

OHYC NEWS



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Steak and Chicken BBQ 6:00 p.m.

(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 to me.

*Stay safe my friends,
Sueann Carter, Editor*

IMPORTANT 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.

*Sail Fleet Captains,
Shannon Buys and Dave Steckman*

CRUISE FLEET

April 10, 2020

The Shakedown Cruise has been officially canceled however Cap Santee will still welcome single yachters. If you have questions, contact Ralph Gamble (ralphiegamble@gmail.com) or Colette Barrett (colettebarrett1@gmail.com)

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!

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A heck of a way to get a helicopter ride

By Guest Writer Bill Weinsheimer

If I could have planned for January 7, I would have packed a bag with clean underwear and a toothbrush; I would have made plans at work; and I would have scheduled surgery for daylight hours. But that's not how emergencies work. They spring up while you are living your life and demand scrap your plans.

So, instead of preparing for a medical emergency, I was enjoying a rare conversation with my everbusy daughter, Willa. Without warning, I felt pain in my neck, that moved to my chest. It was throbbing more than sharp, but it did not feel right, and so I went upstairs where Sheila was. I sat on our bed, still feeling pain and pressure in my upper chest.

"I have a funny pain in my neck and chest. You should call 911," I said. So Sheila calls Doug Langrock, my physician, and is halfway through telling him my symptoms and he told her, "call 911." Oh, how badly I wanted to say, "I told you so."



Sheila and Bill Weinsheimer

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View from the Bridge

Commodore Mike Rowe



Who would have thought a little bug would have such a large impact, but here we are. For the first time most of us can remember, our Club is closed due to no fault of our own, the only good point is that we are getting a real deep cleaning, with Shelly not working the bar, she is running the mop.

Starting the first of April (hoping we are open by then) the Saturday hours for the bar will be from 5pm to 9pm. This will allow later hours for the summer.

We all hope this thing runs its course soon and we can get things back on an even keel. Let's all stay safe out there.

Vice Commodore Ken Cannizzaro

VC reporting from home - a new reality. So I will comment on home. The dishwasher runs every day filled with dishes after our 3 meals a day at home. This is new as we typically depend on the OHYC for a least 2 nice social dinners a week, gatherings with friends and supporting community. Jackie is trying to make the Instapot replace all our kitchen appliances. We miss all our members but many are doing well communicating by phone and email. I hear there is a lot of spring cleaning going on (our floors have never been cleaner). Many are getting a jump on spring lawn clean up. When we do get free of 'shelter at home' I encourage you to visit the club to appreciate the amazing sunsets. At least that is one constant in this time of adjustments. I know we all look forward to the date when OHYC news is again filled with all the appealing activities volunteers work hard to plan.



Rear Commodore Terry Sparks

MMGT: With the closure of the club the last half of March, the MMGT did the last grill cleaning for March on the 16th. Hopefully the club and MMGT will be back again in April.

FACILITY WORK: Baron heat was brought in to service our furnaces. They noted almost no airflow upstairs and the

upstairs unit was running very hot. After a lengthy investigation a hidden Fire damper was found tripped cutting off all air flow about 6 feet from the furnace. It has been repaired and I installed



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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

Wildcat Sailing

Oak Harbor Youth Sailing appreciates all the support from Oak Harbor Yacht Club to continue promoting youth sailing in our community and we are eagerly awaiting the okay to get them back on the water as soon as possible. We hope to see you out there soon.

Coach Erik Mann
Wildcat Sailing
360-632-6572
Sailingwildcats@gmail.com



Most of the team following the Island Cup Regatta in Oak Harbor March 7-8.



Wildcat Sailing was able to get one final sail in before having to pack up the equipment for several weeks. Saturday the 21st of March, the team set out with six boats and sailed to Coupeville forage picnic lunch. It was by far the longest sail the team has ever done, and the weather was amazing (for sailors) with winds in the 15-20 knot range and sunny skies, even though the temps were in the low 40's. We were fortunate to be able to show the kids a great time before going on lockdown for the foreseeable future.



A team of six sailors attended the Trick or Treat Team Race in Anacortes in October, finishing third in their group. (Left to right-Jenny Fanielson, Ben Servatius, Cat Wicker, Andrew Buys, Tommy Buys and Anna Servatius).



Four sailors (left to right-Ben Servatius, Willa Weinsheimer, Cooper Billiter and Tommy Buys) competed in the NWISA Keelboat Championships aboard J/80's in Seattle against six other teams and won the second race of the day.



Wildcat Sailing sent six sailors to Bellingham (left to right-Tommy Buys, Colin Byler, Kaitlin Mann, Andrew Buys, Ben Servatius and Liam Chapman) who won the Bellingham Regional Fleet Race.

Cruise Fleet

Ralph Gamble (ralphiegamble@gmail.com)
Colette Barrett (colettebarrett1@gmail.com)

2020 Cruise Fleet Schedule

May 1-3 Canceled

Anacortes Shakedown Cruise

May 23-26

Deer Harbor

May 29-31

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

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. ARRRR!!!!

Members:

Cyn Gonzales, Fleet Captain

Tony & Tallie Boyer

Ryan and Ileana Bradley

Dennis Carter

Mike & Courtney Cherry

Sally & Ed Creelly

Ernie and Patty Dickens

Bernd and Deb Fischer

Mario and Cyn Gonzales

Sally Hopkins

Gary and Cheryl Jandzinski

UPDATE: Anacortes Shakedown Cruise, May 1-3, is canceled

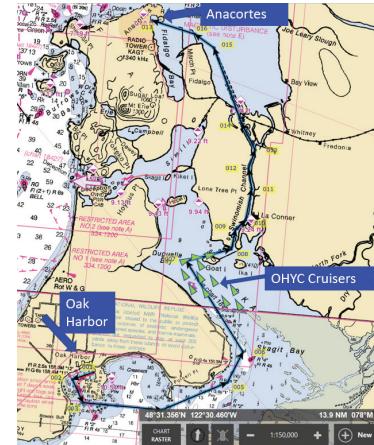
Wow! What a world. It is a different place from just last month. But ... hopefully this too shall pass and we shall look forward to normalcy and to a more peasant spring and summer.

As for our planned cruises, AT THIS POINT, we are still on for the Anacortes Shakedown Cruise May 1-3. We can sail or motor our own boats and dock at Cap Sante while still maintaining social distancing as needed. The fresh air will do us good! If needed we can wave and smile from our decks!

As for plans for Anacortes, we are thinking that putting them in the newsletter at this time is a bit too optimistic. Cap Sante could close to transient boaters. We'll see. Plans for the cruise would be pretty much the usual activities and we will post those in the club when it reopens and/or will email all those on the sign up sheet.

We are surely all in the same boat (no pun intended). Stay well all, and stay at home unless you are out in your boat anchored in a lovely, lonely spot.

Ralph and Colette



Raven cruising to Skagit Island, May 19, 2019.

Shiver Me Timber's

First and foremost, I would like all the crew to keep Dan & Barbara Wright in thought and prayer. Dan has recently stepped down as our Captain and I have volunteered to fill in for the year. I know our year has started out with an unexpected squall, but we will weather through it.

The scurvy (COVID-19) has quarantined us away from our port and has canceled not only our usual get togethers but all community functions. I'm calling all hands to band together and make the best of our plight. We still have telephones, e-mail, text, FB and the odd pigeon - so Buccaneers I put the challenge to my crew to stand firm and make a daily attempt to contact a shipmate or countryman to check on their welfare or just beat the doldrums. This is the best way to keep our social distancing yet stay connected. By the way walking a plank is less than 6 feet so I'm not falling for that one.

As I receive news, I will pass it on so we can again chart our course for the year. Until we can share a pint again, keep your decks swabbed and your sails trim, which, may I add, be needed as toilet paper.

Cyn Gonzales, Interim Captain

Membership mumblings ...

Due to the indefinite closing of the Club, the New Member Open House has been postponed to a later date which will be announced as soon as current issues allow. This is a very important event as we need new members. Currently we are at approximately 60% of our allowed number of Certificates. New members are always welcome because they give extra pizazz and energy to our functions, bring many welcome areas of expertise, and increase our numbers which in turn helps our financial picture. So, we will be recruiting you all to attend the New Member Open House when the date is announced.

In last month's OHYC Newsletter we presented our vision of a New Member Mentoring Program. We emphasized that mentoring was an easy way to welcome new members and most important - retain them. We did not receive one response from any of our members and we are wondering why! If you did not agree with our plan and approach, we would like to hear from you. There are many reasons for retaining new members as stated in the previous paragraph but one of the most important is maintaining financial stability.

We presented this New Member Mentoring Program because it was #1 on our goals for 2020 Membership list. In next month's newsletter, we will present some of our other ideas.

We would appreciate input on what you think we should be doing to keep new members in our club. We would also welcome any ideas you have for increasing membership. Thank you

The 2020 OHYC Directory will be coming out soon. We have worked very hard to make sure that the information in the 2020 Directory is accurate. A BLAST asked for changes/corrections and many of you responded. Thank you. When you get your 2020 OHYC Directory and you find errors, please let us know as soon as possible. We will include Addenda in future newsletters.

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Social Events

Carole Rowe (cmrowe@frontier.com)

Hang in there, things will get back to normal

With all the closures, we rescheduled Comedy night for June 6th. We will have a busy Social calendar for June if things get back to normal. I'm sure we could all use normal, but for now please stand by for information on April's opening day and May's Ho down, we just don't know yet. Safety for everyone is our primary concern.

Cheers, Carole

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	June 6	October 31
Cosmic Bingo	Comedy Night	Halloween Party
February 15	June 20	November 21
Murder Mystery Dinner	Masquerade Ball Summer	Election Dinner
March 21 <i>moved to June 6</i>	Solstice	December 5
Comedy Night	July 4	Club Christmas Party
April 4 <i>postponed</i>	Big Ass Backyard BBQ	December 31
Open House	August 15	Commodore's Ball and NYE
April 26	Big Band	Party
Opening Day	September 19	Social meetings are held the first
May 16	Fundraiser	Thursday \of every month at 6:00 p.m.
Western Ho Down	October 14	at the Club.
	Nominations Dinner	

Calendar

Reservations: 360-675-1314 or
theyachtclub@comcast.net (please put name of event in the Subject line)

April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 BBQ Night 6:00 reserve by noon Texas Hold'em 7:00	2 Social Comm Mtg 6:00	3 Burger Night 6:00	4 Movie Night 6:30 TBA
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The Club is closed until it's safe to come out.

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

From page 1: View from the Bridge

7-day thermostats so the heat can be reduced to 62 degrees when the club is not opened to further reduce our cost of operation.

The three Commodores have spent many hours in March building the new bar upstairs. Come take a look when the club re-opens. Also Thank you Dennis Carter and Tug Thompson for their help with the formica and trim installation.

RC Nautical Guidance: This is your life, grab it by the helm!

From page 1: Helicopter ride

The next thing I knew, our house was filled with EMTs, firefighters, and their gear. They decided that I was in very bad shape and told Sheila that they were going to transport me to the hospital. She should get the kids and follow them there, “but don’t try to keep up with us,” they advised.

At the hospital, the ER doctor looked inside me with an ultrasound and saw fluid on the wrong side of my heart – on the outside! This was bad, very bad. I was diagnosed with a dissection of the ascending section of my aorta, and I needed surgery stat.

They wrapped me in blankets and injected me with fentanyl in preparation for a helicopter ride to Seattle. Between the opiate and the reduced circulation, my memory gets a bit fuzzy from here. While I was flying to Seattle, Sheila had to endure the 2-hour drive to Seattle with Willa and Jake in the car, not knowing what condition I would be in when they arrived. That was Tuesday night.

I don’t remember anything until Thursday evening, so what I know about the time in between comes from Sheila. Surgery lasted more than eight hours, and they had to cool my body to 20°C (72°F) while they bypassed my heart. Even though doctors thought Sheila would be shocked to see me with respiratory tubes coming out of my mouth, she was truly stunned by my shaved chest (it used to be very hairy -- just ask Chad Holcomb) and the fresh incision over my sternum.

They tell me I’ll be better than before. My heart is healthy, and they cut out the weak section of my aorta and replaced it with a piece of Dacron. If I had known that they needed some Dacron, I could have brought a corner of an old sail to the hospital with me, which brings me back to the beginning. John Lennon famously sang that “life is what happens to you while you’re busy making other plans.” I am reminded to make plans at your own peril, because life happens regardless of what is scheduled. You don’t always need to have an extra scoop of ice cream when it is offered, but do take time to stop and say hello to a stranger, and take time to tell those close to you that you love them.

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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
sea_fox44@yahoo.com

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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Submissions can be edited for space
and published at the discretion of the
editor and Board of Directors. Not all
submissions will be published.

Deception Pass Sail & Power Squadron update

In an abundance of caution, knowing that many of our squadron members are over 60, Deception Pass Sail & Power Squadron has canceled all activities until further notice. In the meantime, however, we're working on ways to put on an online ABC class for new boaters. We are also working on another online seminar on Cruise Planning. These classes/seminars would be about 2 hours long, and would cover the same information we would put into an actual class. We would probably use the Zoom platform, which would allow students to see one another and ask questions. AS we progress in this endeavor, we will keep OHYC members apprised.

In the meantime, we see from our socially-isolated living room that many of you are out on your boats - we wish we were with you! Sitting at anchor sounds like the perfect way to isolate yourselves and still be outside enjoying the weather. Provisioning for these days at anchor means a lot of canned foods - remember to rinse all those canned vegetables before you eat them! (Nobody needs that much sodium in their diet.) Canned chicken and roast beef work into casseroles easily and mean that nothing needs refrigeration! (Well, except the beer.)

Happy Spring from DPSPS!

Karen Nelson, Squadron Education Officer

Pacific Grace is for sale!!

2007 North Pacific
52' Pilothouse Trawler
Currently at Oak Harbor Marina slip G-13



List price is \$479,500

Contact owners
Steppe and Mary Williford
(360-672-8170)

Listed with Curt Adams at Bristol
Yachts Northwest (360-941-1465)
www.yachtworld.com/boats/2007/north-pacific-52-3607997/



1984 Tri-cabin trawler

Single Perkins diesel engine
with bow thruster.
Asking \$80,000.

Curtis Adams
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Cell 360-941-1465
https://www.yachtworld.com/core/listing/pl_boat_detail.jsp?&units=Feet&id=3641554&lang=en&slim=&broker=&hosturl=bristol&&ywo=bristol&

Saltspring Island Sailing Club closed for a month

This spring, the Saltspring Island Sailing Club will be initiating a project to replace F Dock (a section of the breakwater) at the marina. As a result, the marina will be closed to reciprocal visitors from May 14-June 15, 2020.

Liability insurance in Canada

Last year the Canadian yacht clubs all started requiring visiting reciprocal boats to carry either 1 or 2 million dollars 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 Certificate of Coverage.

If you are traveling on your own you can call your insurance agent to up your liability coverage temporarily for a nominal fee and then cancel upon return for very little \$.

Tell us your story!

You don't need to be a writer, but someone who likes to write about places and adventures, and would like to share them with Club members. Not looking for a Pulitzer, but an informal fun to read story approximately 150 words. Submit your stories to ohycnews@comcast.net.

Members speak out, but six feet away



I am having a quarantine party. None of you are invited. (Pat and Ellen Harman doing social distancing at Prevost Harbor in the San Juan Islands, March 2020.)

Bob's so bored that he began refinishing the kitchen cabinets – something I've been talking about for several years. Now that there's nothing much to do on Nellie (besides refinishing her brightwork again), he's finding new and different things to do.

I'm quilting – our youngest grandchild turns 10 in May, and this is her "grown up" quilt. I just need to put the border on and quilt it. Since this one is almost finished, though, I found some stuff in my fabric stash and have begun a quilt that is all stars – it'll be named PANDEMIC STARS. Plus, I'm making our son's girlfriend a quilt that has a dog motif (she rescues pups).

Otherwise, we're sitting here, drinking wine (and Scotch, thanks to Steppe).

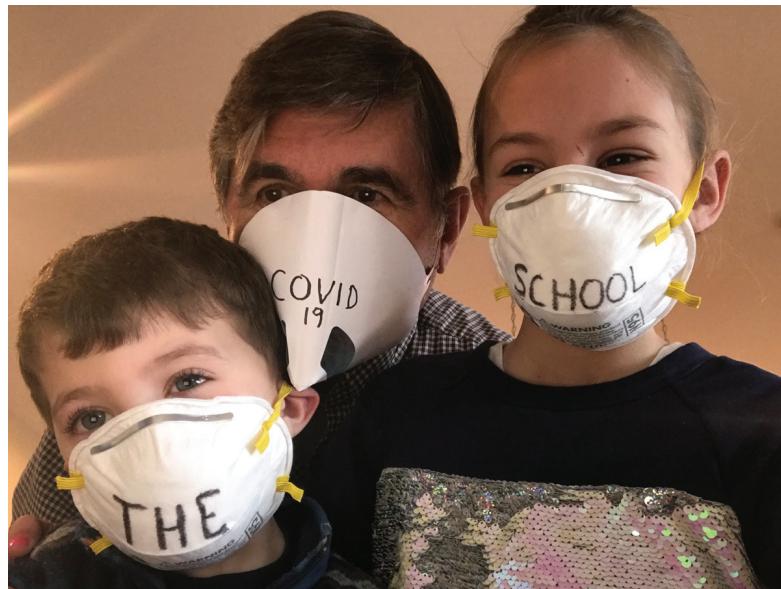
Karen & Bob

I have cleaned out the clothes closet and have a lot of stuff to donate when we are allowed out of our cells. Cleaning out drawers finding stuff that I thought I had disposed of ages ago. Answering long-over-due correspondence with friends, experimenting with my Instant Pot (some failures some successes), going through old slides from the 1940's (you know I am old), reading all the books that I had set aside for when I had my knee replacement and never read, watching the flowers bloom before they are supposed to, and luxuriating in the morning reading print newspapers and on-line New York Times with plenty of freshly ground Peet's. Lots of cabin fever but bearable.

Pam Kaiser

Well, we're into a kitchen remodel at home and gardening. Had Raven out last week for a little short cruise to Skagit Island (lovely) and in to Penn Cove for the second night ... anchored near our house and walked home for a bit ... so nice to get the boat out!

Colette Barrett



It's been 32 years since I boat schooled. Here we go again! "D" and Sage Stavros with GrandPa Craig Cooley.

Well....my house is really CLEAN now.

And, since it is the Lenten season, Rex and I decided to abstain from bar-hopping and gallivanting about town. Do you think we can make it to Easter?

When the sun is shining, I've been working of creating a brick & rock garden path and on cloudy, rainy days working on finishing up tile mosaic fountains and painting. And, solo karaoke - don't have to fight over the mic!

Suzie DuPuis

Hints from Heloise once said "a clean house and a shiney cookie sheet are signs of a misspent life".

I can't be accused of having either. But I did tackle my drawer of Tupperware and misc storage containers. Now everything has been associated with its matching lid. What didn't have a top went into recycling. The remaining items have been stacked tidily according to size and shape. At least for a while the drawer looks like an orderly display at a department store. Well that chore only took years plus social isolation to attract my attention.

If this lasts too long I just may enter Heloise's realm of " a misspent life." Cookie sheets - beware.

Jackie Cannizzaro



Bobby Greathead's new ride and
Bobby and Bob doing what they
do best in Kingman, Arizona.

Members speak out, but six feet away



Ron fixed up my lighthouse to look even better! I'm still working full time because payroll is a necessity.

Bonnie Deru

12 hour work days

can't keep up.

apparently NWS is essential!

Manufacturers, technicians, logistics and warehouse operators, and distributors of medical equipment, medical devices, diagnostics, personal protective equipment (PPE), medical gases, pharmaceuticals, blood and blood products, vaccines, testing materials, laboratory supplies, cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting or sterilization supplies, and tissue and paper towel products.

Ron Deru

Let's see, this year during spring break I power washed the boat, power washed the patio and walkway and that was on day one and two. Day three, I put away all my sewing tables and machine so that I could get my new car in the garage. Day four, I cleaned out the attic (something that's been on my list for some time). Day five, I took down all the outside lights fixtures and painted the housings. Day six, I went through all my nut and bolt boxes and assorted them by size. Day Seven, I went down to my storage shed at the marina and cleaned and straightened it out. Day eight, I had to get out so I went to Ron DeRu's where we were met by Brian Hofer and we all sat six feet apart and smoked cigars and talked about the virus. Yes, I had to go get groceries a couple of times but then I signed up with Schwan's to have food delivered to our house. The rest of the time was putting around trying to amuse myself as I hate to sit and watch TV during the day but sometimes it's the only thing there is except the computer, email, Facebook, and new apps to try. Tried sorting all my pictures and I find that boring. If this lasts for months I may have to paint the house, replace the windows down at the boat, and varnish the wood.

Dennis Carter

Isolated in Philly

Life in the Philly suburbs during this pandemic is probably much like it is anywhere else. The virus has not affected the Philadelphia area as much as some places (Seattle for example), but New York and New Jersey are two of this nation's "hot spots", and they are uncomfortably close to us.

There are three of us "hunkered down in Havertown" because Patty's brother Billy is staying with us as he recovers from heart bypass surgery (which we think puts him in the "compromised" category). Because, under normal circumstances, we are often entertaining grandkids here, we do have a good supply of card games and table games. So almost every evening after dinner, we teach Billy a new game. That has actually been fun and a big help to us in passing time.

During the days we find we are doing a lot of little tasks that we would normally put off (such as organizing our "junk drawer"). Most recently, Ernie's daughter called wanting to know if we had any baby pictures of her. This got Patty going through her boxes and boxes of family photos. We did find some photos from the 70's when our two families lived on the same block in the Powelton Village area of West Philadelphia. We forwarded four photos to Wendy for her to choose from. But of course it didn't stop there. Patty and Billy have spent hours going through Patty's old family photos, identifying people and organizing the collection. This project may well go on and on during our time in isolation.

Weather permitting, we do get outside as often as we can and walk around the neighborhood. Our neighbors all seem to be practicing social distancing, but we still greet each other and make comments in passing. People here seem to be handling it all pretty well and in good spirits.

We hope everybody out there in Oak Harbor is doing well. We are looking forward to seeing all of you again . . . sometime. Stay well.

Ernie and Patty Dickens

Rita is working overtime to secure donations to the Haven for homeless people and emergency food bank for owners of pets. She is twice daily phoning her sister in Long Island who is alone and struggling with empty shelves at the stores in a lock down State.

We have just transferred Rita's BMW 328Xi to her daughter Katie in upstate New York and she is abeam with photo of its safe arrival while hugging her beau with marriage plans. He sounds like a great man.

We are doing Sunday Mass on EWTN TV and will be attending an absolution soon.

I'm writing a second book and we are hunkered down x 10 days in reverse quarantine described in Decameron by Giovanni Boccaccio in 14th Century. I've stopped using the Navy gym which was almost a daily excursion. Just not worth sharing the same air.

The boat still needs attention and we are awaiting a glow plug for a 44 year old Espar heater.

Our flags are flying at home and Mrs. Moore our Feral cat who no longer wants anything to do with the outdoors. She strays only on the Lido deck, constantly complaining with the Captain as she is clearly a demo-cat. Taxes are on schedule and due soon, never missing a beat.

Cheers and stay safe with Purell, face masks and avoidance of crowds.

Edward Drum & Rita Bartell Drum