

OHYC NEWS

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*(reserve your dinner by noon
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Latest UPDATES at OHYC

There are a lot of changes being made and will continue to be made until life gets back to normal. And getting back to normal isn't going to be a flick of the switch. So to keep our members informed, the OHYC Newsletter has dedicated the front page to changes that might affect you. If you have a contribution to make to this page, please contact Commodore Mike Rowe (1mykro@frontier.com) who will pass it on the me.

*Stay safe my friends,
Sueann Carter, Editor*

CRUISE FLEET & SOCIAL

May 8, 2020

Cruise Fleet Captains have reported that cruises to Deer Harbor and Lopez Island have been canceled by the Marinas, but plenty of folks are doing short impromptu cruises.

The May Western Night has been cancelled. We will have more information on June Socials as we get closer.

COVID-19

April 30, 2020

The majority of the confirmed COVID-19 positive cases in Island County have recovered or are recovering at home. A small number have been hospitalized. Of those hospitalized, some have recovered, some are still in the hospital, and a few have resulted in fatalities. Not everyone who is infected with COVID-19 have symptoms or are tested. Most individuals who are infected have few or mild symptoms.

The Washington State Department of Health has established a call center to address questions from the public. If you have questions about what is happening in Washington State, how the virus is spread, and what to do if you have symptoms, please call 1.800.525.0127 and press #.

<https://www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/Pages/COVID-19.aspx#community>

IMPORTANT OHYC ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) the OHYC

will be closed effective immediately. The OHYC expects closure will be through the start of May. We will update membership at that time or sooner as events unfold. We take the action as a precautionary measure and to keep our membership safe.

SAN JUAN COUNTY TRAVEL ADVISORY

April 13, 2020

This is a link to an advisory from the San Juan County Visitor Bureau that essentially closes the door to transient, nonresident boaters going to the islands to practice social distancing.

<https://www.visitsanjuans.com/travel-advisory>

SAIL FLEET

April 13, 2020

The Sail Fleet is sad to announce, that with the uncertainty regarding covid-19, we will be postponing the 'Round Whidbey race scheduled for next month. We hope to be able to find a later date that works this year. We have also cancelled our Spring Series buoy races.

We know that there are many itching to go out on their boats. If you are one of them, we do have the Challenge Courses which are posted online. These are individual races against the clock. Great for a single family adventure. Remember to sail safe and follow State and local guidelines. We hope to be back out there very soon! We all need some vitamin D and vitamin SEA!

*Sail Fleet Captains,
Shannon Buys and Dave Steckman*

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View from the Bridge



Commodore Mike Rowe

Who ever thought the year of the rat would start out like this? Been a trying time for all, as I sit here at home for what seems like an eternity, I know some sort of new normal will take over. I cannot wait to see everybody enjoying the Club as it was meant to be.

As the Government slowly starts to open more and more things, we must remember to stay vigilant and keep an eye out for each other, we are all in this together, one happy family with happy thoughts for the future.

Hope to see you all at the club, or on the docks, or anywhere real soon ... Stay safe!



Vice Commodore Ken Cannizzaro

The club is being kept tidy with pride, lawn cut, interior cleaned, upstairs Bar (almost done) -- and the power bill lowest we've seen in a long time. Did everyone know that Shelley took over the housekeeping duty of the club just before the shut down? Shelley is such a clean nut that even before the call for extra diligence she was cleaning the corners and taking dust bunnies as prisoners. The dust and construction of the new upstairs bar (project on hold until we are 'released') was keeping Shelley

busy. She took it on without a complaint. After all it will be her new workspace and sure beats carrying bottles and trays up and down the stairs. So when we see her next, give her a high five. Mr. Clean has nothing on her.

Our minds continue to churn ways to bring practicality, fun and utility to the club once we reopen. I like to use the word postponed instead of cancelled when we speak of our routine events and activities. A lot of work has been put into our club plans that will make us appreciate it even more once we return. It's a good time to listen. So spare no words and please communicate to your Bridge.

Timing to be without a club manager is on our side, saving on payroll while we have no income. The search for a manager will start again in the near future. Other unnecessary expenses have been put on hold. Suppliers of reoccurring products and services have been cooperative with their suspension. If members have insight to the SBA and CARES Act funding / grant, lend us your thoughts. Seems there is much to understand, your input counts.

We miss our members, our events and our club camaraderie. It got so bad that in the same week we craved and cooked a steak on a Wednesday and made our own burgers on Friday. Keeping the spirit alive. Your communications are invited. A line in a Jimmy Buffett song says "if your phone doesn't ring, it's me calling". Don't let me stay lonely. Call me and share your thoughts and wishes.



Rear Commodore Terry Sparks

MMGT: The team is still on vacation. After all this time off, we may need to be re-trained on how to clean the grill. Any volunteers?

Facility Work: I have one bid in hand for the parking lot repairs and sealer. As a result of the virus, no one is ready to come see me and take a tour of the project.

The upstairs bar project remains on hold, but the good news is we are at over 90% and the bar is already usable.

RC Nautical Guidance: We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails.



PENDING APPLICATION

John Starke Scott

Starke lives in Greenbank and has both a sail boat and power boat. He is most interested in recreational cruising and racing and becoming involved in Club activities. He is sponsored by Dave and Kathy Steckman.

Membership mumblings ...

With the shelter in place and the Club being closed, there is very little to report from your Membership Co-Chairs.

In recent newsletters, we have asked for input from the Membership about increasing our membership, retaining our membership, and creating a new member mentoring program. No responses on any of these. We can't believe that we are doing everything perfectly and that no one in our super membership has any ideas on how to recruit new members, retain current members, and how to involve the new and not-so-new members in our numerous and interesting Club activities. With all the creativity and outstanding expertise of our members, there has to be a quite a few of you out there with comments/suggestions. We welcome the good and not-so-good! Please let us hear from you!!!! Another idea is to create a membership advisory committee. Are any of you interested in helping this way? We welcome your participation.

MEMBERSHIP DUES EXTENSION

The Oak Harbor Yacht Club's 2020 Directory is almost ready for it's grand entrance! As we worked on the Directory, we were very aware that there were several of our wonderful members who had not renewed for this year. Because each and everyone of you have been exemplary members, we would like to ask you to reconsider renewing for 2020. As an extra added incentive, the late fee will be waived if dues are received by May 31, 2020.

Dues can be sent to the Club - 1301 Catalina Dr., Oak Harbor, WA 98277 or if you choose to use your credit card, please call the Club - 360-675-1314. Please think about this - we miss you!

KUDOS KUDOS KUDOS

It is very important for me (Pamela) to recognize the outstanding job that your Membership Co-Chair, Crystal Fitzgerald has done on getting the 2020 Directory into an almost perfect form. She has spent hours and hours emailing and calling people to verify their information. We have worked together on this project but she has done the really grunt work and I cannot praise and thank her enough! I think this Co-Chairing has worked out beautifully but without Crystal's diligence and thoroughness, it wouldn't be happening as smoothly as it is.

We are still planning on an Open House for recruiting new members. When???? - soon after the Club reopens. We will let everyone know (probably via a Blast) when the date is set.

STAY HEALTHY, KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCING,
WASH WASH WASH YOUR HANDS AND THEN
WASH AGAIN, AND WHEN YOU ARE OUT AND
ABOUT - WEAR A MASK!

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Buccaneer Fleet

Cyn Gonzales (southerngalcyn@gmail.com)

For those who would like to participate, the Fleet meets at the Club the second Friday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Come join the FUN. AAAAAA!!!!

Members:

Cyn Gonzales, Fleet Captain
Tony & Tallie Boyer
Ryan and Ileana Bradley
Dennis Carter
Mike & Courtney Cherry
Sally & Ed Crelly
Ernie and Patty Dickens
Bernd and Deb Fischer
Mario and Cyn Gonzales
Sally Hopkins
Gary and Cheryl Jandzinski

Ferd Johns
Elaine Jung
Lynn Kastner
John and Therese Kingsbury
Andy and Jan Markley
Sherwood and Joan Minckler
Mike and Carole Rowe
Kathy Shurtleff
Randy and Cindi Stoll
Steve and Julie Williams
Dan and Barb Wright

Ahoy Bucs!

Hoping everyone is staying safe and well. We've definitely lost our April and May has nothing on the books. I am hoping "Yachts of Fun", which is scheduled for June, will be a signal to a return to semi-normal.

For now there is not much more to add so we'll weather this storm out.

Until we can meet again in fair weather stay safe and well. Remember as with everything "This to shall pass".

Stay in touch. If anyone needs anything, please reach out.

Arrr,
Captain Cyn

2020 Cruise Fleet Schedule

May 1-3 **Canceled**

Anacortes Shakedown Cruise

May 23-26 **Canceled**

Deer Harbor

May 29-31 **Canceled**

Fisherman's Bay

June 26-28

Kingston

July 10-12

Port Townsend
Extension to Pleasant
Harbor June 12-14

August 21-23

Victoria (Causeway Marina)

September 11-13

Bellingham

October 2-4

Everett

Ahoy Cruisers!

Well now what? I believe we will have a better idea after May 4th. Will there be an extended "stay at home" or not? San Juan County will remain closed to transient boaters until after May 4th. A new decision to be made after that.

That being said, as of this newsletter, the two planned, late May cruises are still a "maybe". Deer Harbor (May 22 - 25) is not answering phone calls and their website says "NO MOORAGE RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED FOR APRIL AND MAY", but that may change. Fisherman's Bay (May 29 - 30) is open and they will welcome us and hope we will come. San Juan County Administration says "private marinas can decide for themselves whether or not to accept reservations for May."



Ralph, Colette and Murphy sunning on Skagit watching whales.

Once everything is open, perhaps not everyone will feel safe anyway. All remains to be seen. We could forego potlucks for now to maintain social distancing. Just an idea.

Keep posted to Mike's Friday evening fireside chat reports for further updates.

As for Raven, we continue with boat projects and we've cruised to Skagit Island and Penn Cove twice and loved it. Ran into the crew of Island Sunset at Skagit Island where we were able to take a hike and stay apart at a safe distance.

Lets' just hope for the best, fellow cruisers!

Ralph and Colette



Mark, Penny and Sabian rest during a hike.

Sail Fleet

Dave Steckman (davesteckman@hotmail.com)
Shannon Buys (buys737s@live.com)

Come Round the Buoys With Us! Racers and cruisers welcomed!

Weekly Series

Frostbite Series (4 Thursdays)
March 12 - April 2

Spring Series (4 Thursdays)
April 9 - April 30 **canceled**

Magic Juan Series (5 Thursdays)
May 7 - June 4

Early Summer Series (5 Thursdays)
June 11 - July 9

Langley Sprint (Saturday)
July 11- Tentative

Mid-Summer Series (5 Thursdays)
July 16 - August 13

Fall Follies Series (5 Thursdays)
August 20 - September 17

Weekly themed racing
(Pirate, 80's, Tropical, Gilligan's Island, etc.)

Toby's Run (Billy Wind Sprint) (Saturday)
September 26 - 2019 Winner - Wind Warrior

Sailing Movies and Rules of Racing (Thursdays)
November - February 5:30 p.m.

OHYC Regattas

'Round Whidbey - May 16-17 **postponed**

Scott Cline Memorial Regatta - October 3-4

YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Carole Rowe, Chair
Teresa Adkins
Tallie and Tony Boyer
Dennis Carter
Courtney Cherry
Deb Fischer
Crystal Fitzgerald
Cynthia Gonzales
Leah Hofer
Bianca Juras
Lynn Kastner
Maria Litrenta
Karen Nelson
Cindi and Randy Stoll

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 18

Cosmic Bingo

February 15

Murder Mystery Dinner

March 21 *moved to June 6*

Comedy Night

April 4 *postponed*

Open House

April 26 *postponed*

Opening Day

May 16 *postponed*

Western Ho Down

June 6

Comedy Night

June 20

Masquerade Ball Summer Solstice

July 4

Big Ass Backyard BBQ

August 15

Big Band

September 19

Fundraiser

October 14

Nominations Dinner

October 31

Halloween Party

November 21

Election Dinner

December 5

Club Christmas Party

December 31

Commodore's Ball and NYE Party

Social meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at the Club.



The next social event at the Yacht Club.

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From top to bottom: The lonely Yacht Club, the lonely grill and tulips in bloom.

Photos by Ken Cannizzaro

May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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it's safe to come out.**

Club hours: Wednesday – Friday 4-10, Saturday 5-9 (club hours may vary)

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May 28

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Club Reservation Policy

Tickets must be purchased
for all events. Pay at the
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credit card.

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Please contact us if you know
of a Club Member who may
need help or support due to
injury, illness, or death in the
family.

You may also contact a
Bridge member.

Reciprocal Moorage

Jack Kemp
801-927-8323
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The reciprocal book is at Club, and
online at yachtdestinations.org.

If you have a recommendation for
a Yacht Club reciprocal not listed,
please contact me. Currently we
have reciprocal arrangements with
more than 100 clubs.

Scuttlebutt

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Classified ads are limited to nautical items (mostly) and Club announcements.

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Liability insurance in Canada

Last year the Canadian yacht clubs
all started requiring visiting reciprocal
boats to carry either 1 or 2 million dollar
of liability insurance. Many of us do
not carry that much but if you are on
a OHYC sponsored cruise the Club's
Insurance policy includes an umbrella
policy to cover you. The cruise captain
will need to call Greg Reynolds of
Global Marine Insurance Co. @206-
261-0517 and give him the dates and
places of the cruise into yacht clubs
and the names of the boats going.
There may be other info needed; he'll
let you know. Each person will get a
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your liability coverage temporarily for
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return for very little \$.

Tell us your story!

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someone who likes to write about
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