYC Members only. Among the treasures are charts, books and some other boating treasures. Also available are a radar reflector, fuel can, charts, and cruising books.
- The Commodore's sailboat, Sunnyside, is listed for sale. We have removed many items from the boat that are also available to Club members for FREE. Including dock lines in good condition, Dock Cart, manual vacuum oil change pump, and treasures.



Also... Someone brought by some excellent books, free for the taking.

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OHYC Calendar

2021 Calendar

April

- * Thursday race night (6PM)
- * Thursday & Friday BBQ night

May

- * Opening Day
- * Thursday Race Night (6PM)
- * Thursday & Friday BBQ Night
- * Round Whidbey Race
- * Anacortes Cruise
- * Deer Harbor Cruise
- * Dinner and a Pitch by Matt Wood

June

- * Thursday Race Night (6PM)
- * Wed Steak Night
- * Thursday & Friday BBQ Night
- * Fisherman's Bay Cruise
- * Dinner and a Pitch

July

- * Thursday Race Night (6PM)
- * Wed Steak Night
- * Thursday & Friday BBQ Night
- * Summer Classic Regatta
- * Dinner and a Pitch
- * Stuart Is Cruise

August

- * Thursday race Night (6PM)
- * Wed Steak Night
- * Thursday & Friday BBQ Night
- * Kingston Cruise
- * Dinner and a Pitch

September

- * Thursday Race Night (6PM)
- * Wed Steak Night
- * Thursday & Friday BBQ Night
- * Roache Harbor Cruise
- * Dinner and a Pitch

October

- * Wed Steak Night
- * Thursday & Friday BBQ Night
- * Scott Cline Memorial Regatta
- * Everett Cruise
- * Dinner and a Pitch

November

- * Thursday Burger, Race Training & Sailing Movie
- * Wed Steak Night
- * Friday BBQ Night
- * Dinner and a Pitch

December

- * Thursday Burger, Race Training & Sailing Movie
- * Christmas Boats
- * 1st Annual Christmas Tree Lighting
- * Wed Steak Night
- * Friday BBQ Night
- * Commodore's Ball
- * New Year's Eve Party

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